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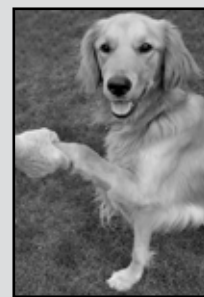


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 Top pair, **Brewster and Harley Greff**; second row: **Teddy Johnson**; third row: **Lucy Thompson, Babe Wilson and Lucy Webb**; fourth row: **Jimmy Panici, Shanley Oline and Prince Evans** – all at the Bridge now except for **Harley**

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### Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, Co-founder and President

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The theme for this issue is Remembrance. It is not intended to be full of sad stories, but rather a celebration of the many dogs our members and adopters have had in their lives but who no longer are with us, as well as of **AGR** members who have passed on. It is fitting that I begin here...

### Remembering Debbe Begley

Debbe Begley, **AGR** Co-founder  
April 26, 1949 – June 18, 2011

*Those who have given of themselves to others will live forever in every single heart they have touched. Remembering with you one life that touched so many others.*

An innovator, a go-getter, and a champion of Golden Retrievers – this was the kind of gal Debbe was. The quote is from a sympathy card sent to those who knew her best. If you are or have ever been an **AGR** Board member or Team Manager or team participant or answered phones or written thank you letters or attended even a single event of any kind since March 11, 2009, whether you know it or not Debbe touched your heart, as she was behind every activity we did. If you are one of our adopters, whether you ever met Debbe in person or not, she touched your heart, as you now have a wonderful Golden family member who is as healthy as we could make him or her thanks to Debbe's leadership with fundraising. If you are now a member of **Arizona Golden Rescue**, Debbe had an impact on your life, as the organization would most likely not exist in its present form without her, as she was our Co-founder. We miss her dearly.



Debbe was an Arizona native. Although she did live in Germany for a few years and also in Colorado, she spent most of her life in Arizona. She was married three times, twice to the same man, and during her life she raised six children. I met her when she was again single with only a Golden – **Khakidawg** – for companionship.

I was a member of **Rescue A Golden of Arizona** when I attended a workshop on hiking with your dog at **Thunderbird Mountain Park** on 59<sup>th</sup> Ave in Glendale. During the workshop, I mentioned my affiliation with **RAGofAZ** and described some of the activities of the Rescue. After the workshop ended, Debbe came running after me in the parking lot and wanted to know much more about the

Rescue. She joined the next day and became very active in the group, eventually becoming what we in **AGR** now call Director of Activities. She was a planner and a doer. Her main goal was to ensure that the organization always had enough money to help every dog that came into our care.

So that we could expand our field of rescue to include Golden mixes, we co-founded **AGR** in March of 2009, and she kept the same goal for this group. After cancer took her in June 2011, we created a special fund to honor her: the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. Each year, we have sponsored dedicated fundraisers (*Paws & Pasta*, now renamed *Dine Out With the Dogs*) to be sure there is always enough money to help dogs who come into Rescue with cancer and to help with vet bills that exceed \$5,000 whether a dog's treatment was for cancer or not. Memorial donations directed to this Fund are always welcome.



### The Four Candles

*The first candle represents our grief.  
The pain of losing you is intense.  
It reminds us of the depth of our love for you.*

*This second candle represents our courage.  
To confront our sorrow,  
To comfort each other,  
To change our lives.*

*This third candle we light in your memory.  
For the times we laughed,  
The times we cried,  
The times we were angry with each other,  
The silly things you did,  
The caring and joy you gave us.*

*This fourth candle we light for our love.  
We light this candle that your light will always shine.*

*As we enter this holiday season and share this night of  
remembrance with our family and friends,  
We cherish the special place in our hearts  
that will always be reserved for you.  
We thank you for the gift your living brought to each of us.  
We love you.  
We remember you.*

~ Author Unknown

### *The Rescuer at Rainbow Bridge*

~ Author Unknown

Unlike most days at the Rainbow Bridge, this day dawned cold and gray. All the recent arrivals at the Bridge did not know what to think, as they had never seen such a day. But the animals who had been waiting longer for their beloved people to accompany them across the Bridge knew what was happening, and they began to gather at the pathway leading to the Bridge.

Soon an elderly dog came into view, head hung low and tail dragging. He approached slowly, and though he showed no sign of injury or illness, he was in great emotional pain. Unlike the animals gathered along the pathway, he had not been restored to youth and vigor upon arriving at the Bridge. He felt out of place, and wanted only to cross over and find happiness. But as he approached the Bridge, his way was barred by an angel, who apologized and explained that the tired and broken-spirited old dog could not cross over. Only those animals accompanied by their people were allowed to cross the Bridge. Having nobody, and with nowhere else to turn, the dog trudged into the field in front of the Bridge. There he found others like himself, elderly or infirm, sad and discouraged. Unlike the other animals waiting to cross the Bridge, these animals were not running or playing. They simply were lying in the grass, staring forlornly at the pathway across the Rainbow Bridge. The old dog took his place among them, watching the pathway and waiting, yet not knowing for what he was waiting.

One of the newer dogs at the Bridge asked a cat who had been there longer to explain what was happening. The cat replied, "Those poor animals were abandoned, turned away, or left at rescue places, but never found a home on earth. They all passed on with only the love of a rescuer to comfort them. Because they had no people to love them, they have nobody to escort them across the Rainbow Bridge." The dog asked the cat, "So what will happen to those animals?" Before the cat could answer, the clouds began to part and the cold turned to bright sunshine. The cat replied, "Watch, and you will see."

In the distance was a single person, and as he approached the Bridge the old, infirm, and sad animals in the field were bathed in a golden light. They were at once made young and healthy, and stood to see what their fate would be. The animals who had previously gathered at the pathway bowed their heads as the person approached. At each bowed head, the person offered a scratch or hug. One by one, the now youthful and healthy animals from the field fell into line behind the person. Together, they walked across the Rainbow Bridge to a future of happiness and unquestioned love. The dog asked the cat, "What just happened?" The cat responded, "That was a rescuer. The animals gathered along the pathway bowing in respect were those who had found their forever homes because of rescuers. They will cross over when their people arrive at the Bridge. The arrival here of a rescuer is a great and solemn

event, and as a tribute they are permitted to perform one final act of rescue. They are allowed to escort all those poor animals they couldn't place on earth across the Rainbow Bridge." The dog thought for a moment, then said, "I like rescuers." The cat smiled and replied, "So does heaven, my friend. So does heaven."



In my column, I like to acknowledge members who have gone "above and beyond" what they would normally do. We are fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers!

First, **Connie McCabe**. Every year, Connie uses her extraordinary graphic arts talent to produce a gorgeous calendar for us. The creation of the calendar requires many, many hours of driving all over the Valley to get really good photos of our adopted dogs, many more hours processing the photos for print publication, even more hours culling through all our event photos to find the best picture of each person who volunteered at least once during the year, and hours of several other people's time to proofread before the calendar goes to the printer. It is amazing that despite how careful the proofreaders are, a couple of small mistakes end up in the proofs! Good thing Connie reviews the entire calendar before giving the print go-ahead. The 44 calendar sponsorships that were purchased by **AGR** members helped offset the printing cost; these generous members are listed on page 25. Instead of the usual 1000, we purchased only 750 calendars this year because we will not be participating in the usual number of public activities. To be sure you get one, order yours today if you haven't already. Thanks to Connie for such a beautiful job!

Second, **Carolyn Brown**. Carolyn has spent much time organizing our merchandise inventory, especially the microwave bowl cozies, which are our hottest-selling item. She did Mother's Day and Father's Day promotions of this item on our Facebook page, which generated almost \$2,000 in sales. She also arranged for us to have a "Craft Show" outside **Sam's Club** in Surprise (see pages 23-24). We set up all our handmade merchandise and spent 4 hours on each of two Saturdays selling to **Sam's** customers. Our 8 hours of activity outside **Sam's Club** earned us over \$2,300! Thanks to Carolyn for her dedication to fundraising!

Of course, we could not have sold that amount of merchandise if we did not have the merchandise to sell. In the handmade category, we sell the following: bandannas (seasonal and nonseasonal, \$7 each or three for \$20), collar covers in two sizes (\$10 and \$12), checkbook covers (\$5), credit card/business card holders (\$5), face masks (\$10), Kleenex tissue holders (\$5), microwave bowl cozies (\$20/set of two, one 10" and one 12"), pot holders (\$10), oven mitts in three sizes (\$10, \$12, \$15), and purses/totes in several sizes (prices range from \$10 to \$75). Thanks go to **seamstresses** Judy Abell, Denise Padavano, Cindy Tigges, and Connie Wozniak for helping me with the sewing – they are all still sewing so that we can make it through the holidays without going dry in the hand-

made merchandise category! Our unique items make wonderful gifts and help the Golden we rescue, so please consider making a purchase from **AGR**. The materials are all donated, so **AGR** gets the entire amount you pay. Thanks to all our talented seamstresses!

Third, **Adam Cardinal**. If you have tried to access our website during the last five months, you have gotten a message that it is not secure. While that is not accurate, most people cannot get in even if they manage to bypass the security message. Also, if you manage to access the membership and adoption applications and submit them from the website, they will not be forwarded correctly, so it is best to download them from the **AGR** facebook page or call or write to have those applications sent to you. If you process a donation from the website, it is done through a link to our PayPal account which IS secure. So, there is no way your personal contact information can be compromised by accessing our website. That we are faced with this situation is not our fault. Months ago when the security renewal came due, we paid *The Cyber Image* for the reactivation of the security certificates, but they never implemented the activation. Despite numerous efforts to contact this company by phone, e-mail and US mail, we have had no luck reaching them – they seem to have vanished. So, we had no choice but to find another company to support our website and database. Adam spent much time interviewing several companies to try to find the one that would be the best fit and be able to do what we need done at a reasonable price, both for the construction and going forward. We chose *Rescuegroups.com*. We were under the impression that they would do all the administration work, i.e. the behind-the-scenes creation of the various pages that need to be on our website. No. In addition to working full time at his paying job, Adam has done most of the work on the new website himself even though it is not his technical bailiwick, which has taken an inordinate amount of time. Thanks to Adam for all his efforts on our behalf.



### *Golden on the Go!*

**By Carolyn Brown**  
**Director of Activities**

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This summer has been a “ruff” one. Between the pandemic and record heat, just keeping ourselves and our furbabies healthy was activity enough. Now with cooler temperatures coming and following all the State and CDC guidelines, we may be able to start venturing out and reconnecting with our two- and four-legged friends.

