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The Cover

Duffy, Mufasa and Vin Orwig were very cooperative in wearing face masks specially made for them by their mom, Deb, so they could model the masks for this newsletter cover. Dogs **cannot** contract the coronavirus and they **cannot** transmit it to humans. The boys are wearing the masks just to remind you that the **Center for Disease Control** is now recommending that humans wear one when going out in public, which should be as infrequent as possible. No face mask except an N95 mask, which should be kept available for first responders and medical personnel, will prevent you from getting COVID-19 – a homemade face mask will not keep the coronavirus from entering your body. However, if you do come down with any respiratory illness, including COVID-19, wearing a mask will help keep other people from catching the illness from you. Deb Orwig has decided to make masks for humans upon request and for a donation to **AGR** as soon as she can get the recommended materials. Contact her at dorwigaz@cox.net if you want one or more.

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Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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This issue of *The Golden Paw* is going to be shorter than usual. It is not because I am sick – fortunately, Larry and I are both well at this point. **AGR** had fewer than the usual number of adoption finalizations, so *Magic Moments* is shorter than in some issues; in the August issue, I anticipate even fewer because the dogs just aren't coming into Rescue right now. We have changed the qualifying threshold for expenses of a *Diamonds in the Ruff* dog from \$1,000 to \$2,000, so there are fewer dogs whose expenses totaled over \$2,000 during first quarter. Had we kept the \$1,000 minimum, there would have been twice as many in this section this time. In addition, due to the coronavirus outbreak, almost all events in March and April were cancelled, so there are fewer events in the *Here and There* section than there would normally have been.

In January, April Crow submitted her resignation as Director of Activities but said she was willing to handle activities and events through the spring season, so we did not announce her resignation then. The spring season ended when **PACC911** cancelled their March 28th Fountain Hills Adopt-a-thon and both **Petco** and **PetSmart** announced they would no longer allow Meet-and-Greets, not even outside-of-store ones like we do. In addition, the **Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce** cancelled their spring adopt-a-thon, which was scheduled for April 18th. Consequently, the Board (Connie McCabe, Adam Cardinal and I) appointed Carolyn Brown to assume the Director of Activities position, which she willingly agreed to do. If you have attended any events since last November, you have already met Carolyn, as she attended most of them. You may also know Carolyn as our International Intake Division Chairperson – she was responsible for 10 Golden retrievers coming here from China last year. April will still be involved – she wants to handle **PACC911** events and the two parades we walk in every year. So, April will technically be Assistant Director of Activities; Carolyn will hold the Board position and handle other events. Our thanks to April for doing a fantastic job as Director of Activities and to Carolyn for taking over. I also thank Connie and Adam for agreeing to remain in their respective Board positions.

As you all know, due to the coronavirus threat, we had to cancel our *Paws At The Park/Bark In The Back Yard*. Thankfully, most of you did not request a refund and asked us to consider your participation fee a donation. If we are able to reschedule in the fall, those of you who donated the fee will not have to pay again. The last Meet-and-Greet we hosted at **Petco** was on February 28th and at **PetSmart** on March 8th. Consequently, the only donations that have come in from the public were the \$81 on March 8th. **McCor-mick Ranch Golf Club** where we intended to host our annual golf tournament on September 19, 2020 has closed and it is uncertain

now when they might reopen. These cancellations paint a scary financial picture. Fortunately, the majority of memberships are due to be renewed during March, so we will have some income – have you renewed yet? If not, please do so soon.

There is a light in the financial tunnel though. Tuesday, April 7, 2020 was *Arizona Gives Day*. It was a terrific success for us – with over \$9,600 raised (see the donors' list on pages 25-26)! We realize these are difficult times – everyone's financial future is uncertain and many of you may be out of work by now. The national stimulus package will help but only for a short time. Several Golden rescue groups in other parts of the US have had to cease operations already, not just because of the difficulty of taking in dogs and adopting them out with the threat of coronavirus looming over our heads, but also because they don't have the money to continue. We do – for now – and we will.

We have put in place Facetime interviews for conducting home evaluations and protective measures for accepting new intakes and transporting dogs to their new homes. For a while at least, we can continue rescuing dogs and getting them properly vetted. However, we will not be able to continue indefinitely without money coming in to pay vet bills and cover necessary costs such as our insurance, storage facility and UPS mailbox rental, telephone and Internet services.

Please, if you cannot manage anything else, when it comes due, renew your membership and upgrade if possible. If you are unsure of your expiration date, check the mailing label on the February issue of *The Golden Paw* or e-mail me. Thank you!



Goldens on the Go!

By Carolyn Brown
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Nothing is cuter or more nerve wracking than a young Golden carrying a big shoe. You wonder if he will trip over the laces, get caught up in a strap or nicely surrender it to his owner, all the while hoping they get past that puppy stage and settle into being a welcome asset to the family as they mature. As **AGR's** new Director of Activities, I feel like that puppy who has discovered a pair of big shoes and will attempt to find the right thing to do with them.

Those big shoes I am now taking responsibility for are the shoes that have been filled by April Crow, **AGR's** previous Director of Activities. April's professional workload and personal commitments put a squeeze on the time she could devote to **AGR** events. Although she is stepping down from the Director's position, she has graciously agreed to stay in a supportive role while this "old dog" finds her way to provide our membership with fun-filled,

family-oriented fundraising and social events. April will continue to chair *Parada Del Sol* and be our contact for the **PACC911** events. A sincere thank you for all she has done and the help she will provide in this transition.

The coronavirus has put a temporary halt to our outdoor events for the time being. Hopefully though, the fall calendar will begin to fill with many of our favorites, like our Golf Tournament, Gift Wrapping, several Craft Fairs and especially a fall version of *Paws at the Park*. For our members, old and new, it will be great to see everyone again and see how our Golden's are doing. The self-quarantine edict has been rough on them, too.

I have been involved with several other Golden Rescues in my 41 years of Golden ownership. *Arizona Golden Rescue* is, by far, at the top of my list for its commitment to Golden's and their needs. With over 600 members, I realize that some members attend nearly every event, while others have never attended any. As your new Director of Activities, I would like to find out why that might be. I know that distance is a problem for some, since we have members who live out-of-state and even internationally. But what is your reason?

Perhaps the type of activity doesn't match your skills? Did you know you don't need to know how to golf to have a ball at the Golf Tournament? If you have fumble fingers and can't tie your shoes, you can still have fun volunteering for a shift or two during our Gift-Wrapping events. Not everyone wraps – we can always use people to sit with their dogs and talk about **AGR** to the people who are waiting for the wrappers to finish. Being able to hug a Golden and drop a dollar or two in a supplied donation vest raises as much money or more as wrapping does on many days. Our Meet-and-Greets are on Saturdays or Sundays in the fall through spring. Bring your Golden and a chair and enjoy the company of other **AGR** members while promoting our Rescue. If you think you need an invitation... this is it!

All events are on the **AGR** Calendar on the **AGR** website (arizogoldenrescue.org). Giving your time as a volunteer is the lifeblood of our great Rescue. Maybe you can offer only two hours a month or even one day a year. Every hour of a volunteer's time is priceless.

If you are an original member or have just joined, rest assured, we would love to see you at the events. Don't let your newness or previous inactivity make you feel awkward about attending. If I know in advance you are coming, I will have a name badge waiting for you and will make sure you and your Golden feel welcome. Need transportation? We can work on that, too.

Being new in this position, I welcome any and all suggestions. Please feel free to contact me for information on scheduled events and with your ideas for other types of events and fundraisers. Share your comments on current activities and things that we

might change to make previous events better the next time. I am open to exploring different types of social activities that are family-friendly and geographically and financially feasible. I can be reached by email at 2contactCarolyn@gmail.com or at 602-781-1001. Please don't be shy about contacting me.

To all of our current volunteers, thank you. To all who will step up and volunteer in the future, welcome aboard. To all the members who have ever considered attending an event but never quite made it ... this is your year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Until further notice, all activities have been suspended due to the threat of coronavirus

HOWEVER....

We are hoping we will be able to have our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at **McCormick Ranch Golf Club** in Scottsdale. Please add it to your calendar just in case the Golf Club reopens.

We are already signed up to participate in the following fall/winter events:

8th Annual Art & Craft Show
Advent Episcopal Church, Sun City West
November 20 & 21, 2020

Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce
Pet Adopt-a-thon
Saturday, December 12, 2020
Floor & Décor parking lot, 59th Ave/Bell Rd, Glendale

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 Dog Care article for this issue. Won't one of you please consider volunteering for this job?*

How Are We Ensuring the Safety of Our Volunteers?

We have taken in only 15 dogs since the beginning of 2020. One-third of the way into years past, we have accepted between 25 and 30, so the number is down – temporarily. As the coronavirus sweeps through our state and more and more people either get sick or have to remain out of work with little or no income, we expect a surge of dogs needing rescuing in the coming months.


We have already switched from doing in-person home evaluations to using Facetime, Skype or Messenger. Most people have

smartphones and are able to lead our home evaluators on a virtual tour of the home and property. If the evaluator finds anything of concern, especially in the back yard, he/she asks the homeowner to take photos and e-mail them. We have always handled out-of-area home evaluations in this way, but now we are doing all home evaluations remotely.

The shelters are not accepting any owner-surrendered dogs right now, and the animal control staff that usually roam the streets to pick up strays have been put on hold. There are currently no Golden retrievers or Golden mixes in any of the shelters.

We will still accept dogs surrendered by owners (SO), but our transporters will take precautions for their own safety. The Surrender Form and Vet Records Release form will be e-mailed to the SO, who will be asked to fill them out, scan them so they can be e-mailed back or put the forms in an envelope, which they will leave in a designated location. With the exception of medications the dog might have to take, transporters will not accept anything but the dog – no food, beds, toys, etc. Transporters will carry disinfectant wipes in their vehicles and have been encouraged to wear gloves and a mask. They carry crates in their vehicles and will ask the SO to put the dog in the crate. The transporter will wipe down the crate door handles, the dog's leash and the car door handles with a disinfectant wipe. After the transporter delivers the dog either to a vet or to its designated foster or foster-with-intent-to-adopt (FWITA), a new leash and collar will be provided and the dog's old set will be thrown away. The transporter will try to maintain the recommended minimum 6-foot distance from all people at all times.

