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On the Cover

Group at organizational meeting on March 14, 2009

Back row: Teryl Hall, Susan Parker, Don Thompson, Deb Orwig, Larry Jessup, Tony Cotner, Bob Youhas, Debbie Begley, Teri Guilbault, Kathi Youhas, Dan Bultman, Ron Weddle, Anna Weddle, Bob Thomas, Debbie Ball, Rick Ball, Liz Tataseo, Louise Carreiro and Nick Dodson
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 Dogs: **Sandy Begley; Ladybird, Troy, Hayden and Rocky Orwig**

First Dog Rescued: **09-001 Aspen** – a 2-year-old purebred female Golden who had lived with 5 children (one of whom was autistic) and a cat until the mother had to go back to work and the babysitter did not like dogs; if there ever was a perfect dog, she was it! She was renamed **Jessie** by her adopters, who had two kids and a house rabbit. Despite barely getting started as **AGR**, we had 8 applications submitted for this girl!

Cofounder and President Deb Orwig leading Parade of Rescue at 2019 *Paws At The Park*

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Vin, Duffy and Mufasa Orwig

Now that **AGR's** "busy season" is over, at least until November, it's time for us to have some summer fun! After all, we can't be idle for 7 months! We can still attend the monthly **Petco** Meet-and-Greets, but that's about it except for the upcoming **Fore! Paws Golf Tournament** on September 28th. We personally do not go to that event, because it would be a 70-minute drive each way for Mom to bring us back home after the golfers go out on the course. So, we hope that some of you who live in Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Ahwatukee and Sun Lakes will be able to attend with your human while the golfers are arriving, so you can remind the golfers why they are golfing – to help future rescued dogs!

In the meantime, we would like to offer some tips on how to have an enjoyable and safe summer with your dog.

Don't shave your dog! If Golden Retrievers were meant to have skin showing, we would look like Mexican Hairless dogs all the time! You may think a shaved Golden will be cooler in Arizona's hot summers. That is a myth. The coat insulates from the heat, as well as from cold. If your dog has a thick coat, just ask your groomer to do a "Teddy Bear cut" or a "summer cut." This type of fur-cut will leave enough fur on your dog so that your dog will not get sunburned. A shaved-down Golden risks not only getting sunburned but also getting skin cancer. And it really does not help them be cooler.

Do walk your dog for exercise, but only walk in the early morning before the air and pavement temperatures rise. If you cannot walk in the early morning, wait until at least an hour after the sun goes down and, even then, put booties on your dog's feet. The pavement on sidewalks and streets holds the heat for some time after not getting direct sun.

Booties – invest in a good foursome that have rubber or leather soles, not plastic. Plastic soles do not protect your dog's feet except maybe from getting cut by rocks; they do not protect from

hot pavement! We recommend that you do a search on the Internet – most pet supply stores do not carry the really good ones, which include Aussie Boots, Bark Brite, Mutt Luks, Ruffwear, Ultimate Trail and Xanday, among other good brands. Some websites even tell you how to measure your dog's feet so that you get the correct size. Basically, you get what you pay for, so don't go cheap!

Speaking of rocks... many of you have only rocks or gravel in your yards. Others of you have artificial turf. Please be mindful that these types of ground covers get HOT. Watering down the rocks or turf before letting your dog walk in your yard can help. But putting booties on the dog is a better idea. The "rule of paw" is, if the ground or pavement is uncomfortably hot for you, yourself, to walk on it with bare feet, then it is too hot for your dog to walk on it without foot protection.

Most of us Golden Retrievers like to swim. Swimming can be very much fun, but you humans have to be careful not to let us overdo the exercise on a hot day. It may seem contradictory, but we can get overheated while swimming, especially if the pool water is more like bathtub water temperature, which can happen in summer. When your dog starts panting while swimming, it's time to insist that swimming time is over for a while. Dogs can get heat stroke which can lead to heat exhaustion which, if you're not careful, could lead to death!

If more than one dog is swimming at the same time, please watch them carefully, especially if they like to play with each other while swimming. Mom says she has observed dogs dunking each other and even trying to hold one another under water. Not good – dogs can drown! If your dog does not know how to swim, we suggest using a doggie life jacket at least until the dog gets the idea how to keep their head above water and until they discover the natural "dog paddle" leg movement. Giving the dog a bumper or Wubba or other type of water toy to hold in his/her mouth will help the dog level out and swim in the proper body position.

If you like to hike with your dog, wonderful – it is good exercise for both of you. Get your dog snake-avoidance trained, be sure to put booties on the dog, take plenty of water (there are doggie backpacks available that can carry water for both you and your dog), and don't go out in the heat of the day. Better yet, take a drive up to Northern Arizona and hike around up there!

When you take a road trip with your dog, please do not let the dog ride with his/her head out the window. The dog's eyes could be damaged by the same types of things that often hit your car's windshield: dust, rocks, other road debris, and bugs. Also, if you have to slam on the brakes and the car window is open, the dog could go flying out the window even if it is just sitting in the seat!

Most dogs like to eat ice. Please give only a small amount and watch carefully while your dog eats it. Too much ice too fast can cause a "brain freeze" like in humans, or the dog can choke on it.

Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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Ten Years of Rescuing Dogs – It's Been Quite a Ride!

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.
~Henry Ford

Arizona Golden Rescue's tenth anniversary was on March 11, 2019. Ten years of rescuing dogs – 975 dogs to date. Ten years of doing home evaluations to ensure that candidates for adoption meet our strict and high standards. Ten years of placing those dogs in the best homes we could find. Ten years of transporting dogs from and/or to places all over the state of Arizona and even collecting some from Texas and Oklahoma. Ten years of learning from dogs that came to us with serious medical and/or behavior issues. Ten years of attending Meet-and-Greets and other events. Ten years of planning and hosting fundraisers.

To recap...

When Debbe Begley and I stood before a group of 30 on March 14, 2009, we were able to relate the following:

- We had incorporated a new rescue group on March 11, 2009.
- Thanks to Nick Dodson, we had a name: **Arizona Golden Rescue**.
- We had an address, which had to be changed after a year because the mail box facility closed down.
- We had a phone number with a catchy name: 623-566-WAGS (9247).
- Connie McCabe had designed a gorgeous logo and had chosen our colors of rust, gold and cream to symbolize the spectrum of colors of Golden Retrievers.
- We had written By-Laws and were working on a *Policies and Procedures Handbook*.

On March 14, 2009, those in attendance at our first membership meeting paid dues and elected officers: a President; a Director of Operations (which has since become Director of Activities); a Director of Dog Care; a Director of Information Management; and a Human Resources Director. The only title that was familiar then was President; the rest sounded kind of weird. No Secretary on the Board? No Treasurer on the Board? No, but the Board then appointed Teri Guilbault as Secretary; a short time later, Cindy Tigges offered to be our Organization Accountant and her appointment was made by the Board. We have found this arrangement to work extremely well.

So, we were off and running. Only about two weeks later by the

end of March 2009, we had 121 members in 77 families. We had one person handling both Intake and Placement, a Behavior Consultant, a Home Evaluations Coordinator, a Health Care Manager, a Membership Manager, a Merchandise Manager, a Transport Manager, and someone dealing with our voicemail calls; we had an operational website; we had taken in \$4,189; we had even rescued our first dog, thanks to a connection made by Cynthia Wenström.

After a couple years, we hired a company, **The Cyber Image**, to design a custom database for us, and they upgraded our website, as well. We split the Intake and Placement functions into two separate departments. Team Managers each had a working group of volunteers. In a few more years, we made Intake a co-managed team. For at least 8 years, we have had a live person answering our phone calls from 8 AM – 8 PM Monday through Sunday and voice-mail messages that go out automatically when the phone cannot be answered. At first, we had Yahoogroups for group communication. However, that Internet connection has more or less gone by the wayside as we have become active on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and have developed numerous other Internet connections.

The major fundraisers we have had over the past ten years have included three *Casino Nights*, one *Fashion Paw Tea*, nine *Fore! Paws Golf Tournaments* (our 10th is coming up on September 28th), and gift wrapping every holiday season since 2009 at **Barnes & Noble Booksellers**.

In 2016, we did a special fundraiser in order to acquire a trailer and raised over \$1,000 more than the purchase price, license, and locks. This trailer has been invaluable in transporting equipment, supplies and merchandise to various events.

In 2011 after Cofounder Debbe Begley passed away from cancer, we created the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*, for which we do at least one dedicated fundraiser each year. Monies from this Fund are drawn upon to support treatment of dogs who come to **AGR** with cancer. Donations to this Fund can be made at any time.

In the past ten years...

We have done 69 Meet-and-Greets at **Petco** in Glendale, 288 at six different **PetSmarts**, 60 at four **Choice Pet Market** locations, 8 at **The Pet Club**, 42 at several **Pet Planet** locations, 3 at **The Pet Shop** in Mesa and 24 at **Trendy Pet & Rescue** in Scottsdale Fashion Square.

We have attended 57 **PACC911** events, including five *Bowl-a-Ramas*, two *Dog House Team Building* events, and during each year at least three (and often six) Adopt-a-thons at various locations including **All Saints Episcopal Church** in Phoenix, **Anthem Community Park**, **Aviano Community Center**, **Benedict Sports Complex** in Tempe, **Earnhardt Ford** in Chandler, **Fountain Hills Community Park**, **Franciscan Renewal Center**, **Highlands Church** in Phoenix, **Petco** in Avondale, **Petco Pavilions** in Scott-

sdale, **PetSmart** in Ahwatukee and Scottsdale Promenade, and **Pioneer Community Park** in Peoria.

We have walked in two *Glendale Firemen's Parades*, four annual *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parades*, and participated in nine consecutive annual *Parada Del Sol* and *Trail's End* events.

During the holidays, we have taken *Photos with Santa* at five different **PetSmart** stores and during three seasons at Northern Ave **Petco**; we have done gift wrapping at four different **Barnes & Noble** stores; we have also done gift wrapping before Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

We participated in the *Holiday Pet Festival* for all seven years it was held, and in the *Phoenix Pet Expo* at **University of Phoenix Stadium** and then at **WestWorld** for five years.

We have provided stress-relief furapy for students at **Grand Canyon University**, **ASU** in Tempe, **ASU West** in Glendale, and **Midwestern University** Glendale Campus.

We have sponsored nine *Fore! Paws Golf Tournaments*, participated in the **PetSmart Charities PetWalk** all three years it was held and have sponsored three *Golden Paw Casino* events. We have made appearances at assorted other one-or two-time events including: *Abrazo West Campus Health & Safety Day*, **Chance Shelter** Adopt-a-thon, **Challenger Space Center** in Peoria, **Chico's** in Mesa, *Doggie Street Festival* at **Steele Indian School Park**, *Paws For A Wish* hosted by **National Canine Cancer Foundation**, *Pet-apalooza*, **Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce** Adopt-a-thon, *Sir Bark A. Lot* at **Duck & Decanter** in Phoenix and **Pioneer Community Park** in Peoria, **State Farm** Tempe 40th Anniversary Celebration, **Sun Valley Animal Shelter Pet Expo**, **Tolleson Pet Health Expo**, **Wag 'N Wash** Adoption Day, and **Westgate Retirement Village**. We also had a group attend two book signings by author David Rosenfelt at **The Poisoned Pen** bookstore in Scottsdale.

We are adoption partners with **Petco** and **PetSmart**, Community Partners with **PACC911** and Charitable Partners with **People Saving Pets**.

We have rewards programs set up with numerous businesses whereby if one of our members uses the business or makes a purchase from it, **AGR** gets what amounts to a commission. For years, we have been an accepted beneficiary of donations through **AmazonSmile Foundation**, **American Express Employee Giving Program** and **American Express Foundation**, **Avnet**, **Bank of America Employee Giving Program** and **Bank of America Foundation**, **Charitable Adult Rides & Services (CARs)**, **CVS Caremark**, **Great American Title Agency**, **Goober Pet Direct**, **Hale Pet Doors**, **iGive**, **Kroger (Fry's Grocery)**, **Merchant Services**, **Network for Good**, **Pathway Vet Alliance**, **ResqWalk**, **The Benevity Causes Portal**, **United Health Care Employee Giving Program** and **Valley of the Sun United Way**.

By the end of March 2019, we had raised a total of **\$1,811,690**, which includes \$639,218 from donations, \$270,927 from adoption fees, \$169,317 from membership fees, \$127,223 from calendar and other merchandise sales and \$79,348 from grants. We have spent a total of \$1,258,422 directly on our rescued dogs – \$1,164,653 on veterinary services and \$93,769 on other dog-related items such as behavior training, boarding, collars, tags and leashes, grooming, Heartgard®, micro-chips and prescription foods.

Now, as of April 15, 2019...

We have 610 supportive members in 355 households. We have raised close to 2 million dollars and currently have \$216,318.18 in our bank accounts. In ten years, we have spent a total of \$1,164,653 vetting 974 dogs, an average of about \$1,196 per dog.

I would like to thank all 201 of you who volunteered for one thing or another during 2018, many of you for many things, and I would like to encourage the rest of you to get involved. In particular, I would like to thank the 2018-2019 Board Members: Cindy Pavero and then April Crow as Director of Activities, Sue Vallie as Director of Dog Care, Adam Cardinal as Director of Information Management, and Connie McCabe as Human Resources Director. Karin Forsythe as our Organization Secretary and Cindy Tigges as our Organization Accountant. We have a fantastic group of team managers: Sharon Flores and Judy Petitto as Co-Intake Managers; Sheila Joyce as Home Evaluations Manager; Carrie Peck as Placement Manager; Sharon McKenzie as our Behavior Consultant and our Transport Manager; and Liz Tataseo as Health Care Manager. Sandra Hansen as our Membership Manager and our Micro-chip Manager. We have fabulous teams on Intake, Placement and Health Care, and we have incredible home evaluators and a very active team of transport volunteers. Kathy Blue ably handles all our social media communications.

Ten years of doing all we have accomplished just with volunteers – totally amazing! It has truly been a team effort ever since the get-go. If you have been involved at all, whether you have just paid your membership renewal fee every year, or you have been on the Board or one of our management Teams, or attended even one event, or made even one donation, you have been a part of this effort. We thank all of you tremendously for your support!

Does this sound like we have all our bases covered? Yes, we do, but we can always use more help especially with home evaluations and transports. We need help with planning and executing future fundraising events. In other words, if you want to get involved, we can find something for you to do! We hope you will – you will then begin an amazing journey on an incredible band wagon!

Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

~ Attributed to Carl Bard



It's a Ruff Life!
 By April Crow
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In today's world, everyone is always so busy. Between work, family and other commitments, it usually feels that there is not enough time to do everything we want during the course of a week. And for others, they may have the extra time, but do not know what their passion is or what to do to fill their days.

Years ago my vet and I were talking about this very same thing and he asked me, "What would you like to do in your free time?" My response was: "Help Golden Retrievers." That was back in 2008 when he introduced me to the world of Rescue – and I have been involved ever since.

There are so many benefits of volunteering, whether it be with *Arizona Golden Rescue* or any other organization that you have a desire to support. Finding a group where you fit in with a common interest is so rewarding. A very small percentage of people "love" going to work every day, so to have a volunteer job that you really enjoy is motivating and exciting.

Once you find an organization to volunteer with and get involved, there are so many great things that will develop. First of all, volunteering with organizations and people with the same interests makes you happy! When you give your time to others (and especially to Golden Retrievers) you feel such a great sense of accomplishment and a greater purpose. Getting involved with an organization for which you have a passion empowers you to be your best self. You get to do what you enjoy and find an area where you can excel.