“Dine Out with the Dogs” at *Paulie’s Little Bite of Italy* will be taking place as this issue is being written and sent to press. 20% of all food and beverage purchases were donated to **AGR**. We had craft and gift sales, a silent auction and raffles that added to the fun of just being outside with old friends. A report on this event will be in the February newsletter.

And the holidays are just around the corner....

**November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** (Friday and Saturday) we will return to the **Advent Episcopal Church Art and Craft Fair** at 13150 West Spanish Garden Drive in Sun City West. This two-day event proved very profitable for us last year and was loads of fun. The Church provided free coffee and donuts to vendors and sandwiches for lunch with homemade cookies. With the best location of the entire event donated to us by the organizers, we had plenty of room for all our crafts and as many dogs as we could bring. Our crafters have been busy during the shut-in spring and summer and have produced some exceptional items for **AGR** to sell. We will be outdoors and will have plenty of hand sanitizers and masks for all involved. Because of the size of the event we need volunteers to mainly meet and greet all the people who visit and pet the dogs. Watch for more information on the **Arizona Golden Rescue** Facebook page and in your e-mail. Exact times will be announced there. Please plan on supporting **AGR** by taking a shift or two.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) is the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade*. This Saturday morning parade has always been a favorite event of **AGR** for many years. It’s great to take the three-quarter mile walk with fellow members and your dogs and see all the happiness on the faces of the bystanders of all ages as they see our Golden and Golden mixes. The more dogs, the more donation vests, the more **AGR** can raise to help pay the veterinary bills of the dogs we take in. If you can only do one event this holiday season, this might be the one! Watch our Facebook page and your e-mail for more information, but mark your calendars now!

Each Saturday and Sunday between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve we hope to be doing our traditional Holiday Gift Wrapping from 11 AM - 4 PM. **Barnes & Noble** made a corporate decision to discontinue gift wrapping at all their stores this year, but I am hard at work negotiating a new location. You do not need to be an expert wrapper – we will have our seasonal merchandise available for purchase and will need help with sales. Details to follow, but we will need volunteers for wrapping or to handle a dog and donations. So grab your Santa hat or Rudolph Rednose and join us.

**AGR** can’t do these “fun”draining events without the support of our members. So please plan on donating at least one day to **AGR** during the holiday season. It’s fun, it’s rewarding, and it helps supply the funds we need to continue rescuing Golden in need. If you have pre-teen or teenage children or grandchildren and want to let them experience the reward of volunteering, helping at one of our events may be the perfect the place to do it. Whether it is lending a hand with set-up, pack-up or sitting with a dog watching people smile and donate, it is always fun and rewarding.

If you would like more information on any of these events or want to sign up to volunteer, please contact me at 602-781-1001 or e-mail me at AZgoldenlady@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

OPEN!

Director of Dog Care

YOUR  
PHOTO  
HERE?

From Deb Orwig: *The position of Director of Dog Care is still open, so I have written the column article for this issue. Won't one of you please consider volunteering for this job?*

In July, I spent some time creating an e-mail list of just **AGR** adopters, as we were unable to pull that specific information from our database. I sent out a message asking for answers to two questions: (1) Do you still have the dog(s) you adopted from Arizona Golden Rescue, and (2) Have you moved since you adopted the dog?

There are still many who have not responded, so my guess is the list of **AGR** Bridge dogs is even longer than what I have presented on pages 14 - 15, but I have no way of knowing for sure. Some of the responders sent in stories about their dog; most said something like "S/he was the best dog I've ever had!" or "It's been three years since s/he went to the Bridge and I still miss her/him daily." We are sad that all these dogs are no longer with us, but comments like these make our rescue efforts worthwhile.

I received notification that 53 **AGR** dogs, 12 non-**AGR** dogs and 6 **AGR** members plus close relatives of two others have all passed away, some during the third quarter of this year, some as long as 5 years ago, with many in between. I want to recognize all the dogs and people we have lost. Due to the number of responses I received, one Bridge page will not work for this issue. In the future, if your **AGR**-adoptee or a member of your family passes away, please try to remember to notify me, as we want to acknowledge your loss, as well as to keep our database as current as possible.

#### *Petco Foundation's Holiday Wishes Contest*

In early August, I received a notice from **Petco Foundation** about their upcoming *Holiday Wishes* contest. I read the contest rules, reviewed the winning stories from last year and thought, "We can do this!" Having recently finished creating an e-mail list of **AGR** adopters, I sent the following message to all adopters:

Would you please help **Arizona Golden Rescue** win a Holiday Wishes Grant from **Petco Foundation**? All you have to do is submit a short story about how your adopted dog has changed your life for the better – easy! Every quarter I have received numerous such stories from adopters whose adoption has recently been finalized.

- There is no cost to submit a story.
- The story cannot be more than 500 words.
- The story must be about a living dog or a bonded pair, one per story and one story per household. You will need to mention the current age of your dog.
- Emphasis in the story should be on how the dog has made a difference to you and/or your family (the

change does not have to be extreme) -- share the big and small ways your pet brightens your life.

Here is what **Petco Foundation** said: "We're looking for a diverse range of stories that celebrate the simple ways that pets bring more joy to life, to one-of-a-kind, extraordinary stories. We want all adopters to be able to see themselves in these stories, and animal lovers of all backgrounds to be inspired by the life-changing power of adoption."

In addition to winning-story prizes, **Petco Foundation** will also be awarding cash prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> most submissions! We could win up to \$25,000! Last year's big winner had 50 submissions – with about 800 adopted dogs still living, we could easily beat that! So, submit your story soon!

Responses started dribbling in. By Labor Day, we had only a few entries, so I sent another e-mail to all adopters and the submissions almost doubled. But we were still short of beating the 50 submissions that garnered last year's top-submissions prize. The deadline for contest entries was September 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. On the day we would have hosted a golf tournament had we not had to cancel it due to the coronavirus (September 19), I sent out one last plea to **AGR** adopters. That did it. At 11:33 PM on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, when the final story was submitted, we confirmed **102** submissions! So many of our adopters came through in wonderful support of **Arizona Golden Rescue**! We sincerely thank you all and feel that you have given us a good chance at the \$25,000 prize. Some of the adopters who submitted stories sent them to me, as well as to the *Holiday Wishes* contest. I enjoyed reading every one of them. If any of them win an individual prize award, I hope to publish them in a future newsletter. We will not know until sometime in December if **AGR** won for most submissions, or if any **AGR** adopter's story wins a prize. When we are notified, we will have an announcement on our Facebook page and by e-mail.

I would like to thank our Grants Writer Rebecca Mackerman for setting up **AGR** on the *Holiday Wishes* contest site. She had to check the site daily for new entries and confirm that the dogs being written about were **AGR** dogs. The last couple of days before the contest closed, I know she visited the site multiple times to be sure every story was confirmed. Your efforts are greatly appreciated, Rebecca!

I also want to acknowledge those who submitted a story:

Judy Abell: **19-079 Lucas**  
 Allison Allen: **17-069 Lola**  
 Cindy Angarella: **19-016 Chloe**  
 Linda Atkinson: **14-020 Thunder**  
 Anita Bakke: **15-099 Oakley**  
 Debbie Ball: **19-005 Dillon**  
 Daisy Barsetti-Nerland: **18-048 Hugs**  
 Lisa Bartoli: **19-077 Lola Noel**

Shannon Biery: **19-071 Sophie**  
 Carolyn Blean: **19-031 Daisy**  
 Kathy Blue: **17-041 Barrett**  
 Philip and Karen Bodin:  
**19-024 Marlee**  
 Anne Booher: **19-063 Odie**  
 Debbie Boshes: **12-008 Summer**  
 Patricia Bower: **09-038 Bella**  
 Christine Brzycki: **20-018 Izzie**  
 Rhonda Cagle: **20-004 Madden**  
 Adam Cardinal: **14-013 Rhys**  
 Lisa Collins: **12-019 Tanner**  
 Theresa Cory: **18-018 Molly**  
 Doreen Cott: **18-003 Crosby**  
 Beth Dulian: **19-036 Chase**  
 Mary Engstrom: **19-030 Stormy**  
 Beverly Farrar-Host: **12-100 Rusty**  
 Karen Flammang:  
**20-012 Remington**  
 Sharon Flores: **19-081 Cassie**  
 and **19-082 Riley**  
 Karin Forsythe: **18-052 Leila**  
 Patty Forte: **16-016 Valentina**  
 Sarah Giles: **13-021 Darby**  
 Carol Gora: **11-079 Jackson**  
 Kelly Gorski: **16-041 Stella**  
 Felicia Goughenour:  
**14-075 Emmy**  
 Teri Guilbault: **15-039 Rosey**  
 Anne Gutekunst: **15-047 Emma**  
 Jessica Hale: **15-082 Bandit**  
 Sara Haley: **17-016 Fezzik**  
 Sarah Hartway: **14-047 Jaxon**  
 Jill Imler: **17-057 Ducky**  
 David Jewett: **11-091 Keller**  
 Karen Johnson: **18-013 Teddy**  
 Sheila Joyce: **19-072 Kiki**  
 Denita Kaiser: **10-037 Isabel**  
 Cleta Keller: **13-112 Sara**  
 Jean Klink: **18-019 Toby**  
 Rita Koppinger: **17-090 Maddie**  
 Tiara Korpalski: **19-084 Bo** and  
**19-085 Maxx**  
 Jennifer Lane: **18-077 Bella**  
 Daniel Laubitz: **18-058 Gypsy** and  
**18-059 Apollo**  
 Linda Lee: **12-012 Razy**  
 Rita Leigh: **16-035 Fitzgerald**  
 Nancy Luchi: **16-054 Ella**  
 Rebecca Mackerman: **19-075 Valor**  
 Patty Mancini: **20-021 Sully**  
 Rachel Manley: **19-052 Archie**  
 Keri Marchant: **19-051 Max**

Sarah Martin: **10-014 Bunny**  
 Joan Mast: **19-059 Levi**  
 Amy Maynard: **14-027 Bentley**  
 Connie McCabe: **18-074 Riley**  
 Anne McGill: **16-068 Harvey**  
 Cathy McIntyre: **20-025 Doug** and  
**20-026 Russell**  
 Sandie McTavish: **18-051 Cooper**  
 Jen Micatrotto: **17-023 Axel**  
 Colleen Miller: **14-077 Jake**  
 Gayle Milling: **12-077 Chance**  
 Robin Mish: **19-011 Lily**  
 Lydia Montgomery: **14-060 Marley**  
 Pat Morgan: **18-076 Cassie**  
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 Julie Tyree: **13-039 Lucca**  
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 and **17-077 Sultan**  
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**15-029 Barkley**  
 Cynthia Wenström: **12-133 Hannah**  
 Sharon Wieser: **18-043 Kiara** and  
**18-044 Mushu**  
 Diana Wilson: **19-058 Daisy**  
 Lenni Wilson: **17-027 Dusty**  
 Susan Peterson Williams: **17-010 Casey**  
 Shotzie Workman: **14-035 Ginger**  
 Jeanette Yeager: **20-022 Cassi**

Just a few observations about the above group of adopters...