Most, if not all of the vets we use for standard intake work are now taking only curbside delivery. The transporter, foster or FWITA will remain in their vehicle, and one of the veterinary staff will come out to get the dog. If the veterinarian needs to explain any tests or procedures, they will do this by phone, text or e-mail. Elective procedures such as spays, neuters and dental cleanings are being postponed.



The Information Highway
By Adam Cardinal
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Social Distancing Edition

When it comes to minimizing human-to-human interactions, I think we techies have been preparing for it since the early 80s – back when computer bulletin board systems (think a low tech America Online /AOL) were instantly wiped out by the US Gov-

ernment Defense Advanced Research Projects Networks release of Arpanet - a large interconnected, decentralized computer network – something that would later be called the World Wide Web. All of our interactions used to be in chat rooms over dial-up modem. We quickly developed a friendship network that not only avoided face-to-face contact, it embraced concepts that precluded IRL (in real life) norms and idioms in favor of a new, specialized jargon that has permeated modern language in the past 30 or so years.

So, now that you are in our no-touch techie club, how can you adapt to distance communication but maintain a face-to-face aspect? Well – there's an app for that. Actually several – but let me help you narrow down the field.

For conducting near-live interactions with friends and family, the major dividing line is if you want to be communicating with one person (or one computer – some people do share them ;-) you will do just fine with a Person-to-Person / Point-to-Point solution. All you need is a computer / smartphone connected to the Internet and a web-enabled camera. Some popular ones are as follows:

- Facetime (for iOS only)
- Skype
- Facebook Messenger
- WhatsApp
- Google Duo
- Viber
- IMO

They all have a different set of features, but chances are the key features you are looking for are going to be available as part of the core service. All these services are free, so there is no financial cost to giving one then another a try until you find one that feels most natural for you to use.

Many of these apps state that they support group chat – sort of the equivalent of a three-way call (if you remember those) but much easier to support. Group chats can have their problems though. How do you mute the user who isn't aware they aren't on mute? You know, the one who is having a side conversation with someone (or using the bathroom – ugh) and not aware that not only can all the chat attendees hear, but also they are hearing things you hadn't planned to share with them in the first place? Or, the caller who has put the chat on hold, unaware that their audio service plays hold music when they hold or park a call? There is also the case where the organizer wants to leave the call but not have the call end just because they have a hard stop at a specific time? For those cases, you are better off using an online meeting service, which allows you to be moderator for your calls, muting and bumping participants whose attendance is causing a distraction for other attendees.

Commercial products like Webex and GoToMeeting are likely

names you've heard of – were you aware that there are free versions of these services available? They aren't as full-featured as a business user might have grown accustomed to, but they are reliable, familiar and fairly easy to use. Some new alternatives that are relatively full-featured and easy to learn include:

- Zoom
- TeamViewer
- Skype
- Join.Me
- Google Hangouts

Any of these would make it easy for a group of friends, a small club or a special interest group to get together and have much of the experience they would have face to face, without the viral contagion issues.

In order to keep our members and volunteers safe, we have cancelled all of our events where there would be interaction with the public. These include our Meet-and-Greets, **PACC911** and other community rescue group aggregators/connectors, and, most impactful, our fundraisers. So, I want to take this opportunity to remind you of **AGR's** participation in **Fry's Community Rewards** and **AmazonSmile**. If you have not signed up for these programs – which cost you nothing – I need you to stop right now (go on, I'll wait) and sign up.

Go to frysfood.com and search for Community Rewards. Sign up and select Arizona Golden Rescue as the organization you are supporting. Every time you shop at Fry's and use your VIP Rewards card, **AGR** gets a small percentage of the sale.

For Amazon, go to amazonsmile.com. Select **Arizona Golden Rescue** as the charity you wish to support and a portion of your qualifying purchase is directed as a donation to **AGR**.

AGR's Facebook page now has a DONATE button where you can make a donation to our charity, while Mark Zuckerberg pays the credit card processing fee. You also have the ability to create a personal fundraiser to benefit **AGR**. It is quite easy. Just follow these steps:

- Click **Fundraisers** in the left menu of your news feed
- Click **Raise Money**
- Select **Nonprofit** or **Charity** – select **Arizona Golden Rescue**, choose a cover photo (one of your family or one from the **AGR** website) and fill in the fundraiser details.
- Click **Create**

While I am sure your cat (if you have one) can't wait for you to go back to work so they can have their private, destroy-your-house time back, I know Golden retrievers are LOVING this shelter-in-place/work-from-home lifestyle. We are going to have some disappointed fur families to deal with when we start returning to our offices and traditional workplaces. Stay safe and be well!

Facebook

By Deb Orwig

I held out as long as I could. Although I could use a copy of the book *Facebook For Dummies* to help me really take advantage of what Facebook users can do, I have become a convert to regularly reading all posts on **AGR's** Facebook page. By being “friends” with **AGR** and looking at every post, I share in the joys and sorrows of our 2,000+ subscribers. I see lots of stories about subscribers' dogs, mostly Golden retrievers but often other breeds, too. Although some posts are sad, many are heartwarming, many are funny, some provoke thought and reflection on life. Posts come from people all over the state of Arizona, the country, and even from elsewhere in the world. Every day I see things on our page that make me laugh – sometimes it's just a chuckle, but sometimes it's an outright belly laugh. Good for the soul. So that we can enjoy the pictures and stories that are mainly about Golden retrievers without getting all riled up or getting into an online argument with someone, our wonderful moderator, Kathy Blue, is very careful about not allowing political or religious commentary. Our Facebook page is a way to become connected to a large community of sympathizers and Golden retriever lovers.

Won't you join? Go to www.facebook.com, search for **Arizona Golden Rescue** and submit a request to subscribe. Kathy will send you some questions you'll need to answer before she will approve you as a subscriber:

- Are you a member of **Arizona Golden Rescue**? (Information only – you do not have to be an **AGR** member.)
- Why do you want to join **AGR** Facebook?
- Do you agree to read and abide by the posted rules?

Arizona Golden Rescue Facebook Rules

- Feel free to post pictures and updates of your furkids.
- Animal cruelty and disturbing images are not permitted.
- Advertising is prohibited except for **Arizona Golden Rescue** business. All other advertising posts will be deleted including Craig's list postings and private dog placements.
- Pictures are considered personal property. You may not copy or use members' pictures from their posts without their permission.
- Only **AGR** available dogs may be posted; all private placement and shelter posts will be removed.
- **AGR** Facebook is not a forum for misplaced or shelter dogs needing rescue, as it is not monitored by our Intake Team. Please send intake and shelter inquiries by e-mail directly to intaketeam@arizonagoldenrescue.org.
- Inappropriate posts will be removed and may result in poster's removal from **AGR** Facebook.



The Human Connection

By **Connie McCabe**
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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.

We have had some Board changes over the past six months. I would like to introduce our newest member, Carolyn Brown, who is **AGR’s** new Director of Activities. Many of you have already met Carolyn with her dogs, **Cody** and **Joey**, at some of the events we held in 2019. We will be seeing Carolyn and her husband, Peter, at many more events in 2020 as soon as we are able to resume normal activities. Carolyn was also the guiding force behind the China dog rescue operations we held in October and December and which will hopefully continue later this year.

Let’s welcome Carolyn Brown, our new Director of Activities.

In her own words: *Originally from Chicago, I have loved dogs my entire life and met and fell in love with my first Golden while living in Denver in 1974. My job then had taken me from Chicago to Minneapolis to San Jose to Denver. I knew there were a few more transfers in my future (Houston, Canada, Boston and Portland, OR) but promised myself I would get a Golden once I “settled down”. I met Peter,*



Carolyn Brown with
Cody and Joey



Peter and Carolyn Brown

my husband of 42 years, while working in Canada. He joined me in Boston and once promoted to Portland, I took off my corporate hat and we made Oregon home for 16 years with a one-year return to Canada and then a return to Illinois when my mother got ill. A quick move to Indianapolis for a few years and a strong desire to return to mountains minus the cold weather, made settling in Arizona the perfect solution. Snowbirds since 2008, now forever residents since 2017, we call Surprise home.

Charlie Brown was the first of our nine Golden. We soon realized Golden are pack animals and do better in pairs, so **B.J.** joined the family. As the years have gone by, **Sam, Andy, Casey, Ellie,**

and **Quinn** have stolen my heart. Currently, **Cody**, a tri-pawd rescued from Benson, AZ and **Joey**, our China Rescue, make up our family unit. A “foster-failure” several times, Peter says I can’t have a third Golden until I grow a third arm.

I have been involved with three other Golden Rescues over the last 35 years, including Golden Bond in Oregon, As Good as Gold in Northern Illinois, and GRRACE in Indianapolis. Joining Arizona Golden Rescue has been very rewarding. I was honored to have been allowed to coordinate the rescue of 10 China Golden in 2019 and it was there that I realized the depth and dedication of the members who made it all possible.

Thank you, once again, Carolyn and Peter, for all the hard work you did in 2019, and we look forward to working with you again in 2020 and moving forward!

Adam Cardinal, Connie McCabe and Deb Orwig remain as Board members in 2020, but we are still seeking a Director of Dog Care.



Connie McCabe, Carolyn Brown and Adam Cardinal

In order of their membership numbers: Deb Orwig co-founded **Arizona Golden**



Deb Orwig with Mufasa,
Duffy and Vin

Rescue with Debbe Begley in 2009.

(Many of you might not have met Debbe, who passed away in 2011 – I know that Debbe would be very proud of where we are today). Deb is not only the President of **AGR** (incredibly time-consuming enough) but is also active in creating publications, doing home visits and transports, going to events, fostering, puppy raising, fundraising and other promotional and administrative duties. I imagine almost all members have met her at an event they may have attended or seen her name on an article or important announcement. Larry Orwig also attends as many events as possible and supports Deb in her full-time **AGR** activities. Together, they currently have **AGR** dogs **Dallas, Duffy, Mufasa** and **Vin**.



