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Riley says:

Please Support AGR’s  
 Fore! Paws Golf Tournament  
 in some way:  
 donate something,  
 play, eat, bid, sponsor!

See page 30 for details about the  
 tournament



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*Editor's Assistants' Notes*

Mufasa, Vin and Duffy Orwig

We were all adopted by the Orwigs, yes. But on our way to being adopted, we all had help from **AGR**, and, therefore, from some of you. How?

From **Mufasa**: When I came to **AGR** in 2011 at 1½ years of age, I tested positive for heartworm. This mosquito-borne disease is very uncommon in Arizona, but **AGR** tests all adult dogs for it anyway. It's a good thing! If a dog gets heartworm from being bitten by an infected mosquito and the heartworm isn't detected, it will eventually kill the dog. I was given "the treatment," which saved my life; overall cost to **AGR** for me was \$653. During the last 10 years, an average of one **AGR** dog per year has tested positive for heartworm. In addition to having the heartworm test done, **AGR** provides at least two months of Heartgard® medication for all adoptees, and all adopters are strongly encouraged not only to keep giving their dogs Heartgard® (or Interceptor® or Revolution®), but also to have their dogs tested for heartworm every year, since even giving the recommended monthly doses of the medication may not be 100% effective in preventing the development of the disease. Better to be safe than sorry!

From **Duffy**: I came to **AGR** among a litter of 6 puppies that were 6½ weeks old. **AGR** paid for the entire vaccine series (5 for each of us pups, since it was a bad parvo year), and also paid to spay the three females and neuter the three males. Sum total spent on my littermates and me was over \$3,000, an average of \$507 each.

From **Vin**: I was born at the Orwigs' house on January 13, 2016. My mama, **Faith**, was young at 9½ months; Daddy dog **Ford** was her littermate brother (yes, not good). Both had been rescued from a backyard breeder who had kept them outside and basically ignored them. **Faith** whelped about three weeks after she arrived

in Rescue and produced 8 puppies, three of which died (the one female that day and two of the males within a week due to "failure to thrive"). We five boys who survived all had to have the vaccine series and be wormed, fed special puppy food for immature digestive systems, and neutered. Total cost for me and the other four puppies was about \$2,830, an average of \$566 each.

**Faith** and **Ford** also had significant medical expenses. Neither of them had been sterilized (obviously); both needed vaccines and both were tested for heartworm and valley fever. Both tested positive for valley fever, so **AGR** started them on fluconazole – **AGR** paid for three months' worth and another test before adoption was finalized and also covered the cost of three additional months of medication and testing. **Faith** suffered from post-pregnancy weight and muscle mass loss. She had lots of tests done, but received no definitive diagnosis of any disease besides the valley fever – it just took her longer than anyone expected to recover from the pregnancy. However, her expenses were almost \$2,100.

**Ford** turned out to be a medical mess. Not only did he have valley fever, but he also had a serious underbite with malocclusion of the jaws, a mass at the back of his jaw, and he developed megaesophagus. He also developed myasthenia gravis. Both **AGR** and **Ford's** adoptive family spent a lot of money on various aspects of his health condition, but **Ford** ended up going to the Bridge at only 19 months of age. **AGR's** cost for my daddy was about \$2,800.

The highest adoption fee that was paid for any of these dogs was \$350, a total of \$4,900 for the three young adults and 11 puppies. The cost to **AGR** for these dogs was over \$11,600, including all the micro-chips and the collars, collar tags and leashes that were needed! Where did the extra \$6,700 come from? You, our members and supporters.

Why do we bring this up here? **AGR's Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs** is in progress. **AGR** needs donations so that the organization can keep on rescuing dogs. If you are an **AGR** adopter, it is highly likely that your dog(s) cost **AGR** more than you paid for the adoption fee(s), in some cases a lot more. Please pay it forward and send what you can today to help **AGR** help others!

*Health Tip*

You may be tempted to let your dog hang her head out of an open car window when your vehicle is moving. Please don't allow this, unless you want to risk ending up with a dog that is blind in one or both eyes. The dog's eyeballs may dry out to the point of damaging the eye. The third eyelid can get very inflamed and require weeks of treatment. An object like dust, a rock, or an insect could hit the dog's eye, causing permanent injury. And, horror upon horrors, your dog could fall out the window and break her leg or neck, or get hit by another car.

*Wags and Woofs*

By Deb Orwig, President

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Here we are in the dead of summer. Outdoor activities are virtually non-existent. But, there are some exciting things happening in our organization!

First, **AGR** has a newly-updated website. Have you visited the website since the end of June? If not, do have a look. Dana Haywood and his son Dana Craig Haywood, DIT (that's Doctorate of Information Technology), spent a great deal of time upgrading the website and giving it a beautiful new appearance. Connie McCabe contributed the graphics and photos. Adam Cardinal and Larry Orwig are currently learning the software ins and outs so that eventually they can take over the administration of the website. Our sincere thanks to Dana and Dana Craig for their development and handling of the website from the get-go many years ago.

Second, we have a newly-created operational Division under our Intake Department, the International Division. In her *Paws Forward* column on page 6, Sue Vallie explains this development, so I won't go into it here. However, I want to thank Carolyn Brown for offering to coordinate our efforts to bring some Golden Retrievers here from China – yes, CHINA! Be sure to read Carolyn's story, *Joey's Journey*, the saga of the trip **Joey** took from China to her home in Surprise (pages 25 - 27). After you read it (have some Kleenex close by), I am sure you will be 100% behind our efforts to bring some Chinese Golden Retrievers to Arizona. Anyone in our membership speak Chinese? We may need you to help translate!

Third, rescuing dogs continues through the summer. In fact, summer is usually our highest intake period during the year. Fundraising at activities does not continue, however, so we have to promote other means to acquire money to pay for the health care of the dogs that come to us. To this end, I have sent out my annual plea to all **AGR** adopters to pay it forward by making a donation – someone else (or more likely someones else) donated to help **AGR** pay for their adopted dog's care, so it is time for them to help others. We encourage you to do so, too, even if you are not an **AGR** adopter. We have had no fundraising activities since the beginning of April and will not have any until the end of September. That is almost six months without any opportunity for the general public to help support the Rescue. Please, if you can do so, send a donation. Every donation, no matter how big or how small, will help. If you itemize your deductions, a donation to **AGR** will be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Acknowledgment letters will be sent out during January 2020 unless you ask to have yours sooner.

Another way you can help us raise money is to support the upcoming *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* in some way. Not a golfer? That's fine. Although we need golfers to participate (we will be charged for 100 players regardless of how many actually register and play), there are several other ways you can help. You can purchase a Hole Sponsorship and/or another type of sponsorship – several levels are available. You can come for the fabulous Surf & Turf dinner following the tournament – \$40, which includes tax and gratuity, is an incredible price for this wonderful meal! We recommend to anyone coming just for dinner that you arrive at **Lone Tree Golf Club** between 4:30 and 5 PM on September 28<sup>th</sup>. During dinner, you will have the opportunity to win one or more of our outstanding raffle or silent auction items. Please review the flyer on page 30 for more details. Our golf registration site is now open!

Right now, we need donations of items that we can use for the raffle and silent auction. Our Solicitation Committee is working hard to come up with great items, but we can always use contributions of new items and especially gift cards. These can be generic Visa gift cards that we can use like cash, or cards specific to restaurants or other businesses – we would especially like those for **Bed Bath & Beyond**, **Best Buy**, **The Home Depot** or **Lowe's**, **Petco**, **PetSmart** and **Pier 1 Imports** or any of the golf-supply stores. Do you have credit card points that you can trade in for gift cards? That is the best way to get a no-monetary-cost-to-you item you can donate that is tax deductible for its full retail value. Please send gift cards to **AGR's** mailbox (address on the back cover of this issue) or bring them to my house in Glendale. If you have an actual item you would like to donate, contact me and I will make arrangements to get it from you.

In the past on the first or second Sunday in November, we have sponsored our annual *Paws & Pasta Dinner* at **Little Bite of Italy** in Sun City. The restaurant owner, Bryan Foley, recently sold the restaurant. April Crow will try to meet the new owner sometime soon, but we do not hold out much hope that this event is ever going to happen again. Bryan Foley had a special place in his heart for Golden Retrievers, and always donated the entire dinner cost to us, which we greatly appreciated. This dinner was a dedicated fundraiser for our *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. We draw money from this account to pay for canine cancer surgeries and treatments. Since a couple of dogs have come into Rescue with cancer this year, the amount of money available in that *Fund* has decreased considerably. So, if *Paws & Pasta* does, indeed, not take place, we will have to come up with a replacement event of some kind. We have already considered several alternatives and will let the membership know which one we think might work. If you have any ideas, please send them to April Crow.

*The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps – we must step up the stairs. ~ Vance Havner*



*It's a Ruff Life!*

By April Crow  
Director of Activities

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Hello **AGR** members and supporters!

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and surviving the heat. Although most people travel and have vacation plans during the summer, oftentimes activities in the Valley lessen because there are so few things to do in this Arizona heat. I personally am already looking forward to fall to arrive. Not only because of the cooler weather, but we get to start up the **AGR** events again and get to hang out with some wonderful people. Volunteering to attend and help out at events is a great way to stay connected with people and support the Rescue. I guarantee you will have a great time and make many new friends.

Here is a list of some upcoming events, so please mark your calendars – we hope to see you there! If you are available to help out at any of them please let me know by emailing lolowsmom@gmail.com. We will send information out again when each event gets closer.

**PACC911 & All Saints Pet Adopt-A-Thon**  
Saturday November 2, 2019; 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
**All Saints Episcopal Church**  
6300 N Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

**PAWS & PASTA**  
Sunday November 3, 2019; 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
**Little Bite of Italy**  
15456 N 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85351

Probably will NOT  
take place

**PACC911 & PetSmart**  
Saturday November 16, 2019; 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
10030 N 90<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale 85258

**Phoenix Holiday Pet Expo**  
**Yes, the Pet Expo has been rescheduled and relocated!**  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Rawhide Event Center** in Chandler

**Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce – Holiday Pet Adoption**  
Saturday December 14, 2019; 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
**Floor and Decor** in Glendale  
5880 West Bell Road, Glendale, AZ 85308

Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade  
Saturday December 14, 2019; 11:00 AM  
Downtown Glendale, Arizona

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**NO Monthly Meet-and-Greets at the Northern Ave Petco  
or 91<sup>st</sup> Ave PetSmart**

**We will resume these activities when the weather cools off**

Check website calendar for dates and times  
www.arizonagoldenrescue.org

*Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*

**Lone Tree Golf Club**, Chandler

Saturday, September 28, 2019

1:30 PM Shotgun start, 4-Person Scramble Format  
Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction to follow tournament

Registration is NOW OPEN!

Earlybird deadline is September 18<sup>th</sup>

You will notice in the list of events that there are two activities happening on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The date for the Parade was released after we had committed to attend the **PMCC** event, which produces a nice income for us from donations and the sale of our merchandise, but we always walk in the Parade and want to do so again. Since it has to be done quickly, we will need numerous hands for set-up for the **PMCC** event at **Floor and Decor** in Glendale, as they do not allow set-up to start before 8:30 AM. We will also need a few people who cannot walk in the parade to man the booth with or without dogs during the morning while others of us walk in the Parade. It will take a major coordination effort to staff both events sufficiently in the morning, so be sure to let me know that you can volunteer!

Of course, we will also be doing holiday gift wrapping at **Barnes & Noble Booksellers**, mostly at the Happy Valley location. However, the dates and times we requested have not yet been confirmed. As soon as we have the approved schedule, we will post it on our website and on Facebook; we will also email it to all **AGR** members. As in the past two years, we are allowed to have only three dogs on site at any one time, so it is important that you let us know if you want to attend with your dog on any of the dates. Gift wrappers without dogs are always welcome, especially the closer we get to Hanukkah and Christmas – these two holiday celebrations are only three days apart this year, so the end of the holiday season will be very busy!

Due to the rescheduling of the **Phoenix Holiday Pet Expo**, we may have a conflict with gift wrapping on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will not know for sure until the gift wrap schedule is released, though. If you live in the northern/western part of the Valley, please plan to give us 2-3 hours of your time if we do gift wrapping. If you live in the southern/eastern part of the Valley, please plan to join us at the **Holiday Pet Expo** on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will notify the membership by e-mail and Facebook as details come in.

*Paws Forward*

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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Greater interest in rescuing dogs but fewer dogs coming in is the quandary of Golden Retriever rescues nationally. **AGR** is no exception. At the depth of the recession, we rehomed almost 150 dogs in one year. This occurred when **AGR** was one of four Golden Retriever rescue groups serving Arizona. Since then, we have brought in about 100 dogs a year. Despite one fewer rescue operating in Arizona last year, we took in only 89.

Besides giving a deserving dog a great new home, we know rescued dogs are a bargain. Nowhere else do you get a dog, many purebred, for \$400 or less that comes with completed vet work, usually far beyond the basic vaccinations and spaying or neutering provided by shelters.

To fill the gap between those interested in adopting and the diminishing number of dogs being surrendered, **AGR** has occasionally brought in dogs from other states, where either a Rescue has more dogs than they can place or the dogs have been secured from puppy mills. Considering the nationwide trend of fewer Golden Retrievers being available to Rescues, we may not be able to avail ourselves of these options.

One of our member families, Carolyn and Peter Brown, recently adopted a Golden through a rescue group in China. There, dogs are sometimes raised as a food source. Golden Retrievers are considered a delicacy. A group of dedicated dog lovers has organized to rescue Golden Retrievers from this gruesome fate. They secure the dogs from various sources and get them vetted. The dogs are cared for in groups, so the result is dogs that are fully socialized with other dogs. People work with them to get them healthy, get a sense of their personalities and teach them some basic obedience – in Chinese. Thanks to the Chinese organization, the cost to American rescues is not prohibitive.

