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Lone Tree Golf Course

**AGR's Fore! Paws Golf Tournament on September 22, 2018 was a great success! Please read the wrap-up article on pages 24 - 32.**



Golf carts at the ready

Thanks to the following for proofreading the draft: Debbie Ball, Teri Guilbault, Connie McCabe, Larry Orwig and Liz Tataseo

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## Editor's Assistants' Notes



Vin, Duffy, Mufasa and Dolly Orwig

Aside from swimming in the pool occasionally, we find summers in Arizona to be very boring. Even with booties on, we can't go for walks or hikes, because it is too hot during the day and we are not about to get up at 4:30 AM when it is a little cooler. There are few public events between the end of May and near-end of September, **Petco** Meet-and-Greets being the exception because we can be inside if it is too hot to be outside. Even this September was boring for us. Although **AGR** hosted our major fundraiser of the year, the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, we could not go even for the golfer check-in period because our mom lives too far from **Lone Tree Golf Club** in Chandler to take us back home to north Glendale after the golfers began the tournament. Oh, woe is us! We can't wait for a change in the weather!

Now that fall is here, though, things are looking up! We love going to Meet-and-Greets, and those will start up again at the 91<sup>st</sup> Ave **PetSmart** and continue at the Northern Ave **Petco**. Also, our yummy *Paws & Pasta Dinner* will be coming up very soon on the first Sunday in November – the 4<sup>th</sup>. We always like to sneak a little of the wonderful spaghetti served at **Little Bite of Italy** in Sun City, and, of course, we love all the attention we get from all the guests who come to support this very important fundraiser.

Then we will be into the holiday season! What a fun time we have helping with gift wrapping and walking in the *Glendale Home-town Christmas Parade*. This year, we also have the opportunity to participate in the **Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Party & Pet Adoption**, which will be held almost in our back yard in the **Floor & Decor** parking lot at 59<sup>th</sup> Ave/Bell Rd on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to see the schedule on pages 4-5 for all the holiday season events. We hope to see you there!

**Welcome to April Crow, who has been appointed by the AGR Board to the Director of Activities Position. We look forward to working with April. If you receive an e-mail from lolows-mom@gmail.com asking for volunteers for a particular event, please respond to April with your hand raised to help.**



## Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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I would sincerely like to thank everyone who supported our *Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs*. We have almost no public activities during the summer, so there is little opportunity to take in donations. The response we received from the letter I sent to all **AGR** adopters in July, as well as from non-adopters who read the article in the August issue of *The Golden Paw*, was terrific – 62 different individuals and families sent a total of \$11,210! We appreciate your support so much! The list of donors is on page 14.

One adopter was a little upset about the amount of money we have spent on some of the special needs dogs. She asked if we ever put a limit on what we spend on a particular dog. I told her we do what we need to do to make the dog as healthy as possible and give it the best quality of life possible. I am always notified by the Health Care Manager when any procedure or treatment is going to cost **AGR** more than \$500. Sometimes, we have requested second opinions or asked for treatment options other than the ones we have been given. Sometimes, discussions ensue with the Director of Dog Care and the Health Care Manager about the necessity of a particular treatment, so it is not as if Health Care has carte blanche to approve all vet-recommended procedures. We are careful with the money we spend.

Rescue is the intake, treatment, and rehabilitation, both physical and behavioral, of dogs that need to be rehomed. Some of the dogs that come our way arrive in deplorable and decrepit condition. Some have broken bones; some have ruptured cruciate ligaments; some have terrible untreated allergies that have produced horrible skin and coats; some have open sores and nasty-looking tumors; some come into Rescue with cancers that can be treated; some come in having never had any limits imposed on their behavior and are totally out of control. Why would anyone surrender a young, healthy, well-behaved dog to a Rescue? It does happen, but very rarely, and it is usually because the owner is moving out of the country or someone in the family develops an allergy to the dog or dies. After I reiterated the purpose of Rescue to the adopter who called me, I think she understood better why we do what we do – she must have, because she sent us a donation.

Thanks are also due to everyone who has served **AGR** in an active capacity but who has had to resign from their volunteer jobs for one reason or another. Intake will miss the assistance of Rebecca Kemak. Placement is operating without Fleurette Houser, although there are now two new Team Members: Jennifer Lane and Gail Walker. The Home Evaluation Team will be without help from Mary Gutowski and Tiara Korpalski. Candy Greff and Tiara Korpalski can no longer walk the shelter. Finally, Cindy Pavero,



who has been *AGR's* Director of Activities for about a year and a half, has had to step down but will continue to do home evaluations in the East Valley, for which we are grateful. Thank you all.

I also want to thank everyone who helped with our 9<sup>th</sup> annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* before, during and after. All volunteers are listed in the wrap-up article on pages 24 - 32. The Solicitation Committee was awesome with their efforts – we had more item donations come in this year than we have ever had before! I especially want to thank Greg Avant, the owner of *Lone Tree Golf Club* in Chandler, and Beth and Jon Chaffee, *AGR* members who co-chaired the tournament with me. Greg gave us a terrific deal on the golfing fees, and Beth and Jon handled the golfing side of the event. The tournament was a great success, as you will read in the article. Everyone's efforts added a net profit of over \$20,000 to our bank account!

Finally, tremendous thanks to Connie McCabe who not only created all the graphics, hole signs and table signs for the golf tournament, but who has also produced our spectacular 2019 *A Touch of Gold* calendar. I always feel privileged to be the first one to see the calendar, as I proofread the draft copy for Connie (she rarely makes any mistakes). Many of the photos, most of which Connie has taken, made me smile, and I will enjoy looking at my copy for the entire next year. If you have an Amber, Topaz, Pearl or Gold membership, you will get a calendar automatically soon after we have them back from the printer. If you have not ordered one or more, please don't wait – quantities are limited. Calendars will also be available for purchase (\$12 each) at some of the vet facilities we use: *Academy West Animal Hospital* in Glendale, *Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital* in Phoenix, and *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* in Scottsdale. We will also have calendars available at every public event through December.

**TWO DATES TO RESERVE FOR NEXT YEAR**

*AGR's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration* will most likely be on **Sunday, March 24, 2019** and will most likely be held at **El Dorado Park in Scottsdale**. We will have the usual fantastic BBQ, raffle and silent auction, but there will also be some special activities. Look for more information in the February issue of this newsletter, but reserve the date now so that nothing will interfere with your attendance! We really would like to see at least 200 Golden and Golden mixes at this event!

We have already locked in the date for our 2019 *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament: Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019*. We will again be using *Lone Tree Golf Club* in Chandler. So, dust off those clubs, practice over the winter, and reserve the date now so that nothing will interfere with your attendance! If you would like to help on the Golf Committee, please contact Deb Orwig at [dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net) or call 623-693-0589.

**HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING SCHEDULE**

*All are at the Happy Valley Barnes & Noble (2501 W. Happy Valley Rd – I-17/Happy Valley Rd) except for the one on Christmas Eve Day, December 24<sup>th</sup>, which will be at the Arrowhead store (7685 W. Bell Rd, Peoria)*

Saturday, November 17	9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, November 18	10 AM – 5 PM
Black Friday, November 23	8 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, November 25	10 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, December 2	10 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, December 9	10 AM – 5 PM
Friday, December 14	9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, December 16	10 AM – 5 PM
Friday, December 21	9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday, December 22	9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, December 23	10 AM – 5 PM
Monday, December 24	9 AM – 6 PM (close)

**PAWS & PASTA**

**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**11 AM - 4 PM**  
*Little Bite of Italy*  
 15456 N. 99<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sun City  
**\$12 per person**  
**No reservations needed**



**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES****Monthly Meet-and-Greets at the Northern Ave *Petco* and 91<sup>st</sup> Ave *PetSmart***

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

**PACC911 Adopt-a-thons** Coming Up  
**AGR** will participate in all listed below,  
so put them on your calendar now!

Saturday, November 3  
10 AM – 3 PM

**PACC911 & All Saints' Episcopal Church**  
6300 N Central Ave, Phoenix 85012

**Other Upcoming Events:****Paws & Pasta Dinner**  
**Little Bite of Italy**

15456 N 99<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sun City  
Sunday, November 4, 11 AM – 4 PM

**Grimaldi's – Fundraiser for PACC911**

Thursday, November 15, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
15147 N Scottsdale Rd, H-135, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

**Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade**

Saturday, December 8

**PMCC Holiday Party & Pet Adoption**

Sat., Dec. 15, **Floor & Decor** Lot, 59<sup>th</sup> Ave/Bell Rd, 10 AM – 3 PM

**In 2019****PACC911 Adopt-a-thon**

Saturday, February 2, 10 AM – 3 PM  
**Anthem Community Park** in Anthem  
41703 N Gavilan Peak Parkway, Anthem 85086

**Parada del Sol and Trail's End**

Saturday, February 9, Downtown Scottsdale, 10 AM

**PACC911 & PetSmart at the Promenade**

Saturday, March 2, 10 AM – 3 PM  
16257 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

**PACC911 Fundraiser: Glimmer of Hope**

Sunday, March 10, 11 AM – 2 PM  
4949 E Lincoln Dr, Scottsdale, AZ 85253

**PACC911 Paws Around the Fountain**

Saturday, March 23, 10 AM – 3 PM  
12925 N Saguaro Blvd, Fountain Hills, 85268

**Arizona Golden Rescue**

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Sunday, March 24, 10 AM – 3 PM  
El Dorado Park, Scottsdale

*Paws Forward*

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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Inquiries from prospective adopters are the impetus of many of my columns including this one. Recently, I received a message from a woman wanting to raise Golden Retrievers and train them as assistive animals. She asked about getting a pair of non-sterilized dogs from us so she could raise puppies to train for this purpose. She was aware that she could not get a prospective breeding pair from a shelter, as they insist on spaying and neutering. Would we be willing to overlook that option and help her start her program?

This thinking is scary on so many levels. She had no requirement for basic health, including testing for genetic defects. There was no consideration for temperament other than "Golden Retrievers are known to be good dogs." We all agree that Golden Retrievers are special. That is why we work so hard to find great homes for our Golden and Golden-mix friends. By no means are all capable of becoming successful assistive animals or would be appropriate for producing such puppies. There was no assurance she had the knowledge to train assistive animals, nor had the facility to do so. She was actually asking us to help her set up as a backyard breeder.

Getting a dog from **AGR** is really a bargain. Nowhere else can you get a dog that is vetted as thoroughly, up to date on all vaccines including leptospirosis, tested for heartworm and valley fever, spayed or neutered at the appropriate age, treated for known conditions, and provided with three months of medication if treatment must be on-going after adoption is finalized. Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, **AGR** spent an average of \$1,550 each on ninety-four incoming dogs. These are expenses a responsible pet owner would otherwise have to incur. Some of our dogs qualify as Special Needs Dogs on which we have spent more than \$5,000. This is only possible thanks to our membership and friends through their support and donations.

As a Rescue organization, we are obligated by law to follow basic principles in order to maintain our status and credibility. Among these is making certain all dogs that are placed through our organization are spayed or neutered. Irresponsible backyard breeders are the reason so many dogs end up in shelters needing placement or euthanasia.