Deb and Larry Orwig

Connie McCabe, Human Resources Director, also works on the graphics and photography needs of the organization, in addition to doing home visits and assorted other odds and ends as needed. Connie and her husband, Nick Dodson (photo at right), especially enjoy





Connie McCabe is AGR's premier photographer, comes to almost all events, and takes most of the photos that are in our calendar; she also creates the calendar and produces graphics for many other things

the "hands on" of transporting many of the dogs and being able to see them in their new homes. They have adopted nine AGR

dogs over the past eleven years and currently are owned by **Bowie, Jackson, Riley and Sierra.**



Duane Borho and Adam Cardinal

Adam Cardinal continues to be our Director of Information Management. He and his partner, Duane Borho, also help with many of the AGR events throughout the year. Adam has adopted three dogs from

AGR: Brando, Malle and Rhys. He recently spotted a senior mix at the Pima shelter that desperately needed to be rescued and now also has **Plum**, a very cute mix. Duane also has a very sweet lab mix, **Cleo**, to fill out the pack.



Duane and Adam with Malle and Rhys

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.



Health and Safety

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Zoonotic Diseases

Do some diseases spread between animals and humans? **Yes, but apparently not Covid-19!** There is no evidence yet either way of transmissibility between humans and dogs or cats, so we really don't know for sure. We just need to be cautious. Zoonotic diseases (or Zoonoses) are diseases that can be transmitted to humans from animals. The majority of those are spread by bites from insects including ticks, fleas and mosquitos, or by mammals such as bats, raccoons, and skunks who have acquired the bacteria, virus or infection from an animal or human they previously bit. Also, diseases can be transmitted if people eat contaminated animals or come in contact with an animal's urine or feces or from active in-

fections such as on farms that have sick animals. Even if a contaminated animal is eaten by a human; most diseases do not develop in a human.

Can you catch a disease directly from your dog or cat? It is very rare, but any dog or cat that has a fecal issue such as Giardia or worms could pass that on to humans if basic cleanliness habits are not followed. Clean up after your pet immediately and wash your hands with soap and water every time you do. When camping or hiking, it is best not to let your animals or yourself drink stationary water or for you yourself to go wading barefoot.

Ticks can transmit different types of tick fever to animals or humans if bitten by a tick that carries the disease. Ehrlichiosis and Lyme disease are two of the most common diseases passed by ticks to humans. You CANNOT get tick fever directly from your dog or cat.

Valley Fever is caused by a fungus that exists in the dirt in the Southwest part of the US. Humans, dogs and cats can get this disease, but it is not passed from one to another. An individual gets it by inhaling the spores directly into their lungs. Dogs are five times as likely to get Valley Fever as humans.

The most common zoonotic diseases of dogs and cats or other animals such as birds or farm animals include:

- ringworm
- salmonellosis
- leptospirosis
- Lyme disease
- ehrlichiosis
- campylobacter infection
- Giardia infection
- cryptosporidium infection
- roundworms
- bird flu
- bovine tuberculosis
- brucellosis
- cat scratch fever
- rabies
- anthrax

To help prevent contracting a zoonotic disease:

- Wash your hands diligently.
- Use insect repellent or other methods to keep mosquitos, fleas, and ticks away.
- Practice safe food handling; this includes washing off all produce before eating it.
- Avoid being bitten or scratched by an animal.
- Have your pets vaccinated and take them for regular annual visits to the veterinarian.
- Talk to your veterinarian about appropriate flea and tick preventatives for your pets.

- Check for ticks when you've been outside.
- Don't eat, drink, or touch your eyes or mouth while you're handling or in close contact with animals.
- Use gloves if you need to handle an animal that is or appears to be sick.
- Keep clean and sanitary any areas where animals are kept.
- Be aware of areas where animals or insects might be when you're out in nature, especially when you participate in activities like hunting and camping.
- Don't handle or approach any animal in the wild that appears sick; be sure to contact animal control or the local government to have the sick animal removed.

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Financial Considerations

By Deb Orwig

Arizona Gives Day, April 7, 2020

Although most of the actual amount from *AZGives Day* has not yet been sent to our bank account, suffice it to say this one-day fundraiser was terrific for *AGR* – 81 donors gave **\$9,670.34** (last year it was 61 and \$6,263.94, comparatively). If you donated, thank you so much! The funds will help us recover from the substantial first-quarter net income loss shown in *The Financial Picture* (at right) that was due mostly to our Veterinary Services expenses.

Our actual income from the fundraising day will be somewhat less than the total, as 16 donors opted not to pay the extra 5.2% administrative fee, which meant that we will actually receive \$9,273.03 – still a fabulous total for a one-day fundraiser, especially one in which none of us had to do much work! Due to early giving through *AZGives* between March 17 and April 6, we earned a \$2,000 incentive award! Thank you all!

Some of you like statistics so here are some to entertain you:

- 1 donation was from Anonymous
- 69 donations were from *Arizona Golden Rescue* members
- 12 donations were from non-members, although five of these used to be members
- 26 donations were pre-scheduled between March 17 and April 6 but counted as *AZGives Day* donations
- 9 donations came in by check, PayPal or Zelle
- 32 donations were dedicated in memory of a dog or person
- 16 donations were dedicated in honor of a dog or person
- 4 donations were specifically in honor of *AGR*, the organization, its members or its volunteers

The Financial Picture

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Reporting period: January 1, 2020 - March 31, 2020

Total Assets as of April 15, 2020: \$235,818.85

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 1,125.00	\$
Adoptions	5,294.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		400.00
Bank Charges (PayPal & Credit Card fees)		419.62
Calendars		
Sales	312.00	
Sponsorships		
Donation Income, General	11,022.56	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund	29.00	
Honorary	4,575.00	
Memorials	1,322.00	
Event Expense		50.00
Grants	4,560.15	
Insurance		
Interest	10.49	
Internet Services		360.60
Legal and Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	6,404.00	
Merchandise	2,863.85	667.30
<i>Paws At The Park</i> 2020	1,491.00	792.37
Donations	281.12	
Office Expenses & Supplies		492.38
<i>Photos with Santa</i> in Dec. 2019	638.80	
Postage		458.78
Rent or Lease		795.56
Stationery and Printing		1,744.12
Telephone		48.15
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		-47.25
International Rescue Expenses		47.88
Miscellaneous, Dog-related		257.66
Veterinary Services		51,100.79
TOTAL	\$39,928.97	\$57,597.96
NET INCOME: - \$17,668.99		
Checking Account on 4-15-20:	\$132,076.87	
Savings Account on 4-15-2020:	\$ 94,100.66	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 4-15-2020:	\$ 9,641.32	
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 4-15-2020:	\$21,039.32	

All of *AGR's AZGives Day* donors are listed on pages 25-26.

AZGives has announced preliminary numbers:

- Total amount raised: \$6.1 million
- Total number of donors: 38,779
- Number of nonprofits who participated: 983
- Total Relief Fund amount raised: \$150,757
- Volunteer hours pledged: 81,862
- Number of volunteers who pledged: 2,225

Thank you again for participating and making a difference!

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 expenses for every intake historically are at least \$1,600, we determined that a \$2,000 threshold should be the designation for *Diamonds In The Ruff*. In the first quarter 2020, we had a total of six such dogs, three of which were continuations from 2019. 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 First Quarter 2020



19-063 Odin is a young not-quite-2-year-old male purebred Golden who was surrendered by his owner due to a medical concern about his leg joints. In the fourth quarter of 2019, Odin received his initial vetting along with updated vaccines and X-rays to determine the extent of his issues. Turns out he has fairly severe congenital hip dysplasia. During evaluation by *Animal*

Medical & Surgical Center (AMSC) in Scottsdale, **Odin's** right hip was found to be worse than the left. He was adopted by Anne and Mike in Tucson, and in early March **Odin** received his first total hip replacement. He is recovering well and now enduring physical therapy. First quarter 2020 expenses cost **AGR \$5,906**.

19-077 Daisy/LolaNoel is a 6-year-old purebred female Golden who was rescued from the China meat trade. Her initial vetting was done in late 2019 by *Kennel Care*. She was noticed to have some limping and bleeding, which were evaluated by *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* in Scottsdale. There, she was diagnosed with a chronic cruciate ligament tear, incomplete spay, and a venereal tumor. In January, a laparoscopic spay and mass excision were done, and in March she had surgery for the tibial plateau leveling osteotomy (TPLO). **Daisy** was adopted by Lisa and Jacob in Tempe and renamed **Lola Noel**. First quarter 2020 expenses for her have cost **AGR \$7,352**, and a total of **\$8,315** so far. We thank Lisa and Jacob for their generous donation to help with **Lola's** vet care. We have also re-



ceived financial help from the *Golden Retriever Foundation's April Fund*.

19-087 Kosmo is a 9-year-old male purebred Golden surrendered by his owner in late December. **Kosmo** had trouble with stairs and the owner could not afford surgery for an elbow growth. After initial updated tests and vaccines were done by *Stetson Hills Animal Hospital*, **Kosmo** was evaluated by *AMSC* in Scottsdale. In January, **Kosmo** had surgery to remove a grade 3 sarcoma on his elbow; tension sutures were applied that required return visits for gradual tightening followed by a special splint. Additional small masses were aspirated, and a body map done of the masses for evaluation. Some of these have turned out to be cancerous, so **Kosmo** will be started on chemo as soon as his elbow is completely healed. **Kosmo** was being fostered by Sunny and Bill in Sun City, but they have now adopted him under our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program. His expenses to date have cost **AGR \$6,177**.



20-002 Sage/Doug is a 9-year-old male purebred Golden surrendered by his elderly owner who had to move into assisted living. After initial vetting and updated heartworm, urinalysis, and Desert Profile testing was completed at *Stetson Hills Animal Hospital*, **Sage** also needed X-rays, a dental cleaning, and some oral surgery, which was done in March.

Sage was adopted by Patricia in Surprise and renamed **Doug**. First quarter expenses for him total **\$2,597**.