American rescue groups get pictures and medical records of the dogs available for transport to this country and select the dogs that most interest them. Once the dogs are identified for transport to a U.S. Rescue they are air-freighted in groups of six to Los Angeles. Representatives of the American Rescue must be at the airport when the flight comes in to claim the dogs and transport them to their final destination.

This could be a very exciting source of dogs but would be yet another way in which we need the assistance of our members volunteering. Carolyn Brown has graciously agreed to coordinate our new International Division operation, but she will need other

people to assist her in this endeavor. Transport volunteers who have a vehicle large enough to hold 2 or 3 large airline crates will be needed to drive to Los Angeles, stay overnight in a motel near **LAX** and then be ready to meet the flight and drive the dogs back to Arizona. Once here, we will most likely place each dog directly with a Foster-With-Intent-To-Adopt and arrange an arrival Meet-and-Greet at a local park. The Transport volunteers could request reimbursement for gas, the motel and a couple meals, or they could take the trip as a tax-deductible expense. **AGR** would not be able to start taking these dogs until October or November, as the heat would make transport too hazardous – airlines impose restrictions because of safety concerns. **AGR** also wants to avoid the risk of transporting dogs across the desert to Phoenix.

We have the money in our savings account to start this venture, but we will plan some dedicated fundraisers also. The minimum it will cost us to bring over one dog from China is \$750, but we will not charge more than our standard adoption fee: \$400 for dogs up to age 2, \$375 for dogs 2 – 5. Unless an applicant specifically asks for a dog older than 5, we will opt for the younger dogs.

If you are interested in possibly adopting one of these dogs, we recommend that you submit your application soon, so that we can get your home evaluation done and work with you to find exactly the right dog. The only fee you will pay up front is the \$25 application fee. If you are not a member at the time you receive a dog, then you will have to pay our membership fee (\$25 Single, \$40 for Household for two or more family members) in addition to the dog's adoption fee.

Meanwhile, we have continued to take in Arizona dogs of all ages and with a variety of health issues needing vetting, fostering, and placement in new homes. This summer we have had several individual puppies come in with numerous health problems requiring expensive care. Such is the business of Rescue.

*The Information Highway*By Adam Cardinal  
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*The Unthinkable is Unavoidable*

Before I jump into this quarter's main topic, I want to update our members, volunteers and longtime supporters about a major change you may or may not be aware of. Earlier this year the operating system software used by our hosting provider, **The Cyber Image**, required an upgrade for both performance and security reasons. After the upgrade, we found some normal bits and pieces that needed changing in order to continue to work as they did before. As we made those changes and additional issues cropped up,

it became clear we were facing a challenge. In order to work optimally in the new environment, it was important that we upgrade our website to run under a newer version of our web content management software. We were two versions behind the current version, and with another new version release on the horizon things were likely to get worse quickly.

While my background is IT, web development is new to me. I have been reading and learning about our content management system software, but it was going to be a trial by fire to learn how the old website was coded and then port it to the new version – which had changed in some fundamental ways – without potential outages or losses of functionality while I got up to speed.

Fortunately our former Director of Information Management, Dana Haywood, and his son Dana Craig Haywood, who originally developed our website, graciously offered to re-create the templates in the new version and stand up a new version – with significant improvements in clarity and overall design. I think it looks great! Now, I will be able to focus on making the day-to-day changes on the site while I develop my familiarity with the website code. So, thank you to Dana and Dana Craig – you gentlemen are not just good – you’re Golden!



I participate in a number of forums for dog owners on social media. A recent post in one of those forums caught my attention. The person posting was a retiree who had recently relocated to a city popular for individuals to live out their “Golden Years”. He and his spouse had no biological family to speak of and had not developed close friendships in their new home area. A recent health scare had gotten them thinking: if something happened to them what would happen to the family: most important to them, their 4 rescue dogs?

Through our Surrender and Intake processes, we sometimes get Golden's whose owners – due to incapacitation, infirmity or death – are no longer able to care for them and need help to find good

homes for them. Placing dogs with a Rescue that qualifies and evaluates adopters – making an informed decision to place a dog needing a home in an environment where they are likely to thrive – is so important. Absent an informed individual involved in the process, the dogs in question are likely to be turned over to the local pound or municipal animal shelter. Dogs that are experiencing grief over the loss of their home and owner tend not to do well in shelters. They don’t exhibit the outgoing, friendly and happy behavior likely to endear them to a potential adopter. If they are not adopted quickly, then their future outlook is likely grim.

We don’t like to dwell on the negative. Thinking about the unthinkable is contrary to our human nature. As dog owners, we need to put our human nature aside to advocate for our dogs. As with many things, the quality of the outcome is equal to the quality of the plans we have put in place before the inevitable happens.

As you develop a plan, it is important that you consider both short term and long-term provisions for your dogs. In the short term... Who would be aware that an emergency had happened and you have been hospitalized? Whoever that person is should have instructions from you on what to do with your dogs. The individual most likely to know – your neighbor, property manager or other advocate – may not be equipped or capable of stepping in to provide care either in your home or theirs.

If you have a local friend or family member who has agreed to care for your dogs, document it. Ensure that the responsibility is clearly understood by the caretaker. Financial considerations should be included as well – to ensure the caretaker has the capability to feed, house and provide veterinary care for your dogs. There should be a way for those caretakers to be known and contacted in the event you are incapacitated. This can be achieved through a Pet Alert Card in your wallet and on-file with your neighbor, property manager, etc. The ASPCA has free card templates on their website you can download and print. Go to <https://www.aspc.org/file/48826> You can also find laminated versions on Amazon and other online

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE HELP MY PETS**  
I have \_\_ pets in my home waiting for me. If for any reason I am unable to return home to care for my pets, please notify the following:

_____	_____
Emergency Caregiver Name	Phone Number
_____	_____
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_____	
My Address	
_____	_____
Pet Name	Type of Animal
_____	_____
Pet Name	Type of Animal

Side 2

retailers. Alternatively, you can just copy the one at the bottom of page 7. Complete one and keep it with you.

The person who is going to be your contact should understand clearly what to do. They should know the eating habits of the dogs, their veterinarian, and your preferred choice of boarding facility, groomer etc. You may wish to have an account with your service providers to ensure the financial burden of caring for your dogs does not become a reason why your caretaker, under pressure, surrenders your dogs.

In the event of your death, a will is the primary document people think of where they will articulate their wishes on the distribution of their property, the discharge of their debts, and the ongoing care of any dependents. The will is executed through the probate process, but there may need to be clear instructions in place in the interim to guide your designees in what to do until your will can be acted on.

A Letter of Instruction is not a legal document, but if it includes your wishes for your final arrangements, it will most likely be read! In this document, you can specify how you wish the care of your pet(s) to be handled. BUT, as a Letter of Instruction is not legally binding, you might include the phrase, "As I have indicated in my will, I wish the following provisions to be carried out on behalf of my pets." This alerts people to the fact that there is also a LEGAL document addressing the subject! Then spell out the provisions exactly as you have them in your will. This is especially important if you are leaving money to someone.

To ensure your wishes are followed, include provisions in your will and let all concerned – family, friends and executor – know that these provisions must be followed! Designate a person you can trust. If they don't understand and agree with your plans, find a designee who does.

You may have a relative or friend who has indicated they would take your dog, but things change. When your time comes, they may no longer be able to take your dogs as originally planned. Or, they may have agreed to take your dog "Abby", but now that **Abby** has passed they may not feel the same about your new dogs, "**Barnaby**" and "**Collins**". Spell out a sequence of scenarios in your will, i.e. your pet(s) are to go to Person A, but if this party is unable to care for them, then to Person B or to your local Golden Retriever Rescue organization (more about this later). If you signed a contract with the dog's breeder specifying that the dog is to be returned to him or her, be certain to make note of this. Then talk to your breeder, especially if there is a family member who might be close to the dog and really want to care for it.

It is not necessary to rewrite a will every time you lose a pet or add another one if the will simply states that the provisions you are making apply to "my dog or dog(s) at the time of my death or incapacity."

Including your pet in your Power of Attorney may be advisable if you have designated someone to act on your behalf while you are still alive but incapacitated. Provisions for pet care can be spelled out in a Power of Attorney statement. You may also draw up a separate Power of Attorney form for your chosen pet care provider. Copies of this form should be given to your pet care provider, your veterinarian, your boarding kennel and your executor.

Providing funds for pet care through cash or a trust must be done in accordance with state law. Most states do not permit any part of an estate to be left directly to an animal. Money can be left to a caretaker for your pet's care, but the caretaker is under no legal obligation to use the money for that purpose.

The complexities of drafting a legal will are far beyond my ability and something I could not address in just a newsletter article. If your estate is complex, there is no substitute for an attorney licensed in your state to draft your will. There are lower cost alternatives, so not being able to afford an attorney to draft a will is no excuse for not having one. I am a big fan of Nolo Press (nolo.com). This site has books and software that explain the process for creating legally binding wills and trusts written in plain English. Their software goes through a step-by-step question-and-answer process to guide you through building a will. They are pet friendly, and they have content already drafted to address the concerns of pet owners.

In the event you do not have friends or family you can rely on to care for your dogs, a rescue organization may be the best option to provide that care, up to and including rehoming your dogs. Be certain to choose a Rescue whose mission includes the size, breed etc. of your dogs. Look at their placement process and ensure they follow a process that you believe will result in your dogs being placed in a new home suitable to the dogs' needs. Talk to the group's officers in advance, let them know of your wishes, and plan ahead as to how your dogs will be transported to them when the time comes. And once again, remember to provide the finances for this transportation, fostering and rehoming. If your dogs have come from **AGR**, they necessarily must come back to **AGR** if you can no longer care for them.

You should provide a bequest in your will if you elect to specify that your dogs go to a rescue organization. Be sure that the organization you elect has 501 (c) (3) charitable organization status to avoid the payment of inheritance taxes. Again, it is best that you utilize a qualified attorney or legal software to document your bequest in a way that will not invalidate the provision or that is so specific that the Rescue is forced to decline the bequest.

So take an afternoon to sit down and do the hard stuff. And then get down on the floor with your dogs and give them the love they have come to expect from you – and get that love back, knowing you have planned for their health and happiness, even in the worst of circumstances.



*The Human Connection*

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“It’s all about the dogs.”

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

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

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

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



Starting off this month are Michelle Pousson and Sharon McKenzie sharing number 1377. They have fostered and adopted several *AGR* dogs, and Sharon is the *AGR* Behaviorist and Transport Manager.

Sharon says, “Michelle and I met while I was finishing up my college career at the *University of Arizona* in 2002. I got a Bachelor’s degree in Wildlife Biology and Natural Resource

Management and have always been an outdoor, nature and animal lover. I decided to go to college and started out with Human Psychology, and eventually ended up pursuing a field that involved both my passions – animals and nature. I was 25 when I made this decision and it took me seven years to put myself through school, all while working at a bicycle shop. That is where I eventually got into mountain bike racing and became an avid cyclist. I was living in Palm Springs, California and moved to Tucson to finish up my degree and then moved up to Phoenix from Tucson after I graduated. I was struggling to find a job within the degree I had pursued, so I ended up working for *Cox Communications* as a field technician, which is where Michelle was working at the time as a sales representative. One of the many things that brought us together was our love for animals in general, including amphibians and reptiles. There was a time in Michelle’s younger years when she was into breeding snakes (boas and pythons), had red-eyed tree frogs and raised an iguana or two. Not currently, but at one time in our lives, we had all living under one roof... a couple of birds, hamster, bearded dragon, rabbit, ferrets, cats, dogs and salt/fresh water fish tanks. They kept us very busy and on our toes for keeping a clean household. Michelle and I eventually quit our jobs at *Cox* and became franchise business owners of an environmentally friendly pest control company called *Lady Bug*. We were very successful and growing, yet never felt “fulfilled”... so, we sold our business, and I went on to work for *Salt River Project*. I am currently an equipment operator and material handler. Michelle continued her successful career in sales until just a few months ago, when she started her very own pet sitting business.

Both Michelle and I grew up in California, I in southern and she in northern, and we both had Golden Retrievers while growing up. I was the youngest of three daughters and, from diapers, was always playing and interacting with our dogs and hanging out in the backyard with them as much as I could. When my parents put some dogs through obedience training classes, they let me be the student/leader with our dogs, which just allowed me to learn so much more about them and their natural behaviors from such an early age. I am mainly “self-taught” as a behaviorist and continually educate myself, not just through the interactions with dogs, but through the book reading, videos and classes I take to further my knowledge and understanding. It was six years ago that Michelle and I decided to get involved with rescuing dogs – where else to start but by contacting a Golden Retriever group? We put in our application not only to adopt a dog, but also to become volunteers and give back. Two months later, we received a phone call from *AGR* asking if we would we be willing to adopt a four-year-old Golden male coming straight out of a puppy mill, basically, a ‘feral dog’... How that phone call and decision to adopt *Connor* forever changed our lives and perspective about rescuing. It opened our eyes to a brand new level of how emotionally/mentally traumatized a dog can get from such horrid situations or any abuse for that matter. Michelle and I started out volunteering on the Placement and Transport Teams and as time went on, I became the Transport

Manager and then eventually, **AGR's** behavioral consultant. Teryl Hall was the behaviorist for **AGR** at the time we joined, and after 15 years + of her time in Rescue, she was ready to move on and I had finally found "where I was always meant to be."



From Michelle: "Sharon and I work together in a partnership with our PouKenzie furamily. We have our five canines and two felines plus three tortoises! I keep busy balancing and taking care of

our kids and my passion is in home pet/housesitting which is truly rewarding. After 51 years I finally found my passion – never too late! I further my education in behavioral work from Sharon, as I can use that when petsitting. So, Sharon and I are a nice balance all together! We wouldn't have it any other way!"

Now let's get to know Rose and Dan Cheke, who share number 1572. They have fostered many dogs for us and adopted the beautiful **Evelyn** in 2014. The whole Cheke family also attends as many **AGR** events as they can.