Two school principals, three teachers and one school office manager took time out of their crazy Covid-19 September schedules to submit a story. Several others are professionals who work full time. A couple others had just moved (one out of state) or were packing up to do so very soon. Several were getting ready to go on vacation or had just returned from same. One was out of state helping with a new grandchild. One struggles with English as a second language and asked me to review his piece (which I was happy to do) before he submitted it – he writes better than some English-as-first-language individuals! Many are retired, but some juggle a job, family commitments and pets. Quite a few never renewed their membership after the first year or two following adoption, and we had not heard from some of them for years. I am so glad we finally did! You are welcome to re-join any time.

The story about the dog rescued the longest time ago was Patricia Bower's about **09-038 Bella**. Sarah Martin submitted a story about one of our oldest living dogs, **10-014 Bunny**, now 15; Sharon Ronstadt's **Misty** is now 14; Daisy Barsetti-Nerland wrote about **Hugs**, who is 13; and 13-year-old **19-081 Riley** now lives with Sharon Flores. Patty Mancini wrote about our youngest rescue, **20-021 Sully**, now just 4 months old.

Most of the dogs were owner surrenders, but two were vet surrenders, two were breeder surrenders and six were shelter rescues or found as strays.

Lisa Bartoli, Shannon Biery, and Sheila Joyce wrote about dogs that *AGR* brought to Arizona from China.

I want to thank the three *AGR* members (sorry, I have misplaced their names) who rescued a dog from elsewhere but wanted to submit a story in support of our goal to have the most submissions. According to the contest rules these members were not eligible to enter for *AGR*, but we really appreciate their desire to support us.



### The Information Highway

By Adam Cardinal  
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First order of business I would like to address is **AGR's** website – or lack thereof. While upgrading our digital certificate, an essential part of the ability for the general public to interact with us via the internet, our hosting provider experienced some operational problems. After going silent on us for a while, we eventually were informed that they no longer were able to support our organization. We worked to try to migrate our existing website off of their environment but an update from our software provider made all the back-end files inaccessible. We had no choice but to find a new hosting provider who will be able to host our website and our database.

We were told that our website should be relatively straightforward to launch – as long as we made a decision to focus on key functionality and make that our first priority. We did, but the work has still not proceeded anywhere near as quickly as we were led to believe. Part of the problem lies with me – I work full time and my day job has been quite demanding during this period, as well.

The good news is that we have progressed well into the rebuild of much of the informational content of our website, are rapidly working through the design phase, and are about to move into the navigation/user experience phase. We are hopeful to have a new ArizonaGoldenRescue.org website up and running soon. It will be limited to start. Visitors will be able to see dogs in the adoption process; they will be able to apply to become an approved adopter, apply for membership, pay for application and membership fees, and make donations online. All payments will be secure. Future phases will make our photos of events and activities available, host an archive of our newsletters and enable some ability to allow member and adopter information to auto-populate from our forms, reducing data entry work by our volunteers.

It has been a slow, and, at times, frustrating process – for you, our volunteers and supporters, as well as for Deb and me. I wanted to update you on our progress and thank you for your support and your patience!



When the decision was made to focus this newsletter about The Bridge, I was left in a bit of a quandary - not much of what I cover in my articles relates to that difficult and painful part of sharing your life with a dog. We are partial to Golden Retrievers here, but the feeling of loss and grief transcends the human-dog relationship. Memories become the thing that supports and enables us the most - and so I thought about memory – not ram chips or hard

drives – but the ability to recall things.

As my years tick up, I've definitely noticed that my memory – both in capacity and in recall speed – has declined. It stinks. I miss what I once had. But I'm also determined to do everything I can to not let it affect my quality of life. I realize that many of you have – and, let's face it, hopefully all of you will – grow older, and experience the losses of what we once had in our youth. For memory there are some tools that can help.

One of the things I love about working with **AGR** is the cumulative knowledge I can tap into. Whatever I experience in the care of my Golden Retrievers – behavioral or physical – I know that other **AGR** members have been through as well. Many share their experience and insight with us for the benefit of all our members. It gives me such confidence that I'm making good choices when thinking about treatment options or just that I'm pursuing a course of action that people I respect see as well-considered and like to be in the best interest of my nuggets – the Golden Retrievers who depend on me.

Many of our members have cared for Golden Retrievers for decades now, and their experience also spans those decades. Some things we can recall with ease, some we just have to look up. Fortunately we have some amazing record keepers here with our volunteers. They can tell us about a dog now passed who was diagnosed with a condition now affecting one of our member's dogs. They can then share – often in detail – their experience, the pros and cons of what they did, and what they would do differently.

Seeing the value in that collective memory, I have become much more careful about my records. I maintain a history file for each dog, with each vet visit record maintained in historical order. I have now made the decision to keep the records of dogs who have gone over the Bridge, knowing that information could be useful to other members and adopters in the future. If you are inspired to keep your pet records – for your own use in the future or to make accessing them more convenient – this might be a good time to consider a digital solution.

Electronic veterinary health records (or EVHRs) are an option for pet owners. EVHRs give you access to information about past treatments, medications taken, vaccination records - of your current dog or dogs who have been gone for many years. Even with my memory not being what it used to be, I can look up all the details about my dog's history on demand – at home or on the road. I would be able to answer all types of questions:

- Chip number and associated registry
- County License Number
- Rabies Vaccination Date & expiration
- Vaccination history, boosters due
- Date of last blood test
- Prescription medicines & doses



Imagine if you could access your pet’s medical, chip and license information from your home computer or even from your smart-phone? In a world where we can pay bills on our cell phones and send drones to photograph our vacation from hundreds of feet in the air, these scenarios don’t seem that far-fetched.

**Vet Record Solutions for Consumers**

A new generation of web and mobile applications has been created to make quick and reliable access to pet records a reality for pet owners.

Pawprint, a free EVMR app for your pet, sources official records directly from the vet and provides online access to the pet’s vitals.

By bringing all pet care vital records to one place, Pawprint hopes to simplify pet care for owners and veterinarians. The Pawprint app provides a myriad of information, including pet profiles, ID data, past medical treatment records and appointment alerts. The app, with versions for both iOS and Android mobile devices, not only stores digital copies of a pet’s official medical records, it also provides alerts when vaccines and checkups are due. The app can also store ID information from a chip implant.

Pawprint is not alone in the pet EVMR space. VitusVet is a cloud-based EVMR app on the Apple App Store and Google Play App Store. VitusVet reports that the app has been downloaded thousands of times on iTunes and has been adopted by veterinarian hospitals in at least nine states.

The primary dividing line between the applications is the amount of data you the pet owner must locate and manually enter in order to populate your pet’s health record. Applications like VitusVet are built on the premise that your vet is using an EVMR that is compatible with the core operating system – and that they will support a direct connection between the Vet’s system and VitusVet to update veterinary records for all enrolled customers. Pawprint, on the other hand, is the only app which includes a service that will go directly to the vet and get the records for you – all that is required require is your signed permission.

Once you download the Pawprint app and create an account, you make a request for your records. At that point, Pawprint’s staff reaches out to your vet on your behalf and retrieves the records “by any means possible,” including digital transfer, fax or verbal communication.

**The Risk to Early Adopters**

At this point there is no “killer application” in the veterinary record space – even if you choose the best mix of price and functionality there is no guarantee that you’re backing an iPod, not a Zune. If you take the plunge, ask where the data is stored – is it on your drive or in the clouds.

Find out how data, once loaded via typing in the records or importing photos or scans of records and reports, can be extracted out of the system again. If you decide in the future that the first EVMR you selected isn’t working for you, there should be an option to move all the records to the new database without having to re-enter the data or re-scan and upload the statements.

**Do I Need a Specialized Application?**

Absolutely not. Once you have committed to creating the EVMR, you will need to then populate it with relevant records. A key first step will be to start scanning a copy of all your past veterinary service records to store in your application. You will not have the custom fields and data entry methods in place to guide you in establishing an order of presentation, but you will have actual copies of your records stored where you want them – online in a private archive you can access from anywhere in which you can search for just the information you want. You also get to go with the cloud storage solution you are currently using or which you are the most comfortable with. Premiere service providers charge for their service – but you are far less likely to have your data lost or stolen if the business is invested in maintaining their service. Check out Google Docs, Amazon File Cabinet, Apple iCloud, Dropbox, etc.

Ask your veterinarian if he or she could send you treatment reports as PDF files. Title and/or file them by name and type, and it will be easy for you to locate the right day of treatment and type of treatment.

Ultimately it comes down to the services and automation steps you value. If your needs are modest, the secure file share is almost always your best bet. And when the market does choose an EVMR that the majority of tech savvy pet owners adopt, you will be ahead of the game having all of your existing records scanned and indexed.

	<p><i>The Human Connection</i></p> <p><b>By Connie McCabe</b>  <b>Human Resources Director</b></p> <p>photocraf@aol.com</p>
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“It’s all about the dogs.”

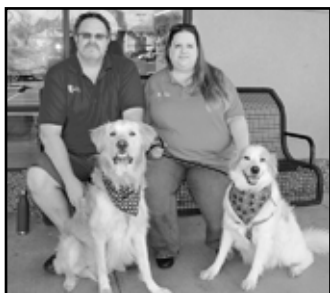
We say that a lot, because that is why we are all part of this wonderful group. You would not be reading this if it were not for your love for the dogs. But as much as that is true, it takes a lot of hard work from a lot of people to keep this organization, and therefore the dogs, alive and thriving.

So, since this is the “Human Connection” column, in every issue I am going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and sto-

ries about the some of the people you think you know. Hopefully you will learn something new about them and gain more insight into how they got here. I have generally been going in order of membership number, beginning at “one” and featuring several members every column. You may notice that there are some missing member numbers. I know there are a lot of people who really just wanted to adopt a dog and have no interest in participating in **AGR** activities. I will respect the privacy of those who prefer not to be active and just concentrate on those who are, or have been, most active in the organization.

If you would like to view previously-featured members and do not have access to the printed newsletters, you can download them from the Information tab on our website once our new one is functional.