20-008 Hope is an estimated 10-year-old female purebred Golden that was found as a stray and rescued from the Eastside *MCACC* Shelter. She was taken to *AMSC* in Scottsdale for vetting along with X-rays of her abdomen. She was found to have low thyroid, tick fever, a mass on her vulva, and, later, kennel cough and conjunctivitis. She also still needs to be spayed. **Hope** is currently being fostered by Viki and Russell in Phoenix. She is described as very sweet and gentle and will be looking for her forever home soon. Expenses so far for **Hope** total **\$3,379**, which will increase, as she still needs to be spayed and have the mass removed. We have received some financial help for **Hope** from the *Golden Retriever Foundation*, *Best Friends Animal Society* and *PACC911*.





20-010 Cocoa was an estimated 13-year-old small female Golden mix rescued from the Westside **MCACC** Shelter. She walked very gingerly due to extremely overgrown nails. She was taken to **Academy West Animal Hospital** for initial vetting plus dental cleaning, 17 tooth extractions, and grooming. **Cocoa** had a very poor appetite and was transferred to **AMSC** in Scottsdale. After an ultrasound, bloodwork and evaluation, she was diagnosed with kidney and liver disease, malnutrition, ligament issues in her left leg, and possible pneumonia. It was felt that heroic measures would be needed to save her and that euthanasia was the most humane option. Expenses for **Cocoa** were **\$3,692**. Both **Best Friends Animal Society** and **PACC911** helped us financially, and we thank them for their support. **Cocoa** was adopted by Teri and Jeff of Sun City under our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program.

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 January 16, 2020 through April 5th, 2020. All adoptions finalized after April 5th will be in the next issue.



19-066 Odin is one of the "Great Eight" dogs we brought to Arizona from China in October 2019. Even when we were at the hotel with the dogs the night the dogs arrived, we noticed something unusual with Odin's eyes. Once in Arizona, we had his eyes checked by Dr. Joanna Norman at **Eye Care for Animals** in Goodyear. She discovered that **Odin** has macular degeneration and predicted

he would go totally blind within a year. We initially placed **Odin** with a couple in Buckeye, but when they learned he is going blind, they had to relinquish him – even though they loved him, they travel in an RV for part of the year and knew that living in such a conveyance and having to negotiate the stairs would present a danger to a blind dog. So, we rehomed **Odin** with Sharla and David in Sun City. They adopted a blind-from-birth dog, **Keller**, from **AGR** eight years ago, so we knew their one-level home was safe for such a dog. **Odin** has actually been an easier dog to handle than **Keller** was because at least **Odin** has been able to learn the home layout while still with sight. Plus, **Odin** has the advantage of being adopted by a family that already knows how to manage a blind dog – they had to learn with **Keller**. In addition to the eye issues, **Odin** had to be treated for roundworms, ear infections and allergies. He had an odd gait so we had his hips and joints evaluated, but he was found not to have any orthopedic issues. At first, **Odin** had a defensive reaction to **Keller** and did not want to interact with **Bo**, the other Golden resident in the household. However, within a short time all three dogs were getting along. He has been renamed **Sully**, a male version of the name Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's teacher.

19-068 Willie, about 2 ½ years old, is another one of our international rescues from Harbin, China. He arrived in the US on October 14, 2019, along with seven other Golden Retrievers. **Willie** was rescued off the same meat truck as **Rose** and **Iris**, but he was not thought to be related to the girls, who are most likely sisters. **Willie** spent about a month in the overcrowded Harbin Shelter before

being moved to a medical facility where he was diagnosed with malnutrition and dehydration. He had an ear infection and a mild respiratory infection, which were treated and cleared up. He spent some time in a foster facility where he received daily interaction with the volunteers. He plays well with other dogs, is very social with people and walks well on a leash, but he was not evaluated with children or cats. He was observed to be very inquisitive about everything and everyone. Once here, he was given some booster vaccines. From a fecal analysis, we discovered he had both hookworms and Giardia. These intestinal parasites are sometimes difficult to eradicate, and in **Willie's** case, it took four months of medication and regular fecal testing. He just had one more fecal test – he still has hookworms, so more meds are needed. **Willie** was adopted by Lauren and Daniel and their two sons in Glendale; they have since been joined by a baby girl. **Willie** loves the entire family and they adore him. The day before the baby was born, Lauren wrote: *Thank you! Willie and I are so connected! He would not leave my side ALL weekend and wouldn't even eat his food this morning as we left for the hospital – he definitely sensed something. Sure do love that dog and the placement was so meant*



to be! Happy new life in Arizona, **Willie!**



19-069 Robbie, about 1½ years old, was also among the eight Golden Retrievers we rescued from Harbin, China in October 2019. We think he might have been a stray for a lot longer than some of the other dogs in the group, as he had some serious behavior issues, all of which probably developed because he had to defend himself and whatever food he could scrounge in order to survive.

While we were at the hotel in Los Angeles, we discovered he was not good with other male dogs, as he would lunge and try to attack if he got anywhere close to one of them. He seemed to ignore the females in the group, so he was placed in a home with a female dog. Things were fine until she found a toy he wanted. Being the bully-boy he was, he attacked her. Fortunately, he didn't damage her. We moved him to a second foster that did not have another dog. He proved to be unmanageable for them and actually went after the female human one night – didn't hurt her, but sure scared her. So, we moved him to **Partners Dog Training School**, where he spent four weeks in their intensive training camp learning basic obedience and socialization skills. They also worked to tone down his aggressive tendencies regarding food and other dogs. A young couple who had never trained a dog applied to adopt him. We made it clear to them that we would not finalize his adoption to them until they got themselves trained to manage him by attending eight follow-up classes we paid for as part of his Training Camp fee. They agreed, so **Robbie** was allowed to go home with Gabby and Ricoh in Scottsdale. They were very diligent about bringing **Robbie** to the follow-up lessons and practicing with him in between visits to **Partners**. All **Robbie** needed was to be convinced that they are "the boss". Both Gabby and Ricoh handle him well now, and he has proven himself to be a wonderful companion for them. **Robbie** needed very little vet work here, but he had to have the rabies vaccine again because Maricopa County would not accept as effective the vaccine given in China. **Robbie** also has had to have some treatment for allergies that developed after his arrival here. He is a strong, young dog and needed a home where he could get lots of exercise. **Robbie** is getting it now, as he runs with Ricoh every day up to 10 miles! Gabby regularly sends photos of **Robbie** to Joni Cipollone, our Placement Team member who placed **Robbie**. He is one happy dog now!



Baby Brody

19-075 Brody, now called **Valor**, was surrendered to us in November 2019 when he was only ten weeks old. His owner had developed severe allergies and could not keep him. He looks like a purebred English Crème Golden, but according to his breeder there is some Labrador (18%) on his mother's side, so we consider him a mix. Since **Brody** was a puppy, he needed everything a

puppy gets: DHPP vaccines, leptospirosis vaccines, bordatella and rabies vaccines. When he is old enough to be neutered, **AGR** will cover the cost. After he was placed with Rebecca and Dustin in Phoenix, he had to be treated for Giardia and a urinary tract infection, but both have cleared up. Pack behavior usually changes when a new dog arrives. Rebecca and Dustin already had a young male, **Indy**, and an older female, **Sadie**, who got along well. When **Brody** arrived, **Indy** declared himself to be the boss and started displaying some dominance behaviors not only with **Brody** but also with **Sadie**. **AGR's** wonderful behaviorist, Sharon McKenzie, has worked with the family to help **Brody**, renamed **Valor**, become integrated into the pack.



It is hard to see any Labrador in Valor!



19-076 Sandy, about 1½ years old, came from China in December. She was a breeder dog that Eva Dudas, the manager of the Harbin rescue facility, was able to buy directly from a slaughterhouse breeder who was closing down. **Sandy** did not spend any time in the overcrowded shelter. She is a lighter golden color. Eva has had her for about six weeks at a boarding facility. She is well socialized and playful. Like **Robbie**, **Sandy** has developed allergies to something here in Arizona. She is being treated with Apoquel and was given an adoption addendum for three months of continued medication. **Sandy** was getting car sick every time she was taken to the vet. She also was a food-grabber and was horning in on the resident dog's food because he is a slower eater. Sharon McKenzie did a behavior visit and left the adopter with many suggestions for modifying some undesirable behaviors like this. Everything seems to have worked out now, and **Sandy** is enjoying her new life in Arizona with Ted in Scottsdale.



19-077 Daisy, now called **Lola**, was our other China rescue in December. **Daisy** is about six. She was a breeder dog sold to the meat traders and purchased by the shelter on her way to the slaughterhouse. Eva pulled her from the shelter after she had been there about two months. She was malnourished and dehydrated. She had developed a skin infection from scrapes that had become infected at the shelter, on the meat truck or in her crate as a breeder dog. Eva got her the medical treatment needed; she stayed at a Medical care/ boarding facility for several months.

We almost got her as part of our "Great Eight" group, but Eva wanted to make sure **Daisy's** skin was 100% healed before she was spayed. She became a real favorite of the staff and is very well socialized with adults and other dogs. She was placed with Lisa and Jacob in Tempe. After only a week, Lisa sent us an update: ***Lola** is doing amazing! I think she might have put on some weight already, her ribs are not so pronounced. She's eating great and has a vet appointment tomorrow so we'll see how she's doing. She still has a bit of a limp on her back left leg, but has been doing wonderful on walks and getting used to her leash and learning not to run into the street. She and the other dogs are setting some boundaries with each other, a few grumbles here and there and one little tiff between the girls, but mostly they are coexisting with each other pretty calmly. We brought her to breakfast on the patio with us this morning and she's fantastic – so great with meeting new people and just the sweetest pup. We are so blessed to have her with us and can't wait to see how she continues to grow!* Lisa and Jacob had noticed some intermittent limping which deteriorated into **Lola** not wanting to put any weight on her one rear leg. We had her evaluated at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale. They determined she had a chronic cruciate ligament tear and needed a TPLO. **Lola** also exhibited some vaginal bleeding, which, it turns out, was due to an incomplete spay in China. Dr. Jha at **AMSC** performed an arthroscopic spay to remove the ovaries, which had been left in. Dr. Jha also discovered a rather large mass, which was attached to several organs. He removed as much as he could, fearing that the mass might be a sarcoma. However, a biopsy showed this mass to be a canine transmissible venereal tumor, a curable condition. So we started her on vincristine injections, one a week for five weeks, which took care of what Dr. Jha could not remove of the tumor. After the vincristine treatments were finished, **Lola** finally had her TPLO surgery in early April. She is now getting physical therapy and walking up to ¼ mile a day.