In Rose's own words: "The Cheke Family has been associated with **Arizona Golden Rescue** for several years. When Daniel and Rose married in 2001, their combined dog family included a Golden Retriever, **Cinnamon**, a hound dog, **Beau**, and mixed-breed **Daisy**. The original three dogs have gone to doggie heaven, and the family now has three different dogs, a cat and three boys Patrick (15), Nico (13) & Zack (11).

Our current Golden is **Evelyn**. She came to us through **AGR** at the young age of eight. Her previous home was with an elderly lady in Flagstaff. She entered our home in the heat of a Phoenix summer to meet two new dog siblings and her new human family of five. **Evelyn** fit into our family from the moment she entered our front door. Her dog siblings are **Charlie** (eleven-year-old Kerry Blue Terrier) and **Sully** (six-year-old Labradoodle). We recently added a Bengal cat to the family – her name is **Pearl**.

We have fostered several Golden Retrievers during our time with **AGR**. It's always an adventure to add temporary members to our pack. We like to think our family is the 'perfect foster family' because with five humans, three dogs and a cat, we aren't tempted to permanently add another family member.

Our family is active. Rose and Daniel both work full time. Pat-

rick and Rose run full and half marathons; all three boys are in Boy Scouts; and Daniel just finished his Master's degree. School, church, baseball, tennis, cross country and volunteering fill in the extra hours in the week."



Now, let's meet Ellen Lagerman, number 1608. She has fostered, volunteers at many events and is also a member of the Transport Team.

Ellen tells us: "I happily grew up in a small town in Northern Illinois, about four miles out of town, in the 1960s. My parents were firm believers in us kids getting as much time outdoors as possible and learning to respect and love animals. The first pet I remember was a Cocker Spaniel mix named **Billy**. What a great time we had racing down trails in the woods, as he was always on the lookout for chipmunks! I began to work my way thru college, majoring in Biology. Work one year and save up, go to college; work one year and save up, go to college, and so on. Love, and then marriage came along in my senior year. My husband, Ron, worked as a machinist. I returned to college at age 30 and got my degree in Radiography, and worked in X-Ray and then CT most of my adult life. I really enjoyed health care for the spirit of teamwork that goes into caring for each patient.

We moved from Illinois to Arizona in 1995 to be closer to Grandma and Grandpa. We always had lovely rescue dogs along the way! Our first Golden was **Libby**, whom we got as a puppy on July 4, 2008. What a love! She was very talkative and expressive. So then I was completely in love with Golden Retrievers and began a friendship with a co-worker who volunteered for another organization (**Rescue a Golden of Arizona**). Early on, I just passed my "free" time (Ha Ha! while working full-time and raising two children) enjoying the **AGR** newsletter. After I retired, I was able to dedicate a little more free time to **AGR** and went through the training for Transport. It has been very enjoyable! I have helped with fostering a little, also enjoyable. In March 2016, **AGR** offered our wonderful **Barney**, a Golden mix, to us. He has been a joy! He has gone with me to various **AGR** events, like *Parada del Sol*, **PACC911** and **Barnes & Noble** Christmas gift wrap and has always been a perfect gentleman! I/we have two grown children. My oldest works for a local air conditioning company, and got a lovely reddish Golden, **Rosie**, while attending college in Montana. **Rosie** is a big girl, very strong and quite the swimmer! My youngest got his college degree in Geology, and is currently teaching fourth grade in Tolleson."

**Items are needed for the golf tournament raffle and silent auction.** Just about any new item will do. Gift cards to restaurants or stores such as **The Home Depot, Lowe's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Staples, Pier 1 Imports**, etc. are very useful. Please contact Deb at [darwigaz@cox.net](mailto:darwigaz@cox.net).



### *Health and Safety*

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### ***Parasites and Your Dog***

Most internal parasites live in your dog's intestinal tract. Some are worms including roundworms, whipworms, hookworms and tapeworms; heartworms infest the heart, not intestines. Other parasites are one-celled organisms like Giardia and Coccidia.

Dogs can get parasites when they ingest eggs or spores from contaminated soil, water, feces or food. Tapeworms can also be transmitted if the dog eats an infected flea. Puppies often get parasites through their infected mother, either *in utero* or when they are nursing.

Indicators of parasites include scooting, vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, coughing and a distended abdomen. Sometimes dogs can be infected and show no symptoms, so it is best to have a fecal test done on every puppy and dogs that have been kept outside or picked up as strays. Some worms can be prevented by using a heartworm preventative, as it also has preventives against many other types of worms. Picking up feces quickly and being careful on walks or at a dog park and not letting your dog come in contact with other dogs' feces or drink from an unknown water bowl can prevent contamination.

Whipworms, while they cannot be transmitted by direct contact with another dog, can end up in your dog if the dog eats infected soil or grass, or plays with toys that have come in contact with infected eggs of the whipworm. These worms are not common and can be treated, but usually it requires a two-month treatment plan.

Hookworms can infect humans as well as cats and dogs. They attach themselves by hooks to the intestinal wall and can cause infections which result in severe inflammation or blood loss. Hookworms are transmitted by swallowing the larvae, nursing from an infected host or by burrowing through the skin.

Roundworms are the most common intestinal parasite in dogs and cats. Worms can become encysted, lying dormant in the dog's organs. When a female becomes pregnant, those parasites then can become active and can be passed on to the puppies or the kittens. Cats and dogs can also become infected by eating infected grass or soil. As the larvae travel through the body, they can cause damage to the liver and lungs. Eventually they reside in the intestines, which can lead to diarrhea, vomiting and bloating. Raccoons are a common carrier of roundworms in the wild. Again, cleaning up after your dog or cat is the best way to prevent roundworms. Most

puppies are given the deworming medication as a matter of course.

Tapeworms are usually transmitted when a dog eats and digests a flea. Dogs can also get tapeworms by ingesting the eggs shed by other animals or by hunting flea-infested rodents. A tapeworm's body is made up of tiny segments. Each of these segments has its own digestive and reproductive system. These segments eventually break off and are passed through your dog's digestive system and often can be seen in the feces – they look like grains of rice and may or may not wiggle.

Heartworms are worms that migrate to the dog's heart and proliferate. They are transmitted by mosquitoes; when an infected mosquito bites your dog, the larvae (called microfilaria) are passed into the dog. Eventually, too many worms exist in the dog's heart and cause death. Coughing and lethargy are signs of heart infestation. Heartworm is easily controlled by getting a yearly test and using a monthly preventative like Heartgard®, Interceptor® or Revolution®. Dogs that have heartworm can be cured but it is usually a two-month process, and the medication, which is arsenic-based, can be a strain on the dog's body. Dogs must also be crated to prevent exercise and activity that could cause the dead worms to form a clot or embolism, which can result in death.

One-celled parasites: Giardia and Coccidia protozoans

Giardia is common in dogs, and often infected dogs do not show any signs of infestation. However dogs that have diarrhea, slimy stools, gas or stomach cramps and vomiting should be tested for this parasite. Giardia can be hard to treat because there is no specific medication against this parasite. The most common medication used is metronidazole plus probiotics and nausea drugs. Giardia is also a common parasite in humans; however, usually that is a human-to-human transmission, primarily by drinking contaminated water. The most important thing is to control the environment where the dog lives by cleaning up feces and having clean water at all times. If you're a hiker and take your dog with you, it is best to avoid letting them drink from ponds, lakes or rivers; these sources are often contaminated. Be sure to carry a water filtering apparatus, a cup, and a water bowl for your dog. Giardia can form spores and live in the soil for years.

Coccidia is also a one-celled parasite that lives in the walls of the dog's intestines. They're very common in puppies, but older dogs and cats can still be infected. The most common symptom is diarrhea and often bloody stool. Coccidia is very treatable and oral sulfa antibiotics are usually used. Again, the best way to prevent contamination is to clean up feces and prevent your dog from coming in contact with feces that may be infected with parasites in public places like on walks or in dog parks.

**Arizona Golden Rescue** tests all dogs for heartworm (unless they had a recent test and were already on preventative). In addition, fecal tests are done on young puppies, strays and backyard dogs;

any dogs that are positive for worms are dewormed. **AGR** also provides two months of heartworm preventative to make sure the rescued dog gets off to a good start. **AGR** has only had a few dogs that have come in positive for heartworm and all were safely treated. All dogs that have had any of the types of parasites previously mentioned have been treated and are now healthy or in treatment.

Remember, it is important to take your dogs in for a yearly check-up whether they have symptoms or not, because parasites left untreated can make a dog seriously ill or cause death. Keeping a clean yard with all feces picked up is very important, especially if you have a poop eater. And be wary of dog parks!

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## Follow the Lead

By Deb Orwig

*Deb's note: I do not profess to be the terrific behaviorist that Sharon McKenzie has become, but over the last 41 years of owning Golden Retrievers and doing rescue work for 21, I have learned a few things. I asked Sharon to review the following article. She approved of it.*

### Behavior Issues

Are you dealing with any behavior issues with your dog? Any at all? Does your dog walk well on leash? Does your dog chew up things – even soft toys – that he shouldn't? Does your dog pull the toilet paper off the roll and run with it throughout the house or try to eat it? Does your dog exhibit submissive urination? Does your dog react poorly to unexpected noises like thunderstorms, sirens, fireworks or even neighborhood lawn mowers? Is your dog unfriendly to visitors (runs and hides or, worse, growls or barks aggressively at them)? Does your dog growl or snap at anyone who tries to take away toys or unfinished food? There are "fixes" for all of these behaviors.

These are all undesirable behaviors that dogs sometimes exhibit. Let's take them one at a time.

**Walking on leash.** During this time of year in Arizona, you need to walk your dog early in the morning or put protective foot coverings on the dog. The rule is that if the pavement is too hot for you to walk on with bare feet, it is too hot for your dog to walk on without wearing booties. Keep in mind that if the pavement is that hot, the weather is probably too hot for you to be walking your dog, booties or not. Footwear aside, if your dog does not walk well on leash, take the dog through a basic obedience class. Many are available throughout the Valley, but the best are given by **Partners Dog Training School** in Cave Creek and **Master's Kennels Home of Dog University** in Gilbert. We have also received good reviews about classes at **Arizona Dog Sports** in Phoenix, **Phoenix Field &**

**Obedience** (lessons in Encanto Park), and the **Arizona Humane Society Campus for Compassion** on West Dobbins Rd in Phoenix and at their Sunnyslope Campus. Some of our members have even had success with training classes at local **PetSmart** stores. It is a small investment for a lifetime of good behavior on leash.

**Chewing.** If your dog is a chewer, don't make soft toys, clothing, towels, or anything else the dog might chew on/up accessible. To satisfy the dog's urge to chew, give the dog only Nylabones®, Durachews®, real bones like the Red Barn Bones® varieties, or deer antlers, and never offer rawhide or pig's ears. The latter two items are often preserved with formaldehyde and not fit for dogs.

Last year, a pair of dogs was surrendered to us. We were warned by the owner that both dogs had a propensity to get into things they shouldn't, such as nudging open cabinets and counter-surfing. We in turn warned the foster family, but one day when the humans were out for a while, the dogs raided the pantry by actually opening the lever doors (despite a chair wedging the door) and ended up having to spend time in the emergency clinic. It was an expensive lesson for the family, but the very resourceful dogs did it again several weeks later before security locks were installed on all of the doors and another visit to the emergency room was necessary! A reminder that some dogs, no matter the training, cannot be trusted to be on their best behavior when left alone. To keep them from hurting themselves and getting in trouble, using a large crate is sometimes the kindest thing you can do.

In early January, we took in a 10-year-old dog that the owner told us had been vomiting and having diarrhea for three days but they couldn't afford to get a diagnosis. We met the owner at the emergency clinic. She said, "The dog used to chew up things she shouldn't, but she hasn't done that in at least 3 years." Turns out, the dog had chewed up a towel. It had gotten stuck between the stomach and intestine. The surgeon removed the towel – he could tell that the dog had had at least two surgeries in the past to remove items that the dog should not have eaten – but it was too late to save the dog's life as her 10-year-old system just could not handle the stress. So sad. If your dog gets into things s/he shouldn't, please take precautions to make those things inaccessible. Close pantry doors, close bathroom doors, use trash cans that have closeable lids (and not the swinging kind as those can become a game for the dog), and keep clothing put away (dirty clothes in a hamper with a lid). Shoes on the floor of a closet? Put them in a shoe holder that can hang from the back of a door or the closet rod; prevent access to the closet either by closing a door (if there is one) or by using a gate.

If your dog has discovered the fun of pulling the toilet paper off the roll, keep the bathroom door closed or the toilet paper in a cabinet.

**Submissive urination.** First, have the dog checked by a veterinarian to be sure there is nothing physically/medically wrong. Dogs who submissively urinate usually do so when greeting people

or animals (especially unfamiliar ones), during exciting events, while playing, during physical contact such as petting, or when scolded or punished. Some dogs submissively urinate only when interacting with their pet parents, some only with visitors, some only with other dogs, and some with everyone. If there is no physical cause, then take the dog out to pee frequently. When the dog goes, praise. If the dog goes in the house, try to determine the “trigger”. Do whatever you can to ameliorate the action that caused the dog to urinate. Maybe the dog had a bad experience in the past that made it afraid of certain people.

Some suggestions: Be kind. Ignore pee accidents in the house (get a bottle of Nature’s Miracle® for clean-up). Speak softly to the dog and praise the dog when s/he comes to you. Pet the dog gently. When you pet your dog, touch him under the chin or chest, rather than on top of his head or ears. If possible, greet your dog outside. Toss a handful of small treats or a few favorite toys in the direction of your dog as he runs up to greet you. Ignore your dog when you first come home and walk through the door. Wait until he has completely calmed down before interacting with him. When you finally greet your dog, do so calmly. Look off to the side instead of straight at him. Sit on the floor or squat down, and avoid looming over your dog as you bend toward him. Teach your dog to perform a behavior, such as sit, when he greets people. First, practice the sit behavior outside of the greeting context, in a calm place, without other people around. Keep play sessions with your dog low-key and play games with him that focus on toys rather than bodily contact. Take the dog through basic obedience and/or agility training. The more confidence a dog develops, the more likely submissive urination will stop if there is no physical cause.