This requirement has led most shelters to automatically spay or neuter very young animals before they are placed in a home. Surgery too early can result in problems later in the animal's life. Veterinarians are now recommending that males not be neutered until after the the growth plates have closed, at about 10 or 11 months of age. Waiting reduces the the incidence of bone cancer, among

other complications. Neutering eventually helps reduce seasonal wanderlust and prevents several future health issues. Spaying before females ever come into estrus reduces the incidence of mammary tumors, but spaying too young or when they are in season can result in lifelong incontinence problems.

Because of these known reasons for delaying, we have been able to get dogs from shelters before they are spayed or neutered. Subsequently, they may be placed in a new home before sterilization is done or before the animal is old enough. This is why we “haunt” our adopters who have procrastinated getting their pups fixed. We could lose our Rescue status if we do not comply 100%. We understand family issues sometimes interfere, but it is imperative everyone cooperates as soon as possible.

Being absolutely unable to support a seemingly naïve and probably underfinanced entrepreneur, the response to the hopeful woman who wants to be a breeder of service dogs was, “No, we cannot help you with a prospective breeding pair for your new endeavor.”

### Update on Fry's Community Rewards Program



Do you shop at **Fry's Grocery Stores** or **Fry's Marketplace**? If so, do you have a VIP card? If not, please apply for one at your local **Fry's** (you get some good discounts with this card). Then, please register the card with their Community Rewards program with **Arizona Golden Rescue** as beneficiary. Every time you shop and use the VIP card, we will get a small percentage of your purchase as a donation. This donation will not affect points that you accumulate for gas or sports. If you currently have a VIP card, your designated beneficiary (**AGR**) should be automatically renewed in August. To be sure this has been done, check the bottom of your **Fry's** receipt. It should say “At your request, **Fry's** will donate to **Arizona Golden Rescue (AGR)**”. If you do not see this statement at the bottom of your receipt, you will have to sign up again. If you are a new applicant in support of this program, you will need **AGR's** group number, **NA655**, to complete the information they require. Donations from **Fry's** that range from \$450 to \$550, depending on how much shopping Program participants have done, are sent to **AGR** each quarter. We sure would like to see that increase!

*Blessed is the person who has earned the love of an old dog.*  
~ Sydney Jeanne Seward



Do you shop at **Amazon.com**? If so, are you registered with **Smile.Amazon.com** with **Arizona Golden Rescue** as your beneficiary? Please sign up and **AGR** will get a donation from the **AmazonSmile Foundation** every time you make a qualifying purchase. Not all items purchased from Amazon.com will earn donation credit (for example, books purchased for Kindles do not qualify), but the site will tell you if your purchases qualify. Making purchases through **Smile.Amazon.com** does not cost you any extra – the donation comes through **Smile** from the vendor.

### Other Online Shopping

The holiday season will be here before we know it. Do you do some or all of your shopping online? Do you frequent major retailers' sites? Sign up with **iGive** and you will not only get discounts from many favorite stores, but **AGR** will get a donation. To register and specify **AGR** as your beneficiary, go to [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com). Then go through the **iGive** site to reach your preferred stores. There are 1,800+ stores on the **iGive** list – surely your preferred stores are on it! A percentage of what you spend will be donated to **AGR** if we are your designated beneficiary (on average 3%). The stores pay for it all. You never pay more, and sometimes you pay less with coupons and deals.

### What else can you do to help AGR?

- Donate an item or gift card we can use in a raffle or silent auction.
- Check the mailing label on the back cover of this issue for the expiration date of your membership and pay your dues promptly.
- Purchase gifts from the selection of merchandise we sell – we have lots of great stuff!
- Talk about **AGR**, our goals, efforts and activities to anyone and everyone.
- Find out if your employer has a matching gift program – you may be able to double or triple your financial support of **AGR**.
- Donate Forever postage stamps, a ream of copy paper or a box of 500 #9 or #10 self-seal envelopes with security tint.
- Patronize our supporting veterinarians and groomers with your non-Rescue pets.
- Buy one or more of our calendars.
- Include **AGR** in your estate plans and your will.
- Make a tax-deductible donation at any time for any reason.



### The Information Highway

By Adam Cardinal  
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Do you regularly travel outside of your home city with your pet?

If your dog were to become ill, or become separated from you, would you have access to information that might help the local veterinary hospital or animal control respond as quickly as possible? Think of the following information – could you answer any of these if you were away from your files at home?

- Chip number and associated registry
- County license number
- Rabies vaccination date and expiration
- Vaccination history, boosters due
- Date of last blood test
- Prescription medicines and dosages

Imagine if you could access your pet's medical, chip and license information from your home computer – or even from your smart-phone? In a world where we can pay bills on our cell phones and send drones to photograph our vacation from hundreds of feet in the air, these scenarios don't seem that far-fetched. But for many pet owners and veterinarians in the United States, current electronic veterinary health records (or EVHRs) are far from ideal. Even for agricultural animals, medical records may be difficult to search, hard to generate reports from, or analyze quickly in the event of a public safety or tainted food investigation. The only current exception is animals in zoos or wildlife parks – so your favorite koala bear may have a detailed electronic vet record – but that is about it.

As bad as it may seem for pets, it is even worse for people. I personally have worked on a number of electronic medical records initiatives and technology developments. In each case, privacy and security concerns have been insurmountable. But a loss for humans may be a gain for pets – technology designed for human patient use is now becoming available for pets – where the details may be just as important, but the privacy requirements are minimal at best.

#### Veterinary Adoption is High

A recent survey of small animal veterinary medical practices in Massachusetts performed by Tufts University found that approximately 80 percent of practices used some version of EVHRs – 63 percent were using a mix of both electronic and paper-based records and 17 percent had switched completely to EVHRs.

However, problems with interoperability – the bogeyman of the

human EHR world – also prevent EVHRs from living up to their potential. While large corporate practices like **Banfield Pet Hospitals** and **VCA** hospitals have their own proprietary EHR systems that allow for easy record sharing between hospitals within the same network, most private clinics act as individual silos – each with their own private EHR databases – and these clinics do not have an incentive to push for interoperability.

#### Vet Record Solutions for Consumers

As the veterinary community continues to struggle to implement EVHRs at the hospital or practice level, a new generation of mobile apps has been created to do the same for pet owners.

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

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

**Pawprint** is not alone in the pet EHR space. **VitusVet** is said to have recently raised \$1 million in seed funding for a cloud-based EHR app on iTunes. Press articles have stated that the co-founder of **VitusVet** reports that the app has been downloaded thousands of times on iTunes and has been adopted by veterinary hospitals in at least nine states.

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

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

#### The Risk to Early Adopters

At this point there is no “killer application” in the veterinary record space – even if you choose the best mix of price and functionality, there is no guarantee that you are backing an iPod, not a



Zune. If you take the plunge, ask where the data is stored – is it on your drive or in the clouds? Look to Google Docs, Amazon File Cabinet, Apple iCloud, Dropbox, etc.

Find out how data, once keyed in or uploaded, can be extracted via data feeds, queried for reports and analysis, or just made available to be migrated to another solution in the event the emerging technology changes the competitive landscape. An application you maintain for years isn't much use if it does not allow you to extract your data when you choose to discontinue using it.

### Do I Need a Specialized Application?

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

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

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



**2019 Calendars  
have arrived!**

**If you have an Amber, Topaz, Pearl or Gold membership, you should already have one copy. If you want more than one, or if anyone else wants one or more, please send your order in right**

**away, \$12 plus postage. Order form is on the website: [www.arizonagoldenrescue.org](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org)**

### 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.

Connie and Marshall Wozniak, Member #1030



If you have ever been to an **AGR** event where we sell merchandise, you have seen the exquisite work of Connie Wozniak. If you haven't yet, *Paws & Pasta* on November 4<sup>th</sup> at **Little Bite of Italy** would be a great place to get some beautiful Christmas presents designed by her. If you miss that event, then her creations will be on display at all of the

gift wrapping and other events before Christmas. The schedule is posted on our website. Now, in Connie's own words:

*We're Marshall and Connie Wozniak, happily married 45+ years. We met in 1967 at Milwaukee City Hall, which might be familiar to many of you from the opening scene with the clock tower in the old sitcom, Laverne & Shirley. Connie was a secretary in the City Tax Department, starting at the young age of 17, and Marshall, a few years older, worked for a title insurance company and was stationed in the basement vault of the City Treasurer's Office. We*

were an office romance item. To this day, we both laugh and reminisce about all the personalities we worked with and crazy stories that came out of that office. They were funny and sitcom-like in that we could write a book about it! It was a fun time "back in the day" as they say.

After a long 5+ year romance, we married and moved to the Lake Geneva, WI area. Marshall was promoted in his title insurance career and Connie became a Deputy Clerk of Court, working in criminal court. We visited California and fell in love with San Francisco, decided to make a giant step and moved to the Bay



Connie Wozniak and Deb Orwig at AGR's merchandise sales table at the 2017 Paws & Pasta; Connie's creations include Christmas tree door hangers, Christmas stockings, gift tags, tote bags, pot holders, luggage tags and much more

Area. Marshall secured a job in his career of title insurance, and Connie became a legal secretary. We stayed for 29 years.

Arizona has been our home for the past 9 years, but we have not forgotten our Midwestern Milwaukee roots. We both were born and raised on the "South Side," which represented our Polish family heritages, amongst many childhood friends from Italian, German and Irish families. Now, Connie enjoys sewing quilts and

is a member of a sewing group in Sun City West. She administers a newsletter to over 300 club members weekly. Marshall's hobbies are collecting and restoring vintage televisions, and producing digital artwork.



A sample of Marshall's digital artwork

Many cats and dogs have joined us in our married life. **MacIntosh, Brandy, Chelsea, Stoney, Honei**, and presently, **Murphy**, are the wonderful Golden Retrievers we so enjoyed throughout the years. **Honei**, who passed last year, and **Murphy** were and are AGR dogs. **Murphy** is 8 years old, but we only adopted him a few months ago, in February. He's a very light-hearted boy and has made it through two cancer surgeries since we adopted him. Unfortunately, he has been diagnosed with Cushing's disease, but it is treatable with a special elixir, which is going well at this time. Valley Fever is another hurdle we will get over with soon, as his titers are improving, too. **Murphy** is quite affectionate and we absolutely love him.

We extend our thanks to AGR for all they have done to get **Murphy** onto a path of good health. There were a few too many struggles, but all of us are coping and understand that recoveries are

not always easy and take time. One thing for sure, AGR played a major role in **Murphy's** life. He is a lucky boy!

A few other things about AGR: We both have been volunteers. We appreciated our sweet girl, **Honei**, when she came to us one sunny spring day in May of 2013. We both decided to give back, and Marshall helped out with the Placement Team, Connie with merchandise sales at events. When Connie met Deb Orwig, Deb mentioned that she sews for the Rescue. Connie thought that a coincidence, as sewing is her favorite hobby. You may see many dog-related items on sale at events that were designed and sewn by Connie. "It's all about and for the dogs" is her AGR motto.

One more thing ... we left out a few things about illness and economic hardships in our past, but our lives would not be complete without our AGR dogs. Special thanks to all the folks standing behind AGR for all that you do. We certainly appreciate it.