19-081 Riley (left in photo) and **19-082 Cassie**, twelve-and-a-half years old and twelve-years old, respectively, are sisters who have the same



mother but different fathers. They have lived together their entire lives and are extremely bonded. They are so bonded that they are always within sight of one another and when they sleep – they lie so that they can touch one another. Being 5 months older, Big Sister **Riley** watches out for **Cassie**; if **Cassie** is ever hesitant about anything, **Riley** will comfort **Cassie** by licking her face, as if she is reassuring **Cassie** that everything is okay. Both girls love people and will sit for hours if someone will pet them. Originally surrendered to **AGR** in 2016 and placed in a loving home, their

adopter suddenly passed away in December 2019. The girls were returned to **AGR** because the owner's family lived out of state and could not keep them. Sharon in Sun Lakes, one of **AGR's** fosters, transported them to her home to keep until both **Riley** and **Cassie** could recuperate from surgery to remove large masses and to give Placement time to find a new forever home for the girls. Thankfully the masses were only fatty tumors, but Placement faced a difficult challenge finding a home for two almost-13-year-old bonded Golden Retrievers. Sharon felt that when her **AGR** dog **Honey** went to the Bridge she would never be able to love a dog like her Heart Dog, **Honey**. Sharon found that being a foster was how she could best help **AGR**. However when **Riley** and **Cassie** came along after 23 other fosters, they won Sharon's heart. ***Riley** and **Cassie** have sugar faces so reminiscent of **Honey** that the three could have been sisters. It seemed it was meant to be for them to remain with me, and they have become my shadow.* After several months with Sharon, Deb approached her about adopting the girls. Sharon knew in her heart it would be as traumatic for her as it would be for **Riley** and **Cassie** for them to be moved, so now **Riley** and **Cassie** officially have a forever home with "Mama Sharon." Due to the care they continue to need, the fact that they are very bonded and could not be separated, and also because of their age, we adopted the girls to Sharon under our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program.



The sisters are always close to each other



19-083 Bowie is a handsome 2-year-old red Golden whose seizures were uncontrolled when he was surrendered by an owner who worked long hours and did not have the time to take care of his needs. **Bowie** was picked up and temporarily fostered by Carol in Flagstaff. One day he had 16 seizures, so we quickly made an appointment for a work-up at Vet Neuro in Phoenix. They recommended

blood tests and an MRI to see if there was a specific reason for the seizures, but found no identifiable cause, so he was diagnosed with idiopathic epilepsy. They prescribed potassium bromide in addition to the phenobarbital that he was taking. Since he needed a foster who was relatively close to Vet Neuro and who was home most of the time, Connie and Nick offered to bring him to their home in Glendale.

It was a rough few weeks for **Bowie**. He was incontinent for a day or so and very woozy while adjusting to his new meds. He paced; he barked continually and frantically; he would get aggressive and nippy with the other dogs and with people, too; he chewed on everything in sight. Over the next few months, with the help of a vibration bark collar, some trazadone and lots of patience and

lots more exercise, **Bowie** slowly adjusted to normalcy. He began to accept being left alone in a play yard, with the help of lots of toys and bones, when no one was home and at night for sleeping.

During this time, **Bowie** had several checkups with the neuro vet, who said he would be considered under control if he had only one seizure every three months. We wanted to keep him on medical hold during that time so as to not stress him out with any more changes, to be sure he got the meds he needed on time, and also to work on some behavior modification. When it was clear that he was under control after four months of no seizures, **Bowie** was ready to go to his forever home.

Connie says, "*When **Bowie** first arrived, he was quite a challenge. It was never our intention to adopt this big, silly boy. He was such a handful and difficult to control, but somehow endearing at the same time. His energy level and lack of social graces were pretty intimidating to all of us, even **Riley** – she has finally met her match! But over the four months that we fostered him, he really grew on us all, especially **Riley**. They are now buddies and he has found a real place in all of our hearts. I think **Jackson** is grateful to have **Bowie** here too, as it gives him a little rest from **Riley**. **Bowie** has finally learned some manners and made wonderful progress in behavior. He now has the run of the house, even when we are not home. We still have to put away the remote control when we are gone, but that is the only thing he will disturb. And **Sierra** has even learned to like him! That is a huge deal, because she really hated him at first. We were proud of his progress and thought that we were ready to give him up, but then suddenly realized that he definitely belonged right here to complete the pack.*



19-086 Tinsley, now known as **Summer**, was only 16 weeks old when she was surrendered to **AGR** in December 2019. She had a sensitive digestive system with frequent diarrhea and her owner could not continue to try to get her straightened out. We had all the puppy vaccines given, a fecal analysis done, which was negative for parasites, and our vet started

her on Hills ID food. It took a while to transition her to the new food, but once on it she seemed to be doing much better. Upon finalization, we issued an addendum for a spay when the dog is a year old and for continued fecal issues, if necessary. Robyn and Jed in Chandler are now enjoying watching their puppy grow up. Robyn said: *Unfortunately, we had to put down a puppy after only 3 weeks of loving her due to distemper and parvo. It took us a while emotionally and the yard to be safe for another puppy to become part of our family. **Summer** came into our lives at the perfect time. She was the best Christmas present! She is a sweet pup and has been a fabulous addition to our family! Our older Golden, **Aspen**, has enjoyed her new playmate. We are very thankful*

*for Arizona Golden Rescue for allowing us to adopt **Summer**. We wish a happy life for all of you!*



20-001 Oakley, renamed **Cooper**, was only three months old when he was surrendered to **AGR**. This young Golden mix was adopted from **MCACC** as a Christmas present by the boyfriend of the owner. However, the owner was going back to college and could not take the dog. Placement found

a home quickly with Lisa and Ray in Mesa, who had been wanting a companion for their resident dog, **Tess**. The Shelter had given **Oakley** all his vaccines and had already neutered him, so the only vet work we had to do was the leptospirosis vaccines. It had been years since the family had had a puppy, so **AGR's** behaviorist, Sharon McKenzie, was contacted to do a consult on puppy behavior modification. Lisa related: ***Cooper** has completed our family. He's smart and loving, sometimes tenacious, yet always forgiving. He's learning to be more respectful of **Tess** and she's learning to be more patient. Together, they are our golden dream. **Cooper** has NO problem in vocalizing his opinion as to whether or not he should have everything he shouldn't and makes sure we know he's talking to us. **Tess** is playing it cool and when we're watching, acts as if he's just "OK" to have around. But, we can tell that she would be miserable without him, as they run around in the yard together and she lets him pull on her tail without much complaint. We know, in time, she will come to love him as much as we do. We can't possibly thank you enough for fulfilling our dream. Sharon is amazing with training us, and we still have so much to learn from her. She has become our friend, as well as our sounding board. I just can't say enough wonderful things about her and her gift of dog knowledge. She truly is a treasure. Our journey with **Cooper** is just beginning but I know we will have many years of wonder and excitement with him. In turn, he will forever be loved and cared for, respected and treasured for who he is. Thank you ALL at Arizona Golden Rescue for making our dreams come true.*



20-002 Sage, now called **Doug**, is a return-to-Rescue. His adopter had to move into assisted living and could not take him. **Sage** has allergies, for which he was given Apoquel, but he was otherwise in fairly good health except for his teeth. After a few days with Placement Team member Joni, **Sage** was transported to his new mom, Pat, in Surprise. Pat had fallen in love with this gentle boy just by seeing a photo of him

and couldn't wait until he was her constant companion. Pat sent us a message from **Doug**: *I am 10 years old. My former names were **Fluffy** and **Sage**, but my forever mom thought I looked like that*

handsome dog in the movie "UP" so that's who I am! I love being in my forever home because I get to go on walks where the neighbors love me, and I get to go on car rides (my favorite); I am petted and kissed ALL the time. I never get too far from my mom... she calls me her Velcro boy and she laughs and pets me. I had 18 teeth pulled a month ago. **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital** staff were so kind and gentle with me. My mom is very grateful for all the help, both medically and emotionally, that **Arizona Golden Rescue** has given us. Thank you for rescuing me and my mom.



20-003 Hunny is a beautiful, energetic, 3-year-old red female Golden whose owners were overwhelmed with working long hours and an 8-month-old baby. **Hunny** was neither spayed nor up to date on her vaccinations. At **Academy West Animal Hospital**, we had all the standard tests done as well as vaccines, and she has been given Cytopoint injections for allergies. When her spay was

begun, **Hunny** had a bad reaction to the sedative, so they stopped the procedure. We transferred her to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** where the spay was completed successfully, although she had a localized reaction to the stitches in her incision. She was placed with Alexa and Joey in Tempe. Since **Hunny's** high energy was a concern, **AGR's** behaviorist, Sharon McKenzie, was called in for a house visit. Sharon reported: *Alexa said **Hunny** has made a lot of progress in just about two weeks, and Joey fell in love with **Hunny** very quickly. They see her potential and I can see how responsive **Hunny** is with both of them. Alexa works with autistic children, so as I was explaining certain ways to be with dogs or how to interact, she was really getting it and never thought about applying the way she deals with some children, the same way with dogs, a lot less emotion and more matter of fact. They feel very encouraged and love **Hunny**.* Further professional help with training could benefit all of them, so **AGR** provided an addendum for reimbursement of the fee if Alexa and Joey complete an entire 8-week obedience class series.