The relationships you create with people are endless. You will develop more friendships than ever imaginable and many that will last a lifetime. The people you volunteer with end up being an additional family who give you support and you have many great times together. I volunteer with several different non-profit organizations and have developed wonderful relationships with people from every single one of them.

I encourage you all to give a little of your time to support the organizations that mean something to you. It doesn't matter how many hours a week or what role you choose to help with, because every single bit of help is appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering with *Arizona Golden Rescue*, please let us know and we will find an area that interests you. Think about what you are passionate about and get involved – it is the only way to discover your best YOU!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monthly Meet-and-Greets at the Northern Ave Petco

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 opens on August 1st

Earlybird deadline is September 18th

Paws Forward

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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Ten Years of re-homing Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes! What an accomplishment! It still amazes me that while the idea of rescuing rather than buying dogs has caught on, people don't really understand what that means.

One of the responsibilities I have for *AGR* is responding to the myriad of inquiries that come in. Some are from people who have heard that rescuing a dog is the "cool" way to get a dog, one that might even give you bragging rights toward being a good person. Others are concerned that you are inevitably taking on someone's rejects or problems. Still others write a prescription for us to fill with a "perfect" dog for them – impeccable manners, absolutely no health issues – and sometimes even requiring the preferred shade on the cream-to-red color spectrum.

For those of you who are and have been members of *AGR*, you have probably been through our adoption process at least once. You have complied with the requirements of the process and have received whatever knowledge we have been told and/or observed of the dog you ultimately adopted.

I had a recent inquiry from someone who not only wanted to know about rescuing a dog but also about Golden rescues. This person asked where we get dogs, are they housebroken, are they good with cats and other dogs and do they like to swim? The answers are yes – and no.

We get dogs from owners, shelters and those who have found a Golden but can't keep it themselves but don't want to send them to "the pound." The reasons owners give for turning them in range

from sad, as with the death of the primary caregiver, through variations of the lack of time to devote to the dog to reasons that make us believe the dog really does need saving – from the people who have it. My husband and I will be forever grateful that our Golden-doodle's previous family probably gave him up because he doesn't fulfill the non-shed requirement Doodle owners generally seek.

The “yes and no answers” apply to virtually all of the other inquiries. Some rescued dogs are housebroken and some are not. Some get along with cats and/or other dogs, some do not. While most Golden retrievers tend to be good with children, some have had bad experiences with them. Most like to swim, but others do not. Some have behavior quirks that we may or may not know about until they are actually in someone's home. That is why we have a three-week “probationary” period before we will finalize an adoption. We are exceedingly fortunate to have a skilled behaviorist, Sharon McKenzie, to help with the transition into a new home if it is needed.

What those who choose to rescue a dog get is a chance to write the rest of a story that we hope has a happy ending for all concerned. We also hope the family continues to support the organization that brought them the wonderful addition to their family.

The Information Highway

By Adam Cardinal
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Finding a Trusted Advisor

Picture this scenario in your mind: You're sitting alone at your computer. You bring up your Google home page. You type in the word “Hemangiosarcoma”. You see 569,000 results. You sigh...

As Golden owners, none of us wants to be told by our veterinarian that our best friend has been diagnosed with a rapidly growing, highly invasive cancer. But given that 60% of all Golden Retrievers in the United States will die from cancer – 57% of females and 66% of males – there is a high likelihood that all of us will face this challenge.

But getting back to the initial premise – what happens? What will you do? Is your vet proficient in diagnosing and treating canine cancer? Has your vet provided you with multiple treatment options? Should you get a second opinion? If you were to choose a multi-modal treatment plan, are you and your vet in agreement on the treatment strategy? It will be very helpful to identify when potential side effects or treatment setbacks might be attributed to herbs, supplements and other non-traditional treatment methods.

What if you had a local resource you could turn to who has experience with the challenges you are about to face? Would that be

reassuring? Did you know that local resource is one of the many things you get with your **AGR** membership?

AGR – the collective **AGR**, comprised of hundreds of members and volunteers – is an amazing resource for obtaining first-hand experience in dealing with the same challenges you are about to encounter. They can recommend local vets, hospitals and treatment centers with experience treating Golden Retrievers. For non-traditional and holistic treatments, **AGR** can identify individuals who have tried various alternative medicine disciplines (canine acupuncture, herbal supplementation, dietary modifications) and where they see the pluses and minuses of any specific treatment modality. They can also identify additional disciplines your initial research may not have identified. For the day-to-day challenges of treating the diagnosis, **AGR** can provide information about pain management, nutritional support and, when the time comes, making end-of-life decisions that work for you and your family – humans and canines alike.

Deb Orwig shared with me an anecdote about a member who called the help line to report that a rattlesnake had just bitten their Golden – on a Sunday. **AGR** was able to refer the member to a veterinarian who had open hours on Sunday, saving our member the added cost of paying for emergency vet services. **AGR** was also able to confirm that the vet had a supply of antivenin on hand (not all vets carry this because the medication has a relatively short shelf life). Without antivenin the only hope would be to stabilize the pet and hopefully survive until antivenin could be located and transported to the clinic.

That's just one example of the ways **AGR** is available to help members. **AGR** has behavior and training experts who can provide advice on addressing behavior problems, navigating household change and adapting to having all that in-your-face love for which Golden retrievers are famous.

I've personally used **AGR** for advice on grooming, nutritional supplements, dog sitting, rattlesnake avoidance training, obedience training and certification, and hot weather adaptations (doggie hiking boots!). At our members' picnic this year, I was trying to prepare myself. It was my first year participating in the Rainbow Bridge ceremony, as my buddy **Brando** passed just a few weeks after last year's picnic. Just standing there with other members who knew how I felt made it easier for me to feel those feelings – celebrate **Brando** and be grateful for our time together.

Speaking of *Paws At The Park* – I heard at the picnic that some of our members were not aware of the shopping programs that benefit **AGR**. So here's a refresher.

Amazon and **Fry's Food Stores** have programs that allow you to have a donation made to your favorite charity based on the volume of purchases you make.



AmazonSmile is a website operated by *Amazon* that offers all the same products as the *Amazon* you use today. The *AmazonSmile Foundation* makes a donation of 0.5% of the purchase price of any product that is listed as “Eligible for *AmazonSmile* donation”. All you have to do is register and select *Arizona Golden Rescue* as your charity of choice. You don’t pay anything additional – the only tradeoff is that purchases made through the Amazon App on your iPhone, iPad, Android and Android Tablet cannot be directed through *AmazonSmile* – you must use smile.amazon.com in a browser to have your donations counted – so, go to smile.amazon.com to sign up. You do not have to live in Arizona in order to take advantage of this program.

Fry’s Food Stores Community Rewards Program allows you to link your shopper’s rewards card (V.I.P. card) with a local charity. A percentage of all your purchases is then donated to the charity. Registering your card doesn’t cost any more, nor does it affect other rewards programs *Fry’s* offers – like *Phoenix Suns* Rewards or fuel points. All you have to do is go to the *Fry’s* website (www.frysfood.com) and search for Community Rewards. From there you’ll find instructions for registering your shopper’s rewards card with Community Rewards and then tying in your Community Rewards activity with a specific local charity. If you currently do not have a V.I.P. card and you shop at a *Fry’s*, you should apply for one. Not only will you get points to use for sports and fuel, but you will also get coupons for products you regularly purchase. And you can help *AGR*!

Fry’s requires the shopper to re-register their charity of choice annually. If you’re not sure if you are registered, look at the bottom of your sales receipt. Just below the summary of total savings achieved through the rewards card you will see a notation if you are enrolled in Community Rewards and the charity you have linked to your card.

Ask your family and friends if they are using these rewards programs. If they aren’t currently and would be interested in supporting *AGR* but can’t afford to for any reason, ask them to enroll in *AmazonSmile* and *Community Rewards*. It is a small donation – and doesn’t come close to providing operational support (*Fry’s* donates about \$2,600 a year to *AGR*, *AmazonSmile* less than half of that) – but every little bit helps.



The Human Connection

By Connie McCabe
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“It’s all about the dogs.”

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

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.



Duano Borho and Adam Cardinal

In this issue, let’s get to know Adam Cardinal and Duane Borho, who share number 1343.

Adam is a member of our Board, serving as Director of Information Management. He also has fostered and adopted several dogs,

in addition to often helping with events. Duane also attends and helps with various **AGR** activities.

In Adam's own words:

*I moved to Arizona in 2013. I'm a native New Englander – born and raised in Massachusetts and have lived in Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire. I adopted my first rescue dog after purchasing my first home when I was 26 – a senior red Doberman named **Titus**. Soon after that, I adopted my first Golden – a reddish Golden who was picked up as a stray in Southern Maine where I was living at the time. I named her **Livia** (sister of the Roman Emperor Titus). I also became passionate about dog rescue and became a volunteer with **Doberman Rescue Unlimited (DRU)** – serving Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut. I was eventually elected Treasurer of the organization, in addition to performing tattooing of dogs during tattoo clinics we operated as a fundraiser for the charity (that's what we did before micro-chips!).*

After the stock market crash in 2009, I was laid off from my job as Vice President of Information Security for a brokerage firm in New Hampshire. I moved to Florida to try a change and to be near friends. I didn't like Florida from the beginning – and that feeling only intensified as my years in Florida passed. I'd taken a job as an Information Security Consultant / Cyber Crime Investigator with a telecommunications company. When my dissatisfaction with Florida finally peaked, I decided to move to Arizona to be near my parents, Bob and Marion, who had moved to Surprise in 2007.

My job allows me to be located anywhere in the US as long as I'm near an airport, so with that squared away I found a house in Peoria, sold my condo in Fort Lauderdale, loaded up my car and drove cross-country, arriving here in October of 2013.

With my job I travel about one week a month, and I knew I'd need help in order to provide a dog with the consistency I'd want for them. I asked my dad how he'd feel about "time sharing" a dog with me for when I travel. He gave me an enthusiastic "yes" and the search for a dog began.

*I used PetFinder to locate purebreed rescues in the Phoenix area and submitted an application to **Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue** and **Arizona Golden Rescue**. I was passed over for adoption by **DLRR** five times before I suddenly got a call from **AGR**. A two-year-old unaltered male was found in Kingman and they felt I'd be a good home for him. I immediately said "yes" and **14-013 Toby** came to live with me. I renamed him **Rhys** after a character in one of my favorite British sci-fi television series, *Torchwood* (yes, I am a sci-fi geek). There were challenges – but he was at heart a wonderful boy and as the weeks passed I fell more and more in love with my best buddy.*

*I attended **AGR** Meet-and-Greets and other events and, true to form, I ended up feeling engaged, motivated by the mission and*

wanting to help. When the Director of Information Management position became available, Deb approached me about filling the position and I was happy to volunteer.

*I'd always planned to keep to a one-dog household, but in 2017 that all changed when I saw the intake profile on **Brando**. He was a 13-year-old Golden / Chow mix in a terrible state of neglect. His story broke my heart, and I asked to adopt him. He was with me for just under a year, but I really came to love that cantankerous old cuss.*



Adam with Rhys and Brando

*When he passed, I made a promise to him that I'd keep on caring for him through other senior dogs – and that was when I adopted nine-year-old **Molly** (now **Malle**).*

*Duane and I met late in the year of 2017. We became fast friends, and in January 2018 he experienced a sudden loss of his roommate situation and found himself homeless. Finding another residence quickly was complicated by his need to find a home that would be safe for his two dogs he'd adopted as pups – a 15-year-old Pit mix named **Artemis** (**Artie** for short) and a 6-year-old Black Lab mix named **Cleo**. I invited them to come live with me and the rest is history.*

*When **AGR** had activities requiring volunteers, I asked Duane to help out – I knew he was a dog lover and that he'd support **AGR's** mission.*



Cardinal family at **AGR's** recent Paws At The Park: Mom Marion, Adam, Rhys, Malle, Duane, Dad Bob

Duane has lived in the Phoenix area since 1989. He was born in North Dakota but grew up in Oregon – moving here to attend college. After college, he worked in the airline industry in a variety of positions, living in both Atlanta and Phoenix. An illness ended his airline career, but he volunteers with charities when he can. In addition to sharing a love of dogs, we both enjoy computer technology, 80's Punk Rock and New Wave music, hiking and the outdoors, and the Arts & Crafts movement / Prairie Style.

Now, let's meet Amy Maynard and Steve Deschler, sharing number 1378. They have volunteered at many events, and Amy is a member of **AGR's** Health Care Team, ensuring that all of the dogs are properly vetted.

Amy tells us...

Steve and I never thought we were “dog people.” Even though Steve had had a Yorkshire Terrier years ago, neither one of us really thought of taking on the responsibility of having a dog. We both were fairly busy Chicagoans, living and working in the city for over 25 years – Steve worked in broadcasting and I sold residential real estate. Besides, people in big cities don’t really have time or the space for dogs, right? I should also mention that I did not grow up with animals and have always been afraid of large dogs and large animals of any kind.



Amy Maynard and Steve Deshler with Bentley

So, a few months before my 40th birthday, I got a condo listing in Chicago where the owner had a Golden Retriever. I admit I was a little fearful at first. But it didn’t take long for **Buddy** to win me over. He always was so ecstatic when I came to do a showing that he wouldn’t let me leave afterwards. He would run to the door and stick his paw in it so I couldn’t leave, for example, and even run out the door and into the hallway. So I started throwing the ball for him in the long hallway. Then I couldn’t get him back in the condo so I could leave. And I felt a little guilty about leaving him. He was home alone in a condo with no outdoor space for about 10 hours a day. Well, it couldn’t hurt to take him for a little walk, right? Even though I’m pretty sure I had never walked a dog. So he walked me.

Then I began going to the condo where **Buddy** lived every day while the owner was at work just to see **Buddy** and walk him. Oh, and to take him back to my office. He became the realtor doggie. We became kind of famous in that South Loop neighborhood where my office was and where **Buddy** lived. This went on for a few months. Finally the condo sold and the owner was going to move away with **Buddy**. **Buddy** and I had become really attached. I was able to give him a better life outside of that small condo. So I asked her if she would sell **Buddy** to me. She absolutely would not do that, so they moved.

After a month, I got a call from **Buddy**’s owner. **Buddy** was miserable and was destroying her new place, including the small back yard that he now had. It was my 40th birthday and she asked me if I still wanted him. I said absolutely! And when she delivered him to us the next day, he never looked back. We had **Buddy** for 7 years before he passed away unexpectedly in the middle of the night in July 2008, two weeks after my 47th birthday.

After **Buddy**, I couldn’t live without a Golden Retriever, so we ended up adopting a five-year-old Golden that we named **Barney**. Unfortunately, his life was cut short from a rare neurological disease, but we were able to give



him four-and-a-half great years, including a year-and-a-half here in Arizona where we have a big yard and a swimming pool. Very soon thereafter, I found out about **Arizona Golden Rescue**, who rescued **Bentley** for us from a puppy mill in Oklahoma. He had some issues after being in a cage for the first two years of his life, but now at seven, he has been such a joy to us and we can’t imagine not having him. Thank you, **AGR**, we couldn’t be happier.

He’s Just My Dog

By Gene Hill

He’s just my dog.

He is my other eyes, that can see above the clouds;
My other ears that can hear above the winds.

He has told me more than a thousand times over,
That I am his reason for being, by the way he rests against
my leg,
By the way he thumps his tail at my smallest smile,
By the way he shows his hurt when I leave.