Noise phobias are sometimes hard to handle. Some dogs can detect the approach of thunderstorms when these are miles away. Thundershirts (access smile.amazon.com or chewy.com) can be effective with some dogs. Others respond well to anti-anxiety medications or supplements like hemp (consult with your vet before trying any of these) or DAP, Dog Appeasing Pheromones, which can be used in a diffuser – you can also spray it on a bandana. Provide a place for the dog where s/he feels safe. It may be that just tethering the dog to you with a leash will be effective. During thunderstorms, my girl **Dolly** used to climb into the bathtub. I tried the desensitization routine with her by playing environmental sounds on the radio, CDs or TV. Although this works for some dogs, it did not work for her. It can’t hurt to try it. Play the music just for a short time and increase the playing time and frequency. Best to do this before the thunder season starts!

Unfriendliness or aggressive behaviors. Such behaviors are very undesirable. Many can be modified with appropriate behavior training, which is different from obedience training. However, unless you have dealt with such a dog in the past and have learned how to implement behavior modification techniques, it is best to consult a professional behaviorist. **AGR’s** behaviorist, Sharon

McKenzie, has had a great deal of success with some of our adopted dogs’ undesirable behaviors. Other rescued dogs we have taken to **Partners Dog Training School**, whose training of the dog has been extremely successful. When we send a dog to the **Partners Training Camp**, a 3-week intensive training program, we will adopt that dog only with the condition that the family continues with 8 weeks of lessons which follow. Families who have agreed to this condition and have followed up with the training have thanked us for the intervention and for insisting that they learn the training techniques the dog was taught.



### Service Paws

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*Editor’s Note: In May 2018, Aria Ottmueller graduated from Northern Arizona University with honors. She completed a double major in Criminology and Criminal Justice and Political Science with minors in International Studies and Law and Society. She intends to attend law school at some point. Aria was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; however, she grew up in Chandler, Arizona. She is visually impaired, and has a guide dog, **Tori**, a 5-year-old Labrador Retriever. **Tori** accompanies Aria on day-to-day activities, acting as her eyes. Aria wrote a 39-page final paper for a class she took at NAU. The following is excerpted from the paper which is entitled Fraud Dogs! The Dangers of Fraudulent Service Animals. I published her Introduction in the February 2018 issue, the section entitled The Law in May, another section called Problems Within The Law in August, Opportunities for the Disabled in November, Education in February and Trends and Problems with Fraudulent Service Animals in May 2019. Our thanks to Aria for allowing us to print parts of her paper which I feel might be of interest to our readers.*

By reviewing the ADA, as well as popular opinions towards service animals, it becomes clear that the public believes there should be restrictions regarding service animals. These restrictions include providing papers to prove that the animal is a legitimate service dog and not an emotional support animal (ESA). Service dogs are a vital tool used by people with disabilities that allow them to integrate and participate in society.

### Case Study

The case study will reveal an increase in service animals after 2008. By using numerical data, this study proves that a rise in fraudulent service animals is due to the increase in service animals registered since 2008. However, numerical data alone do not measure the amount of fraudulent service animals because they are not required to be registered. After reviewing the numbers, this study analyzes three court cases to prove increased discrimination against people with legitimate service animals since 2008. This ultimately reveals discrimination at different levels of society.

### Revision of ADA

The revision of the ADA in 2008 was an important milestone for people with disabilities: it improved some already existing

amendments and added others. This piece of legislation upgraded the definition of service animals to exclude all other species except dogs and miniature horses (Herzog, 2014). This revision also added the two questions owners of establishments are allowed to ask: Is it a service animal required because of a disability? and, What work or task is it trained to perform? Along with service animal revisions, the revised version includes a clause about emotional support animals. Owners of ESAs are not afforded the same rights as those with service animals because service animals perform specific tasks, thus providing vital assistance to their handlers. The revision of this act created awareness and increased the amount of service animals within the United States. It led to the creation of laws that were enacted as an attempt to restrict service animals in states such as California and Nebraska (Glenn, 2017). The misrepresentation of a service animal in California is a misdemeanor and the state can impose fines up to \$1,000 and up to six months in jail. However, this crime is difficult to prove. State laws were enacted to protect the use of service animals after the increase in fraudulent service animals (Daniels, 2016). There are new classifications of service animals based on state laws that were enacted after the 2008 revision. These new classifications are more lenient towards fraudulent service animals. The reduced restrictions of service animals create problems for those who require the use of legitimate service animals (Glenn 2017). Before the revision of the ADA, fraudulent service animals and ESAs were not a common issue. This act created more awareness, thus increasing the demand for service animals as well as those committing fraud.

### *The Cases*

After service animals began to increase in 2008, many court cases were attributed to the use of service animals within schools and other establishments. Such cases were not present before 2008. One of the more notable Supreme Court cases is Fry v. Napoleon Community Schools (2016). This case involved a minor, referred to as E.F., raising constitutional questions regarding whether service dogs can be utilized in schools and the remedies that should be taken if a school district violates service animal laws. E.F. was a disabled student who used her service dog to help her with an intellectual disability. The school did not allow the dog near E.F. throughout the day. He could not accompany her on daily activities within the classroom. As a result, she became emotionally distraught. Napoleon School District argued that the dog posed a distraction. Ultimately the Supreme Court sided with Fry stating that people have the right to attend school with a service animal.

Cave v. East Meadow Union Free School District (2008) was another case that involved a school's discriminatory action against a student with a service animal. This is a case about a hearing impaired high school student, John, who used his service dog to alert him to different noises. John received an Individualized Education Plan commonly referred to as an IEP, through his school. East Meadow argued that the dog posed a distraction to the students, as

in the Fry case. Another argument the school made was that John did not need the service dog because he had already received an IEP. Through the IEP, the school argued that he received enough disability services. The school was ultimately required to allow John and his service dog on campus. These cases continue to affect students in school today, as many do not accept the use of service animals. Both of those cases are examples of how schools discriminate against students with service animals.

There are many more discriminatory cases involving people who refuse to allow service animals in places of education or on flights, and cases involving ESAs. Since the early 2000s there has been increased disagreement in defining service animals. When there is disagreement amongst the circuit courts, the Supreme Court is more likely to review the case. However, they were 33 percent more likely to review a case if it involved a service animal and there was disagreement between the circuit courts (Fry, 2017). Both cases previously mentioned took place after 2008.

The Supreme Court has heard more cases regarding service animals with regards to housing and many others that involve discrimination. In *Overlook Mutual Homes, Inc. v. Vickie L. Spencer* (2009), the housing complex denied Spencer the right to have her service animal within the housing complex. Overlook Mutual Homes had a no-pet policy, but they allowed service animals. However, the complex could not determine Spencer's disability and they claimed that the paperwork she submitted was insufficient. Spencer claimed that the dog was qualified as a service animal when actually the court ruled it was an emotional support animal. The dog was prescribed as a psychiatric need from a psychiatrist. Ultimately the ESA was permitted within the complex and the no-pet policy was voided (Overlook, 2009).

In the case of *Cheryl Krist v. Kolumbos Rest. Inc.* (2012), the plaintiff claimed that the restaurant discriminated against her by restricting her access due to her service animal, and they verbally harassed her. Employees who she had frequently had conversations with stopped talking to her as soon as she received a service animal. The employees were skeptical of her service animal and they began to refuse her access (Krist, 20012). In the end, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Krist. All three of these cases involved the restricted access of persons with service animals, thus displaying the constant battle faced by people with legitimate service animals.

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***A Touch of Gold 2020 Calendar***

Our gorgeous FULL-COLOR 2020 12-month Calendar featuring **AGR** rescued dogs will be available soon! Connie McCabe has done her usual superb job of calendar creation! The above picture of **19-005 Dillon** at picturesque Bartlett Lake will be one of the many fabulous photos in the calendar.

All of you who have an AMBER, TOPAZ, PEARL or GOLD membership will receive one for free. Once it is available, we will have copies at every event and Meet-and-Greet. Calendars can also be purchased at **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** (3131 E Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix), **Academy West Animal Hospital Boarding & Grooming** (6231 W Bell Rd, Glendale), and **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** (17477 N 82nd St, Scottsdale). The cost is **\$12 each**. Buy 5 and you will get an additional one for free! An Order Form is included with this newsletter. Please don't forget to include the cost for postage if you want your calendar(s) mailed.

*The Financial Picture*

By Deb Orwig

**Reporting period: January 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019**

**Total Assets as of July 12, 2019: \$207,807.99**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 2,200.00	
Adoptions	15,350.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		\$ 750.00
Bank Charges (PayPal & Credit Card fees)		420.73
Calendars		
Sales	202.00	
Sponsorships	2,200.00	
Donation Income, General	21,363.88	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund	160.00	
Honorary	6,695.75	
Memorials	3,004.00	
Event Expense		182.25
Golf Tournament		
Golfers	430.00	
Hole Sponsorships	200.00	
Meals	280.00	
Grants	3,500.00	
Insurance		637.00
Interest	39.20	
Internet Services		430.83
Legal and Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	11,455.00	
Merchandise	3,885.00	2,816.24
Newsletter Subscriptions	16.00	
<i>Paws At The Park</i> 2019	1,145.00	364.95
Donations	485.05	
Auction and Raffle Prizes	2,234.00	
Office Expenses & Supplies		411.44
<i>Photos with Santa</i> in Dec. 2018	600.00	
Postage		807.73
Rent or Lease		1,527.00
Stationery and Printing		2,332.29
Telephone		95.46
Dog-related Expenses		
Adoption Expense		36.00
Behavioral Training		4,771.36
Boarding		777.00
Collars, Leashes & Tags		837.93
Micro-chip expenses		119.63
Miscellaneous, dog-related		242.48
Veterinary Services		76,511.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,444.88</b>	<b>\$94,045.72</b>

**NET INCOME: - \$18,600.84**

**Checking Account on 7-12-19: \$ 99,764.48**

**Savings Account on 7-12-19: \$100,045.99**

**Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 7-12-19: \$ 7,997.52**

**Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 7-12-19: \$22,152.12**

I just watched my dog chase his tail for 5 minutes and thought, "Wow, dogs are easily entertained." Then I realized... I just watched my dog chase his tail for 5 minutes.  
~ From *The Good Pet and Vet Guide*

### Financial Considerations By Deb Orwig

In an attempt to generate some much-needed income during the summer when we have no activities, I have sent out my annual letter of appeal to all **AGR** adopters asking them to “pay it forward” by making a donation to help us help another dog. Included with this letter was a 3-page insert which gave information about every dog on whom we have spent at least \$2,000 since July 1, 2018; there were 24 of them out of the 89 we rescued!

To all of you **AGR** members and supporters who are not adopters – and there are many – please consider making a donation at this time. Dogs we have spent at least \$1,000 on during the second quarter of 2019 are described in *Diamonds in the Ruff* on pages 16 - 18. A donation can be made to help a specific dog, or for one of the special needs dogs we have featured in previous issues, or just to help with medical expenses in general. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and will be acknowledged. All donations that are sent in during August will be attributed to our *Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs*.

Last, we have what we hope will be our largest fundraiser of the year coming up: the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*. Golfing fees are \$109 including range balls and dinner. Not a golfer? You can join us for a terrific meal – Surf & Turf – and participate in our fabulous raffle and silent auction during dinner. The tournament is scheduled to start at **1:30 PM**. There will be a no-host bar and as far as the meal goes, we will have a yummy buffet that includes the following: *Fresh Garden Salad, Red Skinned Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Chef Assorted Veggies* (sic), *Grilled Petite NY Strip Steaks with Red Wine Demi Glaze* (sic), *Grilled Salmon with Pesto Sauce, Rolls with Butter, Chef's Choice of Dessert* and choice of water, soda and ice tea. All this for only \$40 per person including tax and gratuity! Please read the details on page 30 about available sponsorships for the tournament and registration information. You must register online at [www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/golf](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/golf). You can pay either by sending a check to the address on the back cover of this issue or with a credit card by calling me at 623-693-0589. Be advised that the fees for both golfing and dinner go up significantly after September 12<sup>th</sup>, so get your reservation in soon! We hope to see you there!

Unfortunately, our annual *Paws & Pasta Dinner* will most likely NOT be held at *Little Bite of Italy* in Sun City this year. Restaurant owner Bryan Foley sold the restaurant, and as yet we have not had the opportunity to speak with the new owner about continuing this tradition. However, we are not hopeful, so we have already started thinking about another type of event, which would happen in the latter half of October.

***Please support our fundraisers!***

### Diamonds in the Ruff By Debbie Ball and Deb Orwig

*Diamonds in the Ruff* are dogs on which **AGR** has had to spend at least \$1,000 during one quarter. Please consider making a donation to help with the expenses of a specific dog, or just earmark it for *Diamonds in the Ruff*. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and will be acknowledged both in the newsletter and in a personal letter to the donor.

#### Second-quarter 2019 Diamonds in the Ruff

**19-007 Kelsey** is an unspayed female purebred Golden rescued from the **MCACCS** Westside shelter. She was a mess with huge mats, dirty ears, neglected teeth, enlarged liver, and a mammary tumor, but described as a very sweet girl. She was immediately sent to **AMSC** in Scottsdale for evaluation and was subsequently spayed and had the tumor removed. She also tested positive for valley fever, severe ear infections, and hip dysplasia. The tumor was found to be cancerous, so we sent **Kelsey** for chemo treatments. She also needed meds for the ear infections and pain relievers for her bad hips. In June, she also received a dental cleaning. **Kelsey** has been adopted by Bill in Scottsdale. **Kelsey's** 2nd quarter expenses were **\$3,140**, and total 2019 to date have cost **AGR \$8,655**.