20-004 Madden is a 10½-year-old quite overweight but handsome Golden boy. The owner got divorced and moved in with her sister, but sister got evicted, so the owner had to move in with her mother who lives in a community that doesn't allow dogs. **Madden** had to be rescued. At **Academy West Animal Hospital**, his vaccinations were updated, he was tested for heartworm and valley fever (both negative) and he was neutered. He was placed with Rhonda and Lorenzo and their two smaller mixed-breed dogs in Avondale. Rhonda reported: *We are so thrilled! **Madden** has made himself at home and the girls are*



accepting him. They won't play with him but don't mind if he plays by himself. He loves toys! **Matilda** snaps when he gets in her face, but he is respectful. Everything is working out very well. Happy new life, **Madden**!

20-006 Ellie was not quite two years old when she came into Rescue. She is a sweet but anxious black Golden-doodle. When left alone, she would bark at anything and everything and the neighbors were complaining, so the homeowner's association said the dog had to go elsewhere. The owner had taken good care of **Ellie** – she was spayed, up to date on her vaccinations and was already microchipped. She only needed the leptospirosis vaccines and treatment for allergies. **Ellie** was placed with Sarina and Jeromy and their three children in Cave Creek. **Ellie** will have a terrific, active life now. Sarina said that she has completed the family and they are all very, very happy with her.



20-007 Bling, now **Honey**, is a lovely but overweight almost-9-year-old lady. Her original family had a baby who developed severe allergies to dog dander, so they kept **Bling** outside. After spending a few days with fosters Joni and Woody, **Bling** was placed with Denise and her pack in Sun City. **Bling** was given vaccine

updates and tested for heartworm and valley fever. We weren't surprised when her VF titer came back 1:32, so she was started on fluconazole. The vet found a lump that turned out to be a mast cell tumor, so we had it removed. Luckily, the vet was able to get clean margins, so the surgery was curative. Denise wrote: *In our family, **Honey** has three canine and four feline friends that keep her company. At first, there was a little attention spat between her and **Jake**, but things have now worked out. **Honey** follows me around the house and lies by me at the kitchen table, sometimes nudging me under the arm for attention. She has lost 14 lbs! Taking a daily walk with her canine friend, **Bailey**, has helped trim down her waistline, along with the green bean diet that was recommended. Dieting has caused her to find new ways to obtain food though. One evening I had some friends over for dinner. **Honey** casually sat down by one of my friends. Her nose was up in the air smelling the food on the table. Next thing we knew, she slyly grabbed the tip of the placemat and started pulling it towards herself, hoping to get a nibble of food! It was quite hilarious! Dieting can be tough! Everyone in the family has accepted **Honey** with love and kisses. She is a sweetheart, and a wonderful addition to our family! We are so glad that **Honey** has a great new home now where she can live inside and be part of a pack.*

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



09-030 Fresno-Guilbault



11-009 Kasey Beard-Konishi



11-018 Cheyenne Davis



11-060 Watson Peapenburg



12-071 Nana Brown-Cho



13-071 Riley Lawson



15-043 Kory Carson



18-035 Allie Zaner-Garcia



18-047 Maxwell Stevey



18-068 Gordon Hughes-Snodgrass



16-080 Sandy Moore



19-032 Monty Chenoweth



19-050 Wylie Nealeigh

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.

20-009 Hershey McCabe / Dodson



20-010 Cocoa Guilbault

Artie Borho



Rocki Fetherston

Maximus Korpalski



Bubba Raught

Koso Tigges



and

AGR member Bob Youhas

Spring Training ~ Not the Baseball Kind!

By Deb Orwig

Spring is the ideal time to get outside with your dog and do some training, especially now with the shelter-in-place decree. You can still train in your back yard, on your driveway or on the sidewalk in front of your home. Even old dogs can learn new tricks, i.e. basic obedience.

Many times when **AGR** is at a public event, I have explained to people interested in possibly adopting a dog that **AGR** pays for all the dog's medical needs, at least until the dog is adopted. Sometimes we even issue a Health Addendum that will cover medical expenses after adoption finalization. For example, following adoption we usually pay for valley fever medication and testing for 3-4 months. We will also pay for spays or neuters for puppies when they reach an appropriate age. I will sometimes mention that, in cases of extreme need, we will cover the expense of behavior modification training.

We always encourage adopters to take their new canine companion through a basic obedience class. Such a class will provide, if nothing else, a brush-up on training techniques for the human and socialization opportunities for the dog. It will also help the adopter and dog to bond with each other, the dog learning that the human is the "leader of the pack."

We evaluate behavior needs of rescues on a case-by-case basis. **AGR's** Behavior Consultant, Sharon McKenzie, is really excellent at behavior analysis and is always willing to provide tips and strategies for modifying unwanted behaviors. If the families listen to and implement Sharon's advice, they will almost always be successful in training their new dog.

Depending on the severity of the dog's misbehavior, we may decide the dog needs professional intervention that the adopter cannot get on their own, due either to financial reasons, work schedule or physical constraints. In such cases, we have paid for a trainer to go to an adopter's home. If there are more extreme behaviors that need to be eliminated, then we will pay to send a dog to an in-facility training program such as those available at **Partners Dog Training School** or **Master's Kennels Dog University**.

I have been training Golden Retrievers for over 40 years. My first experience with going through basic obedience got me hooked on it. In 1978, Larry and I got two Golden Retrievers. When they were six months old, we started basic obedience classes. Fortunately, the instructor was a "show dog person" and a strict disciplinarian; she insisted that class participants *do it correctly*. Her motto was *practice makes permanent*. She taught the class with the goal of every dog eventually obtaining a *Companion Dog* title from the **American**

Kennel Club. Such a title requires the completion of a basic obedience routine with a score of at least 170 out of 200 from three different judges in three different **AKC**-sanctioned dog shows. With one exception, our dogs both scored in the 194-196/200 range. The exception was that in his second obedience trial, one of the dogs turned 90° on the group long down and tried to sniff his neighbor dog. He got booted out of the lineup and had to get his third "leg" at a fourth show.

Despite our success with these first two Golden Retrievers, I have taken every subsequent Golden member of our family through a basic obedience class. Why do I go to classes? Yes, I already know the commands and how to teach them to the dog. But, I learn something a little different from every instructor. Plus, the dog gets socialization opportunities (i.e., *opportunities for corrections for undesirable behaviors relating to other dogs or to people he/she does not get at home or even at AGR events*). Besides, obedience training class is fun!

Partners is far and away my training facility of choice, perhaps because I have trained ten of my own dogs there, and also because it is close enough for me to go there (½-hour drive) to observe the progress of **AGR** dogs we leave there. In addition, the instructors are top-notch. In their 3-week in-house Training Camp, the dogs get three daily hour-long intensive training sessions. In 2019, **AGR** sent **19-069 Robbie** there. Larry and I recently finished Level One obedience with **Dallas** in a group class.



Dallas at obedience class graduation

In addition to needing basic obedience lessons, **Robbie** had some undesirable resource-guarding behavior and was reactive to other dogs. **Robbie**, like other **AGR** dogs who were trained at **Partners** (**Rusty, Cocobean, Zoey** and **Bibi** come to mind) got excellent training there. When **AGR** pays for a dog's intensive training at **Partners**, as a condition of adoption finalization we require the adopter of the dog to complete the eight weekly follow-up lessons that are included with the training fee. The main purpose of this condition is, of course, for the adopter to learn the commands and techniques taught to the dog by the **Partners** instructors, so that the training will be reinforced away from the facility.

What Your Dog Should Learn in Basic Obedience

The basic obedience commands a dog should know to be considered a well-behaved companion are *heel, sit, down, stay* and *come*.

Heeling properly on leash is a must for your dog. This means the dog should be walking with a loose lead immediately by your side with the dog's ears in line with your knee, not surging ahead (pulling) or lagging behind, not stopping unless you stop, stopping (and preferably sitting) when you do stop, and not visiting/sniff-



12-100 Rusty heeling nicely on loose lead with trainer

ing every bush, lawn or fire hydrant along the walk. Such walking behavior is not hard to teach. Although I was successful in training one of my dogs to heel with just a buckle collar (**Troy**), I needed to use a corrective collar such as a Martingale or chain choke collar with every other dog. For the training to work, the dog's attention necessarily has to be on you, the handler, not on every distraction in the environment. It's good to train in distracting places. It's also wise to vary your walking routine so that

your dog doesn't get bored.

To teach attention-to-the-handler, I have learned to look at the dog and use the word *watch*, then point to my nose as I say the word. With **Vin**, for a while I even had to use a treat pinched between my fingers, then give him the treat after saying "Yes!" followed by "good boy" when he looked at me. You can use any word you want (e.g., *focus*, *attention*, *look*), but say the dog's name then say the word firmly at the same time leading the dog to look up at you by bringing the treat up from the dog's nose toward your nose. The goal is to have your dog's attention riveted on you all the time, not looking around at everything else.

When you start walking, lead off with your left foot (right foot if you're training the dog to walk on your right side). This "body language" will help the dog know that you will be moving and want the dog to move, too. If you want the dog to stay in either a sit or down position, lead off with your right foot when you walk away from the dog after giving the command.



17-035 Cocobean's adopter practicing left turns by pivoting quickly and bumping him out of the way

Practice left turns, right turns, about turns and figure 8 turns; go into the turn with your left foot. Use starts and stops at random. If your dog's attention is on you as it should be, s/he will readily follow where you lead.

To teach *sit*, say the command then with your right hand pull up slightly on the leash and push down on or tap the dog's behind with your left. Issue only one command. If the dog does not do it the



17-065 Zoey (left) and 19-069 Robbie (right) with excellent focus on trainer while heeling and then sitting when trainer stopped walking



Teaching "sit"

first time you give the command, make the dog do it when you say it again. The dog should learn that *sit* is not just a command but a position s/he needs to assume – the position is butt on the floor, front legs upright. If the dog is heeling and the handler stops, the dog should sit. If the dog is in a down position, s/he should get into the *sit* position when given the command *sit*. Using a hand signal at the same time can help the dog come into a *sit* from a *down*. The hand signal starts with your arm at your side, palm facing up, then raise your forearm to waist height in front of the dog's face. Having a treat in your hand might help the dog learn. Have the dog practice *sit-down-sit-down-sit-down-sit*. This action is known as "doggy pushups."