Hopefully by now you will have noticed how very many of our members have stayed to be part of the organization long after their first year membership has expired. And, many times, even after the **AGR** dog(s) they have adopted have gone to the Bridge. There are many members who have never even adopted a dog from us and some who don't even have a dog at all! We are very grateful to those who have continued to renew their memberships year after year and who contribute their time, money and hearts to the group, whether or not they are interested in adopting a Golden.



Dustin, Rebecca, Indie and Sadie

Let's start off with Dustin and Rebecca Mackerman, sharing number 1812. Born in upstate New York, Rebecca's family moved to Arkansas when she was eight. In 2000, Rebecca moved to Phoenix and has lived here ever since. Dustin originally hails from Newton, Iowa and his family moved to South Chandler in 1985, when he was eight.

Rebecca and Dustin met in 2005 and they were married in 2007. In 2006, they adopted their first Golden, a girl that they named **Moxie Crimefighter**. She changed their hearts and led them to forever fall in love with the breed. **Moxie** was followed in 2008 by another Golden, **Boomer Lebowski**. In 2013, **Moxie** passed away at seven from hemangiosarcoma. In 2014, they adopted **Sadie**, a Golden/Samoyed mix. After being long-time stalkers on **AGR's** Facebook page, Dustin and Rebecca finally joined **AGR** in 2014 and started attending events. They then joined the transport and foster teams. Over a span of two years they fostered eight dogs, as well as a few others outside of **AGR** for good measure. In 2017, they lost **Boomer** unexpectedly at nine years old, and needed some time to heal, so they stepped back from fostering. Still wanting to give back, Rebecca became part of the solicitation and fundraising committee and the grant writer for **AGR**. Rebecca

volunteered to be part of the China Great Eight transport team last October. It was a great experience, and she was glad to be a part of something so special.



Dustin holding puppy Valor, Indiana Jones in middle, and Rebecca holding Sadie

In 2018, they welcomed **Indiana Jones**, a Golden/Pyrenees mix. In November of 2019, they adopted **Valor**, **AGR** rescue #19-075. It's a full house nowadays and never a dull moment. Both boys are swimmers and **Sadie** loves to be sprayed with the hose. **Sadie** dances with dragonfly shadows

which they lovingly dubbed shadowdancing. It's a little bit crazy, but all three dogs have given them immense joy and completed their family.

Outside of **AGR**, both Rebecca and Dustin work full time jobs. Rebecca works for **Arizona State University** as a Business Operations Manager for the School of Politics and Global Studies. The constant learner, she is also a full-time graduate student, hoping to enter into the Master of Nonprofit Leadership program at **ASU**, her fourth and final master's degree. In her spare time, Rebecca is involved with several social clubs, loves attending the theatre, and traveling to see her large family scattered across the states.

Dustin works as a Territory Manager for **Signature Retail Services** and manages 30 employees across Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and New Mexico. Dustin is also an aspiring fantasy writer. His interests are movies, books, playing RPGs, spending time with family, traveling and discovering his own backyard. Rebecca and Dustin have loved being a part of **AGR** and have learned a great deal from its community and the fosters they cared for.

Now let's get to know **AGR's** Dean and Marlene Mortimore, family number 1822. You will see Dean and Marlene at almost every **AGR** event. Over the years they have adopted two pairs of senior Golden from **AGR**; **Missy** and **Molly** were the first, then **Ashley** and **Mary Kate** followed. Although three of the girls have gone to the Bridge, Dean and Marlene still have **Mary Kate**, as well as their recent **AGR** rescue, **Lola**.



Dean, Santa Nick Dodson, Mary Kate, Lola and Marlene

Dean says it best: *Hello, my name is Dean Mortimore and I own a machine shop in Chandler, which manufactures gauges and fixtures for the aerospace industry in my non-AGR time. My wonderful dogs, Mary Kate and Lola, join me in the shop every day,*

and my employees adore them as well. **Mary Kate** and **Lola** enjoy snoozing the day away near me as I work. They know just when it is time to go home, and they get very excited to get going. The dogs and I love to take long car rides and go on walking adventures. One of my hobbies is to collect exquisite cars.



Mary Kate adores her daddy, Dean, and it looks like the feeling is mutual!

I love going to all the **AGR** events such as Meet-and-Greets and have participated in many parades in my time. **Lola** is really a people "person" and hams it up on these occasions. I have dressed up as Santa Claus for a few years in partnership with **Petco** around Christmas time to take photos with owners and their dogs. My company has also sponsored a hole in the annual golf tournament held by **AGR** in the past.

I love being a part of **Arizona Golden Rescue** in my free time. The organization has brought me joy and cherished dogs over the last five years. I'm just a guy in his golden years – aren't I lucky?



Abby, Anne, Isabella, Jack, and Patrick with Harvey and Molly in front

Now meet the McGill family, sharing number 2160. In Anne's own words: *Hi! We are the McGill family: Jack, Anne, Isabella, Abby and Patrick. We have been married 17 years and met in Arizona. Jack finished his fellowship in Chicago as a radiologist and moved to Arizona for his job. Anne was finishing school as a clinical psychologist*

*and was completing her internship in Milwaukee, WI. We were married shortly thereafter and started our family of three kids. Isabella is 15 and in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Abby is 13 and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Patrick is 12 in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Our family is pretty busy and always on the go. We are involved with our church and our kids play sports, including basketball and volleyball. Jack was a Cub Scout leader early on for our son's troop and Anne was a Girl Scout leader for a troop covering kindergarten through eighth grade.*

*Along the way, we have taken care of aged parents and grandparents and our children have learned a lot about how to appreciate and respect life, through volunteer hours at their school, church, organizations to which they belong and their interactions with elders and our wonderful veterans. We grew up with dogs in our homes and wanted them as an addition to our family but wanted to wait until our kids were a bit older. We knew we wanted to adopt*

*a Golden Retriever, since their temperaments are so good with children. We first adopted **Molly**, a cream-colored Golden Retriever, at age five. She was signed over to a veterinarian due to owner neglect. We welcomed her into our home, but she was lonely and really wanted to be around another dog. Thanks to **AGR**, we adopted **Harvey** at age three, who quickly became her good friend and companion. Our dogs have brought more joy to our lives than we ever thought possible. Just their mere presence or PAW disease (the constant high five paw!) is enough to quickly put a smile on anyone's face. Our dogs are active and swim several days per week, even in the winter. They chase tennis balls like they are candy and love their daily walks. We volunteer with **AGR** when we can and will never forget the wonderful volunteers we have met along the way. It is always nice to see them again at another event!*



Harvey and Molly McGill

## Health and Safety

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### Meningitis in Dogs

Meningitis, although rare, affects the membranes of the brain and spinal cord (known as meninges). When these meninges become infected by viruses, fungi, bacteria or an auto-immune response occurs, the meninges become inflamed or infected. The infectious type can often lead to death.

This neurological disease inflames these protective membranes, which can cause pain, high temperatures, seizures and paralysis as well. What makes meningitis so dangerous is that it often is misdiagnosed as another illness, resulting in a delay in treatment. Early diagnosis is key to a successful recovery.

### Signs of Meningitis in dogs

The symptoms of meningitis vary among dogs. However, it is important to be aware of them in case your pet exhibits these symptoms so you can get your dog to a veterinarian right away.

- Neck or back pain, which would result in stiffness in your dog and not moving around all that much
- Muscle spasms in the neck, back, or legs
- Having trouble when walking
- Your dog's eyes not tracking objects (for example, food, which rivets most dogs' attention)
- Loss of appetite

- Fever, which would require a thermometer for checking
- Vomiting

**Causes of Meningitis**

Being a disease of the nervous system, meningitis usually originates somewhere else in your pet’s body. Usually, your dog might contract an infection elsewhere, which then spreads throughout the body and attacks the meninges. Sources can be bacteria, viruses, parasites, or even fungi (valley fever). Toxins or autoimmune diseases that weaken the dog’s natural ability to fight infections can also be the cause, as well.

The most common form of meningitis in dogs is Steroid Responsive Meningitis or SRM. This form is an auto-immune condition in which inflammation occurs in the blood vessels of the meninges. SRM is most often seen in dogs younger than two and dogs of certain breeds: Boxers, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Golden Retrievers, German Shorthaired Pointers and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers.

**Treatment of Meningitis**

Depending on the cause of the meningitis, your veterinary neurologist may prescribe:

- Steroids, which suppresses the immune system so the inflammation will diminish
- Antibiotics if the cause of meningitis originated with an infection
- Antiepileptic drugs if the dog is having seizures
- Intravenous fluids if the dog has not been eating or drinking previously
- Pain medication
- Bed rest and care, as meningitis can zap the energy of dogs as they fight the disease for 4 weeks or so

**Diagnosing Meningitis**

Diagnosis is usually made with a combination of an MRI and a CSF (cerebral spinal fluid) analysis. An MRI can rule out herniated discs, other orthopedic issues and infectious meningitis. If there is no structural cause, a CSF analysis is done to confirm an anti-inflammatory response or SRM.

Corticosteroids are the treatment of choice for SRM, starting with a daily dose and tapering off over several months. The majority of dogs will begin to show improvement rapidly. However, some dogs will require additional medications to control the inflammatory response.

Meningitis is not a condition that is often seen in dogs but can happen as it has with one of our youngest rescues, **20-023 Ivy**. She is undergoing treatment now for SRM. The most obvious signs are spinal pain, most often located in the neck, and elevated temperatures. Why does a dog get this? Sometimes a young dog’s immune system produces inflammation and antibodies against a

normal body protein; for SRM, it is a protein in the walls of blood vessels in the meninges.

As always, if your dog stops eating, doesn’t want to play or exhibits other irregular habits, see your veterinarian as soon as possible!