**19-019 Sierra** is an almost-14-year-old female Golden/Pyrenees mix picked up from the **Pima County Animal Shelter** in late March. She is a large girl at 77 lbs. **Sierra** received all the usual initial vetting, vaccines, blood work, etc. and medication for low thyroid. In May, she underwent surgery for tumor removal on her belly and had a dental scaling. She also recently received a cytopoint injection for chewing on herself and some other meds for sores not healing as well as they should. **Sierra** is currently being fostered by Connie and Nick and pretty much ignores the resident or visiting dogs. Her expenses so far have been **\$2,687**.



**19-021 Purdy** is an 11-year-old female purebred Golden whom the owners surrendered as they could no longer care for her due to a change in the family situation. **Purdy** was





found to have some cracked teeth but also masses on her flank and mammary masses. In May, she was spayed and had the mammary masses removed. **Purdy** has been adopted by Jessica and Timothy in Phoenix. Her costs so far have been **\$2,244**, with additional forthcoming expense for dental work and vaccinations soon.



**19-025 AJ** is a 9-year-old male purebred Golden surrendered by his elderly owners who suffered a medical situation and could no longer care for him. He is a large boy at 91 lbs, already neutered and up to date with shots. The first couple of fosters found him to be a “hugger” and a little too assertive with young children, so he was sent to **Partners Dog Training School** in Cave

Creek for some successful attitude adjustment at boot camp. **AJ** will be adopted by Danyel and Nate in Peoria after they finish the 8 follow-up classes that came with the training package. **AJ's** expenses for 2nd quarter total **\$3,375**.

**19-027 Dawn/Molly** was an approximate 10-year-old female mix picked up from the **MCACCS** shelter. She had arthritis, severe kennel cough, and appetite issues. After a couple weeks, her health degenerated into pneumonia. In mid-May, she went to the ER, but despite being on antibiotics for 5 days, she went downhill fast and was sent to the Bridge on May 18<sup>th</sup>. **AGR's** medical costs for **Dawn/Molly** were **\$4,631**.



**19-028 Peggy Sue** is a 5-year-old female Golden mix surrendered by the family of the former owner who had passed away. She received all her initial tests and vaccines and was found to have a golf ball size mass (a benign hair follicle neoplasm) in her lip area. Surgery for mass excision was subsequently done at **AMSC** in

Scottsdale. **Peggy Sue** has settled in and is doing great with Sally and Wendell in Sun City West. Her expenses have totaled **\$2,551**.

**19-031 Daisy** is a 7-year-old female mostly Golden mix who was dropped off a month earlier for “pet sitting” and the prior owner never returned nor



called and was unreachable. She received her initial vetting, blood work, and vaccines at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale. She was found to have a torn ACL ligament, tested positive for valley fever, and had rocks in her GI tract. **Daisy** subsequently was taken to **AMSC** in Scottsdale for a bone biopsy, which revealed some atypical cells indicating possible sarcoma. Further testing is needed and possible further medical expenses. She is being adopted by Carolyn and Bill in Sun City and has fit right in. **Daisy's** expenses so far have cost **\$1,982**.

**19-033 Darby**, now **Darcy**, a lovely 10-year-old Golden mix who was surrendered by an owner who had been evicted and could not afford a place that would allow her to keep the dog. **Darby** was already spayed but had multiple medical issues – bad allergies, a gimpy left rear leg, symptoms which could indicate Cushing's disease, bloody nasal discharge, and she may have cancerous liver and spleen – which necessitated us including her in our **Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption** program. Despite her condition, she has been adopted by a wonderful couple who have vowed to take care of her to the best of their ability until she has to go to the Bridge. So far, her expenses have been **\$1,183**.



**19-034 Benji** is a 3-month-old male Golden mix from the **Pima County Shelter** that came in with a condition called Juvenile Cellulitis (a.k.a. “puppy strangles”) which is treatable. He also tested positive for bordetella and parainfluenza. Additionally, he was tested for fungus and mange as he had two abdominal lumps that were infected from the strangles. **Benji** received a good ear cleaning and was given numerous meds and antibiotics to clear up the infections. He has since been renamed **Wilbur** and adopted by Dennis and Rebecca in Phoenix with an addendum for follow-up on puppy strangles/cellulitis, and will need to be neutered when he is one year old. **Benji/Wilbur's** expenses have amounted to **\$2,603** so far.

**19-037 Lucy** is a very young 6-week-old female purebred Golden puppy surrendered by her owners who could not afford her vet care. She came in with bloody diarrhea and suspected parvo, which, thankfully, turned out to be negative, but fecal results indicated she had both Giardia and Coccidia. She was hospitalized under the watch-



ful eye of *AMSC* in Scottsdale with treatments and medications for parasites. **Lucy** has been adopted by Kristina and Ryan in Phoenix and renamed **Rosie**. She will likely have further medical costs for a future spay. **Lucy's** expenses to date have been **\$2,868**.



**19-041 Blu** is a 6-month-old male Golden Lab / Golden Retriever mix who was surrendered by the owners since **Blu** had health issues they could no longer afford. **Blu** had dietary indiscretion (ate things he shouldn't – puppies, you have to watch them every minute!) and was hospitalized at *AMSC* in Scottsdale with X-rays, fluids, and medications. He has since

been renamed **Jack** and adopted by Nicole and Derek in Phoenix. **Blu's** expenses so far have cost **\$1,516**.

**19-043 Gabby** is a 5-year-old female Golden mix from the Eastside *MCACCS* shelter where she had been surrendered by an owner with a litter of her pups that were old enough to be taken from her. She was spayed at the shelter, and the shelter staff reported her as very sweet, calm and quiet. Once we had her, initial vet work was done at *Academy West Animal Hospital* where



**Gabby** was found to be positive for respiratory issues and tick fever. She was whisked to *AMSC* in Scottsdale and kept in isolation for 10 days. After a few days home with fosters, she was again hospitalized and found positive for Anaplasmosis and Ehrlichia from the prior tick bites. **Gabby** has finally recuperated enough that she has been placed with her forever family. Her expenses to date have amounted to **\$6,689**.



**19-044 Dallas**. In early June, a dire case involving a puppy came to our attention. The owner of a litter of eight 7-week-old purebred Goldens called us to rescue one of the puppies who did not seem to be able to poop. His belly was swollen larger than the size of a softball, but they had not noticed that anything was wrong with the puppy until a friend of theirs administered the first set of DHPP vaccines and called it to their attention.

The puppy had been born with a blind colon and no anal opening, so there was no way for feces to be expelled, and food waste just kept accumulating in the puppy's digestive tract, a condition called Atresia Ani. We brought the puppy to the excellent vets at *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* in Scottsdale. Dr. Shonti Jha, Medical Director and chief surgeon, assisted by Dr. Maureen Jay,

did surgery to create a new anal opening and attached the colon to a rectum, which was actually there but not connected to the outside. Problem was the colon had been so distended for so long, it no longer had any muscle tone and was unable to move the waste along. In addition, a stricture developed from scar tissue around the new anus, so even if the colon were working, the pup could not have pushed the waste out. A stent was inserted in an attempt to keep the anus open, but as soon as it was removed, the opening closed up again. So, another surgery was warranted: the anus was reopened and made larger, the anal glands were removed, and the pup was given laxatives and a motility drug to help the bowels move. The procedure seems to have been effective (he can poop on his own now), although we will not know how he will do long term for quite some time. Puppy **Dallas** had to spend close to a month in hospital care before the vets were comfortable releasing him to a foster family. His expenses so far have been only (!) **\$8,321** thanks to a significant discount given by *AMSC*.

#### *From the AGR President: Dog Food Alert*

Study results recently released by the Food and Drug Administration have named 16 dog food brands they claim have an increased risk of a type of canine heart disease known as dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM). The FDA offers the following: *To learn which dog food brands are affected and 8 things you can do right now to lower your dog's risk, please visit the following link: <https://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-news/fda-investigating-potential-link-between-diet-and-heart-disease-in-dogs/>*

If you do read this, which I did, the most important line in the entire article is this: *We do not think these cases can be explained simply by whether or not they contain grains, or by brand or manufacturer.*

The study included a very small sample size – only 560 dogs out of the tens of millions in the US were reported to have developed DCM. There were no controls in the study, just dogs that had been reported to have DCM. The dog owners were interviewed and asked only what brand and type of food they had used. There are plenty of other factors besides a dog food being grain free that could be responsible for the DCM in these dogs, but none were considered. They are correct about only one thing: *DCM is a complex scientific issue involving multiple factors.*

Even though it is not clear exactly what it is about grain-free diets that may be connected to DCM in dogs, there are a number of possible causes. For example...Taurine deficiency is a well-documented, potential cause of some cases of DCM. Yet it's not likely to be the only cause. More in-depth studies need to be done with good scientific research techniques. Until then, just use a good-quality food.

## MAGIC MOMENTS

By Mary Engstrom

*Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from April 16, 2019 through July 5, 2019. All adoptions finalized after July 5<sup>th</sup> will be in the next issue.*



**18-084 Biscuit**, now **Bizzy**, is an 8-year-old female Golden mix. Sadly, one of her pet parents passed away and **Biscuit** was returned to **AGR** as required by contract. She received her vetting at **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix. She was given a wellness exam and vaccines, and was tested for heartworm and valley fever. Now it was time to

find the perfect home. **Bizzy** is enjoying her new life with Heli, Kevin, children and resident dog and cat in Phoenix. They relayed: ***Bizzy** joined our family on January 4<sup>th</sup> and was welcomed by her "sisters", an 8-year-old Rag Doll cat and an 11-year-old Westie, both named **Daisy** (and both rescues). All three girls are getting along great! The two dogs love their morning walks to the neighborhood Starbucks where they both get lots of love and compliments for their beauty and their manners. We haven't had any fights over toys or cuddles with Mom and Dad. There was just one small scuffle over breakfast one morning when **Daisy** cat was being particularly annoying. **Bizzy** is so adorable, so sweet, so wonderful and so fun, and we are so happy that she joined our family! Thanks so much to **AGR**! Don't you just love a happy ending?*

**19-007 Kelsey** is a lovely 8-year-old Golden girl who was waiting to be saved from the **MCACCS** Westside Shelter. One of **AGR**'s transport angels jumped into action and transported this ill girl to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale. She was very thin, had very dirty ears and a nasty looking growth on the back of her neck. This sweetheart had been severely neglected. **Kelsey** required extensive medical care. Her ear cultures revealed three different types of bacteria, her valley fever titer was 1:64 and she also had a mammary tumor and mass on her head removed. She also required spay surgery and needed a dental cleaning. She received 4 rounds of chemo at **Arizona Oncology** in Scottsdale. Besides the chemo, this sweetie was prescribed fluconazole, Gal-



liprant, Denamarin, cephalixin, Rimadyl and codeine. **Kelsey** was blessed that Bill of Scottsdale welcomed her home and has been by her side during her medical journey! Bill brought lovely **Kelsey** to some of the **AGR** events in the spring. An addendum lasting up to 1 year was granted for extensive follow-up for cancer, valley fever and other issues.



**19-011 Peaches**, now **Lily**, is a petite 2-year-old red/gold Golden. Unfortunately, she was a stray and found herself at the **Gila River Animal Shelter**. She received her initial vaccines at the shelter and continued her vetting at **Kennel Care** in Chandler. This little darling weighed in at a mere 37 pounds at her first vet visit. Her myriad of health issues included a wound

and skin infection on her chest, a contagious upper respiratory infection, diarrhea, anemia, and teeth in poor condition. She was treated with antibiotics, medicated shampoo and a nutritious diet. When **Peaches** was finally ready to be placed with her FWITA, she began vomiting pieces of plastic. A trip to the ER was warranted where X-rays were done. There was definitely something in her stomach! Surgery was performed and seven more pieces of plastic were found in her abdomen and removed. After a lengthy recovery with one of **AGR**'s outstanding fosters she was ready for her forever home. **Lily** is loving her new life in Chandler with Robin and a resident fur child. She is definitely thriving in her new home, and Robin has said she thinks she hit the jackpot with this lovely girl! Thank you **AGR** for saving this sweet girl. An addendum was granted for Apoquel, leptospirosis booster and a follow-up blood work panel.

**19-016 Nala**, now **Chloe**. (Ed Note: When originally published in the May issue, this dog's adoption story had some errors in it, so we are printing the correct story here.)