When I am wrong, he is delighted to forgive.
When I am angry, he clowns to make me smile.
When I am happy, he is joy unbounded.
When I am a fool, he ignores it.
When I succeed, he brags.

Without him, I am only another person.
With him, I am all powerful.
He has taught me, the meaning of devotion is loyalty itself.
With him, I know the secret comfort and a private peace.

He has brought me understanding, where before I was
ignorant.
His head on my knee can heal my Human hurts.
His presence by my side is protection against my fears
of dark and unknown things.

He has promised to wait for me....
Whenever...
Wherever...
In case I need him.
And I expect I will,
As I always have.

Who is he? He’s just....

MY DOG!

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 dorwigaz@cox.net.



Health and Safety

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Clotting Disorders in Dogs

Clotting disorders are not a common problem for dogs but if it happens, it can be devastating. The process for blood clotting is very complex, and a number of “factors” are involved in the clotting sequence. Most of these disorders are inherited conditions but may not show up until an injury or surgical procedure happens.

Von Willebrand’s Disease (vWD) is the most common inherited clotting disorder. It has been documented in more than 50 breeds of dogs, both males and females, and can be transmitted to offspring by both sexes. These dogs should not be bred!

The severity of bleeding depends on how the gene for vWD is expressed. The disease is caused by a deficiency of a plasma protein called the vWD factor which is needed for normal platelet function. Platelets are the cells in the blood that clump together, thus causing coagulation, and the number of platelets is commonly measured in a standard blood test. Low platelets can also be a sign of other diseases (tick fever, valley fever), so Clotting Time is the definitive test for coagulation.

Mild forms (Type 1) of the disease may not be evident or manifest any symptoms until surgery occurs, a severe injury happens to a joint, or even a nail trim. Type 2 and Type 3 are more severe and are obvious in a young dog. Symptoms include: bleeding from the mouth or nose, bloody stool, blood in the urine and anemia.

Breeds prone to Type 1 are Dobermans, Golden Retrievers, Standard Poodles, Manchester Terriers, Akitas, Welsh Corgis and the Miniature Schnauzer. Type 2 often appears in German Short-haired Pointers. Type 3 is found in Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Scottish Terriers, Shelties and rarely in other breeds.

Other clotting disorders include various forms of Hemophilia. This is a sex-linked recessive trait that involves inheriting a maternal X chromosome that carries a defective gene, so it only occurs in males. Males have XY chromosomes and females have XX chromosomes. So, females are protected by having the correct (dominant) gene on one of the X chromosomes, even if a defective gene is on the other X chromosome. Females can pass on the gene but not have the disease.

Hemophilia A and B can occur in all breeds. Various coagulation factors (VIII, IX) in the coagulation process are deficient, so bleeding can occur into the chest and abdominal cavities, mus-

cles, joints and tissues below the skin surface.

Other coagulation deficiencies involve factors VII, X, XI that occur on regular (autosomal) chromosomes, so can affect males and females.

Since there are many “factors” that can be deficient in the entire process of coagulation, diagnosis requires specific tests to determine which factor is missing. Treatment can be done without ultimately knowing the exact cause or “factor.” Blood transfusions of whole blood that contains active coagulation factors can treat severe cases of bleeding. For less severe bleeding, treatment includes blood plasma and/or concentrates containing active coagulation factors.

Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation is an acquired form of bleeding disorders, which include:

- Vitamin K deficiency caused by ingesting pest poisons.
- Certain tumors such as hemangiosarcoma, osteosarcoma and cancers of the prostate and mammary glands.
- Shock, infection and severe injuries

Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation is caused by severe, rapid blood clotting causing all the clotting factors to be used up thus allowing extreme hemorrhaging. These dogs do not usually survive.

Why is this topic addressed in this column? Last year, we took in a 5-month-old male puppy, **18-062 Sampson**, who had a clotting disorder that was not detected until his neuter surgery was done this year. After neutering, **Sampson** continued to bleed. The surgeon went back in two more times and used a mesh to try to stem bleeding. **Sampson** seemed to be doing better, but as a precaution, the surgeon suggested that **Sampson** spend the night at the ER for monitoring; he actually spent a couple days there. A coagulation factor test showed slow coagulation even though he had been getting vitamin K shots. His RBC count dropped below normal but did start to come back up. The ER vet diagnosed him with possible underlying hemolytic disease like von Willebrand’s. Neuter surgery was totally normal but if the dog had underlying clotting disease, the surgery could have triggered it. Blood was sent to Cornell University to test for hemolytic issues and von Willebrand’s. **Sampson** started to ooze blood again and was given a plasma transfusion. **Sampson’s** tests came back indeterminate. He was restricted to complete confinement with going outside on leash only to potty. His diet was judged deficient in carnitine/taurine and some other essential nutrients. Supplementation with lots of red meat has helped with red blood cell production. He was also given vitamin K1, aminocaproic acid (helps with clotting activity), clavamox (antibiotic), Yunnan Baiyao (helps with clotting) and gabapentin for pain. **Sampson’s** ordeal cost **AGR** almost \$4,000, a very expensive neutering! Our thanks for the significant financial contribution from **Sampson’s** adopters.



Follow the Lead

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Fear Issues

Fear issues in dogs are a common behavioral problem. They could be due to lack of proper socialization, untrained owners, mental or physical abuse. A sound training approach is in order. Training must be conducted in such a fashion as to build confidence. Building trust must be an ongoing process. A positive, loving relationship with such a dog is vital.

Strict basic obedience training is a must. Mastering obedience behavior develops confidence. Training must be conducted daily. Handling the dog must be firm and mechanical. Care must be taken to never create any situation that would cause undue stress to the dog, such as losing one's temper. A good amount of patience is needed.

Socialization cannot be overlooked when dealing with fearful dogs; it can make or break a dog. Far too many dogs have never been exposed to the outside world. Never having the opportunity to explore strange places, strange people and other dogs can create fear issues. Socialization creates a healthy temperament. Mentally sound dogs are both people and dog friendly. Part of any good training program must involve a good deal of socialization; daily walks to parks, neighborhoods, *Home Depots*, dog events, etc. Have strangers offer treats to your dog (*Ed. Note: Please be very careful!*). Every effort should be made to make every exposure a pleasant experience.

With any situation or stimulus that causes great distress to the dog, one must proceed with caution. Pushing the dog more than he can tolerate will only increase his fear; take it slowly, work the dog daily with the goal of turning it into a super dog. Strict obedience training with expert handling will greatly develop confidence in a timid dog. Work the dog in all kinds of environments, not just in places with which he is familiar. Challenge your dog to new environments, but do so with caution. The ongoing training and socialization will result in a confident dog.

Thanks

AGR would like to thank Mrs. Betty Thompson for her recent donation of a large dog bed, a portable ramp, a large crate, numerous medications including a year's worth of Heartgard® and Cosequin®, some toys and assorted other items in memory of her beautiful Golden, **Sky Blue**, who gave love so freely for 13 ½ years. We will miss you, **Sky**.



Service Paws

By Aria Ottmueller
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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, and Education in February. Our thanks to Aria for allowing us to print parts of her paper which I feel might be of interest to our readers.*

Trends

There is an increase in service animals due to the fact that they increase independence amongst people with disabilities according to Crowe's (2014) article. Crowe argues service animals increase independence and daily tasks. There is also an increase in psychological well-being of people with mobility challenges when they use an animal. These animals are able to help not only with daily tasks, but also with the overall welfare of people with disabilities. These people have an overall increase in happiness, well-being, support, companionship, and a decrease in loneliness. The author also found a correlation between illegitimate service animals and their negative effect on legitimate service animals because they can attack service animals who are working. These fraudulent dogs distract legitimate service dogs, many of which are on edge as a result. Crowe states that there has been an increase in service dogs since 2008's revision of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The article discusses service animal laws in other countries. Crowe claims that the United States' service animal laws are the most confusing because people have trouble distinguishing the difference between service dogs and emotional support animals (ESAs). According to the article, business owners do not know when they can ask a person with a dog to leave. Other countries, such as the United Kingdom, do not accept emotional support animals and their laws are much stricter. In these countries, people often must acquire a service dog from an accredited organization, or the dog must pass a test to prove that it is a service animal (Crowe, 2014). Crowe believes that the United States should implement a system where service dogs have to pass training or be trained through an accredited organization. Although other countries have different laws pertaining to service animals, it is seen around the world that service animals increase independence amongst the disabled.

Problems with Fraudulent Service Animals

Service animals provide a vital freedom by allowing the disabled to travel independently, diminishing barriers and improving quality of life. Manual wheelchair users rely on service dogs to pick up objects, open doors, and improve their overall quality of life. Studies have revealed that the use of assistance animals has also been economical because it can reduce up to 60 paid working hours used for assistance throughout their working life (Hubert, 2013). Many wheelchair users have spinal cord injuries and these dogs allow them freedom of movement and access to otherwise inaccessible locations. Hubert also recognizes the growing dangers of fraudulent service animals.

Another author discussed the story of Sara, who had an ESA but could not take her animal everywhere. The dog was not allowed into restaurants, which caused the woman to have a mental breakdown. Bourland (2009) believes that ESAs should be classified as service animals as a result of this woman's story.

Gary Fisher is a man with a PTSD dog and that dog is not classified as a service animal because it does not perform a specific action for the owner (Nunley, 2014). Nunley disagrees with this classification, stating that veterans suffering from traumatic brain injuries (TBI) are technically classified as having a disability. Not allowing PTSD dogs as service animals harms these people, therefore Nunley believes that PTSD dogs should be classified as service animals for veterans.

The roles of service animals are increasing in society today (Walther, 2017). Walther disagrees with current service animal practices because he argues that there is no regulation of service animals. There are both accredited facilities and non-accredited facilities that register them. It is easy for someone to acquire a vest and claim that their dog is a service animal. Vests are sold online for very little and enable people to take their pet wherever they want. Other countries are currently taking precautions to prevent this mishandling. Walther argues that the U.S. should strengthen laws in order to protect those who actually require the use of service dogs by not allowing non-accredited organizations to certify dogs, give certificates, or sell vests. Laws in other countries have clear guidelines as to what constitutes a service animal, while Walther believes that it is unclear in many cases within the United States (Walther, 2017).

Another issue is misconceptions regarding the use of service animals. It is a common belief that doctors are able to prescribe service animals; however, this is a false assumption as discussed by Lee (2017). Medical professionals do not understand the differences between service animals and ESAs. This assumption is part of the problem, because even medical personnel are not given accurate information. Therefore, guidelines and statutes restricting service animals should be implemented (Walter, 2017).

Service animal handlers are presented with many problems that are recognized by scholars. Glenn (2017) discusses the issues with non-apparent disabilities with service animals because the general public is not aware of why that person has a service animal. This is disconcerting because there are so many people who are misrepresenting service animals in fraudulent ways (Glenn, 2017). A service animal is easy to claim and owners of public or private facilities do not want to fight federal laws, but in some areas, it increases discrimination because these owners do not necessarily care if they are breaking the law (Campbell, 2016).

ADA law protects people with disabilities, but in many cases, it also protects the misuse of service animals because people are afraid of legal recourse. Buhai (2016) does not approve of the broad legal wording surrounding those with service animals. He believes that establishments should have the right to ask for proof. Buhai argues that the ADA does not account for fraud and in many cases, protects fraudulent service animals. According to Buhai the misuse of service animals is widespread. People are able to purchase dog ID cards. The article discusses the "Official Service Dog Registry" in a negative way stating that it is fraudulent. When registering a dog, there is no means of checking to make sure a person is not misrepresenting their dog. People would rather spend \$20-\$300 dollars on vests and be allowed to take their dog everywhere, instead of leaving it at home. Buhai recognizes the ongoing abuse regarding fraudulent service animals and he believes that it is a growing problem for all service animal handlers (Buhai, 2016).

Another major issue is that many people who claim their dogs are service animals do not properly train their dog (Buhai, 2016). When untrained fraudulent service animals act badly, there is public backlash. People are more likely to discriminate against those with legitimate service animals as a result. Some individuals do not care whether they are following federal statutes and may tell someone with a service animal to leave. People are sometimes refused service and drivers may refuse to transport someone with a service animal (Buhai, 2016). Untrained dogs attack other service animals as described in Buhai's article. There was a lady in a store with her legitimate service animal when a Chihuahua attacked her dog. This presents a safety issue for not only the owner, but also for the dog, as well. If a person is between the dogs, that person can get severely injured. Untrained dogs cause undue stress on service animals since the latter animals are trained not to react and to abide by their handler's instructions.

Fraudulent service animals are a growing issue in society today. Some claim that the laws protecting service animals are unclear, while others believe these laws should remain broad. The authors believe that upon 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 ESA. In conclusion, service dogs

are a vital tool used by people with disabilities that allows them to integrate and participate in society.

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Golden Property Laws

1. *If I like it, it's mine.*
2. *If it's in my mouth, it's mine.*
3. *If I can take it from you, it's mine.*
4. *If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.*
5. *If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.*
6. *If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.*
7. *If it just looks like mine, it's mine.*
8. *If I had it first, it's mine.*
9. *If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.*
10. *If it's broken, it's yours.*

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Reporting period: January 1, 2019- March 31, 2019

Total Assets as of April 15, 2019: \$221,129.06

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 1,150.00	
Adoptions	7,150.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		\$ 400.00
Bank Charges (PayPal & Credit Card fees)		231.11
Calendars		
Sales	202.00	
Donation Income, General	8,924.73	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund	100.00	
Honorary	3,158.75	
Memorials	1,371.00	
Dues and Subscriptions		
Event Expense		182.25
Grants	800.00	
Insurance		637.00
Interest	19.27	
Internet Services		203.16
Legal and Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	4,975.00	
Merchandise	2,968.00	2,691.95
Newsletter Subscriptions	16.00	
<i>Paws At The Park</i> 2019	1,145.00	364.95
Donations	274.00	
Office Expenses & Supplies		170.24
<i>Photos with Santa</i> in Dec. 2018	600.00	
Postage		564.18
Rent or Lease		763.50
Stationery and Printing		1,185.91
Telephone		47.85
Dog-related Expenses		
Adoption Expense		15.00
Behavioral Training		2,701.36
Boarding		777.00
Collars, Leashes & Tags		837.93
Micro-chip expenses		109.68
Miscellaneous, dog-related		41.00
Veterinary Services		43,766.15
TOTAL	\$32,453.75	\$55,300.22

NET INCOME: - \$22,865.74

Checking Account on 4-15-19: \$110,915.20

Savings Account on 4-15-19: \$100,026.06

Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 4-15-19: \$10,187.80

Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 4-15-19: \$20,653.65

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

Arizona Gives Day 2019

By Deb Orwig

Although the actual amount from *AZGives* has not yet been sent to our bank account, suffice it to say this one-day fundraiser was terrific for *AGR* – 61 different donors contributed **\$6,263.94**. If you donated, thank you so much! The amount will certainly help us recover from the substantial first-quarter net income loss shown in *The Financial Picture* (page 14) that was due primarily to our Veterinary Services expenses.

Our actual income from the fundraising day will be somewhat less than the total, as 15 donors opted not to pay the extra 5.2% administrative fee, which meant that we will actually receive \$6,193.22 – still a fabulous total for a one-day fundraiser, especially one in which none of us had to do much work! Thank you all!

The purpose of this fundraiser was to raise money to support our senior-age rescued dogs. We can now use this total and those from 2017 and 2018 (\$3,191 and \$7,875, respectively) to apply for a grant from the *Grey Muzzle Foundation*. We missed getting a grant from them two years ago because we had no program in place to sustain senior dog health support once a grant was used up – now we do, so we are hopeful we will get a grant this time.