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*The Financial Picture*

By Deb Orwig

**Reporting period: January 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020**

**Total Assets as of October 15, 2020: \$212,357.95**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 2,600.00	\$
Adoptions	12,459.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		400.00
Bank Charges (PayPal & Credit Card fees)		769.89
Calendars		
Sales	840.00	
Sponsorships	2,200.00	
Donation Income, General	35,276.75	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund	67.00	
Honorary	7,725.66	
Memorials	4,842.00	
Summer Fundraiser	18,374.76	
Event Expense		50.00
Grants	9,185.15	
Insurance		615.98
Interest	19.79	
Internet Services		872.67
Legal and Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	17,234.00	
Merchandise	5,407.35	667.30
<i>Paws &amp; Pasta (Dine Out With the Dogs)</i>		522.23
<i>Paws At The Park 2020</i>	1,503.00	792.37
Donations	281.12	
Office Expenses & Supplies		941.96
<i>Photos with Santa in Dec. 2019</i>	638.80	
Postage		1,292.39
Rent or Lease		2,146.56
Stationery and Printing		4,763.20
Telephone		156.23
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		102.75
Boarding		528.00
International Rescue Expenses		47.88
Microchips		39.89
Miscellaneous, Dog-related		257.66
Veterinary Services		129,186.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$118,654.38</b>	<b>\$144,163.87</b>
<b>NET INCOME: (-\$25,509.49)</b>		
Checking Account on 10-15-20:	\$109,106.67	
Savings Account on 10-15-20:	\$ 94,109.96	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 10-15-20:	\$ 9,141.32	
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-15-20:	\$ 8,765.38	

*My fashion philosophy is, if you're not covered in dog hair,  
your life is empty.*

~ Elayne Boosler

### *Financial Considerations*

By Deb Orwig

### **Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs**

In July, all **AGR** adopters received a mailing with a plea for donations to support our 2019-20 Special Needs Dogs, including most of those mentioned in *Diamonds in the Ruff* newsletter columns. Many (87) answered with donations for an incredible total of **\$18,375!**

During the summer, we usually take in more dogs than in any other 3-month period, but we have no significant fundraisers between beginning of April after *Arizona Gives Day* and end of September's golf tournament. Due to the coronavirus, the golf tournament was cancelled; the Meet-and-Greets were cancelled due to the extreme heat and the virus. With a minority of our rescues, the amount of money we need to spend to ensure that the dog is healthy is less than the dog's adoption fee. However, for the majority of dogs we have placed in new forever homes, our costs have been more than the adoption fee, and in some cases thousands of dollars more – the average spent on each of 80 dogs between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 was \$1,865!

We do not for a moment begrudge any amount of money we have spent on improving the health of our rescued dogs. But the money we have spent above and beyond what was covered by the adoption fees has to be recovered by other means, and those means are our fundraisers.

If you can help **Arizona Golden Rescue** financially, please send your check to **AGR**, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308 – a remittance envelope is included with this newsletter. Or, you can call Deb Orwig at 623-693-0589 with your credit card information – for all such donations, the normal 4% convenience fee will be waived (however, **AGR** is still charged that fee). All donations are tax deductible. If you have already sent in a donation by the time you receive this newsletter, we sincerely thank you!

All nondedicated donations that were made during July and August were counted towards this fundraising effort. Please see the list of our generous donors on page 26.

*Grief never ends... But it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith... it is the price of LOVE.*

~Author Unknown

### *Diamonds in the Ruff*

By Debbie Ball

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*Diamonds in the Ruff* are dogs for which **AGR** has had to spend at least **\$2,000**. Previously we used a \$1,000 threshold for such identification; however, since we know that the average expense for every intake historically is at least \$1,600, we determined that a \$2,000 threshold should be the designation for *Diamonds In The Ruff*. In the third quarter 2020, we had five such dogs. Please consider donating to help with the expenses of a specific dog, or just earmark it for *Diamonds in the Ruff*. All donations are tax deductible, of course, and will be acknowledged both in the newsletter and in a personal letter to the donor.

### ***Diamonds in the Ruff Third Quarter 2020***



**20-005 Marley/Cooper** was a 6-year-old male purebred Golden surrendered by the family of his prior owner who had died. He received his exam, updated leptospirosis vaccines, and bloodwork at **Crosswinds Animal Clinic** in Gilbert. In March, he had X-rays and dental surgery done to remove a fractured tooth and a mass. In spring, he began receiving Apoquel and Cytopoint injections for chewing his feet and coughing. Then in June, upon being evaluated by **Arizona Vet Oncology**, he was diagnosed with a very vascular lung tumor and his diaphragm was covered with cancer, resulting in surgery for a lung lobectomy. In July, he went home with a temporary chest tube. Unfortunately after further evaluation, it was felt the most humane treatment for this boy was to send him to the Bridge since the cancer was so invasive. **Marley** was adopted by Margaret in Chandler and renamed **Cooper**. Total expenses for **AGR** to date for him were **\$7,306**, but his adopter generously covered all his expenses after the lung lobectomy – we sincerely thank her for that contribution.

**20-017 Cooper/Rudder** came into Rescue as a young, 10-month-old male purebred Golden who was surrendered by his owner for playing too rough with their older, smaller dog. After his initial exam, updated vaccines, fecal and heartworm test, he was also given a good ear cleaning by **Complete Pet Animal Hospital** in Litchfield Park. In May, he was



***Diamonds in the Ruff*** is continued on page 17

# OVER THE RAINBOW

We honor the memory  
of our human and  
animal companions  
who have passed on...



09-004 Chance Bailey-Correll



09-017 Alex Baselice

09-023 Jimmy Panici



10-017 Riley Stolz

10-024 Lucy Rogers



10-038 Nala Takach

10-051 Winifred Reynolds



10-069 Lucy Thompson

10-072 Yeager Hoag



10-077 Wrigley Holt

11-006 Chance Ziegelbauer



11-011 Prince Evans

11-025 Winslow Ament



11-044 Lille Berman

11-061 Maxx Crow

11-064 Babe Wilson



11-067 Sierra Triumph



11-075 Lola Schultz



11-082 Jackson Borman



12-021 Maddie Lynn Rice



12-022 Parker Scovill



12-035 Lucky Ament



12-038 Artie Smith



12-047 Moses Zubey



12-080 Shiloh Carlson



12-107 K-Su Rice



12-121 Coral Zemel

12-123 Gypsy Stevens



12-139 Harry Reed

12-142 Ruby Cope



12-144 Samantha Curtis

13-030 Annie Cashmore



13-052 Candi Lafollette

13-091 Buddy Feist



13-094 Lila Lewis





13-096 Tiffany Darveaux

14-025 Katy Sue Slagowski



14-056 Daisy Walimaa

14-057 Sunshine Walimaa



14-073 Lacey Shank

14-074 Baby Girl Shank



15-017 Joe Dobak

15-028 Lad Cohen



16-046 Oliver Hollowell

16-047 Sedona Weigel



17-006 Hetty Gott

17-026 Chief Suriano



17-036 Brewster Greff

17-071 Tiki Olyejar



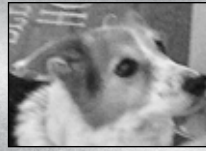
18-013 Teddy Johnson

18-064 Abby Huffman



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Sundance Gora-Woods



Riley Marcotte



Bailey Padavano



Gage Smith

Non-AGR dogs

DOG Bowles



Pippi Foust-Korycki



Cosmo Koppinger-Martinsen



Teddy Bear Mickel



Bella Slagowski



Sophie Thomas

AGR Members and Relatives

Carolyn Irish

James Lee

Barry Lieberman

Diane Long

Kenneth Meeks

Ted Morris

Esther Hope

Beloved grandmother of AGR member Sandra Hansen

Cheryl Lister

Beloved mother of AGR member Mora Silver

The saddest moment is when the one who gave you the best memories becomes a memory. ~ Unknown

### The Rainbow Bridge

There is a bridge connecting Heaven and Earth.  
It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of its many colors.

Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge there is a land of meadows, hills and valleys with lush green grass.

When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place. There is always food and water and warm spring weather. The old and frail animals are young again. Those who are maimed are made whole again. They play all day with each other.

There is only one thing missing. They are not with their special person who loved them on Earth.

So each day they run and play until the day comes when one suddenly stops playing and looks up! The nose twitches! The ears are up! The eyes are staring! And this one suddenly runs from the group!

You have been seen, and when you and your special friend meet, you take him or her in your arms and embrace.

Your face is kissed again and again and again, and you look once more into the eyes of your trusting pet.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together, never again to be separated.

~ Author Unknown

Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love. They depart to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog, it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs, your heart is very big. ~ E. Jong

Today you did the bravest thing,  
today you set me free.  
Thank you for showing me  
the ultimate dignity.  
I'm sorry that my leaving  
has broken your kind heart.  
But we knew this day would come,  
the day we had to part.  
Don't think I did not hear  
every last word you said.  
Don't think I did not feel  
your trembling hand touch my head  
Today you did the bravest thing,  
today you set me free.  
Thank you for a wonderful life,  
thank you for loving me.

By Debbie Gaskin

He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.

~ Author Unknown

Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made.

~ Roger Caras

There is a cycle of love and death that shapes the lives of those who choose to travel in the company of animals. It is a cycle unlike any other. To those who have never lived through its turnings and walked its rocky path, our willingness to give our hearts with full knowledge that they will be broken seems incomprehensible. Only we know how small a price we pay for what we receive; our grief, no matter how powerful it may be, is an insufficient measure of the joy we have been given.

~ Suzanne Clothier

### A Dog's Last Will & Testament

To a poor and lonely stray I give: My happy home, my bowl and cozy bed, soft pillows and all my toys, the lap which I loved so much, the hand that stroked my fur, and the sweet voice which spoke my name. I Will to the sad, scared shelter dog the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds. So, when I die, please do not say, 'I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand.' Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has not held joy or hope, and give MY place to HIM. This is the only thing I can give – the love I left behind."

~ Anon.

### So Hard To Say Goodbye By Shelly Guidotti

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I had to say good-bye today  
To the dearest friend I've known  
And no one understands like me  
Why my heart feels so alone  
By my side to comfort me  
When I wasn't at my best  
You even loved me when I'd shout  
"Stop being such a pest!"

I won't forget the games we played  
Or your favorite place to sleep  
The hardest part will be coming home  
And you not there at my feet  
Everyday that precious face  
Filled my world with gentle love  
Now you're with the  
Angels up above

(Still) It's so hard to say good-bye  
Like my shadow I could count on  
You to be there

So don't mind the tears that I cry  
It may take a little while to  
Remember you and smile  
It's the selfish part of me that wants  
You right here back with me  
Yes right here by my side  
It's so hard to say good-bye

There will be days I know  
As I learn to let go  
The rain in my heart'll feel like a river  
Then like a soft gentle wind  
From the warmth of a friend  
Instead of tears I'll remember  
You and smile



evaluated by **VetMed Emergency & Specialty Care** in Phoenix and found to have bilateral hip dysplasia. In mid-August, he was given a total left hip replacement and is now recovering from his surgery and working on physical therapy. **Cooper** was adopted by Cindy and Robert in Waddell and renamed **Rudder**. This boy loves to swim. It remains to be seen if his right hip might also need surgery, but most likely it will. Third-quarter expenses cost **AGR \$6,572**, with total expenses to date so far of **\$7,082**.