Let's get to know Jane Triplett better. She is number 1032 and in addition to being a foster, she volunteers at many of AGR's events.

In Jane's own words:

I moved to the sunshine of Arizona with two dogs and three cats in 1997 after living my youth in the Detroit area and my adult professional time in the suburban Chicago area.



Jane with AGR hospice foster Bubba

A degree in Interior Design from Michigan State University gave me the direction to my professional career, ultimately starting my own commercial design firm in 1982. The decision to sell my design firm and move to Arizona came after a divorce and 45 days without seeing the sun. The time had come to start a new chapter in my life's novel.

So I found my Peoria home, bought it and moved cold turkey. I found a job doing residential design in the Baker Bros Interior Design department until that was phased out. I became the manager of Floors, their "To The Trade" showroom in Scottsdale until my retirement in 2017.



Jane has often brought one of her "Golden retrievers in the witness protection program" to AGR's Meet-and-Greets - here is Ace a 3-year-old Greyhound, who is a Therapy Dog

Throughout that time there has been an evolution in my dogs. As the ones I moved with crossed over the Bridge, I became involved with rehoming Greyhounds as they retired from their racing career. My first was 5-year-old **Rocky** who came from the Phoenix track. I have had 7 of my own, three currently. Transitioning dogs that retire as athletes to couch potatoes has been very rewarding, helping 31 fosters transition into their forever homes.

During my Greyhound activities, while looking for a dog to complement the quiet easy-go-



ing Greyhound temperament, I was introduced to **AGR**. That led me to permanently foster **Bubba**, an older boy with some health issues. He was perfect and loved chasing lizards and trying to keep up with the Greyhounds. He was helped over the Rainbow Bridge after a year and three months when his health deteriorated. I then welcomed **Baxter** who had a terminal condition which took him after only about a month. He, however, showed all of the wonderful Golden spirit by running out with the Greyhounds as long as he could. Having hospice dogs live out their lives here is heartwarming, albeit a little bittersweet.



Jane with Blueberry, a blood donor and Therapy Dog

Two of my Greyhounds are now certified Therapy Dogs visiting hospitals, rehab facilities, adult day care and soon, troubled youth. Retirement for both human and dog is wonderful, but coming out of retirement to do Therapy Dog work is far more rewarding.

Let's meet Sharon Flores, number 1051. She is a very important co-manager of our Intake Team, a member of the Transport and Home Evaluation Teams, and an invaluable foster mom.



Sharon has been a member since 2013. She grew up in Lexington, Kentucky with mutts and loved them all. She and her husband Carlton had Cocker Spaniels and showed them in obedience. When the last Cocker went to the Bridge, they did not get another dog as they were thinking about future retirement and traveling.

They arrived in Arizona by way of Montana and Kentucky. After retiring in Kentucky, reality hit them that they really couldn't retire with two kids still in high school. So they went back to work, this time in Havre, Montana. Carlton was a CFO of a Health Care Foundation and Sharon was an administrator of a Chemical Dependency Center. When the last child went to college they retired again. This time retirement was in Sun Lakes, Arizona, to play golf, travel, and for Sharon, an opportunity to quilt.

Fifteen years later tragedy struck the Flores household. A daughter-in-law passed away in May, Carlton passed away in July and Sharon's mom passed away in September. Sharon started building a new normal. The youngest, Amy, was graduating with a Master's in Nursing from **Montana State University** that year, so Sharon went to the graduation. This was the real beginning of a new normal life. Amy had four dogs that Sharon loved but she had gotten a fifth dog Sharon had never met. **Ross**, a 13-year-old Golden Retriever, was a Katrina refugee and the story of his journey from New Orleans to Havre, Montana, is a long one. Sharon fell in love and wanted to bring him home but Amy said, "Mom, he is too old and has gone through too much trauma to move to Arizona (he

lived to be 17 years old). Go home, find a Golden Rescue and rescue a Golden there." So the journey with **AGR** began.

About six months after applying to **AGR** Sharon adopted **Honey** (13-044). Sharon says **Honey** rescued her, not the other way around. Jim Henkel delivered **Honey** on a Wednesday and told Sharon about a Meet-and-Greet on Saturday. She took **Honey** and went to that event,



where she met Gail and Dana Haywood, who had driven to **Santa Cruz Animal Shelter** to rescue **Honey**. They told her about another Meet-and-Greet at a different location the next Saturday, so Sharon went to that as well. This time not only were Gail and Dana there, but also Judy Petitto. Judy told her about the Intake Team needing volunteers and explained that Sharon could do this job from home. She would have the Intake Manager call. Michele Wehry did call, and Sharon did join the team. Judy and Sharon became great friends and when Michele retired as the In-



Sharon with 8-week-old 18-038 Leland the day she picked him up from VetMed after his treatment for parvo

take Manager, Judy and Sharon became Co-Intake Managers. Sharon also volunteers on the



Bailey and Maddie, one of the pairs Sharon has fostered



Sharon with current foster Blondie, working to help the dog get over severe separation anxiety

Home Evaluation Team and the Transport Team. When **Honey** went to the Bridge, Sharon began fostering and has fostered 13 dogs (4 pairs) in the past 2 years. When Gail Haywood retired from answering the WAGS Line, Sharon volunteered to answer the phone, so the phone was transferred to Sharon's home.

Sharon has built her new normal around **Arizona Golden Rescue** and couldn't be happier. And **AGR** couldn't be happier, either!

*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](mailto:horsecrazymom@msn.com)*





### Health and Safety

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#### **SNIP, SNIP: When to Neuter and Spay.**

All dogs that come into Rescue are neutered or spayed. For most dogs over the age of one, there is no hesitation to get sterilization done as soon as possible. Recently **AGR** has had several younger dogs come in under the age of one, some as young as 3-4 months; so when should they be “fixed?”

First, let’s review why all dogs are neutered and spayed. Research shows that females spayed before the first heat cycle have a 0.5% chance of mammary cancer; it rises slightly if they have one heat cycle; if they are spayed after their second heat cycle, incidence of mammary cancer rises to 26%! Pyometra, a severe infection of the uterus, is also common in intact females and over a ten-year span, 25% of non-spayed females will develop pyometra.

Neutering a male eliminates any potential prostate issues and curbs that roaming search for a female in heat. Neutered males may be less aggressive, so often boarding facilities do not take intact males. Retrospective studies have linked early spay and neuter to several health risks: increased incidence of cranial cruciate ligament disease, osteosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma or lymphomas. Also, early spay has been associated with urinary incontinence. Many spayed females gain weight, but that may be more related to diet, as no change in metabolism has been found in studies. Of course, a major reason for spay and neuter is no puppies added to the already large population of unwanted animals.

More recent studies on large breed dogs (Goldens, Labs, Great Danes, etc.) suggest early spay and neuter can cause delayed closure of growth plates resulting in thinner bones and musculoskeletal injuries such as cruciate ligament tears. Urinary incontinence in females is higher in those females spayed prior to their first heat cycle. For large breed dogs, growth does not usually stop until one year of age and for giant breeds, two years old.

For several years, **AGR** has recommended that young males be neutered at around 12 months and the same for females being spayed. We have some vets who highly recommend that females be spayed from one to two years of age or after one heat cycle at least. It has also been shown with some research that having hormones for at least the first 12 months of growth gives both males and females protection against several types of cancer.

Unfortunately we cannot control what the shelters do, and we often get younger dogs already spayed or neutered, but if they come

to us as intact puppies, we wait for full growth to occur. Older dogs that **AGR** spays or neuters can also reap the benefit of having their hormones curtailed.

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[www.cliniciansbrief.com/article/age-neutering-large-giant-breed-dogs](http://www.cliniciansbrief.com/article/age-neutering-large-giant-breed-dogs)

More specifics and the research for large breed dogs...

When the sex hormones are removed, the growth hormones are missing important regulatory input and the bones continue to grow longer than they ought to. Studies have proven this to be true (Salmeri et al, JAVMA 1991).

In each long bone there is a growth (epiphyseal) plate, which is a band of cartilage found near the joint. This growth plate lays down bone as a puppy develops and, as it builds bone, the bone becomes longer and the puppy gets larger and taller. Once maturity is reached, this growth plate turns into bone and the puppy’s full height is reached.

When dogs are sterilized before maturity, the closure of some but not all growth plates may be delayed; this would be especially true if a dog is sterilized when only some of his growth plates are closed. The dog’s elbow and stifle joints are similarly designed. Above each joint is one bone (the humerus and femur respectively), and below are two bones (in the elbow there are the radius and ulna, and in the stifle there are the tibia and fibula). One bone effectively sits on two. What would happen if one of those bones underneath the joint stopped growing before the other bone and they ended up being different lengths? It would be very much like building a house on a slope: the weight of the home wouldn’t be evenly distributed, and there would be increased load at the lowermost corner of the house. The same could very well happen in the elbow and stifle joints when closure of the growth plates is artificially delayed, and this could in turn lead to increased risk of both elbow dysplasia and cranial cruciate ligament tears.

There is research that supports this. Whitehair *et al* (JAVMA Oct 1993), found that early spayed and neutered dogs were twice as likely to suffer cranial cruciate ligament rupture. Slaughterbeck *et al* also found an increased risk (Clin Orthop Relat Res Dec 2004).

Chris Zinc DVM PhD DACVP explains, “... if the femur has achieved its genetically determined normal length at eight months when a dog gets spayed or neutered, but the tibia, which normally stops growing at 12 to 14 months of age continues to grow, then an abnormal angle may develop at the stifle. In addition, with the extra growth, the lower leg below the stifle likely becomes heavier (because it is longer), and may cause increased stresses on the cranial cruciate ligament.”

Dogs that are sterilized before the age of six months have a 70% increased risk of developing hip dysplasia. The authors of this

study (Spain et al, JAVMA 2004), propose that “it is possible that the increase in bone length that results from early-age gonadectomy results in changes in joint conformation, which could lead to a diagnosis of hip dysplasia.”



*Editor's Note: This may be the last behavior-advice column written by Sharon. She recently told me her current work-and-home schedule is just too hectic to include time for writing an entire column. However, just so you don't miss the opportunity to elicit some sage advice from her, Sharon will soon be starting a Q & A on Facebook – look for it!*

### **Dog Car Sickness**

Interestingly enough, this has been a popular question for me in the last couple months: “How can I help my dog from getting sick in the car?” Well, whether you are taking your dog away or just taking a trip to the vet, there will be times in your pet's life where a trip in the car is unavoidable. Your first defense is knowing the most common signs of car sickness that your dog will exhibit. Here are a few to look for:

- Whining or crying
- Drooling/hypersalivating
- Pacing
- Vomiting
- Excessive licking of lips

If your dog finds the car uncomfortable or scary, this is likely to cause or exacerbate their car sickness. One can help by reducing their stress levels and creating a calmer environment. If you have to take a car journey with your dog, make sure the journey is as stress-free as possible. Making sure your dog is comfortable and feels safe in and around your car will help in easing their minds and keeping them calm. I recommend making the car a familiar space by placing a favorite blanket or bed in the back of your car area so there are comforting odors around your dog, and then build up their tolerance to the car in short bursts.