The family who surrendered **Nala** told us their daughter had developed allergies to the dog. **Nala** had not had much veterinary care, so she had



the “standard everything” at **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital**. She tested positive for valley fever, which is not surprising since she had mostly been kept outside. We started her on fluconazole right away. When the transporters pulled up to the home, they were met outside by Cindy, Jim and their resident dog, **Carter**. It was love at first sight for all! The dogs acted like they had known each other all their lives and were just having a blast playing with each other. **Nala** was not spayed, and about a week after she came into Rescue, she went into heat at their house, we cautioned them to always take her out on leash and not to go out of their back yard until her heat cycle was finished. Unneutered males can smell a female in heat at least a mile away! They kept her safe, found out that she likes to fetch tennis balls but not necessarily give them up, and likes to get her feet wet in kiddie pools. She was spayed in May. Cindy and Jim in Surprise adopted this beautiful 2-year-old girl. Cindy and Jim sent us **Nala’s** success story: *Back in January, we had to put down our 12-year-old Yellow Lab (Cooper) with heavy hearts; and our 10-year-old Golden Retriever (Carter) was lost without his big brother. On March 16<sup>th</sup> of this year, Arizona Golden Rescue (AGR) brought Nala (now Chloe) into our lives. The moment we laid eyes on her, we knew she was a keeper. Chloe is such a sweetie, and has fit right into our family. She is so smart and has already learned her place, not only with us but also with our older Golden. She looks up to him as her big brother now. We love her so much! Thanks to all of you at AGR for making this possible! We are all very happy that Chloe has become part of our family! We are glad, too, that all has worked out so well!*



**19-017 Meg** and **19-018 Shea** are a very bonded pair. **Meg** is a 7-year-old Goldendoodle and **Shea** is a 9-year-old Golden. This dynamic duo found themselves in need of a new home because their surrendering owner was moving to a condo without a yard and had

an ill spouse. Their vetting was done at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale. They received wellness exams, updating of vaccinations, and testing for valley fever, heart worm and senior blood work. All was found to be well so they were ready for their new home. Jenni and Bob of Glendale were excited to

have this wonderful pair in their home. They relayed: *The Golden Girls joined our family! Shea and Meg have been together for seven years. When their owner could no longer care for them, AGR called and asked if we might have a home for them. Without hesitation, we said “Yes!” Shea (photo at left), at 98 pounds, is a nine-year-old Golden Retriever and she loves our 4*

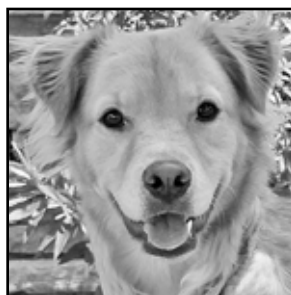


grandsons. The vet recommended that **Shea** lose 35-40 pounds, so we have had her on the green bean diet and take her for walks every morning and evening. She has lost 11 pounds so far and while the diet and exercise have been easy, the tough part is keeping the grandkids from sharing their snacks and treats with her! **Meg** (photo at right) on the other hand is a bit underweight and shies away from the grandkids who are equally willing to share their goodies with her! **Meg** is a seven-year-old Goldendoodle and absolutely loves chasing a tennis ball



and going for walks. When she first arrived, she could nearly pull me off my feet tugging on the leash, but with consistent leash practice, she now walks politely by my side. **Meg** has a special place in my heart because she is so very shy and hesitant. We are grateful to their previous owner for house training them so well. **Meg** likes to carry the occasional stray sock around the house, but neither of them have ever jumped on the furniture, chewed up a grandchild’s toy, or had an accident in the house. We are still learning commands that they know and to which they respond. And finally, we are grateful to **AGR** for giving us the opportunity to provide a forever home to **Meg** and **Shea**!

**19-021 Purdy** is a lovely 11-year-old senior lady. Sadly, she needed a new home after all these years due to a change in the family situation. She received her vetting at **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix. During her vetting it was discovered she had a positive valley fever titer and was promptly started on fluconazole. She also needed spay surgery and the removal of mammary masses that, fortunately, tested benign. **Purdy** is happily enjoying her “Golden” years in Phoenix with Jessica, Tim, resident dog **El Jefe**, and the cats. An addendum was granted for a valley fever re-check, meds as needed for 3 months and a dental within 3 months.



**19-022 Maci** is a Golden mix youngster at age 17-months. This cutie needed a new home due to the resident senior dog not being receptive to **Maci**. It was determined her new home needed to be void of small dogs, cats, and children. **Maci** is a very scared and timid girl. She received her vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale where vaccines were updated; she was also tested for valley fever, heart-worm and had basic lab work. She did have a few missing teeth that didn’t cause any oral problems. **Maci** was warmly welcomed

“home” by Fran, Jan, and resident Golden, **Gus**, of Sun City West. She is happy to escape the summer heat by residing “up north” in the summer. They relayed: **Maci** continues to fit in well here in her new forever home. She and **Gus** are best buds. They sure love to play and wrestle. She’s a hit at the doggie park in Sun City West and in Prescott Valley (Dewey mailing address), where we are spending our summer. She’s super friendly and playful with all the other dogs, and friendly-but-reserved with the people. And, boy, can she run! We have a small manufactured home (609 sq. ft.) here, and it’s just roomy enough for all four of us. And we do have a fenced-in yard here, as well. She’s still skittish about some things and barks at people/dogs walking by. But she’s come a very long way, and we’re proud of her. She’s great, and we all love her. I expect to take her for obedience training in the Fall, but she is doing pretty well overall. Another **AGR** success story!



**19-023 Heidi** is a 5½-year-old Golden mix. Her owner had gotten her from Craig’s List four years ago, but she had to move to a small apartment where she could not keep the dog. **Heidi** is sweet but quite wary of strangers, even to the point of exhibiting submissive urination. Once she warms up to someone, she is a good girl. She needed our entire standard vet care, as she was not current

on vaccinations. She was already spayed, though, and tested negative for valley fever and heartworm. The urinary incontinence has mostly resolved with medication, although we did issue an addendum for 3 months of medication if needed. **Heidi** has become more comfortable in her new home with Betty and Rich in Surprise. Because of **Heidi**’s sensitivity and reactivity to strangers and exhibiting some resource-guarding behavior, **AGR** Behaviorist Sharon McKenzie did several home visits during which she emphasized to the humans their need to exhibit strong leadership with **Heidi** and learn to observe her body language. After the last such visit, Sharon wrote: **Heidi** with Rich and Betty has come a long way and she is responding better to both of them, especially to Rich. She is much more relaxed and friendly and I was able to pet her, take her favorite toy away, she gave it back etc... she initiated much of our interaction together and is coming out of her shell more and more. She and their caretaker, Richard, are getting along much better and **Heidi** wags her tail and is happy to see him when he comes over now. Rich recently commented: **Heidi**’s favorite squeaky toy is an eight-inch green dragon with an extremely shrill screech guaranteed to wake even the most serious napper. When she goes to the back yard to take care of business, she carries the toy with her and lays it on the gravel fairly close to her chosen spot. More often than not she carries the toy back inside and places it somewhere my power wheelchair is sure to travel which requires me to move it or squish the toy. Squishing the dragon produces the same noise mentioned above, so I choose to move her toy. This entire process is repeated several times each day. I feel she is the canine

version of the Peanuts character Linus with his security blanket. In between trips outside with her dinosaur, **Heidi** mostly ignores her toy, choosing instead to sneak it where I am sure to travel. Betty says our goofy dog is very similar to her goofy husband. Now, where is my blanket? We are very glad this little girl finally has a good life in front of her with people who love her.



**10-024 Myrtle**, now **Marlee**, is a 4-year-old Golden-Pyranees mix. Her surrendering owner adopted her from the Westside **MCACCS** shelter then realized she was too big and playful for the resident 13-year-old Terrier. **Myrtle** received her vetting at **Four Legged Friends** in Phoenix where she was diagnosed with a urinary tract infection that was treated with medications. The adopters, Karen and Phillip of Phoenix, received a finalization addendum for a UTI recheck and medication. They said: **Marlee** took some time to get acquainted with the family and still needs time to build a relationship with the cat. She is loving, intelligent, learns quickly and has a great personality. A fantastic addition to our family! Thank you, **AGR**!

**19-026 Maggie**, now **Emmy**, is a darling 10-month-old Goldendoodle. Sadly, her owner’s health was declining, and she could no longer walk or take care of this youngster. **Maggie** received her vetting at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale and was deemed in great health. She was updated on vaccines and screened for valley fever and heartworm. She was welcomed into her new home in Phoenix by Michelle, Mike and children. They reported: **Emmy** is an 11-month-old Goldendoodle that just joined our family! We have been waiting a long time to find the right dog for all of us. **Emmy** is energetic and very playful. She is super smart and is quickly learning commands. **Emmy** loves her morning and evening walks! She gets very excited for car rides to school as well. She also enjoys when we rub her belly and scratch her ears and chin. We are so lucky to have **Emmy** as a part of our family! And, **Emmy** is lucky, too!



**19-029 Lola** is a 5½-year-old English Cream Golden. This beauty needed a new home due to divorce. She was examined at **Kennel Care** in Chandler where she received lab work and updated vaccines. **Lola** is loving life in Chandler with Marlene, Dean, resident Golden **Mary Kate**, and son Jimmy’s dog **Duke**. They stated: **Lola** is such a happy girl, with her tail al-

ways going. We have not met anyone or any dog she did not like. Since she has been offered the couch, she has taken it over. She especially loves to lay her head on Mar's lap and falls to sleep with her head constantly being rubbed. **Lola, Mary Kate, and Duke** all hit it off right away. Sharon Flores, **Lola's** foster, gave her a stuffed toy and now every time she goes outside to do her business, she takes the toy along with her. She is just a sweetheart. She has a stubborn streak to her, but it makes us laugh. **Lola** is also enjoying being an "Ambassador" at AGR events with her sister, **Mary Kate**. Thank you, Sharon Flores, and AGR.

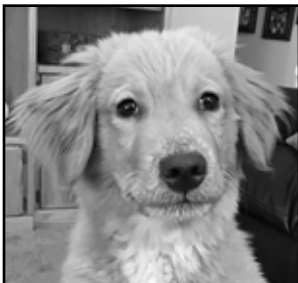


**19-030 Stormy** is a 10-year-old handsome dark red boy who had some medical issues the owner could not handle. He was already neutered, but he needed everything else: update of all vaccinations and tests for heartworm and valley fever, as well as treatment for some wounds sustained in an attack by another dog. He has a loss of muscle mass in his back legs, which weight gain (at least

6 pounds) and regular exercise will help. Due to some frequent scratching, he was started on Apoquel and was also started on Cosequin to help his legs. The adoptive family, Mary and Bert in Litchfield Park, reported that he is doing fabulously and is like a new dog! Happy new life, **Stormy**.

**19-033 Darby**, now **Darcy**, is a pretty 10-year-old female Golden. Unfortunately, her surrendering owner was close to being evicted and could not afford a place that would allow her to keep **Darby**. She received her vetting at **Kenel Care** in Chandler. **Darby** developed nose bleeds, limping issues, and a poor appetite at the home of her FWITA.

After a full blood panel, along with an ACHT and X-rays of her spine and hips, the news was not good. **Darby** was diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma. Despite the grim prognosis, Christine and Peter of Mesa were already smitten with this lovely girl. They decided their home was the perfect forever home. As a *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption*, all of **Darcy's** expenses until she goes to the Bridge are now covered by **AGR**.



**19-034 Benji**, an adorable Golden mix puppy, is now residing in Phoenix with Becky and Dennis. Dennis said: *We were on the list to adopt an older dog when AGR asked us to foster a sick puppy that was quarantined from other dogs. We haven't wanted a puppy, because I don't have*

*the time to devote to it. After two days, Becky decided she wanted to keep him and would devote the time it takes to constantly keep track. When Benji got to our house he was not responding to his name so we changed it to Wilbur.* He was rescued at 3 months of age from **Pima County Animal Control** in Tucson where he was deemed unadoptable due to being born with juvenile cellulitis, a.k.a. puppy strangles. By the time we picked him up, he had developed kennel cough (bordatella) and tested positive for canine parainfluenza. He was also limping on his left forelimb. He was started on doxycycline and prednisone at the shelter; we continued that treatment and added marbofloxacin. He has now recovered, although still being treated for the puppy strangles, which can cause lots of different problems. Puppy strangles is a result of an immune malfunction. The skin, especially on the face, becomes infected with deep sores. These sores can become so involved that they reach the lymph nodes of the neck. This neck area swells with hard knots under the jaw until it looks like the baby dog will strangle – hence the name. Hopefully, the long-term effect will be nothing more than his snout looking like it has freckles. With finalization, a health addendum was issued for a follow-up for his puppy strangles and for neutering at one year of age.

**19-037 Lucy** was surrendered at only 6 weeks of age by an owner who had had her only a few days.

**Lucy** had developed bloody diarrhea and parvo was suspected. Her owner could not afford treatment. We did a 911 transport to **AMSC** where they put this little girl in isolation. Fortunately, she did not test positive for parvo (we had the test



done twice just to be sure). However, she did have both *Coccidia* and *Giardia*. The *Coccidia* were eradicated relatively quickly, but *Giardia* can be very persistent and resistant to treatment; eggs and spores can be shed by an infected dog for 3 weeks and remain in the environment for years. The best preventative for contamination of other dogs and people is to clean up all poop immediately. **Lucy** had to be handled with disposable gloves on, and she had to be cleaned up every time she pooped. The family that was chosen for **Lucy** was up to the challenge of fostering her until she tested clean. They were very careful to follow the instructions given by the vet, especially to keep their resident dog, **Daisy**, from picking up the *Giardia*. The entire family of two adults and three kids did very well, and **Lucy's** fecal sample finally came back clear after about 6 weeks of treatment. Krissy, Ryan, Peyton, Willie and Wyatt have now officially adopted **Lucy** and renamed her **Rosie**; **Daisy** is loving having a new playmate. We issued an addendum to cover a retest for *Giardia* in one month, completion of vaccines, and spaying at approximately one year.

**19-038 Leo**, a 4½-year-old male purebred Golden, was acquired by the owner only a month before he surrendered the dog to us.