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

- 2 donations were from people who chose to remain anonymous
- 49 donations were from *Arizona Golden Rescue* members
- 10 donations were from non-members, although one of these used to be a member
- 5 donations were pre-scheduled
- 4 donations came in between 7-8 AM
- 3 between 8-9 AM
- 4 between 9-10 AM
- 2 between 10-11 AM
- 3 between 11 AM and Noon
- 1 during the noon hour
- 3 between 2-3 PM
- 5 between 3-4 PM
- 7 between 4-5 PM
- 4 between 5-6 PM
- 8 between 6-7 PM
- 7 between 7-8 PM
- 4 between 8-9 PM
- 2 between 9-10 PM

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When I Got My New Dog...

I asked for strength that I might rear her perfectly;
I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.

I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble;

I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;
I was given a clown that I might laugh.

I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.

I got nothing I asked for,
But everything that I needed.

~ Author Unknown

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.

First-quarter 2019 Diamonds in the Ruff

18-035 Allie is a Golden mix now 16 years old, who came into Rescue in April 2018 with **18-034 Rascal**. **Allie** had necessary tooth extractions completed and a destructive neoplasm removed. She was adopted by Rebecca and Hygenes in Phoenix under our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program and has been living with **18-085 Sarah** as her companion. In February 2019, **Allie** was sent to **AMSC** again for evaluation of a possible urinary tract infection with X-rays revealing a mass of some sort. The decision was made not to do any surgery and just keep her comfortable with medications and an antibiotic. **Allie's** first-quarter 2019 expenses were **\$1,146**, and total expenses since intake have been **\$6,187**.



18-062 Sensei, now called **Sampson**, came to **AGR** last August as a young, 5-month-old male Golden mix that was surrendered by his owner who could not afford medical care. **Sensei** had abdominal issues and was further evaluated by **AMSC** with exploratory abdominal surgery. No blockage was found but he did have intestinal inflammation and a swollen lymph node, which were subsequently treated with medications. In February 2019, **Sampson** was neutered, but then was in need of emergency medical care by **Blue Pearl Vet Partners** for continued bleeding. Testing was sent out to **Cornell University** for hemolytic issues and possible von Willebrand's disease (please see more detail about this condition in the *Health & Safety* column on page 11). Interestingly enough, no apparent clotting problem arose from the abdominal surgery he had had last year. He has been adopted by Stephanie and Clint in Buckeye. **Sampson's** first-quarter 2019 expenses were **\$3,458**, and total expenses since intake have been **\$9,346**.

18-085 Sarah is a 13-year-old female purebred Golden surrendered by her former owner. Her vet work was done by **AMSC**,



as she needed X-rays and blood work for an enlarged spleen and liver, as well as evaluation of growths on her lip and eye. She required tooth extractions and a tumor excision along with various medications. **Sarah** has been adopted by Rebecca and Hygenes in Phoenix. **Sarah's** first-quarter 2019 expenses amounted to **\$2,807**, and total expenses since intake have been **\$3,971**.

18-087 Bibi is a 2-year-old female Golden mix who came to **AGR** from the *Alianza Pro Adoption Rescue* in Nogales at the Mexican border. It was believed she had been physically abused by her previous owner and did not like men. Her initial vet work was done at *Academy West Animal Hospital* with the usual exam, blood work, fecal, micro-chip and updated vaccines. **Bibi**



was then adopted by Mary in Mesa. However, in early February, **Bibi's** adopter reported that **Bibi** had become very fear aggressive, barking, growling, and lip curling. After evaluation by our **AGR** behaviorist Sharon, it was felt that **Bibi** would benefit most from some serious intensive boot-camp training at *Partners Dog Training School*. **Bibi** did very well at *Partners* in learning not to be so fearful, and her owner, Mary, will now need to work with **Bibi** on socialization and leadership training. First-quarter expenses for **Bibi** have cost **AGR \$2,623**. We thank adopter Mary for her significant donation to help with **Bibi's** training expense.

19-001 Lilly, an almost-11-year-old purebred Golden, was surrendered to **AGR** by a family that said she had been in distress for three days and they could not afford to find out why. **Lilly** had been vomiting, had watery diarrhea, and would not eat or drink. She had a history of eating things she shouldn't, but the owner told us that the last time **Lilly** did that was three years ago, so



she had no idea what could be wrong with the dog. The owner surrendered the dog to us at *Blue Pearl Emergency Clinic* at 9875 W Peoria Ave in Peoria. **Lilly** was dehydrated and obviously felt awful, so the vet started her on IV fluids and antibiotics. X-rays showed a blockage in her intestines. When the surgeon opened her up, he was startled to find a towel stuck between her stomach and intestines and lots of intestinal adhesions that formed pockets where fluid could and did collect. He told us the adhesions indicated that during her lifetime **Lilly** had to have had multiple surgeries for the removal of foreign objects. There is only so much that a dog's system can tolerate, and, unfortunately, **Lilly** had reached

beyond her limit by the time she was in our hands. We tried to save her, we really did – she was a beautiful, platinum-colored, very sweet girl – but we were not successful. She stayed at the emergency clinic until it became obvious after four days that she was not going to recover, so the Board voted to send her to the Bridge. Had the family surrendered her to us when they first noticed her distress, we might have been able to save her life. But they didn't, and we couldn't. **Lilly's** stay at the emergency vet cost **\$7,921**. It was a really difficult way to start the New Year. We would appreciate any donations that will help with this expense.



19-003 Harlie is a 10-year-old purebred Golden surrendered by her former owner who was unable to afford the medical cost for the dog's treatment. **Harlie** had a major eye issue, terrible teeth, and infections. She was first seen by the eye specialist at *Eyecare for Animals* in Avondale who said **Harlie's** left eye was not salvageable and needed to be removed. Further vet work was done by

AMSC in Scottsdale – they did the surgery to remove her eye, and also did some dental extractions. **Harlie** is on pain meds and will likely need further dental cleanings every six months. **Harlie** has since been renamed **Carlie** and adopted by Karen and Phil in Peoria. **Carlie's** first-quarter expenses totaled **\$5,243**.

19-007 Kelsey is an unspayed female purebred Golden around 8 years old. She was rescued from the *MCACCS* westside shelter. She was somewhat of a mess with huge mats, dirty ears, neglected teeth, enlarged



liver, a mammary tumor, and a large nasty-looking growth on the back of her neck.

The transporter described her as a very sweet girl. She was immediately taken to *AMSC* in Scottsdale for evaluation and was subsequently spayed and had the tumor removed. She also tested positive for valley fever, had severe ear infections, and hip dysplasia. The tumor was found to be cancerous, so **Kelsey** is now undergoing chemo treatments, as well as needing meds for the ear infections and pain relievers. **Kelsey** has been adopted by Bill in Scottsdale. **Kelsey's** expenses have so far cost *AGR* **\$5,515**.

19-011 Peaches is a 2-year-old female purebred Golden rescued from the *Gila River Animal Shelter* on the reservation in March. She was very skinny, scared and timid, and very hungry. Her initial vet work was done by *Kennel Care*, where she was found to have a contagious upper respiratory infection, a skin infection, and bad teeth. After the usual vaccines were updated, she was also



given an antibiotic, special shampoo for pyoderma, and Fortiflora powder to help her digestive system. A couple weeks later, her foster parent had to rush her to *Arizona Veterinary Emergency* in Gilbert, as **Peaches** had thrown up food and several pieces of plastic, and her bloodwork liver values were very high. An emergency abdominal surgery was needed to remove more plastic pieces

with sharp edges that **Peaches** was not able to pass and could have caused even more damage. She has since been renamed **Lily** and adopted by Robin in Chandler. First-quarter expenses for **Peaches** were **\$8,667**.

Save the date!

Saturday, September 28, 2019, 1:30 PM Shotgun Start

Fore! Paws Golf tournament

Lone Tree Golf Club, Chandler

Following are the words to the song played during the Rainbow Bridge ceremony at Paws At The Park

So Hard To Say Good-Bye

By Shelly Guidotti

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

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

(Still) It's so hard to say good-bye

Like my shadow I could count on you to be there

So don't mind the tears that I cry

It may take a little while to remember you and smile

It's the selfish part of me that wants you right here back with me

Yes right here by my side

It's so hard to say good-bye

There will be days I know as I learn to let go

The rain in my heart'll feel like a river

Then like a soft gentle wind from the warmth of a friend

Instead of tears I'll remember you and smile

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 January 14, 2019 through April 15, 2019. All adoptions finalized after April 15th will be in the next issue.



18-053 Mitch came into Rescue in June 2018. He is a purebred Golden about 10 years old and was surrendered with another dog (a Lab named **Steele**) with whom he had spent many years. The owner had health issues and could no longer keep the pair. **Mitch** had a history of counter-surfing and generally getting into things. He also had an allergy-sensitive stomach and

thyroid issues. The foster family was warned about **Mitch's** propensity to get into anything and everything, but for true understanding it took an incident and a trip to the emergency vet after he got into their pantry and ate bread, hamburger buns, tortillas, granola bars, some other bars with dark chocolate and caramel, and some Danish cookies. He was given fluids and kept overnight for observation. He did eventually vomit up a lot of this and passed the rest, so he did not have to have surgery. A few weeks later, **Mitch** and **Steele** broke into the laundry room and consumed a bottle of Cosequin, which can be toxic in large quantities. So, the foster wisely called Poison Control, which advised getting bloodwork done immediately to check for electrolytes and liver function (ALT). Elevations in this liver enzyme may occur for up to 72 hours after ingestion. It was recommended that they both have repeat liver value rechecks in 2-3 days with the daytime veterinarian. So, off to the emergency vet again where **Mitch** was given fluids and Cerenia to calm his stomach. In addition to all this, **Mitch** had to have surgery to remove a mass that the foster had detected. It turned out to be a benign pilomatricoma, which is a tumor arising from the hair matrix. **Mitch** has been one of the more expensive dogs **AGR** has rescued! He is now in his forever home with Christine and Tim in Prescott. They are retired and are with **Mitch** most of the time. They keep the pantry locked. When both leave the house, **Mitch** is put into a crate. They are helping desensitize him to noises and are occasionally using CBD oil to help calm him. His adoption finalization included an addendum for thyroid medication and Apoquel for his allergies.

18-075 Blondie, now known as **Stevie**, is a beautiful 10-month-old female Goldendoodle. This darling suffered from severe separa-



tion anxiety when left alone and would engage in some serious chewing! Her owner felt it was best for **Blondie** to be in a home where someone was home most of the time. She received her vetting at **Kennel Care** in Chandler. She was current on vaccinations; however, she did require spay surgery. Her valley fever titer was 1:4 and did not require treatment. She had a bout of diarrhea and an ear infection that was treated with antibiotics. After several months in foster care by Sharon F, she was very lucky to be placed with one of our wonderful foster families that included **AGR's** behaviorist Sharon M. **Blondie** didn't realize it at the time, but she had found her forever home. Sharon, Michelle, and their pack in Phoenix welcomed her with open arms and paws! **Blondie** told us her story: *I have been with my foster family for 2 weeks and 3 days, and what an adventure and time it has been for me!*

*Since I stepped paw in this home, I have made 4 new K9 friends that I just love and adore and who make me feel so safe and confident. I used to get very anxious when my humans would leave the house and chew things up, but I have never felt that way since being with my new pack of friends – they just seem to “complete” me. My favorite new friend is **Zane**. I just love him, and he likes to play with me as much as I do with him. He has taught me how to be more secure and confident, and he even sleeps with me at times – I think I have wiggled my way in. Then there is this little guy called **Woody** – he is so much fun to play with and he lets me share his “human” bed with him. My foster mom told me the other day, that since I have been here, I have been such a big positive influence on my other friends – wow, that's neat!*



Happy Stevie now

*Connor, who has never really played with another dog, plays with me a little bit. In fact, I did notice when I first got here, **Connor** avoided me and yelled if I got too close to his face. I have been able to kiss his face a few times now. I guess **Zane** never really got the chance to play with anybody due to him being*

a bit rougher in play – doesn't bother me at all, and I have actually taught him how to play at a calmer level, so we have so much fun together. I am so happy here! I go on hikes, long walks, car rides and have a backyard that I just love to play in and so enjoy being able to come and go through that little door within the big door, such freedom! I have been in 6 different homes in my short 1.2 years of life and have found this one to be a home I want to call my own. I have decided to adopt, the PouKenzie family/pack. Congratulations, **Blondie** and PouKenzie family/pack!

18-082 Ansel is a 7-year-old cream-colored male Golden. He had been picked up as a stray and taken to the eastside **MCACCS** shelter. He was a healthy and good-looking purebred, so the shelter deemed him a "super hero" and put him in a lottery; the winner would have to pay \$300 for him. Connie from **AGR** went to the shelter to try to get the dog, but another woman won the draw. Fortunately, Connie had the presence of mind to give her an **AGR** business card. The next day, the woman contacted Connie with this message: *I adopted the Golden yesterday at the East Shelter. I took him to my vet today. Dr. said his teeth and ears were good. His lungs sounded good. He has a hot spot, but we got topical spray and frontline for the ticks. He's doing well and eating well. Goes through the doggie door well. Very sweet but a barker. About 7 years old. You are probably wondering why I'm sending you a message.... my daughter decided she can't keep him. We already have 2 Golden and 1 terrier and a newborn baby. I'm wondering if your Rescue would pay the \$300 fee to my daughter if you were interested in taking him. I paid \$130 today for the vet visit which I'm not interested in recovering.* We decided to take the boy and reimburse the woman for the \$300 shelter fee. Of course, we had some additional vet work done: a heartworm test, valley fever test, a fecal test and the leptospirosis vaccine; the shelter had already given him the DHPP and rabies vaccines. All tests were negative, fortunately, but within one day, **Ansel** developed kennel cough; he was given antibiotics and it did, eventually, clear up. He was originally placed with a family that have another Golden. Unfortunately, there were 3 incidents in a day and a half that were aggressive, unprovoked attacks on the resident family dog, even though **Ansel** and the resident dog had been playing together very nicely. Once was over a piece of food that had dropped on the floor and **Ansel** attacked when the resident dog tried to get the food. The other 2 incidences involved the resident dog trying to interact with the mom and her daughter. **Ansel** took exception to that and again attacked. No one was hurt, but both were very frightened. Also, the large, gentle resident Golden was quite shook up and was refusing to come in the house with **Ansel** there. They understandably do not want to stress him with always worrying about being attacked. There was also a worry about what might happen if no one was home and something (like a stray piece of



food) might trigger an attack. We gave her the option of trying to work through the issues with Sharon helping her via phone, but neither she nor her daughter are really equipped for that kind of challenge and she wisely decided that he would be better placed with someone who could, or in a no-other-dog home. Additionally, she said that if he had anything in his mouth that you tried to take away, he would also clamp down very hard on the hand. We transferred **Ansel** to another home. He jumped onto the counter in the kitchen and bolted away from Connie. Connie had told them **Ansel** needs lots of exercise, needs to be constantly supervised around the kids, needed to replace their trash can with a lid that could not be easily moved, and to be sure they had a leash on him whenever they opened the door. Within an hour of leaving him at this second-try home, we got a call to come get him. Third time's the charm, though. His permanent home is with Morgan in Peoria, where **Ansel** is an only dog and is now very much loved. Morgan had to make some changes in his environment, though. He has a bedroom completely full of Pez dispensers. Connie recommended a strong, high gate, and gave advice for dog food and toys to keep **Ansel** occupied when Morgan must go to work. Some allergy symptoms continued to manifest – itching and chewing on himself – so Benadryl was recommended, and the adopter was issued an adoption addendum for continued treatment for allergies. A note from Morgan to Connie: *Merry Christmas! So far so good! When I'm not working, I'm either walking Ansel or sleeping next to him. He's warming up to me and the house very well.*

18-084 Biscuit is a return-to-rescue. Sadly, her person passed, and the spouse was unable to care for this petite 8-year-old female Golden mix. She was in need of vetting and received outstanding care at **Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix. She was made current on vaccinations, checked for heartworm and valley fever and received a wellness exam. All test results were negative, and she was in good health. She was enthusiastically welcomed into the home of Heli and Kevin of Phoenix. Her new family related: **Bizzy** (a.k.a. **Biscuit**) joined our family January 4th 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 gets lots of love and compliments for their beauty and their manners. We've had no fights over toys or cuddles with Mom and Dad, and just one small scuffle over breakfast one morning when Daisy cat was being particularly annoying. Bizzy has been so sweet, and we are so happy that she joined our fur family!"* **AGR** is happy, too, that she has found her new forever home!