Don't just take your dog for a ride when he has to go to the vet, mix their rides up. Take them to a park, drive to a trailhead for a hike or to their favorite pet store – amazing what picking out a new toy can do for a pawisitive association to rides! Bringing along one of your dog's favorite toys or chews when you travel will help keep them busy and their minds occupied.

To help familiarize your furbaby with the car, have them jump in and out of the car while at home, and get in the back of the car

with them. You can use treats to encourage them. Take frequent short trips to get your dog accustomed to the ride, and crack the windows a little when you can to give some fresh air. Use a crate in the back of the car – this can make your dog feel more secure while traveling and keep them much safer. A seatbelt harness is another way of keeping your dog safe and helping him feel more secure. Take frequent breaks on longer rides and allow your dog to get out to stretch and potty. Make sure your dog has been fed plenty of time in advance prior to any car ride. Most importantly, keeping safety in mind, make sure to drive smoothly and sensibly – slow and steady wins the race. You might want to keep paper towels, a bottle of Nature's Miracle® and plastic grocery bags in the car in case of an accident.

Many pet owners have shared that one of the best ways they have found to help their dog stay calm enough to travel is through natural solutions, either short term with pheromone sprays, or long-term with natural supplements. These are good options as well, and here are a few to consider:

**Lemon Balm:** This works on GABA (Gamma-aminobutyric acid) levels to make your dog feel more relaxed, soothing stress and encouraging calm behavior.

**L-Theanine:** This offers natural calming properties that support the production of calming compounds such as serotonin. It also supports the production of dopamine, which is associated with reward-motivated behavior.

**B vitamins (B1, B3, B6, B9, B12):** B vitamins support healthy nerves and brain function, reducing excitability and improving concentration.

**Fish protein hydrolysate:** This supports your dog's brain, helping calming signals find the right spot. It also supports GABA and dopamine levels.

**CBD (cannabidiol) Oils:** This significantly reduces anxiety and stress in dogs that results in much calmer behavior due to the effects it has on the limbic and paralimbic brain areas.

So, fall is in the air, and there could not be a better time for some interesting roads trips and fun with your furbaby. Bring along some treats, put down the windows a little, turn on your dog's favorite music and let the good times roll....

### ***Have You Gotten A New Cell Phone Lately?***

**Save your old cell phones for AGR – we recycle them through GRC Wireless Recycling for \$2-\$10 for a regular phone and up to \$50 for a Smartphone, Blackberry or the like. Bring them to any AGR event.**



### Service Paws

By Aria Ottmueller  
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*Editor's Note: In May, Aria Ottmueller graduated from Northern Arizona University with honors. She completed a double major in Criminology and Criminal Justice and Political Science with a minor 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 issue, the section entitled The Law in May, another section called Problems Within The Law in August and will use more excerpts from the paper in this and future columns. Our thanks to Aria for allowing us to print parts of her paper which I feel might be of interest to our readers.*

### Opportunities for the Disabled

Employment opportunities have significantly improved for people who have a disability. Henry's article, "Employer-recommended Strategies to Increase Opportunities for People with Disabilities" (2014), discusses the increase in these opportunities. This article argues that employers are looking for new ways to innovate, meaning that employers are more inclusive in their hiring process. Employment for people with disabilities is currently at a rate of 33 percent. Henry argues that the contributors to unemployment included reluctance, concerns, and low productivity.

Employers are reluctant to hire individuals who have a disability because they do not know what kind of accommodations that person might need or how efficient he/she will be at their job; however, that is changing (Henry, 2014). According to the article, large companies are more likely to employ people with disabilities than smaller and mid-sized companies. Expanding knowledge of the ADA has increased the likelihood of employers to hire people with disabilities. This suggests that those who are informed concerning certain disabilities, the law, and how to accommodate these types of people will be more open to presenting opportunities of employment (Henry, 2014). Employers are more likely to hire a person with a disability if that person is open to discussing the disability, including limitations. This means that a person who describes their disability and problems that arise as a result is favored by employers. Many people are not open to discussing their disability, which leaves employers wondering about that person's capabilities. If a person can adequately discuss his or her limitations while informing an employer of the accommodations that they may need, most employers view that as an asset. If an employer does not know what a person with a disability is capable of or what that person requires, it creates a sense of reluctance in hiring that individual (Henry, 2014). As a result of these factors, employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities are improving.

Employment opportunities for the disabled have increased due to services and support for people with disabilities. Brown (2015) argues that increased services and support have allowed the disabled to receive employment; however, these people still face challenges. This author studied disabled people in the workplace; he found that a majority spend thousands of dollars out of pocket to pay for assistive equipment and medical appointments. They have to pay large amounts of money because they are making over \$20,000 a year, which makes them ineligible for government assistance such as insurance or assistive technology. The improvement in assistive technology, including the use of service animals, has increased employment throughout the U.S. according to Brown. He argues that even more access to assistive services will increase productivity. In a study of over 380 disabled employees, only 54 percent used assistive equipment in the workplace. This includes canes, service animals, braille devices, wheel chairs, and other equipment. People who had assistive devices were much happier and able to complete each task more efficiently (Brown, 2015). An increase in assistive technology and government assistance will continue to increase employment across the country.

The participation of people who have a disability in society is seriously lacking, creating a system of disenfranchisement, according to Schur (2013). He argues people with disabilities are sidelined in important ways. One of these ways includes voting. This negatively affects those with disabilities; since they are not voting, the general public is making many vital decisions that affect them. Schur also argues that society is missing an important perspective from that group. These people are more likely to live alone because they have transportation problems, which include inaccessibility to bus stops, ride share accommodations, and trains. Voting turnout is lowest in people who find it difficult to leave their home. The inaccessibility of transportation also makes it difficult to obtain employment. The media and politicians also affect the disabled in a negative way because they are always portrayed negatively in politics and the media, which decreases political participation as well. The data in the articles show that many people with disabilities approve of greater government involvement in employment and health care, which is why voting is so important. If the disabled are not voting, their voices will not be heard. The article describes three factors that can affect political participation: resources, psychology, and commitment. If people have the resources such as transportation, they are more likely to participate. Psychological factors include "political interest, civic values, feelings of efficacy, group consciousness, and commitment to specific policies and political recruitment" (Schur, p. 2, 2013). These factors influence the likelihood that someone with a disability would vote. Low political participation factors into low employment and healthcare. Someone who is unemployed is less likely to vote. In 2008, an estimated three million people with disabilities would have voted if they voted at the same rate as a person without a disability, in 2010 that number would have been 3.2 million (Schur, 2013). This means that there is more of the disabled population that is not vot-



ing and can have an impact on elections. These numbers would make an impact in any election, thus demonstrating the effect of disenfranchisement against the disabled.

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

In July, all **AGR** adopters received a mailing with a plea for donations to support our 2017-18 Special Needs Dogs, including most of those mentioned in *Diamonds in the Ruff* newsletter columns. Many answered with donations for an incredible total of **\$11,210!**

During the summer, we take in more dogs than in any other 3-month period, but we have no significant fundraisers between May and September; even most Meet-and-Greets are cancelled due to the extreme heat. With a minority of our rescues, the amount of money we need to spend to ensure that the dog is healthy is less than the dog's adoption fee. However, for the majority of dogs we have placed in new forever homes, our costs have been more than the adoption fee, and in some cases thousands of dollars more – the average spent on each of 94 dogs between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 was \$1,550!

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

If you can help **Arizona Golden Rescue** financially, please send your check to **AGR**, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308. Or, you can call Deb Orwig at 623-693-0589 with your credit card information – for all such donations, the normal 3% convenience fee will be waived (however, **AGR** is still charged that fee). All donations are tax deductible. If you have already sent in a donation by the time you receive this newsletter, we sincerely thank you!

### ***Donors to the Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs Thanks, everyone!***

Linda Atkinson  
Debbie and Rick Ball  
Jan and Joe Baselice  
Stephanie Beard and  
Greg Konishi –  
*In Honor of 11-009 Kasey*  
Vikki and Dave Burgoon  
Betsy and Fred Brown  
Melissa Carter –  
*In Memory of Max, Jack  
and Sierra*  
Rosemary and Daniel Cheke  
Alice and David Courtney  
Karen and Phil Davis  
Stuart Davis and Family  
Kathleen Donohue, D.O.  
Mary and Bert Engstrom –  
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Patty and Troy Forte  
Ellen and Jeff France  
Tracie and Richard Freeland  
Nancy and Bill Goldcamp  
Carol Gora and Don Woods  
Anne and Richard Gutekunst  
Sandra Hansen  
Liz and Mike Harman  
Beverly Host  
Crystal and Jim Hostetler  
Renee and Pete Immel –  
*In Honor of 17-022 Bella*  
Carolyn and Douglas Irish  
Rebecca and Dennis Janes  
Karen Johnson  
Marti Joyce –  
*In Memory of 14-007 Mayter*  
Marsha and Steve Kleinz  
Jean and Alan Klink –  
*In Honor of 18-019 Toby*  
Rita Koppinger and  
Tom Martinson –  
*In Honor of 17-089 Bailey  
and 17-090 Maddie*  
Ellen Lagerman  
Ellen and Philip Leavitt  
Amy Maynard and  
Steve Deshler –  
*In Honor of 14-027 Bentley*  
Vicki and Pat McDermott

Shannon and Sean McMahon  
Colleen and Bruce Miller  
Janine and James Mitchell  
Pat Morgan  
Leslie and Ted Morris  
Marlene and Dean Mortimore –  
*In Honor of 17-038 Leland*  
Karen Novo  
Deb and Larry Orwig –  
*In Honor of 18-051 Millman*  
Barbara and Virgil Owings  
Stacy and David Paul  
Linda Paus and Tim Praska  
Barbara and James Renshaw –  
*In Memory of 13-084 Glory*  
Maria and Harry Saxen  
Antonia and Alan Schnaid  
Edward Scott  
Cindy and Mark Swartz  
Carol and Don Thompson and  
**10-069 Lucinda (“Lucy”) –**  
*In Honor of 18-033 Jessica,  
the name of our first Golden  
many years ago*  
Cindy and Gary Tigges  
Shayla and Joseph Tirone  
Susan and Roger Vallie  
Nancy Ward  
Melody and Joe Webb –  
*In Honor of 12-065 Lucy*  
Shotzie and Jim Workman  
David Williams –  
*In Honor of 14-023 Bella*  
Susan and Brad Williams  
Carol and JD Wilson  
Nicholas Yale and  
Bruce Bouldin –  
*In Memory of 12-027 Bentley*



The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

**Reporting period: January 1, 2018- September 30, 2018**

**Total Assets as of October 15, 2018: \$201,718.01**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 5,825.00	
Adoption Income	20,965.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		\$ 250.00
Bank Charges (PayPal & Credit Card fees)		668.12
Calendars		
Sales	876.00	
Printing		1,500.00
Sponsorships	2,250.00	
Donation Income, General	37,592.38	
Honorary	10,996.64	
Memorials	6,247.61	
Summer Fundraiser	11,210.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	16.00	636.04
Event Expense		400.00
Golf Tournament	26,093.20	6,084.70
(Donations)	3,839.20)	
(Golf Prizes)	1,820.00)	
(Golfers)	7,029.00)	
(Hole Sponsorships)	5,150.00)	
(Meals)	1,925.00)	
(Silent Auction)	6,330.00)	
Grants	4,800.00	
Insurance		694.00
Interest	59.90	
Legal and Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	18,215.00	
Merchandise	5,216.95	1,642.17
<i>Paws At The Park 2018</i>	2,470.96	533.11
Office Expenses & Supplies		1,026.00
<i>Photos with Santa, Dec. 2017</i>	769.38	
Postage		932.66
Rent or Lease		2,127.74
Stationery and Printing		3,254.42
Telephone and Website		143.55
Dog-related Expenses		
Boarding		1,807.00
Leashes and Collars		43.01
Micro-chip expenses		645.61
Miscellaneous		760.63
Veterinary Services		141,523.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$142,084.02</b>	<b>\$164,432.63</b>

**NET INCOME (loss): (\$22,288.41)**

**Checking Account on 10-15-18: \$ 94,690.29**  
**Savings Account on 10-15-18: \$100,012.92**  
**Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 10-15-18: \$ 7,014.80**  
**Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-15-18: \$14,369.90**



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, of course, and will be acknowledged.