To teach the dog to go down on command use only one command; if the dog does not go down, enforce the command by placing the dog in the position. To teach *down*, issue the command, then grasp the leash near the clip and pull down so that the dog's chin is on the ground and hold it there until the butt follows down. Or, reduce the slack in the lead and step on the loop of the leash with your left foot, holding the leash on the ground with your foot until the dog settles its whole body in the down position. Praise when the dog complies!

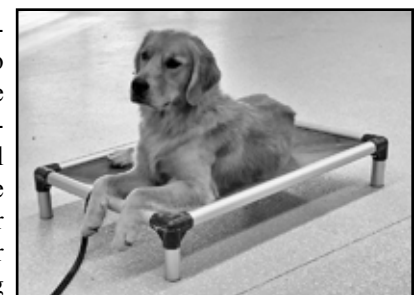


Rusty complying with "down" command

There are actually two hand signals that are commonly used for *down*. If the dog is sitting or walking with you, point to the ground and say *down*. If you want the dog to go down when you are calling him from a distance (referred to as "down on recall"), raise up your entire right arm abruptly. If the dog is quite a distance from you, this signal is easier for the dog to see than a point to the ground. Teaching your dog this hand signal could save its life. Suppose the dog wanders across the street and turns to come to you when he sees you. Uh oh, a car is coming! Yell *down* and raise your right arm. Hopefully, the dog will drop immediately and stay there until the car passes!

The command *down* means *lie down on the floor/ground*. Do not use the command *down* when you mean off or get off. Use *off* instead, and make the dog get off whatever you do not want him on (furniture, a countertop, a person).

Stay, and the similar command *place*, (i.e. "go to your place", which can be a mat, a bed, or just a corner of a room) are essential for a dog to learn. Issue one command. Whether the dog is in a sit-stay or a down-stay, if the dog breaks and gets up, put the



19-069 Robbie learning "place" command

dog into the position again with a firm *stay!* Eventually the dog will know that you mean it and that you will not allow wandering unless you release it from the stay with *OK* or *free*. To begin teaching the *stay* command, put the dog in a sit or a down, say *stay*, bring your hand, palm open, towards the dog's face and, leading with your right foot swivel in front of the dog, toes to paws. If the dog breaks, put the dog in the position again, give the hand signal, say *stay*, then try moving again. Gradually move back until you are at the end of the leash six feet from the dog without the dog breaking. Once you have accomplished this, try walking counterclockwise around the back of the dog to the heel position. Praise if the dog has not moved. Then, in an enclosed area like your back yard, drop the leash before you leave the dog and walk 10-20 feet away; you might even tempt the dog by jogging around the yard. If your dog does not break, then she has really learned what *stay* means!

Come may be the most important basic command for your dog to learn. The dog's life may depend on knowing and complying with this command immediately after you give it. Caution: during the training of *come*, never issue a command you cannot enforce. In other words, do not say *come* unless the dog is on leash, at least until compliance with the command is perfect. Start with the dog at your side in a sit or down position. Tell the dog to *stay*, then



Rusty sitting nicely in front of trainer after hearing "come" command

leading off with your right foot, walk to the end of the leash. Turn and face the dog, then call the dog to you: [*Dog's name*], *come!* Put as much happiness and enthusiasm into your voice as possible! Just a step or two before the dog barrels into you, say *sit!* and maybe you won't get knocked over! The goal is for the dog to come quickly from a distance and sit in front of you. If the dog visits the bushes or anything else on the way to you, correct the behavior with the leash. Once your dog reliably comes to you when on leash from six feet away, get a longer leash and use that for training of this command. Long lines from 10 to 200 feet are available from **Ryan's Pet Supplies** (ryanspet.com) in Phoenix or you can order one from amazon.com.

The hand signal for *come*: with your dog in a sit or down facing you, raise your right arm directly out to the side then sweep your arm in towards your chest. The arm motion needs to be done quickly and precisely.



Once your dog has learned the five basic obedience commands, you can go further with obedience training, agility and trick training. There are books and websites devoted to the subject of training, but it is my opinion that there is no substitute for taking your dog through classes where you and the dog can both learn from the example of the class instructor and others taking the class.

Teaching the "Leave It" Command

Another command besides *come* that could save your dog's life is *leave it*. There are innumerable things out in the world that could be harmful to your dog like toxic plants, poisonous snakes, chemicals (one of the worst that dogs are especially attracted to is antifreeze), bones from dead animals, etc.; other things are just gross, like animal feces or road kill. When we walk in parades, especially the *Parada Del Sol* where there are many horse groups, we caution our volunteers to watch out for "turf tacos" or "street hors d'oeuvres" and keep their dogs from feasting. It is easy if the dog knows the *leave it* command!

Start by teaching this command indoors. Put something on the floor that you do not want the dog to have like an item of your clothing, a toy or, even more tempting, a piece of food. Be sure to have the dog on leash. If the dog approaches the item, give the leash a jerk-and-release and say with a very firm tone of voice, *leave it!* Test the dog with many different items – repeat, repeat, repeat. Set up an obstacle course with some new toys that the dog will want to investigate. Lead the dog through and around the objects, saying *leave it* if the dog reaches down toward one of the toys. Praise, praise, praise, especially if the dog makes it through the obstacles without trying to pick up one of them. You might even provide a high-value reward like a small piece of cheese or hot dog.

Set your dog up for success, not for failure. Be sure the dog understands the *leave it* command before you try training outdoors. There are so many distracting scents and odors outside that you do not want to try using *leave it* when outside until you are fairly confident your dog knows the meaning of the command.

A couple of **AGR** rescues have had to have stomach surgery because they were never taught the "leave it" command and ate an item of clothing or something else they should not have. Do yourself and your dog a favor by teaching this command.

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A final note on basic obedience training... I just received a message from **Partners** that they plan to offer such training online. I'm not quite sure how they will be doing this, perhaps with videos you can watch (for a fee, of course). An online program you can access over and over may be an acceptable alternative to in-a-class instruction, especially right now with the "Stay Home, Be Safe" order in effect. So, if you're interested, go to [www.partners-dogs.com](http://www.partners-dogs.com) or call them at 480-595-6700. Oh, and by the way, they also offer snake avoidance training.



HERE and THERE

Events from January 1 through March 31, 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.



PACC911 at Anthem

By Deb Orwig



The PACC911 Adopt-a-thon at Anthem Community Park on January 25, 2020 was the only PACC911 event we have attended so far this year. They co-sponsored one with PetSmart in Chandler on February 29th, but we could not comply with the restrictions – adoptable pets only (we do not do on-the-spot adoptions) and the fact that we could not sell any merchandise, not even our handmade items – so we did not participate. The third PACC911 event, which was supposed to be held in Fountain Hills Community Park on March 22nd, was postponed due to predicted rain (it poured all day), but the new date, March 29th, was cancelled (along with every other public event in March and April) because of the coronavirus outbreak. Since we registered to participate in the Fountain Hills event, we will get credit for attending even though it was cancelled. It is important for us to attend at least two PACC911 Adopt-a-thons during the year, because our participation allows us to receive grants from their Emergency Medical Fund to help with the extraordinary veterinary costs of some of our rescues.

The PACC911 Adopt-a-thons are usually very nice events for AGR. The booth spaces are free to rescue groups, and PACC911 does a good deal of publicity. Here is the flyer they produced for the Anthem event; they also do radio and TV publicity. There are always PACC911 volunteers on site to help with set-up and break-



Carolyn Brown, Patrick Doyle, Trishia Murphy and Lauren Shapiro in booth

down, food trucks available for purchasing goodies, some vendors of pet-related products, and a raffle to benefit PACC911 (and to offset the cost of producing the event). As always at the Anthem Adopt-a-thon, Brittany Rescue had a lure course set up as a fundraiser – it is always a popular activity. Although I did not see her, I was told that Chris Spiel brought her dogs Jack and

Nash all the way from Goodyear just so they could run the lure course!



Patrick Doyle with Joey and Cody

It was a beautiful-weather day, so there was a huge crowd of people wanting to see all the pets, fifty-five of whom went home with adopters that day. We had our merchandise for sale and did very well. In addition to collecting \$82 in donations (not an unusually small amount when so many rescue groups attend – people like to spread their money around to help as many as possible), we sold lots of pot holders, microwave bowl cozy sets and two single large cozies, oven mitts, small purses, toys, bandannas and collar covers plus one calendar for a total sale income of \$696!



Shoppers looking at gorgeous purses made by Connie Wozniak – each bought one



Andrea and Ella Williams with Loki



Andrea and Jillian Decker with Diego

We passed out quite a few brochures. I talked for 20 minutes with a lady who was interested in adopting a balance-assistance dog. I told her how to go about the adoption process, but we could not guarantee that any rescued dog would be trainable for balance assistance. We had enough help for set-up, thanks to Fred Prose joining Carolyn and Peter Brown, Trishia Murphy, Patrick Doyle and me. Carolyn and Trishia set up the merchandise display, and it looked great! Lauren Shapiro came to help from 10 AM - 1 PM, and



Sue and Keith Akenhead with Happi



Vin Orwig in favorite spot – on someone’s lap

Kathi and Bob Youhas were there most of the day in addition to the Browns, Patrick Doyle and Trishia Murphy. I would like to have had more dogs with us, but the ones we had were quite popular with the crowd: **Cody and Joey Brown** and **Vin Orwig** were there all day. In the afternoon, **Happi** came with Sue and Keith Akenhead, **Diego** with Andrea and Jillian Decker, and **Loki** with Andrea and Ella Williams. My thanks to Trishia for handling **Vin** while I left to attend Michelle Meyer’s memorial service. Thanks to the Akenheads, the Browns, Patrick, Trishia and the Youhases for staying to help me pack up. All in all, a great day!



Cody Brown loves kids!