18-085 Sarah is a lovely senior Golden lady who was in need of a new home at age 13. Due to health issues, her current own-



ers could no longer care for her. Sadly, she was leaving a home she had known her whole life. She received her vetting at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale. This wonderful senior had quite a bit going on medically. She needed a dental with 5 extractions and the removal of lip and eye growths. It was determined the growths were melanocytic neoplasms and were surgically removed.

She also has spinal stenosis which causes a weakness in her hind legs. Thankfully, the valley fever, heartworm and tick fever results were negative. Rebecca and Hygenes of Phoenix were happy to provide this senior lady with a new home. **Allie**, the resident Golden and **Luna**, the resident cat, were also welcoming to a new fur sibling. At last report, everyone is doing well. An addendum for 3 months of pain and digestive medications was granted.

18-088 Silver and **18-089 Annabelle (Annabel)** were surrendered to **AGR** at the end of December 2018. According to the owner, **Silver** kept eating their cat litter and poop, so he had constant diarrhea. Vicki tells their story: *They came into Rescue as a "bonded pair", as were our previous AGR rescues, Zack and Cody, who were actual brothers. Sadly, Zack passed away in August from lymphoma. We felt that Cody would do well*



with some new pack members, so we looked to AGR again. Annabel, a sweet little 8-year-old Golden girl, and Silver, a handsome and friendly 6-year-old male, joined our wonderful Cody (8-year-old male) to round out our Golden family. And we can't forget about Monkey our 19-year-old male Tabby cat, who Annabel and Silver have treated so politely right from their first meeting. We were told that they had lived with cats in their previous home. They are typical sweet, laid back Goldies, who enjoy getting their morning "biscuit" and playing a little tennis ball in the backyard before breakfast. All three dogs are getting more comfortable with each other every day. Some mornings I wake up to find Cody and Silver sleeping back to back on the dog bed like brothers. And they are starting to do a little frisky rough housing and tug-of-war with toys. They enjoyed going to the mountains for a romp in the snow. We don't know if it was their first time, but they seemed to love it. They will spend the summers with us in San



18-088 Silver



18-089 Annabel

Diego and hopefully enjoy trips to Dog Beach and chasing butterflies in our canyon backyard, which is Cody's favorite pastime. They fit in to our life so perfectly they seem like they have always been here. And we are so glad they are.



19-002 Pope Francis, now **Watson**, is a handsome 5-year-old male Goldendoodle. His owner was very sad to relinquish his buddy; however, he had recently moved to an apartment. The apartment was near a hospital, and **Pope Francis** was terrified of the continuous loud noise from the sirens and helicopters. His incessant barking did not go over well with his neighbors – he needed

a new home with a quiet home environment. He received his vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital Boarding & Grooming** in Glendale. He was in excellent health except for the need to lose a few pounds. He also received the leptospirosis vaccines that all dogs do coming into **AGR**. **Pope** hit the jackpot when he was ecstatically welcomed into the home of Liz and her pack in Glendale. Liz relayed: *Watson actually added himself to the pack, joining Trip, Reba, Emma and McKayla. He wasn't too sure about being here to begin with and stayed close to the front door, ready to leave. He gradually realized that this could be a fun place to live: good food, good dog friends and lots of attention. Watson is a big, friendly, cuddly sweet dog who comes with a BIG bark. He makes a great watch dog, and I doubt anyone really wants to see who is that loud on the other side of the door. He can be left free to roam with the other dogs when I leave the house and has never chewed, destroyed or caused an issue, unlike one dog that shall remain nameless. He hasn't yet mastered playing with toys but has enjoyed trying out every chair, bed and high spot in the house. Rescued dogs are the best! As is the perfect home!*

19-003 Harlie, now called **Carl**, is a charming 10-year-old Golden female. Unfortunately, her owner could not afford the cost of her medical treatment and contacted **AGR**. She received her vetting at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale and **Eyecare for Animals** in Avondale. She had a dental with extractions that had her feeling better immediately. Also, an enucleation of her left eye was required, and she has adapted quite well. She did have a limp that was benign and was prescribed Galliprant and gabapentin for pain. Now that she was feeling better, she was ready to move to her new home in Peoria with Karen, Phil, their three resident dogs (a Golden, a Chihuahua and a doxy) and **Beau**, the pig. Karen told us: *She is all settled in. She likes our bed so goes in there for naps sometimes. She sleeps beside Phil's side of the bed in Caesar's bed. She gets along with everyone. She does*



a thing that **Caesar** always did. She plants herself right in the middle of where we are, especially in the kitchen, and then she's in the way of us getting into cupboards, etc. **Caesar** was the king of that tactic. Anyway, we love her and are so grateful to AGR!

19-004 Rollie, now known as **Cole**, is a 5-month old Golden boy full of energy. His owner loved him, but apartment living was not suitable for his nonstop puppy activity. He received his vetting at **Kennel Care** in Chandler. He was in great health and only required the leptospirosis vaccines. Greg in Mesa and resident canines **Calli** and **Jesse** were overjoyed to have this adorable youngster join their family. Greg shared: *Cole has quickly become part of the family. He enjoys playing with his new sister Calli and brother Jesse. He has mastered several commands and walks into his harness when we are getting ready for our nightly dog walk. He is very friendly by nature and super affectionate. The one and only knock against him is he is a bed hog. Special thanks to my friend Robin. She inspired me to get involved with AGR.* An addendum was granted for a lepto booster and neuter at 12 months.



19-005 Hiccup, now called **Dillon**, is a handsome reddish-gold, just-turned-four-year-old Golden male. His owner was sad to rehome this lovely Golden. However, due to a change in work hours he was unable to give him the time and attention he so rightly deserved. **Hiccup**, named after the dragon in *How To Train Your Dragon*, visited Dr. Val at **Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix for his vetting.

His vaccines were updated including Bordetella and leptospirosis. Also, his heartworm and valley fever tests were negative. Debbie, Rick and resident Golden, **Shelby**, of Surprise were thrilled to have an addition to their family. Debbie related: *From the moment Dillon entered our house, he has been the perfect dog! He is so very well behaved, knows many commands including how to "Jump" on command, loves his toys, absolutely loves to fetch anything, loves to ride in the car, and walks pretty well on the leash. He and my female Golden, Shelby, play numerous times during the day, and Dillon has readily picked up on our daily routine. He has already gone to several AGR events and is a wonderful ambassadog for AGR with his donation vest. I've also taken Dillon to the memory care facility to visit my husband, and Dillon does very well with visiting the residents there. He can be comical and hasn't done a single thing wrong in the house, other than he most always snores when he sleeps, which I oddly find comforting! Shelby loves her new younger brother, and I am very blessed to have received this perfect boy, Dillon, whom I just love!*

We know **Dillon** feels blessed in his new forever home!



19-006 Loki is a charming 1-year-old Golden boy. He's still a puppy! **Loki** was full of puppy energy, and his owner worked long hours and did not have the time to train him. He received his vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital and Boarding and Grooming** in Glendale. He got a glowing health report including negative fecal, heartworm and valley fever tests.

He was neutered before intake and was current on recommended vaccinations. **Loki** found his forever home in Anthem with Andrea, Derick and daughter, Ella, who was very excited to have a new "baby brother". Andrea related: *It was a Thursday morning in January when I received the phone call from Gail, a Placement volunteer for AGR. Loki, a one-year old male Golden Retriever was in need of a new forever home. Immediately following the phone call, I dialed my husband and father who both said yes. I shared the good news with Gail, and she put me in touch with Jill, a transport volunteer for AGR. Brimming with excitement all day, we couldn't wait to get home from work and share the exciting news with our 9-year-old daughter, Ella. She was thrilled and has been waiting patiently for a few years to get a puppy dog. Everything happened so quickly and just as we were told. Jill brought Loki to our home that Saturday, January 19th (our gotcha date), and I was so amazed at Loki's size and beauty. He was full of energy and appeared very happy to be in our home. We felt so very fortunate to be welcoming a happy, house trained and loving Golden into our home. Jill also brought a kennel for us to borrow for Loki for 3 weeks. Our family has been working with a dog trainer, J.R. Cook, owner of AZ Dog Works, on a weekly basis to help us teach Loki basic commands, door boundaries, and leash training. Loki enjoys going on long runs/walks, playing outside, and exploring our home, as well as opportunities to meet new people and dogs. He has been eyeing our pool and tasting the water but hasn't ventured in just yet. He has adjusted well to our family routine and we have learned a lot about loving him while setting limits. With some hesitation due to leash pulling, we attended the 66th annual Parada del Sol. To our surprise, Loki did well, and we all had a great time meeting the other Golden Retrievers and their families! This also happened to be our adoption day! We look forward to participating in more AGR events and are so thankful for all that AGR and the volunteers do for the Golden Retrievers and their families in Arizona. Our family feels so blessed to have Loki in our lives. Thank you, AGR!*

19-008 Stormy, now **Delilah**, is a gorgeous black female Goldendoodle who is young at 5 months of age. This cutie needed a new forever home due to her owner having a change in her life situation and moving to an apartment. This youngster had not seen a vet, so she was off to **Academy West Animal Hospital**

in Glendale, where she received an exam and was administered DAP-OPV, rabies, bordatella and leptos vaccines. A micro-chip was implanted; however, she was too young for spay surgery.



Now **Stormy** was off to be welcomed in her new home in Sedona with Julie and her Chocolate Lab. Julie stated: *What a face! I didn't plan on a puppy or a large black Doodle, but sometimes things fall right into your lap! Delilah is an absolute delight, and trying to train her and teach her basic behavior is an ongoing challenge. Her sweetness and energy at 6 months is amazing. The highlight of*

her day is being able to run off-leash at Yappy Hour or on a quiet trail with her big sister Kodi, a Chocolate Lab. She runs like a gazelle with her long legs! We have a lot of great times ahead. She is definitely a wild child – still working on the housebreaking, but she sleeps through the night now. Yay! Loves to play fetch in the backyard and actually brings the ball back! She is better on the leash, too. Enjoys watching TV, especially Nature programs about wolves and the Westminster Dog Show. I keep having to remind myself that she is still very young even though she is big. By the way, her new name, Delilah, is Arabic for "night". Thanks to AGR for the great work they do. An addendum was granted for spay surgery at age one.

19-010 Sophie was a 911 plea from the Shelter about a 2-year-old spayed UTD female Golden mix. A woman was traveling from Georgia to CA with a few rescued dogs. One presented as a Golden Retriever mix. The shelter only takes 'owner surrenders' after a wait period of two weeks. She was out of options as **Sophie** kept escaping, and she feared



she would get run over by a car – she had gotten loose twice during her travels. An AGR transport angel met the lady at **Kennel Care** in Chandler for the surrender. The escaping is the reason for the surrender. She did have a tracker on her collar. The transporter was told she is good with children and other dogs. She is spayed, chipped and current on vaccines. She was boarded at **Kennel Care** until more information about this girl was learned. The vet determined she was a sweetheart and in good health. Now it was time to find the perfect home. Home is in Yuma with Martha, Mike and resident Goldendoodle. They told us their story: *At the beginning of February, AGR contacted us about a 2-year-old female Golden mix that needed a home. We said we were interested, and she was brought to our home a couple days later. Her name is Sophie and she quietly slipped into our home and hearts. Sophie gets along with our year-old Goldendoodle and every dog that comes to visit. We were watching her carefully and after having had 6 Golden mixes through 30 years, two and three at a time, we felt that she was much calmer and walked differently than we had ever seen. I*

asked the vet if she thought she was only 2 because I'd never seen a 2-year-old Golden so calm. She said, "That's because she's a Great Pyrenees". I said, "but she only weighs 64 pounds" and she said, "maybe a mix". Now we understand her behavior so much better. She's a keeper! Congratulations everyone!



19-012 Zorra (f.k.a. **18-061 Precious**) originally came to AGR in July 2018 as a stray from Huachuca City Shelter. She is a small Golden mix, judged to be about 3 years old at the time. She had a complete vetting done and was placed with Jennifer and Mark in Phoenix. They named her **Zorra**, the Spanish word for a female fox – they thought she looked like one and could move as

fast as one. She seemed to get along with the resident dogs, at least at first. However, after a few months, she was still trying to be the Alpha, and if not kept separated from the other dogs, she would get into a fight. She also started resource guarding and growling at friends of the family's children when they visited. After consulting AGR's behaviorist, Sharon McKenzie, and trying for eight months to no avail to implement Sharon's suggestions for curtailing these undesirable behaviors, the family decided that **Zorra** would be better off in a quiet home with an older person or couple where there were no other dogs. Placement found exactly that kind of home for **Zorra**. She now is having a wonderful time with Marti in Phoenix. Marti said: *I am now the official parent of Zoe Zoe, formally Zorra. Zoe Zoe is so much fun! She loves to ride in the car and we walk at the park every day and around the neighborhood. My cats and Zoe Zoe do fine together. They all get a puppucino in the AM – Zoe prefers hers before breakfast. I never had a small dog before. She is so cute and happy all the time. Always by my side and hangs out on top of the couch. Thanks, Arizona Golden Rescue. She is gem! We have always believed that there is a perfect family out there somewhere for every dog we rescue – sometimes it just takes a while to find that family! Zoe Zoe is now where she belongs. Happy new life, Zoe Zoe!*



19-014 Hercules, now **Milo**, is a ginger-colored 1½-year-old Golden lad. His owner's work load increased dramatically and he did not feel this youngster was receiving the time and attention he deserved. His new home is in Oro Valley where he received his vetting from **Desert Paws Mobile Vet** of Tucson. He was current on vaccinations and was tested

for valley fever and heartworm. He did have neuter surgery and was micro-chipped. Michelle, Alex, **Nilla**, Asher and Pierce are so excited with their new family member! Michelle shared: **Milo** came to our house on a warm Spring Monday. Immediately, he was a fit. We got on the Rescue's list 5 months prior. I always said to my young children, "If the dog's a fit for our family, we will know right away." **Milo** is docile and sweet. He has a good smile. He loves his toys and **Nilla** (our 12-year-old maternal-in-nature Golden Retriever) gladly lets him have her toys. **Milo** is our first dog that is not easily motivated by food (or food driven). He slowly eats his breakfast and doesn't beg when we are having meals at the table. He loves the constant action that is our house with 2 young kids with HIGH energy. The minute he wakes up he is so excited to start his day. The boys love to throw the ball for him to fetch, and he follows them all around the house. He loves his daily walk. He constantly checks on our **Nilla**, which is so dear since she now spends most of her day sleeping. He is a sweet, sweet boy that completes our family, and we are so grateful to **Arizona Golden Rescue** for finding us the perfect fit.