**20-023 Ivy** is a young, 8-month-old female purebred Golden surrendered by her owner who was unable to afford her medical costs. **Ivy** was known to have ectopic ureters, which is a congenital anomaly of the urinary system causing urinary incontinence. This condition is known to be a hereditary problem in Golden Retrievers. She received her initial

vetting and updated vaccines at **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital**. In June, she was evaluated by **Animal Health Institute at Midwestern University** and a cystoscopy and ablation procedure were done to fix her incontinence on the right ureter. In late July after episodes of vomiting, she was again evaluated at **AHI** with an ultrasound and renal chemistry was done. She was found to have some kidney disease from having urinary tract infections (UTIs) her whole life. In August, she suffered high temps and lethargy and was hospitalized again at **AHI**. In September, **Ivy** was evaluated at **AMSC**. An MRI indicated inflammatory meningitis and a cerebral spinal fluid test confirmed. **Ivy** is being fostered by Jay and Abbey in Glendale, and she has bonded with their 3-year-old **AGR** Goldendoodle **Kona**. Total costs so far for **Ivy** have been **\$10,841**.

**20-028 Abby** was a 10-year-old female purebred Golden surrendered by her owner due to a divorce situation and no time for the dog. She received her initial vetting at **Four-Legged Friends**

**Animal Hospital** in Phoenix with updated lab work and valley fever testing. A hard spot was found in the stomach area near the spleen and liver, so an ultrasound and splenectomy were done in late July. She was kept on pain medications but continued to have limping and problems with walking. It was found that sarcoma had already invaded her liver and the difficulty in walking and pain meds made no difference. She went downhill quickly and was unfortunately sent to the Bridge in late August. **Abby** was adopted by Joan in Phoenix. Third quarter costs for **Abby** were **\$4,191**. We thank Joan for her generous donation to help with **Abby's** expenses.



**20-032 Ruby** is a 3-year-old female purebred Golden surrendered by her owner due to illness and inability to afford the costs of a dog who had been sick for almost four weeks. She was evaluated by **AMSC** in Scottsdale due to having evacuation issues with black tarry fecal material. Updated bloodwork and X-rays were done, along with IV fluids, medications, hospitalization, and subsequent updated vaccines. The vet thought she might have low thyroid, but her T4 bloodwork was found to be normal. **Ruby** was adopted by long-time members Stephanie and Greg. Third-quarter expenses have been **\$2,391** so far, with additional costs expected for a valley fever retest, leptospirosis booster vaccine, and spay surgery.



*You can shed tears that he is gone,  
or you can smile because he has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,  
or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
or you can be full of the love you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember him and only that he's gone,  
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,  
or you can do what he'd want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

By Jennifer DeLaurant

### **Rescued Hearts**

By Kathleen Parsons

*Taking care of rescue dogs is something I do best.  
I know because I've done it, and I've surely passed the test.  
The dogs I've bathed, the food I've fed, the vacuuming I've  
done,  
And all to watch a frightened soul sit dreaming in the sun.  
My own dogs I've neglected, but I tell them everyday  
That I love and cherish each of them though a new dog's  
come to stay.  
I know they understand this, for in their eyes I see  
The love that I have given them come shining back at me.  
Some people think I'm crazy, some others think I'm great.  
But very few can understand what really is at stake.  
If I can love and help a dog to find a better way,  
My own life is much richer, I look forward to each day.  
So now you know my secret, it's there for all to see,  
The love I give, the life I save, I do it all for me.*

## MAGIC MOMENTS

By Deb Orwig

*Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of **Arizona Golden Rescue's** Magic Moments from April 6, 2020 through October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All adoptions finalized after October 15<sup>th</sup> will be in the next issue.*



**20-011 Kacey** was adopted by Nels in Phoenix on April 23, 2020 but inadvertently got left out of this section in the August issue. **Kacey** is an adorable Goldendoodle and will be a big one, as he was already 55 pounds when surrendered at six months of age by owners who did not have the expertise, time or patience to work with his puppy unruliness. Fortunately for **AGR**, **Kacey** was

already neutered and up to date on all vaccinations. He now has a huge, grassy yard and two Golden playmates to help him burn off his excess energy. New owner Nels has trained several dogs for *Power Paws Assistance Dogs*, so **Kacey** has an experienced trainer/owner now. His behavior has already improved and, given time and maturity, we are sure he will become a wonderful companion dog.

**20-013 Maverick** is a 2½-year-old purebred Golden. He was quite hyper, supposedly not socialized, and kept in a crate most of the time because the owner did not have time to train him. They did not have time to take him to a vet, either, so not only did we have to have all his vaccines done, have him tested for valley fever and heartworm, but we also had to have him neutered. Debbie in Litchfield



Park was wanting a companion for her resident dog, **Riley**. She was contacted the day after **Maverick** was transported to her. She said **Maverick** was settling in and he and **Riley** were doing great. She walked him for an hour in the morning with the choker and he pulled like crazy at first, but then slowed down. He's learning the dog door and slept all night in the crate in her room. She put the bones and toys back out but the boys are getting along and she says **Riley** is being great about it. **Riley** seems genuinely happy, and **Maverick** adores **Riley**. After just a week with him Debbie said **Maverick** is doing wonderful, sleeps with her on the bed, is often a couch potato, plays a lot with toys on his own, and likes exploring. He likes the dog door and the yard. She is working

from home now, so she takes him for long walks and trains along the way – he still needs work on pulling but is making progress. She says he is really good with other dogs he meets. She takes **Riley** for separate walks to give him attention and has gone out for an hour or so leaving **Maverick** out of his crate. He has done nothing in the house while alone. She is very happy with him. She knows exercise is the key to getting him settled down. We are so pleased for them all!

**20-018 Isabella** is an 8-year-old purebred Golden who was being retired by the owner after having been used as a breeder dog. We have no idea how many litters this little girl produced but a guess is at least 7. She needed our entire standard veterinary intake procedure: all vaccinations, heartworm



and valley fever tests and to be spayed. But oops, we did not schedule the latter soon enough, because she went into heat once placed with Christine and Timothy in Prescott, and then exhibited signs of a false pregnancy. Christine reported that **Izzie** has some funny habits – she squeaks, barks and dances to go out the front door. Then she walks about two blocks and wants to go home. She loves to be in the backyard to chase the lizards. She loves to sit in your lap. About a month after the false pregnancy symptoms subsided (nesting behavior, mammary glands swollen, not real interested in eating, carries stuffed animals around), the vet finally agreed to spay **Izzie** and discovered a pea-sized mass (not on the uterus) and removed it. Turned out to be something called an ectopic spleen, but we were told it should not cause concern. Christine is one of the 102 adopters who submitted a story for the *Petco Foundation's Holiday Wishes* contest. She said: *I doubt it is a winning story, but hopefully it helps with your goal. Izzie is a winner to us!*

**20-021 Sully** was originally surrendered to one of our participating vets because at 10 weeks of age he was obviously ill. This vet suspected parvo and transferred the dog to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale so that the dog could get 24-

hour care. Fortunately, the parvo seemed to be a mild case with no intussusception (telescoping intestines) involved. Patty and Mike in Phoenix agreed to foster him through his convalescence. Within days, he was playing and generally enjoying being in a household with two parents who doted on him, three teenagers and two adult dogs.



He had all his puppy vaccines and will be neutered when he is a year old. The whole family was enamored with this cute puppy. Patty reported: **Sully** is doing amazing. The kids couldn't be more in love if they tried! He is settling right in and starting to respond to his name and going potty outside. No poops in the house but still some pee accidents. He eats well, is drinking, takes his meds perfectly and usually is sleeping through the night about 11:30 PM to 6 AM. The family called a family meeting and the quick 100% consensus was to adopt this little boy, a first-refusal right **AGR** allows all families who take a dog as a foster. **Sully** is now completely well and exhibiting all the normal puppy behaviors. Our wish for him is a long and happy life with this great family!



**20-025 Doug** (at left) is a 3-year-old purebred red Golden and very bonded to **20-026 Russell**, a 2-year-old blond



purebred Golden (at right). The owner's wife left him with four children and two dogs – he was overwhelmed and realized he did not have time to take proper care of the dogs. He requested that we keep the boys together, so our Placement Team found the perfect match with Cathy and Jim in Cave Creek. Connie, who did the transport, said: *What a fantastic transport – made my day! Picked the boys up from in Goodyear and they rode beautifully to Cave Creek. Doug stayed in the back of the van, but Russell kept his head at my right arm the whole time. When we got to the FWITAs, it was love at first sight! Jim and Cathy sat on the floor and just loved all over the boys. It was wonderful! Joni (Placement Team) was there with some "Gotcha Day" toys that she bought, and Doug immediately commenced to grab everything and run with them. He had both toys and a ball at one time. The boys went outside to explore the yard and we all thought it was cute that Russell appeared to be peeing on the sprinkler that had just come on. However, it became clear after a while that he was not still peeing, but was just thoroughly enjoying the "bidet" spray. Smart pup! Doug came with*

*a Frisbee that he loves. Cathy and Jim had lots of toys from their previous dogs and he loves them, too. Carries 3 at a time. Russell prefers to chase Doug when Doug is chasing toys. He does not really go for them too much himself. Doug seems to be a little possessive of the toys and growls when Russell tries to take them. That may be why they didn't have any other than the Frisbee. I was not too concerned, as Russell respected Doug and did not really try to take toys from him. Doug is definitely alpha in that area. I suggested that if it becomes an issue they should remove the toys for a while. Russell constantly worries at the back of Doug's front left leg, especially when Doug is chasing toys. We didn't really notice it so much until I was ready to leave – couldn't see anything at a glance, but when I got home could see in some of the photos that behind that leg there was something going on. They intended to get the dewclaw checked when going for their vet visit. [Note: the problem was a cut on his foot.] Terrific placement – these dogs will be totally loved and doted on. The boys had their vaccines updated and were tested for heartworm and valley fever. Russell was fine, but Doug's lab results came back with a 1:64 valley fever titer. He was started on fluconazole and his neuter surgery had to wait for 6 weeks until his titer came back 1:16. Russell was neutered right away, but developed an infection, which was treated with antibiotics and cold laser applications. Both dogs are doing well now. Cathy regularly uploads wonderful photos of the boys to her Facebook page and sometimes to AGR's. Since Petco Foundation allowed stories about pairs, Cathy was also one of our adopters who entered the contest.*



**20-027 Jack**, a 5-year-old purebred Golden, was originally owned by the grandfather in the family, but he passed away. Care of the grandmother and the dog fell to the granddaughter, and she just could not manage both, so she surrendered the dog to us. Jack was quite overweight having had a diet of canned dog food with people bread spread with peanut butter, as well as additions of chicken and cheese. Jennifer and Anthony in Gilbert excitedly agreed to be Jack's new family. However, they had to go out of town and could not accept him right away, so Joan in Phoenix graciously fostered him for the week they were gone. Jack was initially transported to **Academy West Animal Hospital** where he weighed in a 106 pounds – should be about 75! – and had all his initial tests done. His coat was such a mess with mats everywhere he had to be shaved, but the fur will grow back by wintertime.