**Leo** was being abused by the owner's 9-year-old autistic son with communication problems – the boy could not seem to understand that he should not hit the dog or grab him in the face. Barbii and RJ in Paradise Valley are very dog savvy and know how to properly treat a dog. So after a settling in period where they wisely kept **Leo** separated from the two resident dogs (he was

snarling at them at first), **Leo** is playing with balls and swimming with the other dogs. He has really become attached to RJ, who told us: *I'm a bit older than most, but like all, we love our Golden Retrievers...Not that my last one who I loved and lived with for 14 years is being "replaced," but only fine memories are being added by the adoption of this wonderful young man, Leo. He was represented truly by AGR and instantly became one of the family and easily lost any "bad habits" from being in the wrong home. He is well loved and now adding great memories and adventures to this household. Thank you all again. Happy new life, Leo!*

**19-041 Blu**, now **Jack**, is a 6-month-old Golden Lab mix – still a puppy! **Blu** needed a new home because his surrendering owner could not afford his medical care. **Blu** was vetted at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center**. He got vaccines, was tested for valley fever and heartworm and had a microchip implanted. It seems this puppy was eating what puppies should not but was in good health. He is enjoying life in Phoenix with Nicole, Derek, children and resident dog, **Martha**. The family has renamed him **Jack**. The family reported: *Jack (Blu) has instantly become a part of our family; our kids have taken on the responsibility of helping to keep him fit, fed and happy. Our four-year-old dog now has the playmate she's so desperately wanted, and they play for hours. His personality is wonderful – we wake up every morning to his sweet happy face and he lifts all of our spirits. What is amazing is that he is already housebroken; we're so happy and lucky to have him in our lives! An addendum was granted for neutering when age appropriate.*



*When Visiting My House, Please Remember...*

*If you don't like dog hair, stay off the couch  
To you I'm a dog, but here I'm the baby  
They like me more than they like most humans  
I live here, you're a guest  
They love me, they're only friends with you  
You'll be sniffed, possibly licked, deal with it*

- The Dog

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OVER THE RAINBOW

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



12-004 Hogan Mikol



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Tully Brown

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.



Susie Koblick



Scout Lansdowne



Daisy O'Toole



Sage Shapiro

and

William "Bill" Goldcamp  
Beloved husband of AGR Member Nancy Goldcamp

Jan Newland  
Friend of AGR and sister of Tony Cotner



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## Joey's Journey

By Carolyn Brown

From Carolyn: *Somewhere in the process of saying goodbye to a faithful four-legged companion, a seed gets planted within your heart as they leave. It's the tears you will shed over the following weeks or months that nurture that seed. Then one day that seed bursts and your heart breaks open enough for you to realize you once again have it within you to love another Golden. That love becomes a burning desire to find one who needs you as much as you need them. Say "Hi" to Joey... he has a story to tell.*

My life probably started out as your typical bundle of fluff with some human interaction. But it started a long way from Arizona. In fact, over 7,500 miles away. You see, I was born in Harbin, China. Over in China, Golden Retrievers either start out as family pets or are bred to become victims of the meat trade and slaughterhouses. I thought I was one of the lucky ones... I had a family. That was until, at about seven months, I was too big and no longer a cute fluffy puppy. I was getting expensive to feed and care for, so one day my family turned me out onto the streets. It was there I learned to scrounge for scraps of food and beg for love and attention from strangers.

Harbin is located about 200 miles south of Siberia. The temperatures are very cold at night. Winter brings below-zero temperatures. The city is modern, but the countryside is rural and poor. I roamed the streets missing my family, unsure of meals and shivering from the cold. I thought my life had taken a good turn when, one evening, a man got out from a large truck and scooped me up. I felt the warmth of his body. It felt good. But wait... why was I being forced into a small metal crate with three other dogs. Why did this truck have thirty or forty other crates on it all strapped together, many with scared trembling dogs like me? The truck started to move. Where were we going? It seemed like forever, but then we stopped. Where were we?

I could hear voices. The driver of the truck was screaming at a lady who sounded very sad. Money... he wanted money from her. In the distance I heard many other scared dogs whimpering and barking. Then I recognized the loud man as the driver of the truck. He was walking about pointing at some of the dogs. Then he pointed to me. The sad lady nodded her head and soon I was freed from my crowded cage. I and a few of the others from the truck were soon to join the nearly 2,000 others who were whimpering and crying beyond the wall. The loud man counted the currency that the crying lady gave him and drove off into the darkness.

The sad lady knelt beside me as she told me that she did not have the space or financial resources to rescue all the dogs on that truck. They were headed to the slaughterhouse where they

would meet a tortured demise. You see, in China dog meat is considered a delicacy. Golden Retrievers are highly sought both for their meat and then for their soft pelts. Some in China believe that the more adrenaline in a dog at their time of death, the more tender and medicinal their meat will be. The others from that truck will be tortured to death. Many will be clubbed, some skinned alive, some electrocuted, many hung. I was a lucky one. I escaped that, thanks to the sad lady who took me into the overcrowded shelter.

**The motto of  
the Chinese rescue volunteers:**

***For the screams that go unheard,  
and the cries that go unanswered,  
we will continue to fight for you!***



Harbin animal shelter

At the Harbin Shelter, the only one for the entire province of over ten million people, the only thing that is abundant is the love of the

volunteers. There are only large pen-like enclosures that house upwards of one hundred dogs each. Large water troughs that the volunteers try to keep fresh are often frozen over at night. Food is a corn meal that gets shaken from feed sacks on the ground as the volunteers try to avoid the onslaught of hungry canines. But in true canine fashion, the larger dogs yield to the small ones that need the limited amounts of meal more than they do today. Maybe tomorrow there will be more, yet there is often the possibility tomorrow will bring nothing. Most of the heat comes from the warmth of snuggling with other dogs. But we are the lucky ones. We have been saved from the slaughterhouse.

It's cold tonight, really cold. My young puppy bones hurt lying on the hard concrete; I have started to cough like many of the others here. I shiver and shake. An older dog comes to my aid. Placing herself on the cold dirt and broken concrete first she encourages me to snuggle near her. She is soft, she is warm. Thank you, God. I begin to pray and dream of a life with a family, regular food, a soft bed and something to make my cough go away. I've lost track of the days or weeks I've been here at the shelter.

I hear voices coming towards me. I see the same sad lady who saved me from the truck before. There is another lady with her.

The sad lady calls her “Eva”. Eva has a very kind voice. She approaches me and tells me I will be OK. She kneels down on the cold damp concrete to hug me and tell me she will find me a home but first needs to get me well. I, along with three other dogs get to leave with Eva today. My tail is wagging. My heart is lighter. My tummy is hungry and my cough is still there, but Eva is my angel.

For the next few months, my time with Eva and her volunteers restores not only my health but also my spirit. I had kennel-cough. The doctors Eva brought me to started medications and Eva placed me with a family who took great care of me. The girls are students at the ESL school where Eva is the Language Administrator. They named me “Xiao Wu” (no English equivalent). They taught me manners. They taught me that I was handsome and beautiful. All along they kept telling me that Eva would find me a great permanent home in someplace called America.

In that place called America, there WAS a wonderful family waiting for me. Call it Golden luck, fate, karma or the deep-seeded love of a lost Golden, but my new Mom-to-be saw a posting Eva had done on Facebook. Eva works with a Rescue in a place called Connecticut. “*Monty’s Mission*” was founded by a lady who heard of the meat trade business in China and brought **Monty** out herself. She committed to that little dog that she would try and rescue more. That is how *Monty’s Mission* began. Eva volunteers as the Chinese contact. As money and foster homes allow, she visits the Harbin shelter and rescues dogs in real need or those not capable of surviving in those conditions. She cannot take them all, unfortunately. She arranges the health checks, passports, quarantine, transport supplies and travel volunteers to bring the dogs to the States. She posted that there was one more space to bring a Rescue on the 3-19-2019 flight into Los Angeles. Fortunately for me, my Mom-to-be saw it and responded asking if they had a Golden. With the return response that included my picture, it was love at first sight! I was the Lucky One.

For my Mom and Dad-to-be, the wait seemed endless. Six weeks of quarantine seemed like a lifetime. For me it meant moving to a different location, but I still was surrounded by people who loved me. Then one day they had this small metal crate for me. Gosh it was small. I could barely stand up in it. It brought back bad memories of the crate on the truck, but I was reassured that this was going to lead to something great! I was the lucky one. Tomorrow I would fly on a small regional airline carrier the 655 miles from Harbin to Beijing. Because this was a small plane, I had to be placed in the small crate for the two-hour flight. Then, once I arrived in Beijing, I would spend the night in the home of very nice volunteers that knew Eva, and the next day I would begin my flight to America in a very comfortable large airline kennel.

Today is my big day! I made the flight to Beijing and had a comfortable night with nice people and Eva. Yes, Eva is my travel volunteer! She is bringing four other dogs with her. We are at the

airport in Beijing. I am in a brand-new large dog kennel. I have a comfortable disposable mat (just in case I have an accident) and a full water bottle. Eva gives the airline people my paperwork and passport. Yes, I have my own passport! People are stopping by to talk about me and the others. I’m the only one in a super large crate so, of course, everyone sees me and talks to me. I’m the lucky one! I say goodbye to all my Chinese volunteers and get carted back to the baggage area where I am loaded onto a big aircraft in the baggage compartment.

My Freedom Flight is continuing. It’s twelve hours to Vancouver, British Columbia where I will clear US Customs. The baggage people in Vancouver like me. They open my kennel and let me walk around. Is this my new home? They remove the wet pad in my kennel. My water bottle leaked, but I didn’t. So, they dry my kennel for me, give me some much-needed exercise and lots of hugs. I’m not sure they are supposed to, but I am grateful. I look around and see my travel buddies’ kennels. I’m getting far more attention, but then again, I am a Golden – a very thankful Golden at that. In the air again after a four-hour layover. Next stop: Los Angeles.



Eva and Carolyn waiting at LAX

My Mom and Dad-to-be are waiting anxiously in the baggage claim area at Los Angeles International airport. They have a brand-new collar, leash, water, toys, treats and lots of baby wipes and Lysol in case I messed in my crate. But wait! I don’t come out at



First sight of Joey at LAX

the baggage claim area. When Eva arrives at the baggage claim area she waits too and then begins to worry. Where are the dogs? Finally, she sees a passenger who was on the same flight with his dog and kennel. They are told that instead of being hustled to the baggage area, *Air Canada* treats us as “special” baggage and has us waiting behind the upstairs ticket counter. We’re special and I’m thankful! Eva and my soon-to-be new Mom are there to claim me! Why is everyone crying? Oh, those were all happy tears! A short ride in the elevator down and I get to meet my new Dad. A round of hugs and a quick trip out to the Pet Exercise area... whew! I was a really good boy, no messes in my kennel or on myself, but one loooong pee outside. Hugs and Kisses for and from everyone. I’m one happy dog!



Peter with Joey in LAX pet exercise area; Joey: Wow, did I have to go!

Since my flight arrived at 7 PM., we



Carolyn and Joey at LAX: Love at first sight!



Peter with Joey at LAX

say, "More food, please." I have had a full belly ever since. I am thankful. My eight-hour drive the next morning is a blur. I slept most of the way. Mom says I am a great traveler. Even though she didn't speak Chinese, I understood her and was very eager to please her. I learned "Sit", "Come" "Down" and "Stay" within 24 hours.

We finally arrived at my new house. WOW, a yard I could run in, water bowls that had fresh water all the time, soft beds, good food every day and, of course, an older brother, **Cody**! I was sure we were going to be best pals; he wanted to make sure he was still Mom's baby. After all, **Quinn**, the last big red Golden he shared everything with had been gone EXACTLY one year to the day I arrived. **Quinn** was old, I was a one-year-old puppy. **Cody's** life was about to change... everybody's life was changing. It was all good. It only took about a day or so for **Cody** to become my best pal. I think it was when he realized I was not going to try and steal his Mom or his food.

I had arrived in the US on St. Joseph's Day and Mom's Godmother's birthday. Her name was Josephine. Mom said that is how she settled on the name of "**Joey**" for me. After she got to know me, she also says I am just like the character "Joey" from the TV show "Friends" – a big-hearted guy, eager to make everyone happy and someone who loves everyone and everything.

I'm so glad that Mom and Dad's last big red guy, **Quinn**, planted that seed in Mom's heart and it blossomed the day it did. I will have to thank him someday when I see him beyond the Rainbow Bridge. But for now, I've hit the jackpot. I'M ONE LUCKY DOG!



Joey and his best pal Cody

stayed the night at a nice hotel in Los Angeles. Mom stayed next to me the entire night. I got small amounts of food every two hours, but finally at eight AM I picked up my new metal bowl and brought it over to Mom as if to



Carolyn and Peter Brown with Cody at the Chance Shelter event in February; the wait for the day of Joey's arrival seemed endless, but volunteering for AGR helped pass the time



Peter with Joey and Joey enjoying the company of some students at the ASU West Stress Relief event; like Cody, Joey is a terrific ambassadog for Golden Retriever rescue!



Joey's Story continues...



Peter was out of town on business, so Carolyn brought both Cody and Joey to AGR's Paws At The Park picnic on March 31st by herself; it was only a few days after Joey arrived in Arizona; he had had a complete vet check and was pronounced healthy

below, from *Monty's Mission*



I AM RESCUED

You didn't care how I looked or that I wasn't a pedigree

You showed me I am not disposable and that I am loved

You brought back the sparkle in my eye and the shine of my coat

You restored my spirit so my tail can wag again

You took a chance on me to see what I can become

You gave me a place to call home and a family to call my own

From Monty's Mission

Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever. ~ Karen Davison

### *Avoiding Heat-Related Injuries in Dogs*

by Nate Baxter, D.V.M.

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The first thing that needs to be understood [about heat-related injuries] is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the information cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures are for people other than what I learned in first aid.

Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes through exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiological changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile – they need intravenous fluids and electrolytes and lots of them.

**Cooling:** Evaporative cooling is the most efficient means of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate, so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan, that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate.

For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, i.e. shade, or in a vehicle with the air conditioning on (driving around so the vehicle does not overheat and the AC is more efficient).

**Alcohol:** I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate – you can use too much as some is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the dog's temperature down.

**Watching temperature:** If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temperature and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend to get a rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones from the drugstore I have found to be very unreliable. Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when you are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up. This is VERY IMPORTANT: once

the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temperature starts at 106.5°, and then next time it drops to 105.5°, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how the temperature continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102°, it will drop way too low [below 101°]. I cannot emphasize this point enough.

When the dog is so overheated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective.

Do not worry about hydration until the temperature has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is at risk for bloat. Due to the heavy panting, dogs will swallow air mixed with a large amount of water, and they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting, then allow water. The dog will rehydrate itself after its temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment for overheating is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dog's response to different environments. Another very important point: Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put it in a box or small crate. Remember, evaporation cannot take place in a tight space – the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog.