To recap second-quarter 2018's *Diamonds in the Ruff*...

All 14 dogs that were in this category in the August issue have been adopted and are doing well now except for **18-007 Murphy**. He has also been adopted, but he has had some continuing medical issues. These are noted below.

During the third quarter of 2018...



**18-007 Murphy** is an 8-year-old male Golden-Irish Setter mix adopted in March. In May, he developed a swollen abdomen, and after an emergency exam and medications, he was found to have a 3-lb mass attached to the stomach; the mass was subsequently removed. A few days after the surgery, **Murphy** developed an opening in the wound which was quickly repaired. **Murphy's** diagnosis was leiomyosarcoma, which is a relatively rare malignant neoplasm of smooth muscle origin. After the vet received the biopsy results, he recommended an additional surgery to clean up margins. **Murphy's** 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter expenses were **\$2,812**, with total year-to-date medical expenses so far of **\$6,905**.

**18-027 Dodger** is an 11-year-old male purebred Golden who was surrendered to **AGR** because his owner was moving and could not take him along. He was found to have a chronic ear infection which was not resolving. After review by **Dermatology for Animals**, an ear ablation was recommended. Consult was done with **AMSC** in Scottsdale with a late



July surgery for total ear canal ablation. His new owner reports that **Dodger** is doing great, full of energy and smiles, and must have really been in pain prior to the ablation surgery. **Dodger's** 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter expenses were **\$5,428**, with total year-to-date expenses of **\$6,311**.

**18-035 Allie** is a 15-year-old female mix who came into Rescue as a bonded pair with **18-034 Rascal**. **Allie** needed several extractions of her upper jaw teeth and five masses removed; she also had an acanthomatus epulis (a destructive neoplasm) removed and

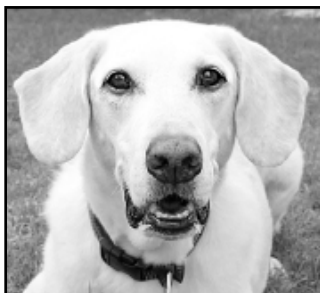
needed five more teeth extracted including one that had bone disintegrating around it. The extraction site would not stop bleeding, and after using a coagulating gel, the vet also did a carotid ligation to stop blood flow to that area. **Allie** may need a bone resection to remove all of the epulis, but so far so good. In July, **Allie** was transferred to another foster and seems to be holding her own with daily walks and some extensive medications for pain control. Third quarter expenses for **Allie** have amounted to **\$1,043**, with year-to-date expenses totaling **\$4,870**.



**18-037 Kona** is a female chocolate Goldendoodle who came into Rescue in May at the young age of 7 months. She was an owner surrender, had surgery for two ectopic ureters that did not work, and was still leaking and wearing a diaper in the house. In July, a cystoscopy was performed and a bladder malformation was discovered. Additional medications were prescribed. **Kona** has since

been adopted by Jay and Abbey in Glendale. **Kona's** 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter expenses were **\$1,197**.

**18-053 Mitch** is an approximate 9-year-old male purebred Golden that came into Rescue as a bonded pair with **18-054 Steele** (see below). Both dogs were surrendered by their owner due to the owner's personal health situation. **Mitch** has allergies, a sensitive stomach and thyroid issues. He had the usual incoming tests and vaccines, then went to live with his brother at a foster home. Unfortunately, **Mitch** got into the pantry and consumed a number of items he shouldn't have, so was whisked to the emergency vet for radiographs, fluids, and hospitalization. His 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter expenses total **\$1,977**.



**18-054 Steele** is also about 9 years old and is a male yellow Lab mix that came into Rescue as a bonded pair with **18-053 Mitch** (see above). Both dogs were surrendered by their owner due to the owner's personal health situation. **Steele** initially had the basic tests and lab work done. But after getting into the laundry room and

broom closet with his partner-in-crime, **Mitch**, and consuming

some things they shouldn't have, **Steele** needed an emergency trip to the vet for blood gases, radiographs, and fluids. Both **Mitch** and **Steele** are currently being fostered. So far, **Steele's** expenses have cost **AGR \$1,084**.

**18-055 Sherry** (a.k.a. **Goldie Hawn**) is a 3-year-old purebred Golden female that was rescued from the **Arizona Humane Society**. She had been confiscated from a back yard where she was kept with seven other dogs. She was in need of TPLO surgery (tibial plateau leveling osteotomy) to stabilize the stifle joint after rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament. Surgery



was done in July. Subsequently in August, she suffered some gastritis and needed some additional lab work and an ultrasound along with medications. She has had a good-to-go final check-up and has been adopted by David and Ebby in Scottsdale. They have renamed her **Pepper**. Her entire 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter expenses have totaled **\$9,024**.



**18-060 Jewel** was an 8-year-old female Golden mix who came from the **MCACCS** shelter in July. She had a fractured pelvis after possibly being hit by a car and was found as a stray in a field. She was sent to **AMSC** where they spent 5 hours cleaning her up and examining her – they found two fractures on the right side pelvis, inflamed and infected skin, and tick fever. After

a few days of hospitalization, IV fluids and meds to keep her comfortable, tests revealed she had either lymphocytic leukemia or lymphoma. Since steroids or chemo would compromise her healing ability and make it difficult for surgery, the Board reviewed everything and made the decision to send her peacefully to the Bridge. **Jewel's** expenses amounted to **\$5,989**.

**18-062 Sensei**, a young 5-month-old male Golden mix, was surrendered because he was sick and his owner could not afford medical care. **Sensei** had diarrhea and was vomiting, and since x-rays seemed to show a blockage, he was taken to **AMSC** for evaluation. After exploratory abdominal surgery was done, no blockage was found but he did have intestinal inflammation and a



swollen lymph node. Medications were given and he seems to be doing well. **Sensei** has been renamed **Sampson** and has been adopted by Stephanie and Clint in Buckeye. He will still need to be neutered, but his expenses so far total **\$5,837**.





**18-064 Mandy** is a one-year-old female purebred Golden who was rescued from the Eastside **MCACCS** shelter. She was very thin, and a diagnostic ultrasound revealed some sludgy matter in her bladder. She was treated for a urinary tract infection and also found to be positive for valley fever. In late September, **Mandy** was whisked to the emergency vet clinic with bloody diarrhea issues requiring blood

gases and more lab work to be done. Antibiotics were prescribed along with treatment for worms, but she still had bloody diarrhea issues after finishing the antibiotic, so more antibiotics have been prescribed. Bonnie in San Tan Valley plans to adopt her and has renamed her **Abby**. She will still need to be spayed, and expenses so far for her are **\$3,348**.

**18-069 Jackie** is a young 6-month-old female purebred Golden who came into Rescue with a broken leg. She was surrendered by



her owner who could not afford the medical treatment. After surgery at **AMSC** to insert a tibia bone plate and splint her leg, she was sent home to recuperate with Viki and Russell in Phoenix, who intend to adopt her. **Jackie** is doing well, recently had the bandages removed, and X-rays reveal the implants are securely in place. She is walking twice a day and 80% weight bearing now! **Jackie's** expenses have amounted to **\$4,327** so far, but she still needs to be spayed.



Bone break clearly visible

Repair successful

## 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 July 8, 2018 through October 8, 2018. All adoptions finalized after October 8<sup>th</sup> will be in the next issue.*



**18-021 Natasha** is a one-and-a-half year old Goldendoodle. She came into Rescue after her owner passed away. She had been well trained as a household companion but never socialized. She had even achieved her Canine Good Citizen certification. She was already spayed and up-to-date on vaccines so was fostered by

Cindy and Gary in Scottsdale. She received her vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale where she was tested for heartworm and valley fever. As is often known to happen, **Natasha** decided she needed to stay with her new pack. She has been advancing her training by attending therapy dog certification classes and learning how to be a calm, friendly puppy no matter the circumstances. She most recently was an **AGR** ambassador at our golf tournament fund raiser! Thank you, **AGR**, for providing this girl with a wonderful family!

**18-027 Dodger** (at left in photo) and **18-028 Koby** are a bonded

pair that were returned to Rescue because the original adopters were moving. **Dodger** is a stately 11-year-old red Golden and **Koby** is a handsome 9-year-old red Golden. Double the fun! They received their vetting at **Raintree Pet Resort & Medical Center** in Scott-



Dodger

Koby



Dodger

sdale. They both required updated vaccinations, heartworm and valley fever tests and senior panel lab work. Unfortunately, **Dodger** had an ear infection that was not responding to antibiotics and steroids. He had a consult at **Dermatology for Animals**. They recommended a total ear ablation of his left ear that would entail removing his ear drum. The surgery was performed at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale.

The surgery was a great success, and **Dodger** now feels much better. The dynamic duo is enjoying their new life with Judy and resident cat, **Amos**, of Scottsdale. Thank you, **AGR**, for keeping this wonderful pair together. An addendum was granted for follow-up care for **Dodger's** ear surgery.



Koby



**18-034 Rascal** is a 6-year-old handsome Golden lad. **Rascal** came in as part of a bonded pair with **18-035 Allie**, a 15 ½-year-old Golden mix. The dogs' owner died, and dogs were in the back yard for three days before a neighbor found the deceased owner. The neighbor was feeding the dogs, but they were alone for a week, so we

picked them up right away, as the remaining family decided it was in the dogs' best interest if they went to a new forever home. The dogs were initially placed together, but **AGR** determined they could do well if separated, as long as **Allie**, the more dependent of the two, was placed in a home with another animal. **Rascal** was placed with Jeanne and Jim in Cave Creek, and **Allie** was moved to a new home with Rebecca and Hygenes and their resident cat **Luna** in Phoenix. Both dogs received their vetting at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale, got the recommended vaccinations and were tested for valley fever and heartworm (both negative). **Rascal** had a hot spot that would require wearing "the cone" and Benadryl® to be given as needed. **Rascal** is now thriving in his new life as an only dog.