19-015 Penny, a 6-month-old non-Golden mix, came into Rescue as a bonded pair with **19-014 Hercules**, who is a Golden. After an assessment of both dogs, we decided they could be placed separately as long as they went to homes with other dogs. They were surrendered because the owners' work schedules had changed and they were gone 10+ hours a day.

She received her vet check-up by Dr. Cohen at **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital**. Unfortunately, she tested positive for Giardia, so a course of metronidazole was prescribed. Since she was not already spayed, we will be waiting until she is about a year old before we have the surgery done, so her adoption finalization was accompanied by an addendum for the spay. Her new owners, Amanda and Jordan in Peoria are thoroughly enjoying their puppy. **Penny** is doing great and all of our pups are loving each other! **Penny** sure does love not having to be in that kennel all day anymore! **Penny** also loves to fetch. I have taught her some basic commands. She is obsessed with all of the stuffed animal dog toys. We love her to pieces. About a month later, Amanda wrote: My boyfriend Jordan and I were looking for a younger Golden Retriever to play with our 7-year-old German Shepherd/Lab mix **Bella** and our 7-year-old miniature Dachshund **Kona**. We weren't necessarily looking for a little puppy because we did not want to go through the "puppy" phase and potty training. In November, we saw **Arizona Golden Rescue** at **Barnes & Noble** and got a card from them and immediately filled out an application to adopt. We knew adopting a Golden Retriever was right for our family. In late March, I received a text from **AGR** in regards to **Penny** and adopting her. This was definitely out of the blue 5 months later, but we knew when we saw a picture of her that

she was going to fit right in to our family! She loves playing ball outside with **Bella** and tummy rubs. She's a little afraid of car rides and taking walks, but is getting better each time. We could not have asked for a better addition and are so glad that she has found a forever home! We are glad, too!



19-016 Nala is a 2-year-old purebred Golden who was surrendered because the daughter of the family had developed allergies. **Nala** was not spayed and, in fact, went into heat in the week after she came to **AGR**. So, we cautioned the FWITAs, Cindy and Jim in Surprise, 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. When the transporters pulled up to the home, they were met outside by Cindy and Jim and their resident dog, **Cooper**. It was love at first sight by all! The dogs acted like they had known each other all their lives and are just having a blast playing with each other. **Nala** came to **AGR** with no medical records. Now, all of **Nala's** vetting has been done but sufficient time needs to pass after heat for it to be safe to spay her, so we issued an addendum to the adoption finalization for the spay surgery. Since she tested positive for valley fever, we started her on fluconazole and included an addendum for valley fever medications and retesting. The adoptive family has renamed her **Chloe**. Have a great rest of your life, **Chloe**!

The WAGS Line Does It Again

From Sharon Flores, who answers our phone:

Got a call on the WAGS line at 6 this morning from a guy camping at Lake Pleasant. A baby wild burro was outside his RV hardly able to stand, falling, and crying. He had not touched it but was afraid it was going to die. I explained we rescue Golden Retrievers but suggested calling **AZ Humane**; he asked if I could text him the phone number, which I did – he texted back he couldn't get a cell signal to call so could I help. Of course they were not open. Then I thought, that is a wild animal so I called **Game and Fish** – they said wild burros are under **Bureau of Land Management** so I called them, told the story, and they said they would get right on it. Guy texted me the sheriff showed up and gave the burro some soy milk; he was told to leave the area for a while so maybe the Mom would show up. It drank the milk and was asleep in the shade when he left. The sheriff said a burro specialist would be there this afternoon to take the baby if the mother doesn't show up. End result: the baby burro was reunited with his mommy. So, **AGR** has rescued another soul, even though it was not a Golden! Way to go, Sharon!

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



11-054 Buddy Connoyer



12-105 Mollie Guercio



13-019 Rylie Sable



17-039 Deeks Janes



17-063 Rufus Gill



17-074 Ashley Mortimore



Beau Booher



Doodles Imler-Feight



Maximus Korpalski



Belle Palumbo-Mullaney

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.



Nilla Ohayon



Sky Thompson

The Eulogy By Carol Kufner

Look not where I was For I am not there My spirit is free I am everywhere

In the air that you breathe In the sounds that you hear Don't cry for me Mom My spirit is near

I'll watch for you From the other side I'll be the one running New friends by my side

Smile at my memory Remember in your heart This isn't the end It's a brand new start

HERE and THERE

Events from January 13, 2019 through March 31, 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.



PACC911 Adopt-a-thon at Anthem

By April Crow



Peter Brown with Cody, Patrick Doyle, April Crow and Trishia Murphy helped set up

The PACC911 Adopt-a-thon at Anthem that was held on Saturday, February 2nd is my favorite Adopt-a-thon of the year. This is one of the best-attended events with about 50 Rescue groups and fantastic vendors. We had a great double booth located next to the lure course, so we were fortunate to have plenty of action to watch all



Andrea, Jillian and Colin Decker brought Diego

day. Numerous people showed interest in adopting a Golden, and we distributed several brochures. The weather was kind of iffy on and off all day so that definitely affected the reduced attendance at the event this year. We were lucky that it did not rain hard enough to ruin the event, but the constant dark skies, wind and sprinkles kept the usual large crowd away. Nonetheless, thank



Chris Spiel, here with April and Patrick and her two dogs Nash and Jack, came all the way from Goodyear because Nash loves to run the lure course

you to Deb Orwig, Patrick Doyle, April Crow, Trishia Murphy and Peter and Carolyn Brown for helping with early morning set-up. Thanks to all these great helpers, we were all set up and ready to go well before the event started.



Despite the less-than-desirable weather, we had a good crowd around our booth all day



Bob and Kathi Youhas have joined us at virtually every event since moving back to AZ from NC



Stanley Booher



Cody Brown



Ashley Mortimore



Jake Crow-Reid loves the kids



Jake also likes Vin Orwig

Thanks to Anne Booher with Stanley, Peter and Carolyn Brown with Cody, Dean Mortimore with Ashley and Mary Kate, Deb Orwig with Vin and Duffy, Rick Reid with Jake, and Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash for having such wonderful Ambassador Dogs at our event throughout the day. We definitely had a great gathering of attendees around our booth at all times loving on all our wonderful dogs. Along with April Crow and Deb Orwig, Patrick Doyle, Trishia Murphy and Bob and Kathi Youhas stayed all day to help out in the booth, as well as with tear-down.



Guy with a big red Golden came to our booth twice; Carolyn and Deb thought he wanted to surrender the dog, but we finally understood that he wanted to adopt Cody! He was unhappy when we told him Cody wasn't available.

Between donations collected by the dogs and merchandise sales, we were able to bring in a total of \$441.88. Not a bad day considering the attendance at the event was not what we had hoped for or expected, but we are looking forward to attending again next year!



Wag N' Wash

By April Crow



Rick Reid, Jake, Enzo, April Crow, Vin, Duffy, Rebecca Kemak with KC and Bob Cain with Murphy

On Saturday, January 12th, **AGR** was invited to come to **Wag N' Wash** at 4230 N 7th Ave in Phoenix to talk about our organization and show off our Golden Retrievers. We put up our tent right on the corner of N 7th Ave and W Heatherbrae Dr, which was about 1/10 mile north of Indian School Rd, with a lot of

traffic going by all day. Numerous people pulled into the parking lot in front of **Wag N' Wash** when they saw the tent and the dogs out front. Thank you to April Crow and Rick Reid with **Enzo** and **Jake**, Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with **KC** and **Murphy**, and Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Vin** for helping out. It was a gorgeous day, and our wonderful Golden Retrievers got lots of attention and love during the event and plenty of treats, as well as several large bags of dog food, courtesy of **Wag N' Wash**. Our Ambassador dogs collected \$76 in donations, and we received two applications for adoption from great potential applicants, too. One of these also filled out a membership application on the spot. Welcome to the group, Sue Chenoweth!

This store (and the one in Scottsdale) has an in-house bakery and a grooming station that can be used by the pet owner, or a store employee can be paid to wash a dog. We were invited to use the grooming station for free, so April and Rick gave both their boys baths. **Wag N' Wash** also donated some doggie cupcakes for all the dogs when we told them that littermates **Vin** and **Murphy** would be celebrating their third birthday on the 13th! Our thanks to **Wag N' Wash** for inviting us and for the donations.



Wag N' Wash has two locations in the Phoenix Metro area, one at 4230 N 7th Ave in Phoenix and one at 7777 E Indian School Rd, Scottsdale



A Couple of Non-AGR Events

By Deb Orwig

One of the many benefits of having April Crow as **AGR's** Director of Activities is that April is involved in many activities outside of and in addition to those in **Arizona Golden Rescue**. In January, she invited **AGR** members to attend two events that were not sponsored or hosted by **AGR**.



The first of these was a walk along the south side of Tempe Town Lake on January 13th. It was a lovely day with perfect Arizona winter weather (low 60's – read that and weep if you live in the Midwest or East Coast!), and several **AGR** members did the 2-mile walk with their Golden Retrievers.

The second event to which April invited some **AGR** members was a *Special Olympics Tennis Fun Day* held at **Troon Country Club** in Scottsdale on January 26th. Several of us brought our dogs and had a wonderful time interacting with many of the participants – well over 100 were there to play tennis and they all loved the dogs! Scottsdale Fire and Police Departments had a fire truck and police cruisers on site, which thrilled those who actually got to climb into the fire truck. It was a heartwarming event!



A couple of the young Special Olympics Tennis Fun Day participants (faces fuzzed out intentionally) climbed up onto the front of the fire truck with two of the Golden Retrievers; Vin insisted on sitting on the ground!



Midwestern University Stress Relief

By Deb Orwig

In early January, I was contacted by Courtney Scott, a Ph.D. student in the School of Pharmacy at **Midwestern University Glendale Campus**. She thought an hour with dogs during the pharmacy students' lunch break would be really good for morale since the next week was finals week. She wanted us to come on Tues-



Courtney Scott with Mufasa

day, January 29th from noon to 1 PM. I told her I would come with my three Golden, but I wasn't sure how many others could make it mid-day on a week day. I should not have been concerned – 16 members with a total of 18 dogs made themselves available! I am guessing that around 100 *Midwestern* students came to see the dogs – it was certainly the largest crowd we have

ever experienced at any of the stress relief events we have attended at *ASU* and *ASU West*! In addition to many students, quite a few administrative staff and teachers also showed up. Typical of this kind of event, we heard many stories



The student crowd was a little light for only about 10 minutes

from students about their dogs at home and how much they missed them while at school. As the hour progressed, the crowd drew an even larger crowd. It was a very fun hour that passed very quickly. The students seemed to be thrilled and appreciative that we were there, and the dogs loved all the attention. I brought calendars to distribute to anyone who wanted one and had newsletters and brochures, as well. Courtney had prepared small treat bags for all the dogs, which was very nice. The following *AGR* members and dogs attended: Debbie Ball brought **Dillon** and **Shelby**; Carolyn Brown came with always-popular **Cody**; Adam Cardinal and Duane Borho brought **Rhys** and **Malle**; April Crow took off work and went home to get little **Willow** and husband Rick Reid with **Jake**; lovely **Star** came with Karen and Phil Davis; Patrick Doyle handled my boy **Duffy**; Sheila Joyce brought **Charlie** and **Willow**; Rebecca Kemak drove all the way from Laveen to attend with **Murphy**; Trishia Murphy had **Vin's** company during the event; **Mufasa** stayed with me and was a very good boy; Fred Prose came with **Gracie**; Liz Tataseo brought adorable little **McKayla**; and Cindy Tigges came with **Casey** and **Natasha**. All the dogs were extremely well behaved and were a huge hit with the students. We enjoyed an hour outside in perfect weather and hope we get invited to come back in the future.



 *Parada Del Sol and Trail's End*
By April Crow



On Saturday, February 9th, we participated in the 66th annual *Parada Del Sol and Trail's End Festival*. As I have said before, this is one of my favorite days of the entire year! It was a gorgeous morning, and this year we had 45 walkers and 37 dogs – a great turnout with many new faces that I loved seeing. This year we were number 58 in the line-up so we had plenty of time to wait before we stepped off. During this time, everyone got to pick out festive heart-theme bandannas made and donated by Deb Orwig, meet new people, and Connie McCabe (at left) went around and took pictures of everyone attending – at least she tried to get everyone!



Teddi Axne and Watson



Duane Borho and Adam Cardinal with Malle and Rhys

Thank you to every single person that made this day a great success. If it weren't for the walkers, set-up crew, booth helpers, dogs



Daisy Barsetti-Nerland and Blake Wach with Maya and Hugs



Lily and Cassie Barnett with Mufasa



Dean Mortimore with Ashley and Mary Kate



Kaia, Carrie and Tommy Hart with Tank



Jill and Fred Prose with Gracie II



Sue Piarulli and Sheila Joyce with Willow and Charlie Joyce



Ilan, Sharon and Philip Wieser with Mushu and Kiara

collecting donations and tear-down crew, we would not have been able to participate in this awesome event. Thank you to all our walkers: Teddi Axne with **Watson**; Cassie and Lily Barnett; Daisy Barsetti-Nerland and friend Blake Wach with **Hugs** and **Maya**; Pattye Brown with **Tully** and **Bailey**; Adam Cardinal and Duane

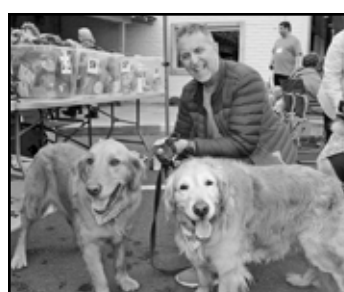
Borho with **Malle** and **Rhys**; Joni Cipollone with **Ray**; April Crow with **Logan**; Patrick Doyle (who carried the **AGR** banner); Kaia, Carrie and Tommy Hart with **Tank**; Jill Imler and Michael Feight with **Ducky**, **Ginger** and 10-week-old puppy **Zoey** (they carried her the entire time); Phyllis Hollander; Sheila Joyce and friend



Dan Silver, Bernie, Sierra Sheffey, Shaylee, Luke and Mora Silver and Duffy



Ginger, Michael Feight holding 3-month-old puppy Zoey, and Jill Imler with Ducky



Tom Valente came all the way from Sedona with Augie and Lola



Joni Cipollone and Ray



Sue Vallie with Molly and Oliver



Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with Joie and Sucky



Derick, Ella and Andrea Williams with Loki



Andrea and Jillian Decker with Diego



Deb Orwig with Mufasa, Duffy and Vin



Pattye Brown and Phyllis Hollander with Pattye's Bailey and Tully



Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with Murphy and KC



Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with Cassie and Callan



Ryan Cralley, Jack Spiel, Chris Spiel, Nash Spiel, Coco Puff Cralley and Stephanie Cralley

and her son Ryan with their dog **Coco Puff**; Tom Valente with **Augie** and **Lola**; Sue Vallie with **Molly** and **Oliver**; Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with **Callan** and **Cassie**; Sharon, Philip and Ilan Wieser with **Kiara** and **Mushu**; and Andrea, Derick and Ella Williams with **Loki**.