Peter Brown talking about Joey to little girl



Parada Del Sol and Trail’s End

By April Crow



Deb Orwig, Trishia Murphy and Peter Brown setting up

On Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, we participated in the 67<sup>th</sup> annual *Parada Del Sol and Trail’s End Festival*. As I have said before, this is one of my favorite days of the entire year! It was a gorgeous day, and this year we had 29 walkers and 28



Carolyn Brown with Joey and Cody



Debbie Ball with Dillon and Shelby and Dean Mortimore with Lola and Mary Kate stayed in the booth; the dogs collected a lot of donations while waiting for the parade walkers to return



dogs – a great turn out for this super-busy time of year. We were number 35 in the line-up, so we didn’t have to wait too long before we



Patrick Doyle always comes to help however needed

stepped off. During this time, everyone got to pick out festive heart-theme bandanas made by Deb Orwig and meet new people. Connie McCabe went around and took fantastic pictures of everyone attending from *Arizona Golden Rescue*. She is, hands down, the best photographer around!



Kathi Youhas and Sheila Joyce in booth with Connie McCabe taking photos

Thank you to every single person that made this day a great success. If it weren’t



for the walkers, set-up crew, booth helpers, dogs collecting donations and tear-down crew, we would not have been able to participate in this awesome event. We are a crowd favorite, and the event organizers look forward to seeing us there every year – so, thank you for making this possible next year





Connie Wozniak helped set up the merchandise, much of which she had made, but then she had to give treats to an attentive audience

sible. While most of the group was waiting in the staging area and participating in the parade, there were several awesome volunteers that stayed at the booth to handle everything. They had several visitors stopping by to love on the dogs that were at our booth. We also appreciate everyone that stayed at the booth after the parade to help visit with people and collect donations, as well as the tear down crew after a busy



Connie McCabe with Jackson; Connie tried to get photos of everyone before the parade started but missed some as they arrived late

day. It costs us only \$75 to participate in the parade and there is no charge for our booth at Trail's End, so this great day ends up bringing in a decent amount of money for AGR. We raised a total of \$2,609.60: \$1,109 in donations collected by the dogs in their donation vests and \$1,500.60 in merchandise sales. A great time was had by all who attended. We hope to see everyone – and more of you, too – next year (already scheduled for Saturday, February 13th, 2021)! The following volunteers participated in one way



Mary Jo Barsetti with Hugs and Daisy Barsetti-Nerland with Maya



Adam Cardinal and Duane Borho with Rhys



Patty Brown with Bailey and puppy Parker



Michael Feight and Jill Imler with Zoey, Ducky and Ginger

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Sheila Joyce with Kiki



Casey and Jane Pulis with Calvin were hesitant to come because Calvin is not a Golden, but they are long-time members so all were welcome



Kelley and Karey Rodeffer with Joie and Sucey



Liz Tataseo with Watson and Joni Cipollone with Jackson and Ray



Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with Callan and Cassie; Michele has never missed walking in this parade



Cooper leading Dave and Dawn Barnett with Chris Spiel and Nash behind

or another:

Nick Dodson (drove the trailer), Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Deb and Larry Orwig, Fred Prose and Liz Tataseo helped load the trailer on Friday.



Chris Spiel with Nash, Jackson and Jack

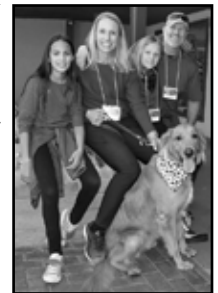
Booth set-up volunteers and pack-up crew:



Cindy Tigges with Natasha and Lucy

Debbie Ball with Shelby and Dillon; Carolyn and Peter Brown with Cody and Joey; Patrick Doyle (all day); Sarah Martin (came in the afternoon and helped with tear down); Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson

with Jackson; Dean Mortimore with Lola and Mary Kate; Trishia Murphy; Deb Orwig (all day) with Duffy, Mufasa and Vin; Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with Joie and Sucey; Liz Tataseo with Watson; Connie Wozniak; Kathi and Bob Youhas – Bob brought Apple-Cinnamon French Toast Breakfast Casserole! Special thanks to Carolyn Brown and



Jilianne Naranjo with Andrea, Ella and Derick Williams and Loki

Connie Wozniak, who set up the merchandise display and handled sales until Sarah Martin arrived at about 1 PM; Sarah managed the sales the rest of the afternoon, as Carolyn and Connie





Tom Valente with Lola and Augie came down from Sedona

Dawn and Dave Barnett with **Cooper**; Mary Jo Barsetti and Daisy Barsetti-Newland with **Hugs** and **Maya**; Duane Borho – pulled the water wagon; Mar-

had to leave early.

29 people walked with 28 dogs in the Parade and included:



Deb Orwig with Mufasa; Trishia Murphy with Jackson and Vin



Adam Cardinal and Derick Williams carried the AGR banner; Jane Pulis and Marlene Breton handled our "Goldens Are All Heart" banner

lene Breton – carried a banner; Pattye Brown with **Bailey** and **Parker**; Adam Cardinal with **Rhys**; Joni Cipollone with **Ray**; Jill Immler and Michael Feight with **Ducky**, **Ginger**, and **Zoey**; Sheila Joyce with **Kiki**; Trishia Murphy walked **Vin Orwig**; Connie McCabe with **Jackson**; Deb Orwig with **Mufasa**; Casey and Jane Pulis with **Calvin** – Jane carried a banner; Karey and Kelley Rodefer with **Joie** and **Sucy**; Chris Spiel



with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo with **Watson**; Cindy Tigges with **Natasha** and **Lucy**; Tom Valente came all the way from his home in Sedona with **Augie** and **Lola**; Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with **Callan** and **Cassie**; Andrea, Ella and Derick Williams with Ella's friend Julianne Naranjo and **Loki** – Ella and Julianne walked **Duffy Orwig**.



Duane Borho pulling the water wagon past the commentator's booth; there are announcers reading every group's script every two blocks



Meet-and-Greets at Petco and PetSmart



Petco, 9980 W Northern Ave – Liz Tataseo, Hostess



Sheila Joyce, Chris Spiel and Liz Tataseo with Kiki, Jack, Nash and McKayla

We had only two months of Meet-and-Greets until Shelter-in-Place started and **Petco** canceled all instore and outside-of-store gatherings. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, we had Sheila Joyce with **Kiki**, Connie McCabe, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash** and myself with **McKayla**. We did not have a great amount of donations, only \$19.71, but, as

always, we had a good time and the dogs got to meet many **Petco** customers.

On February 29<sup>th</sup>, joining me with **McKayla** were Debbie Ball with **Shelby**, Carolyn Brown with **Joey**, Deb



Kiki, one of our China rescues, quickly learned that Meet-and-Greets are fun!



Left to right, people: Debbie Ball, Deb Orwig, Chris Spiel, Carolyn Brown and Liz Tataseo; dogs: Bowie, Vin, Shelby, Nash, Jack, Joey and McKayla

Orwig with **Vin**, and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. Also, Connie McCabe brought foster boy **Bowie**, who had a great time and did very well. We pulled in about \$57 and handed out brochures and discussed Rescue and adoption with sev-



Adorable crocheted mug cozy sent to Carolyn by a friend

eral people. One couple was particularly interested in **Bowie**. The dogs received lots of petting, which was all they cared about.



Handsome Bowie

**PetSmart, 9960 N 91st Ave, Peoria – Connie McCabe, Hostess**

We met at the Peoria **PetSmart** only once this quarter, on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 4 PM. In January and February, we had conflicts with other events. The March Meet-and-Greet is liable to be the last one until at least September.



Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack, Jill Prose with Jasper and Bowie, Marlene Breton with Jackson and Sheila Joyce with Willow

Thank you to Marlene Breton, who wrangled Jackson for me; Sheila Joyce with Willow; Susan Parker with Ozzie; Jill Prose with Jasper; and Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash. Of course, thanks also to Nick Dodson for transporting goods and helping me set up and get started with Jackson and Bowie. It was a beautiful day and we had a lot of visitors, many of whom took information and several who were very interested in adopting. We collected \$81 in donations and had a very nice day. Bowie is getting used to this social scene and did very well, as did all the dogs! I am hoping we can return to our regularly scheduled meet-and-greets in September or October after things have hopefully returned to normal.



Susan Parker with Ozzie

**Training Tip**

The most important aspect of dog training is to **do** it. The two most important concepts of dog training are **consistency** and **persistence**. Use one-word commands (heel, sit, stay, down, off, come, etc.). You can even use nonsense words, as long as you use the same word to mean the same thing every time.

**Training Tool – The Newspaper**

A rolled-up newspaper can be an effective pet training tool when used properly. For instance, use the rolled-up newspaper if your dog chews up something inappropriate or has a housebreaking accident. Bring the dog over to the destroyed object (or mess), then take the rolled-up newspaper and hit yourself over the head as you repeat the phrase, “I forgot to watch my dog! I forgot to watch my dog!”



*From China with Love*

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*The love of a Golden does not stop at a state line or shoreline ... It is universal.*

~ Carolyn Brown

**NOTE:** All international rescue efforts have been suspended until further notice due to the threat of coronavirus.

***If I had my dog to raise all over again...***

I'd stroke him with my fingers more, and point the finger less.  
I would do less correcting and do more connecting.  
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.  
I would care to know less and know to care more.  
I'd take more hikes and throw more balls.  
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.  
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.  
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.  
I'd build self-esteem first, and work on the house later.  
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.  
I'd teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love.

Adaptation by Deb Orwig from  
*If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again*  
by Diane Loomans

***Cesar Millan's Tips for Dog Training***

Cesar's tips: **Exercise, Discipline and Affection**, in that order. His books, *Cesar Millan* and *Cesar's Way*, are both interesting reads. His philosophy: "It's not about the dog. It's always about us. It's always about the owner. It's up to us to create an environment and circumstances in which the dog can thrive and be itself."

*If you talk to 20 different dog trainers, you will get 20 different opinions about how training should be done. The method that is right for you is the one that works!*

The Editor thanks Carolyn Brown and Liz Tataseo for their help in stuffing and taping the February newsletter, and for Liz's help at the bulk rate mail facility.



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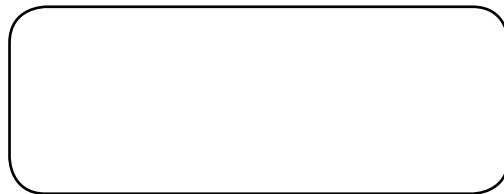
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