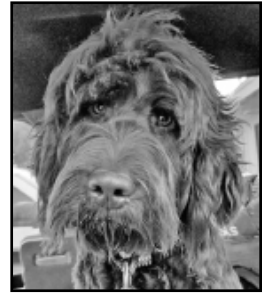


**18-035 Allie** was adopted under our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program, whereby **AGR** will pay for all her medical expenses for the remainder of her life. She is doing well, and her new family reports: *She's doing great and has settled in. She is very affectionate and comes up and places her paw on your lap when she wants to be petted. At first she didn't seem to understand the*

*walks we were taking her on, she just plowed right through as fast as she could and didn't really stop to sniff, but now she really enjoys them and has learned to stop and smell the roses, literally. She seems to love her walks – the minute we touch the leash she's ready to go and she actually is shockingly fast! She's like a little train when she walks, but we don't go too long a distance. She's been getting two walks a day which she's done really well with and actually her mobility seems to be improving. She's been eating and drinking well and she's been taking all her meds with no problem. We haven't had any accidents or anything. She and*

*Luna are doing great. We're absolutely in love with her!*

**18-037 Kona** is a chocolate brown 7-month-old Goldendoodle girl with striking green eyes. She was born with two ectopic ureters that caused her to have issues with incontinence. She had surgery in hopes of correcting the condition, but it was unsuccessful. Her owner made the difficult decision to relinquish her to Rescue, as his life situation was not equipped to address her needs. **Kona**



was current on vaccinations and lab work; therefore, she was ready for her new forever home. Abbey and Jay in Glendale were beyond ecstatic to welcome **Kona** into their home! An addendum was granted for a follow-up for the bladder procedure and three months of medication (phenylpropanolamine and Incurin, which lessen the incontinence). Congratulations, **Kona!**



**18-038 Leland**, now **Gunner**, was a 7-week-old puppy when he developed parvovirus. Unfortunately, his owners could not afford the costly veterinary care required to save his life, so they contacted **AGR**. His medical care at **VetMed** was quite extensive – for a week, he was isolated in intensive care and required a feeding tube, subcutaneous fluids,

antibiotics and antinausea medications to combat the vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy. When he was finally stable enough to leave the hospital, one of our wonderful foster parents, Sharon, offered to continue caring for this cutie pie until he was ready for his forever home. His vetting was transitioned to **Kennel Care** in Chandler, where he required frequent visits to check on his progress. After two months of outstanding TLC, "**Lee**" was ready to be placed. He is now growing up with Shelby, Thomas and resident Golden, **Rory**, in Buckeye. Another Golden to show him the ropes! An addendum was granted for neutering and leptospirosis vaccine. We received numerous donations from people who wanted to give this boy the opportunity to live a healthy life, including a grant from the *Golden Retriever Foundation's April Fund*, and we thank you all for your support. **Gunner** has grown into a very handsome adolescent and is a welcome addition to the family.



**18-040 Hunter** is a 5-year-old Golden / Anatolian Shepherd Dog who is a gentle giant. His owner was sad to surrender this boy. However, a move to a small condo would not provide the room he





needed. **Hunter** received his vetting at **Kennel Care** in Chandler. He was in good health except for allergies and was prescribed Apoquel. He did have an ear infection that was treated with antibiotics. **Hunter** is currently residing with Marilyn and Mark, who alternate living in Flagstaff and Goodyear, where he is enjoying having two new homes!

**18-042 Teddy**, now **Bruno**, is a male 2-year-old Golden mix. Unfortunately, he is a return-to-Rescue. This was a very difficult decision for the surrendering owner, because, despite training at **Partners Dog Training School** and with Deb Orwig in obedience lessons at her house, he had to admit that **Teddy** was just too much puppy for him to handle. However, **AGR** was confident the next home would be a match made in heaven. **Teddy** was current with all vetting and was anxiously awaiting his new family. He was enthusiastically welcomed to his new home in Chandler with Katie. **Teddy** is currently enjoying swimming in the pool and having play dates with another canine! Congratulations to **Teddy** and Katie! An addendum was granted for three months of pain medications as needed for a previously surgically repaired leg.



**18-047 Homer-Max** is 10-year-old sweet senior Golden who was relinquished to **AGR** by the Westside **MCACCS** shelter as an emergency medical foster pick-up on Memorial Day Monday. They were willing to let him go early (was actually due out on Wednesday) because of an ulcerated mass on his left flank.

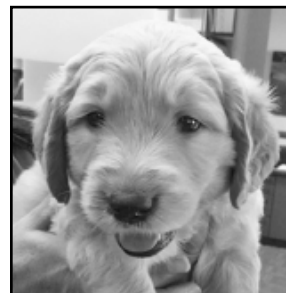
The dog's original owner was finally located but when informed about **Homer's** condition, the owner decided he could not afford the medical care and officially surrendered the dog to **AGR**; he told us the dog's real name was **Max**. **Homer** was named so by the transporter because as she got him into her car at the shelter, radio announcers for the **Arizona Diamondbacks** team mentioned that Nick Ahmed had just hit a home run; later in the game when the score was 6-5, there was another **D'backs** homer that raised the score to 9-5. So, the transporter felt **Homer** was an appropriate name. **Homer** received his medical care at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale. He had a mass on his left flank that would require surgical removal. Thankfully, although nasty-looking, the apocrine gland cystadenoma was benign! He also required a dental extraction while at

**AMSC**. This senior guy was ready to spend time being loved and cherished. Currently, he IS being loved and cherished by Amy, Jeff and three resident dogs in Chandler. Amy relayed: *Thank you so very much! We are so lucky he chose us as his forever home! We love, love, love him! This sweet old guy is a perfect addition to our home.* The family decided to revert back to his original name and now call him **Max** or **Maxwell**. Congratulations to all!



**18-049 Eastwood** is a handsome 14-month-old Golden boy. He was being trained by **Foundation for Service Dog Support** to be a service dog, but he decided that life as a service dog was not for him. He was too full of youngster energy. He received his vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale where he was treated for an ear infection and had neuter surgery. Now he was ready for his next adventure. He is enjoying his new life with Elsa and Octavio in Laveen. An addendum was granted for follow-up on the ear infection, if needed.

**18-050 JW**, now known as **Armi**, is a beautiful 14-month-old white Golden boy. He was being trained by **Foundation for Service Dog Support** to be a service dog. However, this youngster felt more like playing and being a puppy. It was decided to allow him to follow his heart, and **AGR** offered to find this youngster a new home. He received his vetting at **Kennel Care** in Chandler that included neuter surgery and the leptospirosis vaccine. Now this boy was ready to move to Mesa and call "home" with Terri and Allen. He is doing well with obedience training and enjoying his new life!



Millman at intake - 5½ weeks old

**18-051 Millman**, now **Cooper**, when surrendered to **AGR** was a 5½-week-old Goldendoodle (mother was a half-and-half Golden-Poodle and father was a purebred Golden) who was thought to have a congenital life-threatening medical condition called Persistent Right Aortic Arch (PRAA) that constricts the esophagus. This condition causes food to come up behind the soft palate and out the nose. Surgery could fix the problem and the puppy could then have a normal life, but his surrendering owner could not afford the necessary medical care and turned to **AGR** to save him. We hustled the puppy over to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center**





At two months



At three months



Cooper at four months

for a thorough evaluation. After five days of extensive diagnostic procedures, they determined that the puppy did not have PRAA after all and was spewing food because he had a sensitive stomach and could not hold down the liquid that was added to the kibble. In fact, nothing at all was discovered to be wrong with this puppy, except that, perhaps, he had been weaned at too young an age. Once he was started on plain kibble (Royal Canin Gastrointestinal Puppy) with no added liquid, he was fine. He was fostered by Deb and Larry until he was 13 weeks old and had had three sets of vaccines. His weight was monitored carefully, and he grew from 5 pounds at intake to 28 pounds at 13 weeks, and at his four-month vet visit, he weighed 44 pounds! When it was time for him to go to his forever home, he was welcomed enthusiastically by Sandie, Duncan, and resident Golden canine, **Sultan**, of Surprise. **Sultan** has taken **Cooper** under his paw and continues to teach him proper canine behavior. **Cooper** is now almost as big as **Sultan** and still growing at 5 months of age. Thank you, **AGR**, for saving this precious youngster! An addendum was granted for final vaccines and future neuter when age appropriate. This puppy was the first Goldendoodle that any of us

had raised from such a young age. It has been very interesting watching his appearance change from looking very Golden when he was first surrendered to now looking much more Poodle-like.

**18-052 Bella**, now **Leila**, is a 9-week-old Lab/Golden mix. This darling girl was in danger of going to the pound. However, the surrendering family member brought her home to a household that already had five dogs. It was decided that six were too many, and they contacted **AGR** to find her the perfect home. She received her vetting at **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital** in Glendale. She received the required vaccinations, had a microchip implanted and was deemed to be in good health. This cutie is now "home" with Karin, Jon and resident Golden, **Charlie** and **Bailey**, of Peoria. Karin relayed: **Leila**, the short-haired Golden, is the piece we didn't know we were missing! She plays non-stop with our three-year-old Golden, and our nine-year-old male patiently tolerates



the young girls' craziness. Our human kids provide plenty of attention to all three dogs, while Mom tries to keep up with the Golden furbunnies that float across the tile. Thank you, **AGR**, for our sweet **Leila**! An addendum was granted for booster vaccines and spay when deemed appropriate.



**18-055 Sherry** was discovered to be the original name of this pretty 3-year-old Golden. She was renamed **Goldie Hawn** by the **Arizona Humane Society**, which had confiscated her from a back yard with numerous other dogs that had inadequate food, water and shade. She was limping and the **AHS** suspected that she had a cruciate ligament tear. The ligament problem was

confirmed by the orthopedic vet at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale. Surgery to correct the problem was done at **AMSC**. Shortly thereafter, Placement found a new home for her with Ebby and David of Scottsdale. This wonderful couple had adopted a crippled dog, **17-003 Jessie**, from **AGR** and brought her back to full mobility after surgery to correct a congenitally-crooked leg, so we were confident they would be able to rehab **Goldie Hawn** correctly and completely. They have, and have renamed this spunky girl **Pepper**. **Pepper** had her 8-week-post-surgery consultation at **AMSC** in early October. X-rays showed "bony union" and implants in place (see X-rays on page 17). She has good range of motion and is now bearing weight normally on her leg. **Pepper** is now big sister and best friends with **Jessie**, who is now about 1 ½ years old. Happy playtime, girls!

**18-056 Starburst**, now **Star**, is a 5-year-old blond Golden girl. She found herself in need of a new home because of her owner's long work hours, which left her feeling very lonely. She received her vetting at **Kennel Care** in Chandler where she needed all vaccinations including the leptospirosis vaccine. She tested negative for valley fever and heartworm. Also, a micro-chip was implanted. Because **Star** was quite overweight, a thyroid test was done to determine if she would need medication, but the only thing she needed was the green bean diet. **Star** is now living the good life with Judy in Gilbert. She is happy to be receiving the love and attention she so rightly deserved! Judy sent us this note: **Star** is doing fairly well with basic training at **Master's Kennels Dog University** and is scheduled to graduate next week. She is great at home but a challenge outside, because she is so excited and anxious about that big new world out there. Baby steps, slow exposure, and we will get there. She came in as a chunky monkey, is on the green bean diet and is looking very good. She is my 5-year-old puppy – I love her!