Helping in the booth during the parade and afterward: Kathi and Bob Youhas, Debbie Ball with Dillon and Shelby; Peter Brown with Cody; Connie Wozniak. Carolyn Brown was there, too, but unfortunately, no photo of her

Our set-up crew was there bright and early at 7:00 AM to help get our booth up and running for the festivities. Thank you so much to Carolyn and Peter Brown, Rick Brown, April Crow, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe (and Nick Dodson for driving and being the shuttle service to the staging area) and Deb Orwig.



April Crow with Logan

While most of us were waiting in the staging area before participating in the parade, there were several awesome volunteers that stayed at the booth to handle everything. Thank you to Debbie Ball with **Dillon** and **Shelby**, Carolyn and Peter Brown with **Cody**, Connie Wozniak, and Kathi and Bob Youhas. Andrea and Jillian Decker came with **Diego** in the afternoon. During the morning, several visitors stopped by to love on the dogs at our booth. Also, thank you to Bob Youhas for making his

famous, yummy Apple Cinnamon French Toast Breakfast Casserole (we have really missed that during the past five years, Bob!). What a treat to come back to after walking in the parade!



Diego Decker says, "You're gonna wanna buy a magnet and a calendar and pot holders and oven mitts and don't forget to buy some toys and a purse to carry everything in!"

We appreciate everyone who stayed at the booth after the parade to visit with people and collect donations: Cassie and Lily Barnett, April Crow, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**, Dean Mortimore with **Ashley** and **Mary Kate**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Vin**, and Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Joie** and **Sucy**. The weather ended up getting cold and windy later in the day and I'm sure that affected the reduced crowd at the event and at our booth.

After a long day, we appreciate the efficiency of the tear-down crew: April Crow, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe and Deb Orwig; however, we were all cold and exhausted and would certainly appreciate more help at the end of the day next year. When we have additional people, it actually goes fairly fast and is not that bad, so please consider staying later or stopping back by to help with tear-

down next year.

It only costs us \$50 to participate in the parade and there is no charge for our booth at *Trail's End*, so this great day ends up bringing in a decent amount of money for **AGR**. We raised a total of \$1,670.52: \$816.34 in donations and the rest in merchandise sales. A great time was had by all who attended and we hope to see everyone again next year!



Chris Spiel, Connie McCabe and Patrick Doyle relaxing after the parade at *Hula's*, the restaurant next to our booth space; April kindly paid for their drinks and lunch!



Patrick Doyle and April Crow stepping off proudly carrying our beautiful designed-by-Connie banner that says "Goldens are all heart"



Chance Shelter in Surprise

By Deb Orwig



We had a nice double booth space next to a vendor who was giving out natural dog treats

Due to a contact Fred Prose made while doing a home evaluation, we were invited to attend this second annual fundraiser for **Chance Shelter** in Surprise.

Chance Shelter's motto is "Every

animal in our community deserves a chance." They will be concentrating their rescue efforts on West Valley animals in crisis situations and will, thus, be working primarily with first responders from fire and police departments. Until an actual shelter is built, it will be a volunteer foster home-based no-kill operation.



Two of the more interesting attractions at the event were the Arizona Ghost Busters and a couple of costumed mini-ponies that are therapy-certified



Blaze, the newest member of the Youhas family – how could one not fall in love with that face?!

While there, Kathi Youhas fell in love with a 4-month-old Schnauzer-mix puppy named **Blaze** that *Chance Shelter* had brought to the event. Kathi called husband Bob to come meet the dog, and Bob liked him, too. So they made arrangements to have someone come do a home evaluation the next day. They passed, and now they have a “Golden in the witness protection program” whom they will bring to all of *AGR*’s events.

The event ran from 11 AM to 3 PM on February 16th and was held behind the *Riverboat Bingo* facility on Bell Road in Surprise. For the most part, the weather was pleasant – except when a cloud passed in front of the sun, and when the wind came up in early afternoon. It was a good thing we had the tent legs weighted down with gallon water jugs!



Patrick Doyle, Debbie Ball with Dillon and Shelby, Deb Orwig with Vin and Mufasa, Teri Guilbault with Duffy, Peter and Carolyn Brown with Cody, Jean Klink, and Liz Tataseo with Reba

Thanks to all of you who attended this event Debbie Ball, Carolyn and Peter Brown, Adam Cardinal, Patrick Doyle, Teri Guilbault, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Liz Tataseo, Sue Vallie, Connie Wozniak and Kathi Youhas, and, of course, **Dillon, Shelby, Cody, Molly, Oliver, Reba, Duffy, Mufasa**

and **Vin**. Larry Orwig came to help with set-up and transported our silent auction offering, which I ended up winning. Special thanks to Adam Cardinal, who transported all our set-up equipment (tents, tables, and some of the merchandise), stayed for a while, then came back at 3 PM to help pack up. Liz Tataseo and Connie McCabe, who was not feeling well, made an effort



Sue Vallie with Oliver and Molly had to leave before Connie arrived, so she is not in the group photo



Jean Klink and Connie Wozniak along with Carolyn Brown set up our attractive merchandise display

to come for a while in the afternoon and get some pictures. Teri Guilbault and Patrick Doyle also came in the afternoon and were there to help with booth break-down. Debbie, Carolyn, Peter, Jean and Kathi stayed all day; Sue and Connie Wozniak were there during most of the event. Everyone’s help was greatly appreciated.

I think we had almost as many volunteers show up as members of the public – it was not a well-attended event. One reason was that all the vendors, *AGR* included, were set up behind the *Riverboat Bingo* facility, so nothing much was visible from Bell Road. Also, I did not see any signage out by Bell Rd indicating an event going on in back, and I did not see any publicity in the newspaper the week before. None of our Surprise or West Valley volunteers saw any either.

Our dogs collected \$82.25 in donations, and we sold \$103.72 in merchandise, most of which was bought by our members; total revenue was \$185.97. We were not charged a booth fee; in lieu of that, we donated a very nice basket for their silent auction – I ended up winning it! I can’t imagine that *Chance Shelter* raised a lot of money at the event (although they probably made a profit of about \$4.50 on each \$5 “Hot Dog and Chips Combo”). If all their fundraisers are as sparsely attended, it will take them another 10 years at least before they have money enough to build the shelter they want. With a consensus of our group that attended, we donated the money our dogs collected (\$82.25) to them. We will still have made over \$100 with our merchandise sales, but fundraising for *AGR* was not the object of the event.



*Abrazo West Campus
Rescue Roundup*

By April Crow



Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack; Chris works at *Abrazo West Campus* and was instrumental in getting *AGR* invited to this event

After a couple days of rain, hail, freezing temperatures and even snow in the Valley of the Sun, we had a gorgeous sunny day for the 5th annual *Abrazo West Campus Rescue Roundup* on February 23rd from 9AM to 1 PM. Thank you to everyone who came out to Good-year to help: Carolyn Brown with **Cody**; Adam Cardinal and Duane Borho; April Crow; Mary and Bert Engstrom; Teri Guilbault; Rebecca



Bob Cain with KC, Rebecca Kemak with Murphy, Teri Guilbault, Larry and Deb Orwig with Mufasa, Adam Cardinal with Riley, Duane Borho with Emma, Liz Tataseo with Watson, April Crow with Vin, Kathi Youhas with Blaze, Jean Klink with Duffy, Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack, and Bob Youhas

Kemak and Bob Cain with **KC** and **Murphy**; Jean Klink; Connie McCabe with **Riley**; Trishia Murphy; Deb and Larry Orwig with **Duffy, Mufasa** and **Vin**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo with **Emma** and **Wat-**

son; Sue Vallie with **Molly** and **Oliver**; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with “Golden in the Witness Protection Program” **Blaze**.

This Health & Safety Fair was a great event with a lot of fun activities and helpful, informative vendors – many of the hospital’s various departments had interesting displays and quite a few had give-aways for the kids. The hospital also provided




The variety among Goldendoodles is really amazing! Here are Jack Spiel, Watson Tataseo, Oliver Vallie and Emma Tataseo – all look very different from one another

a free lunch for everyone who attended. The vehicles that rescue workers brought – police cruisers, fire trucks, ambulances, and helicopters – drew large crowds.

We were the only canine Rescue group there, and the ambassadors



at our booth were definitely a crowd favorite at this event. They got so much love and attention and brought in \$164.00 in donations. We handed out quite a few brochures to several people who were interested in possibly adopting and sold \$262.21 in merchandise. Our total income for this event was \$426.21, and we were not charged a booth fee! A great day supporting a great cause – thank you, again, to everyone who volunteered!



*PACC911 Adopt-a-thon
at Scottsdale Promenade*
By April Crow



The Adopt-a-thon was set up in the parking lot of the Scottsdale Promenade *PetSmart*

This was the first time **PACC911** held an Adopt-a-thon at this location, so we were glad to support them by attending on March 2nd. This event was sponsored by **PetSmart**, so in order to participate a Rescue group had to be a **PetSmart** Partner, which we are. It was not as big as most the other **PACC911** events because of the Partnership requirement, but we had a wonder-



First shift: Bob and Kathi Youhas with Blaze, Larry Orwig with Mufasa and Vin, Lauren Rudin, April Crow with Willow, Rick Reid with Jake, Patrick Doyle, Deb Orwig with Duffy and Cindy Tigges sitting with Natasha and Lucy



Second Shift: Bob Youhas, with Blaze, Patrick Doyle, Jay and Jodi Koblick and Kathi Youhas in back; in front, Phyllis Hollander with Vin, April Crow with Riley, Jennifer Lane with Bella, Cynthia Wenström with Humphrey, and Deb Orwig with Duffy and Mufasa

ful turn out of volunteers. We truly appreciate the help and support of every single one of you who came out to the Promenade with the wind, rain and every-

thing in between. At one point in the afternoon, it started raining so hard we had to put the sides of the tents up, move our merchandise inward, and everyone crowded around together inside. We were at maximum occupancy in the tent for a while, but it was cozy and lots of fun! The dogs loved the cooler weather and didn’t mind the rain at all.

A huge thank you and show of appreciation to everyone: Teddi Axne with **Watson**; Stephanie Beard with **Kasey**; April Crow



Top row: Teddi Axne with Watson, Stephanie Beard with Kasey, Janine and Jim Mitchell with Sunny; Left: Bill Fee with Kelsey, Cameron Warren and Susan Kemper with Buddy

with **Willow**; Patrick Doyle; Bill Fee with **Kelsey**; Phyllis Hollander; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Su Kemper and Cam Warren with **Buddy**; Jennifer Lane with **Bella**; Connie McCabe with **Riley**; Janine and Jim Mitchell with **Sunny**; Deb and Larry Orwig with **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Vin**; Rick Reid with **Jake**; Lauren Rudin; Cindy Tigges with **Lucy Martin** and **Natasha Tigges**; Cynthia Wenström with **Humphrey**; Lenni Wilson; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Blaze**.

For it being a smaller and fairly slow event, **PACC911** reported 42 animals finding their forever homes this Saturday. We did fairly well with income as well. Our ambassadogs collected \$125 in donations, and merchandise sales were \$335.35, for total income related to the event of \$460.35. We also received a few payments for *Paws at the Park* registrations and membership renewals.



April Crow and Riley trying to stay dry – where did you get that umbrella?

A huge thank you, again, to everyone who came to help out. I truly enjoy meeting so many new people and appreciate new members coming to volunteer and meet others, as well.



Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce Spring Adopt-a-Thon

By Deb Orwig

March 9, 2019 was a glorious day to sit outside and relax with friends and dogs! The weather was perfect for an outdoor event. We have not participated in any events in the East Valley/South Valley area for quite some time, so I was pleased that some members we have not seen in a couple years came to help. We had good member coverage all day. The event was sponsored by the



Morning volunteers: Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate and Ashley, Patrick Doyle, Larry Orwig with Vin and Duffy, Keri Marchant with Mufasa, Pattye Brown with Bailey and Tully, Leslie and Ted Morris with Maddie

Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce and hosted by **Floor & Décor** in Tempe. This **Floor & Décor** location was not as good for us as the one in Glendale was during the 2018 holiday season. The Tempe store is set back off the main roads that make an L in front of it, and there are several other businesses across the parking lot that more or less block the view from those roads. So, most of the traffic that came by our booth was just from people coming to shop at **Floor & Décor** and not because they saw the tents or the dogs from the roads as in Glendale.



Bob Cain with KC, Rebecca Kemak with Murphy



Robin Mish with Duffy and Mufasa



Leslie and Ted Morris with Maddie

Helping with set-up were Pattye Brown, Patrick Doyle, Dave Engelhardt, Keri Marchant, Leslie and Ted Morris, and Deb and



Cynthia Wenström with Hannah; Hannah says, "Here, mom, a nice lady gave me this money!"



Larry Orwig. Keri stayed for an hour after set-up to help in the booth. Pattye made a short trip home to get **Bailey** and **Tully** then stayed until around noon. Leslie and Ted had brought



Carla and Jeff Sager with Dakota and Orion

Maddie with them and stayed til noon. Also joining us in the morning were Dean Mortimore with **Ashley** and **Mary Kate**. Cassie and Lily Barnett and Robin Mish joined us at 10. Then

Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain, who brought **KC** and **Murphy**, were with us from noon to 3. Cynthia Wenström arrived with **Hannah** around 12:30. Ellen Lagerman came with **Barney** at 3, as did Carla and Jeff Sager with **Dakota** and **Orion**. Patrick Doyle and Deb and Larry Orwig with **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Vin** were there all day. We received a total of \$138 in donations and sold \$329.29 of merchandise for a total income for the event of \$457.29. Two members took advantage of our presence to pay for their membership renewals. Thanks to all for helping with our first time at this event in the Tempe location.




Keri Marchant with Mufasa and Patty Brown with Bailey and Tully



Ellen Lagerman with Barney

In lieu of paying a booth fee, we donated to the **PMCC** a Spring Gardening Basket worth about \$85 for their silent auction, and **AGR** member Cynthia Wenström won it! Included in the collection of items were work gloves for both women and men, so neither Cynthia nor husband Mike Lane will get their hands dirty!

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, the **Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce** will again be hosting their *Holiday Pet Adoption* event at **Floor & Décor** in Glendale; we have already been invited and have committed to attend.



*PACC911 Adopt-a-thon
in Fountain Hills*

By April Crow



The **PACC911 Paws Around the Fountain** event was fabulous! We had a great booth location and spectacular weather the entire day! Since there was no wind, the glorious and famous fountain went off every hour on the hour for about 10 minutes. This was the biggest **PACC911** event in history and was very



Morning Group: Ellen and Jeff France, Kathi and Bob Youhas, Larry Orwig and Dean Mortimore; dogs are Duffy, Mufasa, Chloe, Blaze, Vin, Mary Kate and Ashley

interest in adopting/fostering a Golden. We handed out numerous brochures, and by the end of the day we had already received applications from a couple potential adopters.

We had a terrific crew of volunteers all day! A huge thank you to everyone that came out to Fountain Hills to help us out: Teddi Axne with **Watson**; Cassie and Lily Barnett; April Crow; Patrick Doyle; Patty Forte with **Valentina**; Ellen and Jeff France



April Crow with Mufasa and Duffy



Afternoon Volunteers: Ellen Lagerman with Barney, Patty Forte with Valentina, Debby Sable with Lexi, Phyllis Hollander with Theo, Patrick in the booth, April Crow with Duffy, Bob Youhas with Blaze, and Dean Mortimore with Ashley

and Larry Orwig with **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Vin**; Debby Sable with **Lexi**; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Blaze**.

We were pleased to have Janine and Jim Mitchell with **Sunny** and Debbie and Tom Vinopal stop by to say hello.