When introduced to Joan's daughter's two dogs, **Jack** basically ignored them. He is a very happy, chill kind of dog who just wants to play ball all day. Joan really liked him, but he is a little bigger and younger than she really wants. While he was there, she adopted a Bichon mix and they got along great. She still wants to adopt a Golden, but smaller and senior. **Jack** rode well to Jennifer and Anthony's. He met resident dog, **Rookie**, very well. They did not interact much but both were fine. **Rookie** was happy to get new toys (**Jack's**) that he could destroy. Connie suggested to Jennifer that she should get some Kong toys and Chuck-it balls so that **Jack** would have some toys. They had tennis balls and he was happy about that, but **Rookie** strips the cloth off. Jennifer and Anthony just love **Jack** and commented that he is really great. The teenaged daughter seemed shy around him and needed to wait her turn since her parents seemed so happy with him. Last night and again this morning, Jennifer reported that everything is just wonderful. Connie commented: *I can't wait to see him with some weight off and his shaved coat grown back in!* Fortunately, **Jack** did not need much more in the way of vet care, just a check on his blood work and urine and a dental. Nice!

**20-029 Waffles**, a purebred Golden unneutered male, was only 6 months old and already too big for his owner to keep. Her job hours and pay rate had been cut due to Covid-19, so she lost her home and had to move into an apartment which did not allow big dogs. She told us he was up to date on his vaccinations (true) but needed training, since he was kind of a wild child. What 6-month-old Golden isn't? At the vet he tested negative for valley fever and heartworm and was micro-chipped. When he is a year old, **AGR** will pay for his neuter surgery. Bonnie and Steve in Mesa had been wanting a big-dog companion for another **AGR** dog they had adopted, **12-106 Boz**, who is now 8. They thought a 6-month-old puppy was just the right age to liven up **Boz** a little and were thrilled when they were asked to take **Waffles**. **Waffles**, who has been renamed **Rico**, likes to ride in cars but doesn't like to get out! It took a little while before **Rico**, **Boz** and the resident dachshund, **Finn**, came to terms with each other, but eventually everything worked out for the happy family.



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~ Suzanne Clothier

### ***Bone Broth is a Nutrient-Dense Meal Supplement or Treat***

Note from Deb Orwig: *When I became concerned about how little water **Dallas** drinks, I found the following article from Healthy Pets by Dr. Karen Becker. **Dallas** loves this liquid made from beef bones and will drink all I give him, so I have to limit the amount. At least he is drinking now. The liquid helps his bowels to function better and he has less of a struggle to empty them because the feces is softer. If your dog has any kind of gastrointestinal distress, you might want to try this, but check with your vet first.*

Bone broth is an excellent bioavailable source of vitamins, minerals and nitrogen, with potent healing properties. It can help relieve joint and stomach pain and supports the immune system. Bone broth is also a great after-fasting food for animals recovering from gastrointestinal (GI) irritation or illness. If you have a finicky pet, you can use it as a topper on food. If you have an older pet with a declining appetite, feeding bone broth provides very concentrated nourishment and helps keep the GI tract functioning.

Bone broth is inexpensive to make, easy to prepare and, best of all, incredibly nutritious. When you simmer bones in water overnight (or longer), it allows all the minerals and marrow to leach out into the water, providing your pet with a variety of nutrients in an easily absorbable form, including:

- calcium, phosphorus and other minerals, which are components of collagen and cartilage
- silicon and other trace minerals, which are components of bone and bone marrow
- glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate, the "conditionally essential" amino acids proline, glycine and glutamine

The boiled down cartilage and collagen in the broth are excellent for animals with achy joints and may help reduce joint pain and inflammation. Cartilage is also known to support immune system health, while the amino acids in bone broth (such as glycine, proline and arginine) fight inflammation. The minerals in the broth help support bone health, as does the collagen. The gelatin in bone broth may also support muscle growth, making it useful for athletic as well as elderly pets. Bone broth is also easy to digest and provides excellent support for the gastrointestinal tract. In fact, bone broth provides a highly concentrated source of nutrition for pets that have recently been sick, are elderly, or have become finicky eaters.

It is not a balanced diet, but it works well for a snack or for pets who are refusing to eat. You can also add the broth to your dog's or cat's regular meals for added flavor, moisture and nutrition. Freeze it in ice cube trays to make a perfect summer cool-down treat. It will even help your pet detox from the environmental pollutants she encounters on a daily basis. As noted in *Dogs Naturally* magazine:

“The liver is the master organ of detoxification. The dog’s liver is under assault daily as the poor dog lies on carpets and floors treated with chemicals, walks on grass that’s been treated and sprayed with poisons, consumes foods with toxic and synthetic ingredients, and suffers through toxic dewormers, flea and tick preventives, drugs, antibiotics, vaccines and more. The liver was never meant to suffer this onslaught and its capacity to detoxify is limited by the availability of the amino acid glycine. Guess what has tons of glycine? Bone broth!”

**How to Make Your Own Bone Broth**

Start with the highest quality ingredients you can find, including organic, pastured chicken, beef, or bones. You can use a whole organic chicken (pets will enjoy the meat, too) or look for organic beef thigh bones (soup bones).

Fill your pot with pure water and add the bones plus a splash of organic apple cider vinegar. Acetic acid (vinegar) helps leech the minerals from the bones into the stockpot water. Let the mixture simmer on the stove for up to 4.5 hours, until the meat is falling off the bone and you can remove it (and any skin and fat) from the pot.

Return the broth (including the bones) to the stove, add another splash of vinegar, and continue simmering for another 24 hours to be sure all the nutrition is pulled from the bones. After 24 hours, run the broth through a strainer to remove the cooked bones and bone fragments. You can either discard these or run them through a food processor and add them back into the broth.

With very little effort on your part, you’ll have a superfood that will provide your pet with comfort and nutrition year-round (and as a bonus, you can eat it, too)! You can pour some broth into an ice cube tray, freeze it, and offer your dog bone broth popsicles as a delicious, nutritious treat.

Bone broth is also very low in histamines, which may help dogs with allergy-like symptoms.

*2021 Calendar: A Touch of Gold*



AGR’s fabulous **2021 calendar** is now available! All those who are current Amber, Topaz, Pearl and Gold members were mailed one as the incentive gift for your extra-support membership. All orders received by October 25, 2020 have also been mailed. We ordered fewer than usual because we anticipate having fewer public events in the coming months. So, if you want a copy of this really beautiful calendar, send a check soon to the address on the back cover of this issue. If you want only one copy, it will be \$14.25 including postage. You can also pick up a copy whenever we do host a public event or from any of the following:

- Academy West Animal Hospital**, 6231 W Bell Rd, Glendale
- Animal Medical & Surgical Center**, 17477 N 82<sup>nd</sup> St, Scottsdale
- Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital**, 3131 E Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix
- Sun Valley Quilts**, 9857 W Bell Rd, Sun City



*Petco and PetSmart Adoption Obligation*

By Deb Orwig

In order to remain Partners with **Petco** and **PetSmart** and be able to do Meet-and-Greets at these pet supply stores or participate in Adopt-a-thons either one sponsors in conjunction with **PACC911**, we must finalize at least one adoption each year at each business. It is a challenge since we do not do on-the-spot adoptions, but we can manage with the cooperation of the adopter and Health Care Manager Liz Tataseo, who issues the finalizations. In order to meet our obligation for 2020, Connie McCabe and I brought our yet-to-be-finalized rescues and met Liz at the stores where we usually do Meet-and-Greets to complete the finalization process

for **19-083 Bowie** and **19-044 Dallas**. Finalization had been delayed due to both dogs having chronic medical issues.



Connie McCabe with Bowie, Petco store manager Pearl and Deb Orwig with Dallas



Connie McCabe with Bowie, PetSmart store manager Mike and Deb Orwig with Dallas

# The BARK GUIDE To Baking

Simple & Yummy SNACK RECIPES

One of the raffle items we offered at *Dine Out With The Dogs* included the following recipes in booklet form as a soft, crinkly dog toy! I thought it best if I copied the recipes onto paper and printed them out, just in case the dog who won the item decided to chew up the booklet toy! I'm repeating the recipes here, as they all sound good! The booklet can be purchased at *Bed Bath and Beyond* for \$7.99.

## Carrot Oat Yapplesauce Treats

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup Quick Oats
- 1/2 cup Unsweetened Applesauce
- 1/2 cup (about 1 large) Carrot, finely grated
- 1/2 cup All-purpose Flour

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and cover a baking tray with parchment paper.
2. Mix all four ingredients in a medium dog bowl.
3. Spoon onto baking tray in bite size shapes.
4. Bake and bark for 18-20 minutes.
5. Engage puppy-dog eyes until properly treated.

## Pup-Kin Carrot Bites

### Ingredients

- 3/4 cup canned plain pumpkin (ONLY pumpkin)
- 1 Egg, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup shredded Carrot
- 1 cup Whole Wheat Flour

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Stir all four ingredients in a large dog bowl until mushy.
3. Roll the batter into small balls and place on a baking sheet.
4. Bake and bark for 30-35 minutes.
5. Commence begging.

## Sweet Pup-Tato Chews

### Ingredients

- 2 Sweet Potatoes

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
2. Slice washed sweet potatoes lengthwise about 1/4-inch thick. Place on baking sheet.
3. Bake and bark for 3 hours. Turn slices about halfway through barking.
4. Cool on wire racks after barking.
5. Jump on the counter and enjoy!

## Furozen Blueberry Coconut Oil Treats

### Ingredients

- Small Silicone Mold
- 1/2 cup Coconut Oil in solid form
- Frozen Blueberries

### Instructions

1. Place a frozen blueberry into each opening in the silicone mold. Set aside.
2. In a small saucepan, heat coconut oil until it liquifies.
3. Allow coconut oil to cool for a few minutes, then carefully pour oil into the mold.
4. Carefully place mold into the freezer to solidify.
5. When coconut oil treats are solid, pop them out of the mold.
6. Store coconut oil treats in the freezer.