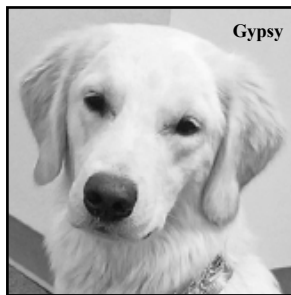




**18-057 Guinan**, now **KC**, is a 7-month-old adorable female Golden. This ball of energy came into Rescue because of a change in the owner's work schedule. She received her vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale where she was made current on vaccinations, including the lep-

tospirosis vaccines. Her valley fever and heartworm tests were negative; however, she would require spay surgery. This youngster is enjoying her new home with Rebecca, Bob and resident Golden, **Murphy**, in Laveen. Rebecca relayed: *We had adopted our sweet **Murphy** (now 2½ years old) from AGR when he was just 3 months old. He has been such a joy in our lives that we decided to adopt a little sister for him. When **KC** was surrendered, we offered to become fosters-with-intent-to-adopt (FWITAs), even though she is a little younger and spunkier than we had originally hoped for. At only 7 months old, she thinks she is the Alpha, and is a little spitfire. Our **Murphy** is too easy-going to correct her rude behavior; but thanks to AGR Behaviorist, Sharon McKenzie, we have been shown the proper way to step in and take control when play turns to torment. All in all, **KC** is a quick learner, and sweet, and smart. She loves to take early morning walks. I think her favorite thing to do, besides play, is to eat! She came to us severely underweight, but once she started eating quality food, she gained 10 pounds in 2 weeks, and her ribs and hip bones are no longer sticking out. She is a healthy, happy, thin girl now. Another wonderful success story, thanks to AGR.*

**18-058 Gypsy** and **18-059 Apollo** are a very bonded pair. **Gypsy** is a 15-month-old cream Golden girl and **Apollo** is a 15-month-old handsome Golden boy. They were being returned to Rescue due to the first adopter having a change in job and not being able to give them the time and attention they deserved. They received their vetting at **Cimarron Animal Hospital** in Tucson. Both dogs required necessary vaccinations and were tested for heartworm and valley fever. They were



Gypsy



Apollo

both in good health and ready to settle into their forever home. Radoslaw and Daniel of Tucson were ecstatic to welcome this dynamic duo into their home. They relayed: *Things are going really good. The dogs are doing great. They are smart and very affectionate. There is already a bond between us. They are socialized and great with other dogs. They enjoy long early morning walks and the dog park. We also*

*go to a fenced school field with beautiful grass where they can run freely and unload their energy. They are sweet little angels. We love them!"* Thank you, **AGR**, for bringing this family together.



Gypsy

Apollo



**18-060 Jewel** was an 8-year-old Golden mix who was a true sweetheart. Sadly, she was found in a field with a fractured pelvis most likely due to being hit by a car. Our transport angels rushed to the Westside **MCACCS** shelter, so she could immediately be taken to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale for treatment.

Unfortunately, it was determined that sweet **Jewel** had two fractures on the right side of the pelvis, tested positive for tick fever and had inflamed and infected skin. Sadly, her lab work revealed either lymphocytic leukemia or lymphoma. Any treatment for either the leukemia or lymphoma would interfere with the healing process that would be required with surgery for the fractures. Despite pain meds and IV fluids she was breathing very heavily and obviously not going to recover. One of our loving **AGR** members was at her side to love and comfort her when she went to the Bridge. Run free, sweet, sweet **Jewel**.

**18-061 Precious**, now **Zorra**, is a petite 3-year-old Golden mix who found herself at the **Huachuca Shelter** in Sierra Vista. With assistance from Laurel, an **AGR** member who lives in Sierra Vista and who drove **Precious** to Picacho Peak, Connie and Nick completed the transport to **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale for her vetting. She received the recommended vaccines, was tested for valley



fever and heartworm and had surgery to repair a leg wound. Now it was time to find the perfect home for this 25 pounds of pure joy! She is happily residing in Phoenix with Jennifer, Mark, children a Greyhound and a Golden. She is slowly overcoming issues with fear, and all the TLC being showered on her is speeding the process. The family has made a serious commitment to help **Precious** get better. When **Precious** first arrived, their daughter was taking her out of the crate but did not put her leash on, so **Precious** took off down the hall at speed, right by their Greyhound who saw a small animal go racing by. Yep, she gave chase, and **Precious** wound up leaping onto the couch spraying pee all over the place then hid behind a table. When the Greyhound saw it was a dog, she just went and lay down again. Jennifer was laughing when



she related this story. They named her **Zorra**, the Spanish word for a female fox, since she looks like and moves as fast as one! Congratulations on your new life, **Zorra**! Jennifer was impressed enough with **AGR** and how we do what we do that she now volunteers as a member of our Placement Team! Since **Precious** was a shelter dog in need of some serious veterinary intervention, we were able to apply to **PACC911** for financial assistance with her medical issues. They generously granted us \$500 from their *Critical Care Program's Golden Angel Fund*, and we thank them tremendously for their financial help.



**18-062 Sensei**, now **Sampson**, is a 5-month-old Golden mix male. Sadly, this youngster became ill and his owner could not afford his medical care. Transport angels to the rescue! He was picked up immediately and rushed to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale to be diagnosed. He was vomiting and had diarrhea; X-rays

suggested a blockage. Exploratory surgery was performed, but no blockage was found. However, there was intestinal inflammation and a swollen local lymph node. He was treated and was ready for his new home. He is enjoying his new life in Buckeye with Stephanie, Clint, resident Golden, **Bowser**, and some rescue bunnies, too. He is loving his new life and enjoying spending time in the pool. Another **AGR** success story! An addendum was granted for neuter when age appropriate.



**18-063 Copper** was originally known as **Ziji** in 2017 when he was surrendered by an owner who had gotten him off Craigslist but found he was too big for her. He is 5½ years old now and a striking copper-colored Golden male. He came back into Rescue because he was starting not to get along with another large dog in the home after

a new human baby had arrived. **AGR** agreed to find this guy the perfect home. He received his vetting at **Kenel Care** in Gilbert. He was in good health and current on vaccines and lab testing.

**Copper**, as he has been renamed, found his forever home with Laura, Greg and two children of Tempe. He is enjoying his new home and swimming in the pool!

**18-065 Rocky** is a handsome 21-month-old Golden lad. He needed a new home due to the owner having a new baby and not having the time to give him the love and attention he deserved. He received



his vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale and was in good health and current on vaccines and testing. Now he was off to his forever home! He is enjoying life with Gina, Sean and son, Cole, in Laveen! Another **AGR** success story!



**18-066 Phoebe**, an 8-year-old pure-bred female Golden, was surrendered to **AGR** due to increasing anxiety over thunderstorms and other loud noises. A behaviorist had been suggested by the owner's vet, but the owner declined to pursue this option due to the cost. Some rear-end weakness had been noticed by the owner, but, again, she declined to explore

the condition due to cost. Turns out, the weakness is just due to mild age-related arthritis. After placement with Linda and Mike in El Mirage, **Phoebe** has seemed to settle down. Perhaps the three grandchildren under age 5 who used to visit the former owner made **Phoebe** nervous, but she has exhibited little anxiety in her new home. **Phoebe** loves riding in her new family's golf cart, going to the local dog park and meeting-and-greeting everyone who happens to come along. She seems very happy and has no trouble negotiating one-mile daily walks or the stairs leading into her new place. She is currently on meloxicam for arthritis but has been weaned off of anti-anxiety meds, as not even frequent jet noises from nearby **Luke Air Force Base** seem to bother her. Happy new, calm life, **Phoebe**!

**18-067 Bailey** is a 10-year-old Golden lady. Sadly, she needed a new home because her owner acquired a new dog that was reported to be terrorizing this sweet senior girl. **AGR** to the rescue! A new home would be found where she would be able to enjoy her "golden years." She had her vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in



Glendale. She received a grooming, and senior panel labs were drawn. One of her eyes appeared to have an issue, so a consult was ordered from **Eyecare for Animals**. It was determined there were mineral deposits and scar tissue under the cornea. Three types of eye drops were prescribed to make her feel better. **Bailey** is currently enjoying life in Phoenix with Alice, David and resident canine, **Gracie**. Alice relayed: *I am ready to start getting her trained for therapy work; Bailey has a great personality for it. She is a gem. She rescued us! She is in her forever home!* An addendum was granted for upcoming vaccines that are due, a follow up with **Eyecare for Animals** and medications needed for three months.





# OVER THE RAINBOW

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



10-052 T-Bear Brown



11-065 Goldie Durand



11-068 Lexi Spicer



11-087 Winnie McCabe / Dodson



12-095 Daisy Mercer



13-0048 Bonita Ruderstaller



13-075 Kinsie Spaeth



15-046 Rocket Brezenski



15-051 Sammy Wheaton



16-028 Zach McDermott



17-015 Sadie Holland/Craven



17-057 Coda Morgan

## 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.



Rocky Cotner



18-060 Jewel



Penny Ronstadt



Homer Leavitt



Amy Wilson



CoJack Slagowski



Krissie Youhas

and

Susan Maynard (Koessel)

Beloved mother of AGR member Amy Maynard



2018 Fore! Paws  
Golf Tournament

By Deb Orwig



A lone tree on the golf course, but not the one for which the course was named – that tree died and had to be removed some years ago

We had a very successful golf tournament thanks to many volunteers, generous donations, and the great golfers and dinner guests who attended. Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fore! Paws Golf Tournament was held on September 22, 2018 at Lone Tree Golf Club in Chandler, with excellent weather out on the course,

followed by a fantastic Lone Tree BBQ Buffet in the evening. The income derived from the tournament will pay for our ever-increasing vet bills during the last quarter of the year.

The tournament could not have happened without countless hours and hard work from many volunteers. Chairing the event were Deb Orwig and Beth and Jon Chaffee. The auction, raffle and administration were handled by Deb, while Beth and Jon handled arrangements with the golf club, brought in the majority of the golfers and some of the financial support, as well as some of the items used for the silent auction.



There are some nice water features on the course



There are also lovely views of the Superstition Mountains from parts of the course

Dana Haywood updated our online registration program, saving us the \$268 fee we have had to pay to rent such a package before he created the registration site in 2016. As golfers and diners registered online, Dana kept a spreadsheet current so that I could generate golfer and dinner guest check-in sheets.

Connie McCabe used her amazing talent to produce all of the graphics and signage and took almost all of the photos. The hole signs



were truly beautiful works of art! Above is the sign she made for my canine gang. These signs are large at 18" x 32", so they are very visible to the golfers. The signs were printed by Fairway Recognition, a Canadian company. After the first set of signs was delivered, I mentioned in an e-mail to the company that I was a "just a little disappointed" at the reproduction of the gold color on the signs. I did not ask them to reprint the signs, but they did so anyway and sent the second set to us at no extra charge. If any of you who purchased a hole sponsorship would like to have a copy of your hole sign, just let me know. You can pick it up at my house, or I can arrange to have it delivered to you.