After doing a 15-minute in-yard drill on a warm 70+ degree day, my dog was panting pretty hard and was pretty hot. She was OK but it was time to stop. Just for the heck of it I took her temp. She was 103.6°, above normal but not too bad for a dog that had just finished working. In my back yard I have a 300 gallon Rubbermaid tub filled with water. I took her to it and she jumped in and out 3-4 times. She appeared totally improved, tongue was much smaller, and eyes brighter and her full spring was back into her step. So I retook her temp and it was 104.2°, so even though she looked better she was hotter. This is a perfect lesson to show the importance of not getting a hot dog wet and then putting them in a box. The water on her skin caused the blood vessels to constrict, decreasing blood flow to the skin. Therefore the hot blood was shunted back to the dog's core and retained the heat. You may have felt the same thing, after exercising – but still being very warm – take a shower and get cooled off. As soon as you turn the shower off you start sweating again.

## Teach Your Dog To Swim

By Deb Orwig

Having a pool and a dog can either be a disaster or a lot of fun. Even if it's a retriever, your dog will not intuitively know how to swim. You can help your dog learn to swim so you'll both have a great time in the pool. As with children, even after your dog knows how to swim, **never leave your dog unsupervised around a pool, especially if your pool is not fenced.**

Safety tips for dogs around pools are the same as those for children. If possible, install a see-through pool fence with a self-closing and self-locking gate. Have a pool alarm that goes off if the gate is opened. Have a ramp or ladder at the steps for ease of exit.

My pool is not fenced and cannot be fenced (there's no room), so I have taught all my resident dogs, foster dogs and visitor dogs not to go in unless I say, "Want to go for a swim?" I also have their favorite pool toys in hand when I use this "trigger," so that they know it's OK to jump in when I throw the toys in. How do I teach them not to go in? If they go in before they get the signal, I go in and haul them out and firmly say, "NO, you don't go in unless you're invited!" Usually they go in uninvited only once, maybe twice, then they learn to ignore the pool.

**AGR** does not recommend shaving a Golden Retriever in the summer. The coat actually insulates the dog from the heat as well as from cold. In addition, shaved dogs can get sunburned and may develop skin cancer as a result. The dog's nose, eyes, and ears can be vulnerable to sunburn also. If you and your dog spend a lot of time out by the pool, ask your vet about sunscreen for your dog.

Wait at least an hour following a meal before you allow your dog in the pool.

Control your dog in the water by using a leash or long line attached to a life jacket, a flat buckle collar, a swimming harness, or a regular harness with the leash attached from the front rather than the top.



Show your dog where the steps are and insist that he exit the pool on the steps and not try to climb out over the side. It may help orient the dog if you put an easily visible marker like a potted plant or a flag by the steps. Show him the steps from the deck and say "steps." Then take him a short distance away and repeat. Reward him with a treat or favorite toy.

When you start swimming lessons, ideally you should have a helper with one of you in the pool and one of you on the deck. Say "steps" and gently place the dog in the water with his feet on the top step. Let him relax on the top step for awhile. If you are by yourself, attach a leash or long line before you put him in the

water and stay by the side of the pool. If necessary, put your arms around him and carry him further into the pool.



Another thing you can try to help get your dog used to being in the water is to put her on a floatie. She will probably be a little nervous at first but will relax and might even doze!

Once you have coaxed the dog down to the second step, put one hand under his chest and the other under the back part of his belly to help hold his rear

end up and move him off the step. His legs will automatically start paddling – he should look like he is running in the water. You may need to help him by moving his rear legs for him, because if he just uses his front legs, he will most likely sink. His neck should extend forward and his head should not point up. If necessary, tempt him with a treat to get him

into this position. It may also help the dog orient properly in the water if you give him a toy such as a Water Wubba® or a Kong® bumper that he can carry in his mouth – carrying the toy will help him level out.



At first, stay in the shallow end and keep the lessons short – no more than ten minutes.

Once he's out of the pool for the day, rinse him off or give him a shampoo. Be sure to dry out his ears or ear infections may develop. If your dog is in the pool a lot, ask your vet if human swimmers' ear preventative drops would be OK to use on your dog. A good home remedy for preventing ear infections is mixing 1 part white vinegar with 1 part vodka. Put a couple drops in each ear after you dry out the ears. Check the dog's eyes, too, as they may become irritated by the chlorine and need to be rinsed with an eye flush.

After your dog learns to swim, don't let him overexert himself. Swimming is a physically demanding exercise, and he can easily become fatigued. Make the dog take rest breaks and watch for signs of exhaustion.

If the unthinkable happens and you find your dog motionless in the water, get him out of the water immediately. If he is not breathing, hold his rear legs up to let water drain. Put him on his side. Clear any debris from his mouth, close his mouth with your hand, and apply mouth-to-nose resuscitation and chest compressions. Take him to the vet as soon as possible even if he begins to breathe on his own.

# 10th Annual Fore! Paws Golf Tournament to benefit Arizona Golden Rescue Dogs



**Saturday  
September 28, 2019**

**Lone Tree Golf Club**

6262 South Mountain Blvd, Chandler

**Check-in: Noon – 1:15 PM**

**1:30 PM Shotgun Start, 4-Person Scramble Format**

**Dinner follows with spectacular raffle and silent auction**

**Dinner Menu: Surf and Turf**

Fresh Garden Salad  
Red Skinned Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Seasonal Chef Assorted Veggies  
Grilled Petite NY Strip Steaks with Red Wine Demi Glaze  
Grilled Salmon with Pesto Sauce  
Rolls with Butter  
Chef's Choice of Dessert  
Choice of Water and Fountain Drinks  
No-host Bar

**Early bird fee until September 18, \$109 for individual golfer; \$430 for foursome  
After September 18th Individual Golfer fee, \$159; Foursome, \$630**

**Game Improvement Package** can be purchased at tournament for \$25; early bird price, \$20 if paid for with registration; limit one package per golfer

Includes: 1 mulligan; 1 ticket to move up one tee box; one ticket to throw the ball from a sand trap or out of bounds; one 4-foot string to move up to 4 feet on a short putt

**Early bird dinner-only fee** (tax and gratuity included) until September 18: **\$40**

**Dinner-only fee after September 18** (tax and gratuity included): **\$55**

**Sponsorships:** must be registered and paid for by September 18, 2019

- **Tournament Sponsorship:** \$5,000 (includes complimentary hole sign)
- **English Cream Sponsorship:** \$2,500 – \$4,999 (includes complimentary hole sign)
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- **Tail Waggin' Sponsorships:** any amount of \$10 (in \$10 increments) up to \$1,000 (any amount of \$200 or more includes complimentary hole sign)
- **Hole Sponsorships:** \$200 each

**Registration opens August 1, 2019; register online at**  
<https://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/forepawsselection>

For Credit Card Payment, call AGR President Deb Orwig at 623-693-0589 (a 3% convenience fee for credit card use will be added) OR

Mail check to Arizona Golden Rescue, 5350 W. Bell Rd., Ste. C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308; checks must be received by September 18, 2019

HERE and THERE

Events from April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019

Your membership in our organization will be more fulfilling for you if you get involved and join us at our events, especially if you are one of our adopters. Our Meet-and-Greets are a great way to socialize, both for you and for your dog. Our fundraisers are FUN raisers! Please regularly check the events calendar on our website – www.arizonagoldenrescue.org – for dates and times of upcoming events. We would like to include your picture in this section in future issues.



ASU West De-Stress Fest

By Deb Orwig

ASU West was the only event besides four pet store Meet-and-Greets during second quarter. We will not have any more activities until the golf tournament on September 28<sup>th</sup>.



Demian Herrera-Quiroz with Vin and Mufasa

On Tuesday, April 23, 2019, a sizeable group of AGR members and dogs had a wonderful afternoon with a large group of students at ASU West. This event was advertised to the students as a De-Stress Fest. The students really seemed to enjoy petting and loving on the dogs. Many comments were overheard like “this is the best day of the week”, “this just makes my day” and “the dogs are so cool!”



Many of the ASU students took pictures with their phones

Demian Herrera-Quiroz, Vice President of Programming, scheduled the event. He very kindly arranged to have a tent set up for us and also had some bottled water for the humans (I brought water for the dogs). Fortunately, the weather co-



Bob Youhas with Blaze;



Charlie Joyce with student;



Cody Brown with student



Student with Emma and Watson Taseo



Student with Gracie II Prose



Joni Cipollone with her Gracie



Student with Jasper Prose



Joey Brown getting a taste of the good life!



Malle Cardinal

Mary Kate and Dean Mortimore traveled from Chandler during the worst of traffic time on I-10 and I-17!

Carolyn and Peter Brown with Cody and Joey; Adam Cardinal and Duane Borho with Malle and

operated – the prediction had been for 95 degrees, but partial overcast with spotty clouds cut the temperature back into the mid 80’s, so it was very pleasant. I brought about 40 calendars that we offered for free, and all were taken. Some of our newsletters and brochures were also taken. AGR members who came included:

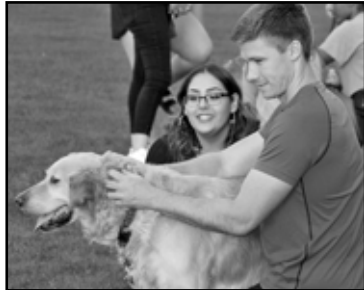




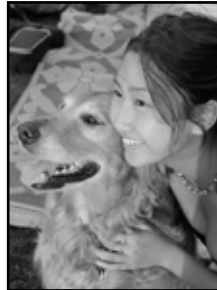
Mufasa Orwig loves laps!



Nash and Jack Spiel with student



Rhys Cardinal with Students



Riley McCabe/Dodson with student



Student with Watson Tataseo



April Crow with her Willow

Rhys; Joni Cipollone with Gracie; April Crow with Willow; Sheila Joyce with Charlie and Willow; Connie McCabe with Riley; Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate; Deb Orwig with Duffy, Mufasa and Vin; Jill and Fred Prose with Gracie II and Jasper; Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash; Liz Tataseo with Emma and Watson; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with Blaze.



Willow Joyce with students

Thanks for participating everyone! I have been assured that we will be invited back in the fall.

We could use more home evaluators in all parts of the Valley. Two ride-alongs with experienced evaluators are required before we will send you out on your own. If interested, please contact Sheila Joyce at horsecrazymom@msn.com



Petco, 9980 W Northern Ave – Liz Tataseo, Hostess

April 27, 2019



Jocelyn and Tia Raught with Bubba and Mimi



Reba Tataseo is a Golden-Bloodhound mix



Mimi Raught is a Golden-something mix

Because of the summer heat, April and May were our last Meet-and-Greets until probably October. Joining Reba, Watson and me were Sheila Joyce with Willow, Deb Orwig with Vin and Duffy and Jocelyn and Tia Raught with Bubba and Mimi.



Watson Tataseo is a Goldendoodle

We only collected about \$29, as it was pretty slow.

May 25, 2019



Back: Sarah Brown, Deb Orwig, Patrick Doyle; Front: Leah Brown, Vin, Luna, Cassie Barnett, Dean Mortimore, Mary Kate and Lola

In May we collected almost \$52, not much traffic but better than last month. Joining McKayla and me were Patrick Doyle, Cassie Barnett with her beautiful new girl Luna, Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate and lovely Lola, and Deb Orwig with Vin. This was Luna's and Lola's first AGR Meet-and-Greet and they both did great! We were also joined for the first time by new members Sarah and Leah Brown. They did not bring a dog but enjoyed handling and playing with the ones who came. We hope to see them again in the fall.



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

Peoria **PetSmart** April 14, 2019



Debbie Ball with Shelby and Dillon, Karen Davis with Carlie, Phil Davis with Star and Pat Morgan with Cassie



Jill Imler with Zoey

What a terrific day, thanks to Nick Dodson (getting out and about); Debbie Ball with **Dillon** and **Shelby**;



Sheila Joyce with Willow and Charlie and Deb Orwig with Vin and Duffy

Karen and Phil Davis with **Carlie** and **Star**; Jill Imler with **Zoey**; Sheila Joyce



Riley wearing pretty Easter bandana that Deb made



Star and Carlie Davis with PetSmart's Easter Bunny



Zoey really wanted Vin to play with her; fortunately, Vin was tolerant of her puppy antics

with **Charlie** and **Willow**; Pat Morgan with **Cassie**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Vin**. And of course, our **Riley**. **PetSmart** was having free Easter photos with the Bunny and so there was a lot of foot traffic. We collected \$206.56, including \$38 for bandanas! Thank you all for participating.

**Peoria PetSmart May 12, 2019**

We had beautiful weather and a very nice day at **PetSmart** for Mother's Day. Unfortunately the rest of Phoenix did not get the message and had other priorities (probably something silly like taking their moms out to eat). So donations were sparse, \$47, but the people who did visit were very interested in adopting and I'm hop-



Liz Tataseo with McKayla, Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack, Bob Youhas with Blaze, Connie McCabe with Riley, Fred Prose with Gracie, Jill Prose with Jasper, and Kathi Youhas

and Jill Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**; Chris Spiel with **Jack**



Riley with Rose photo that Chris framed and gave to Connie who took the picture

and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo with always-happy **McKayla**; Bob and Kathi Youhas with **Blaze**, and Deb Orwig who stopped by, too. Luckily for me, **Riley** was able to convince Chris to frame **Riley's** photo with the rose. So adorable, thank you Chris

and **Riley!** All in all, a very nice Mother's Day.

We don't have meet-and-greets at this store during the summer because of the heat. We will likely start up again in October unless



Jack Spiel and Blaze Youhas



Always happy McKayla; custom bandanas with your dog's name can be ordered from Deb Orwig for \$10

calendar to verify times, places and hours as the schedule changes frequently: <http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/events/calendar.html>.

More photos from these events and all other **AGR** events can be viewed at <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/>





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