HERE and THERE

Events from April 1 through October 10, 2020

We hope that once the threat of coronavirus is much less and public activities resume, you will consider joining us at one or more.



Craft Shows at Sam's Club

By Carolyn Brown



Fall has arrived, and *AGR* is out and about, masks and hand sanitizers in hand. Our incredibly talented seamstresses and crafters were hard at work during the self-quarantining months and produced many beautiful one-of-a-kind handcrafted items. We were able to display them on two *Saturday at Sam's Club* events at the Surprise *Sam's Club* on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Even with a brand-new *Costco* opening less than two miles away, we still did an exceptional job of selling, and the dogs collected plentiful donations.



Sam's Club, Surprise



Trishia Murphy and Carolyn Brown near merchandise sales tables; store front is way, way in back – maybe 200 yards away – on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help make our first Craft Sale at *Sam's Club* in Surprise a great success.

It was a great team effort from our exceptional seamstresses who make the high-quality products we have to sell... to

the volunteers who help set-up and tear down... to the volunteers who facilitate the sales... to the Goldenes, who kept their tails wagging even while wearing donation vests in 100-degree weather, and to their people, who relate the *AGR* story to everyone.

During the first Saturday, we brought in a total of \$729.32! Sales: \$581.32 and Donations: \$148. Not knowing what to expect from this venue which was new to us, we thought we did very well.

Our extraordinarily talented crafters include Judy Abell, Denise



Our surrogate lifesize Golden advertised "free water"; *Sam's Club* donated the water!



Judy Abell came to drop off some collar covers she had finished and bought one of the beautiful totes Connie Wozniak had made

Padavano, Deb Orwig, Cindy Tigges and Connie Wozniak.

Our on-site volunteers for set-up, sales and tear down included: Deb-bie Ball; Carolyn and Peter



Carolyn discovered an X-pen at Deb's house and thought it would make a good display vehicle for all of Connie Wozniak's purses and totes

Brown; Connie McCabe; Trishia Murphy; Deb Orwig; Josephine Sala; Chris Spiel; Liz Tataseo; and Cindy Tigges. Our beautiful Goldenes who stole the show included: **Dillon Ball; Jackson McCabe/Dodson; Vin Orwig; Jack and Nash Spiel;** and our beautiful little "red-headed girls" **Lucy and Natasha Tigges.**

Thanks for everyone's help. It was a fun and worthwhile event.



Volunteers on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> included Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack; Cindy Tigges with Natasha and Lucy; Debbie Ball and Dillon; Carolyn Brown; Josephine Sala with Connie's boy Jackson; and Deb Orwig with Vin; Connie took the photo

On Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, also at *Sam's Club* in Surprise, we did even better with a new location only about 20 feet from the store's front doors.

After negotiating a location just beside the front en-

trance, we helped the *Sam's Club* staff move 20 flat-bed carts. Set-up was completed by Deb Orwig and Peter and Carolyn Brown, who sweet-talked their vacationing niece and nephew, Jane and Keith Kinkelear, into lending a helping hand, too.



The only time we did not maintain social distancing was when Connie McCabe was taking the group photos: on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack; Peter Brown with Joey and Cody; Carolyn Brown (seated); Deb Orwig; Liz Tataseo with Watson; Teri Guilbault with Khalee; Debbie Ball handled Duffy and Vin Orwig; and Cindy Tigges brought Lucy and Natasha

The sales and donations started even before we could get everything displayed! It was going to be a busy day at this much better set-up area.



Peter Brown with Cody, Jane Kinkelaar, Carolyn Brown with Joey, and Keith Kinkelaar

**Jackson**, who loved everyone. Chris Spiel let **Jack** and **Nash** love on anyone who needed puppy hugs. Liz Tataseo accompanied **Watson**, who brought miles of smiles to faces of all ages. It's amazing that we could "see" smiles even though all the customers were wearing masks – people smile with their eyes! Cindy Tigges arrived with the "little red-headed girls", **Lucy** and **Natasha**. **Cody** and **Joey Brown** worked the crowds handled by Peter Brown and their visiting family members, Jane and Keith Kinkelaar from Indianapolis.



Teri Guilbault with her newest and youngest rescue Khalee, who is a hugger

Everyone was very impressed with the quality of our hand-crafted merchandise.

**AGR** is so fortunate to have such wonderful seamstresses and crafters. A big shout of thanks goes out to Judy Abell, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, Cindy Tigges and Connie, Wozniak.

We had a couple members drop by: **14-037** **Watson** adores his mom, **Liz**, but is good with everyone



All the dogs adore Liz when she has treats!

We were busy with sales and donations from 10 AM until 2 PM.

**AGR** volunteers who assisted with sales and dogs included: Debbie Ball who handled **Duffy** and **Vin Orwig**, while Deb Orwig took in cash and ran the credit card machine all day – she was able to pass out a few brochures in between all the sales, too. Teri Guilbault came with **Khalee**, who stole everyone's heart. Connie McCabe was there with



Connie McCabe with Jackson



**G r i z - z l y**'s adopted Mom, Christine McDonald, and Jolene Schlichter who came all the way from the east valley "because she just needed to get out of the house." That was a comment several of our customers expressed, and they were thankful to see "some normalcy" coming back into their lives after months of cancelled events and required self-quarantining.

Everyone who came to shop at **Sam's Club** wanted to stop by and pet the dogs. Hand sanitizers and face masks kept us all safe. Our results for those four hours were:

Cash merchandise: \$ 463.00  
Credit card sales: 686.44  
Donations: 488.08

Total for 10-10-2020: **\$1,637.52**

Wow – we never anticipated such a great response! Once again, I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our **Saturday at Sam's Club** Gift and Craft sale an outstanding success.



It seems like it's been forever since a group of **AGR** members have been able to get together – even at social distance – just to chat, and it was so nice! In this photo: Liz, Connie, Chris, Debbie and Josephine.



Natasha and Lucy Tigges are red Goldendoodles who look like twins but aren't; you can tell them apart by the white "socks" on Natasha's feet

**UPCOMING EVENTS – TENTATIVE!**

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Craft Fair  
**Advent Episcopal Church**  
13150 West Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West  
November 20 & 21, 2020

Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade  
Saturday, December 12, 11 AM: Staging by 9:30 AM  
Downtown Glendale

**CANCELLED!**

Gift Wrapping tentatively starting on Saturday, November 28 and then every Saturday and Sunday thereafter, 11 AM - 4 PM until Christmas and also on Christmas Eve Day 9 AM - 6 PM

**PACC911** Adopt-a-thon at **Anthem Community Park**  
Saturday, January 23, 2021

**Parada Del Sol** and **Trails End Celebration**  
Saturday, February 13, 2021  
Downtown Scottsdale

**Paws At The Park**  
Sunday, March 14, 2021  
**El Dorado Park**, Scottsdale





*Meet-and-Greets  
at Petco and PetSmart*



Due to coronavirus restrictions and too-hot weather, we had no Meet-and-Greets at either **Petco** (9980 W Northern Ave, Glendale) or **PetSmart** (9960 N 91st Ave, Peoria) during the third quarter. When we are allowed to do such activities again, dates and times will be announced on our Facebook page and put on our website calendar.

*2021 Calendar Sponsors  
By Deb Orwig*

The following **AGR** members purchased one or more calendar sponsorships – 44 total – at \$50 each. These sponsorships helped offset the cost of the printing of the calendar. Each donor was able to have a photo of their choice placed in the centerfold Gallery of the calendar. Some of the photos are of animals that are still living; some are of those who have gone to the Bridge. All are wonderful! We thank all these members for their generosity. Be sure to get your copy of the calendar soon – we ordered a smaller amount this year due to fewer expected public activities.

Teddi and Delwin Axne  
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Adam Cardinal  
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Liz Tataseo  
Cindy and Gary Tigges



*From China with Love*

By Carolyn Brown  
International Intake Division Chairman  
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*The love of a Golden does not stop at a state line or shoreline  
... It is universal.*  
~ Carolyn Brown

All international rescue efforts have been suspended until further notice due to the coronavirus situation. We have taken in very few dogs from Arizona in 2020 – only 32 as of this writing. So, we look forward to bringing some Golden Retrievers in from China, South Korea and/or Turkey in 2021. If you are interested in adopting a Golden from out-of-country, submit an application now if you are not already on our approved-to-adopt list. Also, anyone interested – already-approved or not – please let me know your preference for gender and age as soon as possible. We have not worked with a Turkey or South Korea rescue yet (although other US-based Golden Retriever rescue groups have), so we don't know if we can specify age and gender, but we do know we can do that with our China contact.

*Facebook Donations*

By Deb Orwig

If you make a donation to **AGR** on our Facebook page, Facebook generously covers the administration cost. So, your entire donation is received by **AGR** without 4% or 5.2% or some other amount being subtracted. It usually takes two weeks for donations to be confirmed in our checking account.

As an individual Facebook subscriber, you can host a fundraiser on Facebook – it can be for a birthday, an anniversary or another commemorative occasion, and you can designate **Arizona Golden Rescue** as the beneficiary. Although Facebook acknowledges for tax purposes the donor of every donation, I cannot since the Transaction Report I receive every two weeks does not show either e-mail addresses or US mail addresses of the donors. So, I am depending on those of you who host fundraisers for **AGR** to thank your own donors on our behalf.

Since beginning of June 2020, six members held such fundraisers directly on **AGR's** Facebook page: Anne Booher, (\$271), Ashley Boswell (\$125), Joni Cipollone (\$699.06), Patrick Doyle (\$450), Joy Slagowski (\$235) and Liz Tataseo (\$460). Also, Carolyn Brown issued a plea on **AGR's** Facebook page for general donations – her plea elicited \$1,730 in donations! Thanks to all of you and all your donors!



## Golden Hearts



We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support. You all truly have hearts of gold! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The donations shown below were made between July 1 and September 30, 2020. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted. PLEASE NOTE: All donors who make donations during 2020 will receive an acknowledgment letter in January 2021 unless an acknowledgment for tax purposes is requested sooner.

*Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs*

All who made a donation to **AGR** in July and August are listed below

- Jeri Altizer  
Debbie and Rick Ball  
Stephanie Beard and Greg Konishi –  
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 Deb Orwig to help with the cost of the color flyer about *Dine Out With The Dogs* for the August newsletter

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*Grants***Golden Retriever Foundation – April Fund**

To help with medical expenses of *20-021 Sully*, *20-023 Ivy*, and *20-024 Captain*

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