Carrie Peck and Mike Seichi came to the event later in the day to help with tear-down, and we certainly appreciate all the extra help at the end of the day! This was our fastest tear-down ever thanks to all the wonderful helpers.

We sold \$455.36 in merchandise and collected \$188.00 in donations – for a grand total revenue of \$643.36. This is the best we have done at a **PACC911** event so far this year. Thank you so much to everyone who came to volunteer!

well attended by Rescue groups and by the public.

Our Ambassadors got a lot of attention and encouraged

with **Chloe**; Phyllis Hollander with new Goldenoodle **Theo**; Ellen Lagerman with **Barney**; Dean Mortimore with Ashley and **Mary Kate**; Deb



Paws At The Park

By Deb Orwig



The West Ramada at Eldorado Park in Scottsdale is a lovely venue with shade trees, nearby parking and a small lake

Our 10th Annual *Paws At The Park* on Sunday, March 31st was a most enjoyable day. Perfect weather, great company, a very nice setting, some wonderful raffle and silent auction items and, of course, our fabulous merchandise inventory. Excellent food! Terrific well-behaved dogs with no issues. 106 out of the 116 who paid actually came, and we had 259¾ paws attend (**Cody Brown** has only ¾ of one front leg).

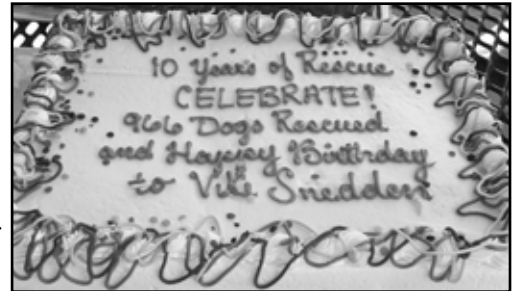
April Crow paid for the ramada rental fee of \$75 and brought fruit salad; Jill Imler also brought fruit salad. Adam Cardinal

Cash Donors

- Debbie Ball
- Kathy Blue
- Carolyn Brown
- Cindy and Rick Brown
- Pattye Brown
- Adam Cardinal
- Leslie Carson
- The Decker family
- Jackie and Dave Engelhardt
- Mary and Bert Engstrom
- Kim and Kevin McVeigh
- Robin Mish
- Janine and James Mitchell
- Dean Mortimore
- Wendy and John Nelson
- Susan Parker
- Karey Rodeffer
- Mary Ruderstaller
- Chris Spiel
- Linda Teveldahl
- Cindy and Gary Tigges
- Andrea and Derick Williams

brought ice and napkins and donated additional money to support the event. Teri and Jeff Guilbault contributed charcoal, lighter fluid, and the burger accompaniments of lettuce, tomatoes and onions – they also handled the food area set-up and management during the entire event. Connie McCabe made coleslaw and brought mini-muffins. Liz Tataseo provided 100 bags of chips and donated the Party Set we used to keep the beans warm. Sue Vallie’s money bought the beans and some soda. Karin Forsythe donated the buns. The Orwigs provided water, soda, juice, ice, Danish, cinnamon rolls, potato salad, cheese and garden burgers. They also bought extra chips and beans, which we ended up not needing. **AGR** paid \$194 for sirloin burg-

ers, hot dogs, 2 cakes, and small paper plates and bowls; we had a supply of large plates and utensils leftover from last year. All of these contributions would have cost **AGR** an additional \$470, so thank you all for your donations!



For dessert, we had both a white and a chocolate cake which were purchased from *Costco*; wording on both said, “10 Years of Rescue CELEBRATE! 966 Dogs Rescued and Happy Birthday to Viki Snedden” – **AGR**’s anniversary was on March 11th; Viki’s birthday was actually on March 31st

Due to significant donations of the Ramada rental fee, food items and BBQ equipment, the event cost **AGR** only \$193.90 to produce. Thus, the event became a good fundraiser for us! That is fabulous! We took in \$1,230 in registration fees, got \$501 in extra donations in support of



Viki, Katrina and Russell Snedden with Sadie



Setting up raffle and silent auction areas: Sue Vallie, Deb Orwig, Karin Forsythe, April Crow and Jill Imler

the event, made \$1,655 on the silent auction, and sold \$579 in raffle tickets and \$754 in merchandise for a grand total income of \$4,719! Our net profit was, thus, \$4,525.10! That is fabulous! Thanks to everyone for their contributions that made this event such a success!

Monetary support of the event came from quite a few members who ei-

ther could not come but thought they might and ended up not attending. Others who did attend gave money above and beyond the event registration fee. We thank you all!

Thanks to the following who helped set up: April Crow, Patrick Doyle, Michael Feight (who drove our trailer), Sharon Flores, Karin Forsythe, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Jill Imler, Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Deb and Larry Orwig and Sue Val-



Karin Forsythe handled check-in; we had brochures, newsletters and calendars available for free



Trishia Murphy and Jane Triplett, who brought her "Golden in the witness protection program, Ace, a retired track-running Greyhound, sold lots of raffle tickets

family (Sharon, Philip, Marcus and Ilan). Our thanks to Michele Meyer and Karey Rodeffer, who delivered silent auction items won by a couple of East Valley attendees who had to leave early. We got some item donations from Andrea and Jillian Decker, Janine and Jim Mitchell, Karey Rodeffer, Sheri Rodeffer, and Kathi and Bob Youhas.



Kathi and Bob Youhas with Blaze worked in the merchandise area all day



Deb and Larry Orwig with Mufasa; Deb wore a pink-bling cowgirl hat that had once belonged to AGR's Cofounder Debbe Begley, who passed away in 2011

The Board and Team Managers presented Deb and Larry Orwig with a generous gift card to *Arizona Broadway Theatre* to thank them for their 10 years of service to *Arizona Golden Rescue*. Connie McCabe was honored by Deb as the "Volunteer of the Decade". Connie has done 90% of dog transports (and the consequent reports) and has driven to all corners of the state to pick up and/or deliver dogs; she has done home evaluations (and the consequent reports); has prepared all the graphics needed for raffle and silent auction items; has created the golf postcard and the *Touch of Gold* calendar every year; has contributed items and money

in support of all manner of events and dogs; and has fostered dozens of dogs and adopted 6 of them in our 10 years of operation. She also serves on the



Teri Guilbault is our food-prep-area expert and Jeff Guilbault has been our BBQ specialist for 10 years



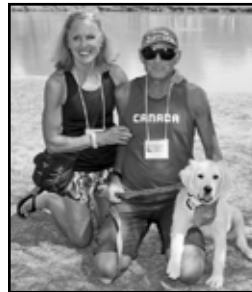
Board as Human Resources Director, produces a monthly spreadsheet of all members who have offered to do a job or provide skills for *AGR* and helps get volunteers to fill in where needed.

lie. Trishia Murphy and Jane Triplett handled raffle ticket sales. Kathi and Bob Youhas managed the merchandise sale area. Deb Orwig set up the raffle and silent auction area with help from April Crow and Trishia Murphy. Connie McCabe made all the table signs for items that had gift certificates/gift cards. April, Patrick, Connie and the Orwigs stayed to pack up with help from the entire Wieser



Nick Dodson and Connie McCabe with Riley

As always, the Rainbow Bridge ceremony was very moving even for those not directly participating. Dogs who were recognized were: **Elsa Akenhead** (Sue and Keith Akenhead); **Brando Cardinal** (Adam Cardinal); **Autumn Breeze Engstrom** (Mary and Bert Engstrom); **Riggz and Ryder France** (Ellen and Jeff France); **Dixie and Teddy Bear Greff** (Candy and Neal Greff); **Layla Guilbault** (Teri and Jeff Guilbault); **Kula Hartway** (Sarah and Joel Hartway); **Doodles Imler-Feight** (Jill Imler and Michael Feight); **Grizzly, Teddy and Winnie McCabe / Dodson** (Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson); **Molly Mitchell** (Janine and Jim Mitchell); **Coda Morgan** (Pat Morgan); **Ashley Mortimore** (Marlene and Dean Mortimore); **Dolly Orwig** (Deb and Larry Orwig); **Sandi Poukenzie** (Michelle Pouson and Sharon



We have a wonderful international contingent in our organization. Top row: Sue and Keith Akenhead with Happi live in Canada 8 months of the year; Berry and Marlene Breton are also Canadian residents for 6 months. Bottom row: Jackie and Dave Engelhardt own a place in Italy and live there for 4-6 months; Carolyn Brown with Cody just adopted Joey (on right) from China!

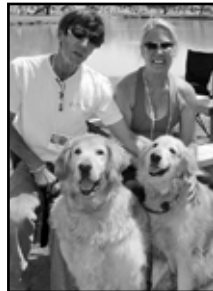
McKenzie); **Bonita Ruderstaller** (Mary Ruderstaller); **Rylie Sable** (Debby Sable); **Gracie Snedden** (Viki and Russell Snedden); **Augie Tataseo** (Liz Tataseo); **Megan Wehry-Hill** (Michele Wehry and Mark Hill); **Nala Wieser** (Sharon, Philip, Marcus, and Ilan Wieser); **Amy Wilson** (Mike Wilson); and **Krissie Youhas** (Kathi and Bob Youhas). Each participating family was given a commemorative booklet and a lovely rainbow rosette. Deb then played a CD of a song, *So Hard To Say Goodbye*, written by Shelly Guidotti after one of Deb's dogs



Founding member Ruth Pulliam really wanted to attend but no longer drives, so Michele Meyer (here with Abigail), another founding member, kindly picked her up and brought her along with another Golden-loving friend, Linda Teveldahl



Daisy Barsetti-Nerland and Dave Nerland with Hugs and Maya



Damon Doiron and Liz Kinchen with Sadie and Sonny



Leslie Carson came from Flagstaff with Kory



Bill Fee with Kelsey



Joel and Sarah Hartway



Neal and Candy Greff with Harley and Brewster



Katie and Mike Price with Lucky and Lily are new members of our Intake Team



The McVeigh family



Rick and Cindy Brown with Scully



Philip, Ilan, Marcus and Sharon Wieser with Mushu and Kiara



Each got a nice paw medallion. Then Deb led the Parade of Rescue around the park. She carried a boom box that played *Who Let the Dogs Out?* and *Rescue Me* and encouraged everyone who had rescued a dog from anywhere to walk. That is always such a grand sight!



Susan Parker with Ozzie



Mike Wilson with Takoda



Wendy and John Nelson with Max



Rick Reid with Jake; Rick is the original rescuer of Golden Retrievers in the Phoenix Metro area and without his efforts back in the late 1990s we would not be doing what we do today – thanks, Rick!



Sharon McKenzie, Sharon Flores, and Michelle Pousson with Stevie, whom Sharon F fostered and Sharon McK and Michelle adopted; Sharon McKenzie is AGR's Behaviorist and Sharon Flores is Intake Co-Manager



Ella and Andrea Williams and Ella's friend Emerson with Loki

had passed away many years ago. The words are reprinted on page 17.

After the tear-jerking Rainbow Bridge ceremony, we recognized all AGR dogs who had been adopted in the last year.

Meet-and-Greets
at Petco and PetSmart

PETCO, 9980 W Northern Ave – Liz Tataseo, Hostess

Due to conflicting scheduled activities in February, we were only at **Petco** in January and March.



Patrick Doyle with Watson and Reba and Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate



In January we had a good grouping of people and dogs: Joining **Reba, Watson**

Patrick Doyle with Reba and Watson behind Sheila Joyce with Willow and Charlie



Debbie Ball, Kathi and Bob Youhas, Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain; Dogs: Vin, Dillon, Shelby, Watson, Reba, Murphy, and KC

and me were Patrick Doyle, Debbie Ball with **Dillon** and **Shelby**, Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with **KC** and **Murphy**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and **Willow**, Deb Orwig with **Vin**, and Bob and Kathi Youhas who have returned to Arizona and are back at rescue work. It was a

nice day, although we only collected \$42; perhaps people were donated-out from the holidays.

In March, we actually had one of our smallest crews but collected \$79. Joining **Reba**, **Watson** and me were Patrick Doyle, and Dean Mortimore with **Mary Kate**. Lots of people stopped by, and we handed out several brochures and spoke to people about Rescue. There are some people who come by each time we are there to see the dogs and get their Golden fix.

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



January volunteers and dogs at PetSmart in January

I want to thank everyone who attended the Sunday, January 20th Meet-and-Greet at **PetSmart**. We had a terrific turnout of volunteers. Unfortunately, there was very little foot traffic, but the weather was perfect and you couldn't beat the company!

Thank you, Nick Dodson, for hauling stuff back and forth and setting up; Karen and Phil Davis with



Denise Padavano, Sheila Joyce and Carolyn Blean with Charlie and Willow



Jill Im-

Tia Raught with Mimi and Jocelyn Raught with Bubba

ler with **Ducky**; Pat Morgan with **Cassie**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**; Jocelyn and Tia Raught with **Bubba** and **Mimi**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo with new pup, **Watson**; and Denise Padavano and Carolyn Blean, who also stopped by for a few minutes.

What a terrific turnout we had on St. Paddy's day! Many thanks to Cassie Barnett; Karen and Phil Davis with **Charlie** (it was really great to see her all healed up) and **Star**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and **Willow**; Jill Imler and Michael Feight with puppy **Zoey**; Pat Morgan with **Cassie**; Deb Orwig, who brought **Duffy** and **Vin** and also a special bandanna for



March 17th was Duffy's intake date six years ago – he and 5 littermates were then only 6 ½ weeks old



Watson and Reba joined other dogs in sporting costumes for St. Patrick's Day

Riley; Susan Parker with **Ozzie** – he looks terrific and was quite comfortable; Liz Tataseo with **Reba** and **Watson**; Mike Wilson with **Takoda**, along with his



John Cromwell with Riley

friends, Keith and Sue Akenehead with puppy **Happi**; and a surprise visit from friends Lorraine Stein and Art Fenster. Also a friend/employee of Dean Mortimore dropped by – John Cromwell.



Who wants a treat? Watson, Vin, Reba, Riley, Zoey and Duffy, that's who!

I forgot to bring my camera, so these are cell phone photos, not very good in



Takoda and Happi, both 5-month-old English Cream Golden Retrievers, look very much alike, but one came from a breeder in San Diego and the other from a breeder in the Midwest. They had just met the day before and seemed to get along great. Happi's folks brought her to Paws At The Park and ended up joining AGR as members.

the shade from a distance, so no group photo. I missed getting a good photo of Mike and **Takoda**, so will try to fix that at the picnic. We didn't make a lot of money (\$90 in donations and \$45 in St. Patrick's bandana sales), but we had a very nice three hours. We were often treated to the three puppies playing like best friends, and a lot of nice folks stopped by.



Golden Hearts



We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support. You all truly have hearts of gold! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The donations shown below were made between January 13, 2019 and April 15, 2019. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted. PLEASE NOTE: All donors who make donations during 2019 will receive an acknowledgment letter in January 2020, unless an acknowledgment for tax purposes is requested sooner.

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Cynthia Hamilton also kindly donated the tracking device
Sophie wears and the first annual registration fee for such

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To Deb Orwig for vacation care for **Molly** and **Oliver**
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To Cindy and Gary Tigges for vacation care for **Lucy**
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To my neighbors, Linda and Don Boice, for donating a car seat
cover and a dog ramp
Debbie Ball

To Janine and Jim Mitchell for donating lots of wonderful
Golden Retriever-theme items for **Paws At The Park**

To Kathi and Bob Youhas for donating lots of wonderful Golden
Retriever-theme items for **Paws At The Park**

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