AGR donated this incredible Dual Charcoal / Gas Grill with all kinds of accessories, bags of wood chips and charcoal, and a cookbook entitled "How to Grill Everything"; The Home Depot on Bell Rd in Glendale gave us a significant discount and donated a propane tank and a grill cover; our thanks to Adam Cardinal and Duano Borho for assembling the grill at the winner's home



Debbie Ball, Adam Cardinal, Patty Forte, Sherry Landwehr, Rebecca Mackerman and Jolene Schlichter joined me on the So-

For successful solicitation, it is often who you know, or in this case, who knows you... Adam Cardinal, an Arizona Coyotes season ticket holder, got a donation of two lower-level game tickets and a photo of Anti Raanta, which we framed; also included in the basket were a bomber hat and a Shane Doan memento, which Adam donated



licitation Committee, which brought in many items for the raffle, silent auction and goodie bags. It was a pleasure working with all of you! Sherry did all her solicitation by letter and phone call from her home in California – every business on her list ended up donating! We also received assistance from Gail Walker, who helped get the donation from **Udder Delight** where she works part-time. Beth and Jon Chaffee were also instrumental in acquiring some item donations.



Our packaging committee just produced the bow for this fantastic extra-large dog bed loaded with toys, treats and other goodies that **PetSmart** donated

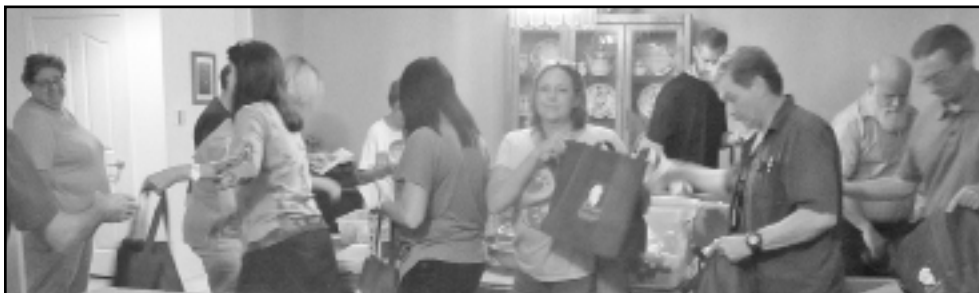


We presented many spectacular collections of items in baskets; these two were donated by **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** and had the theme "Hiking with your Dog" with one for medium-size dogs and one for large dogs

Assembling our gorgeous baskets for the raffle and silent auction were Debbie Ball, Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo. Liz did the arranging of items and packaging the baskets with cellophane.

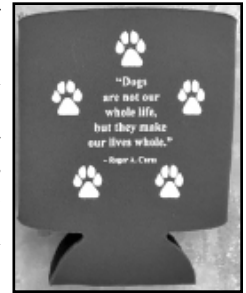
Debbie and Deb made beautiful bows, and Deb produced the golf ball-shaped descriptive labels and bid sheets for the silent auction items. Unfortunately, she forgot to print out labels for the raffle items, so there were many "mystery baskets!"

Numerous volunteers helped stuff the golfers' goodie bags at Deb's house on Tuesday before the tournament: Debbie Ball, Duane Borho, Adam Cardinal, Beth Chaffee, Patrick Doyle, Michael Feight, Sandra Hansen, Jill Imler, Sheila Joyce, Trishia Murphy, Deb Orwig, Jill and Fred Prose, Liz Tataseo, Cindy Tigges and Jane Triplett. Since we had so many helpers for goodie bag stuffing, we were finished with 88 bags in about 45 minutes! The list of goodie bag donors and the items they donated are on pages 31-32.



Our volunteer crew stuffed the goodie bags assembly-line fashion around Deb's dining room table

Debbie Boshes, an **AGR** member/adopter who works for **Brown & Bigelow**, got us a great price and helped us acquire the can koozies that **AGR** contributed to the golfers' goodie bags. The saying from Roger A. Caras on the can koozie is: *Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.* We now have these available in seven different colors with white printing: black, burgundy, green, purple, red, royal blue, and Texas orange. Those that were left over from the tournament will be added to our merchandise inventory and sold at events for \$3 each or two for \$5.



Loading up the trailer on Friday afternoon at Deb's house were Fred Prose, Patrick Doyle, Liz Tataseo, Deb Orwig, Jill Prose and Adam Cardinal; Fred drove the trailer-hauling vehicle; Connie McCabe took the picture

All of the equipment for set-up and all the items for the raffle and silent auction were at Deb Orwig's house and had to be loaded into vehicles and the **AGR** trailer, transported to the Golf Club, unloaded and set up inside and outside the clubhouse. For packing up on Friday and transport on Saturday, we thank the following for their assistance: Adam Cardi-

nal, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, Jill and Fred Prose and Liz Tataseo.

April Crow, Teri Guilbault and Sally Schwenn met us all at the Golf Club to help with unloading and set-up on Saturday. Since Nick Dodson, who usually drives our trailer, was at home nursing a herniated disc in his back, Fred Prose kindly drove the vehicle pulling the trailer.



Teri Guilbault and April Crow set up and handled golfer check-in

Assistants at golfer check-in included April Crow, Patty Forte, Teri Guilbault, Cindy Pavero and Cindy Tigges. Sarah Martin, Cindy Pavero, Karey Rodeffer, and Michele Wehry sold raffle tickets. Dinner guest check-in was handled by Debbie Ball, April Crow, Deb Orwig, Cindy Pavero, Sally



Sarah Martin helped with unloading the trailer, drove a water cart around the course, and sold raffle tickets and Game Improvement Packages





Debbie Ball was a great help on the Solicitation Committee



April Crow, Deb Orwig, Sally Schwenn and Cindy Pavero helped with dinner guest check-in; Cindy also sold raffle tickets



Connie McCabe and Patty Forte took photos of all the golfers on the course; in this picture, you can see that both of the ladies are wearing neck coolers that AGR provided for the golfers

Schwenn, and Sue Vallie. Sarah Martin drove a golf cart around the course with cold water, neck coolers, *Game Improvement Packages* and raffle tickets. Connie McCabe and Patty Forte rode together around the course and took photos of every foursome.



Our 72 golfers began checking in around 11:30 AM to be greeted by some of our special dogs (left to right in these and the following four photos): **Valentina** with Patty Forte,



**Sammy** with Tom Geffken, **Ashley** and **Mary Kate** with Dean Mortimore, **Honey** with Cindy Pavero, **Charlie** with Carrie Peck and **Natasha** with Cindy Tigges. Cindy Tigges and **Natasha** handled sales of

our *Game Improvement Package* and Mulligans – these sales totaled \$910! We also had some special dogs join us during dinnertime: Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer brought their two service dogs, **Joie** and **Sucy**. The golfers loved the opportunity to pet these wonderful, well-behaved dogs.



Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer with service dogs Sucy and Joie joined us for dinner

*Game Improvement Package (GIP)* – What is this? We have to admit that



this package was not our idea but one we borrowed, with permission, from another tournament that Cindy Tigges had helped with the weekend before ours. Cindy and her daughter Taryn prepared the packages, the instructions and the explanatory sign. Thanks to their efforts, we took in \$880 as donations for the dogs! Five items were included in the \$20 package: two Mulligans – for use when a do-over is needed (we did sell Mulligans separately, limit two per golfer, for \$5 each); a ticket for *Move Up One Tee Box* – one use only, forward from the position at which a golfer would normally hit; a ticket for *Throw Ball* – one toss only – if shot landed in a trap or out of bounds, golfer could pick up the ball and toss it from where it landed and not count the toss as a stroke, or if a shot landed short of the green, golfer could toss the ball towards the pin without counting a stroke; if a golfer came up short on a putt, any length of a four-foot *Rope* could be used one time only to improve the lie and perhaps even move the ball into the hole without losing a stroke. It was a fun package that about 60% of the golfers purchased for \$20, limit one per golfer. One twosome that had not bought the package before the tournament drove their golf cart back to the starting area after about 1/2 hour of play in order to purchase the package then. At that moment, Sarah Martin was driving a water cart around the course, handing out neck coolers, and selling raffle tickets, *GIPs* and Mulligans, so the golfers had the opportunity to get the package. Golfers take note: next year, the package will be available only before the tournament starts. We are betting that a much higher percentage of our golfers will purchase it!



In addition to the above-listed volunteers, several other people helped with the tournament in various ways. *Arizona Golden Rescue* would especially like to thank Greg Avant (photo at left), owner of *Lone Tree Golf Club*, and the staff at *Lone Tree Golf Club* for their generous support and help; Aaron Kunkel, Head Golf Pro, and Krissy Kinel, Restaurant Manager, were particularly helpful.

We had a total of seven golf outings available in our raffle and silent auction, two nice golf shirts from *The Antigua Group* each paired with a box of *Titliest Pro VI* golf balls (the best commercially-available balls), and some other golf-related items from Jon Chaffee, the *PGA Superstore* and *Van's Golf Shops*, all of which were well received by the golfers.



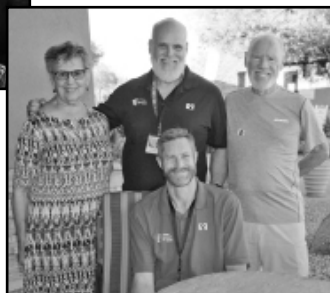
Before the golfers take off for the course, we usually ask them to look through

their goodie bags for the special *AGR* golf ball. We did not have time to do this this year, but as Connie and Patty drove around the course taking photos, they asked each golfer to look in his or her goodie bag for the ball. We had a very nice extra goodie bag with well over \$100 of items for the golfer who found the ball, and this year that was Diane McCary (photo at right). In the bag were a box of 8 sleeves of golf balls, a \$50 Amazon.com gift card, a \$25 Pei Wei gift card, and several packages of *Van's Golf Shops* tees that had been left over from goodie bag stuffing.



Above: Linda Teveldahl and Stephanie Wil-lits were guests of *AGR* member Michele Meyer;

Right: Adam Cardinal (top middle) brought his parents, Marion and Robert Cardinal, and his friend Duane Borho – Adam's parents were celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary that night!



everyone enjoyed a wonderful BBQ buffet consisting of coleslaw; dinner rolls with butter; smoked baby back pork ribs; marinated rotisserie half chicken; baked beans; corn on the cob; baked potato bar with sour cream, chives, butter, bacon bits, and shredded cheddar cheese; with German chocolate cake for dessert. The food was fantastic! Extra thanks to Krissy Kinel, Food Service Man-



Left: Daisy Barsetti-Neumann and Mary Jo Barsetti, who recently adopted 18-048 Hugs

ager for preparing a special non-meat vegetarian quesadilla for one of our golfers.



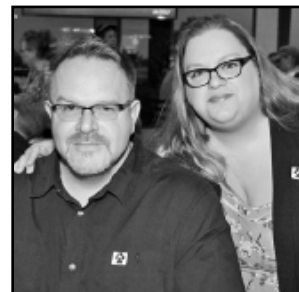
Above left: Long-time member Ruth Pulliam; Above right: Fran Cook, Scott and Catherine Spillman, and Janis Nelson – Fran bought our most popular silent auction item, "Eat Out Once a Month for a Year". Once active in the now-defunct *AZGRC*, Fran and the Spillmans were checking us out – we hope we made a favorable impression and that they will all join *AGR*.



After dinner, prizes were awarded in various areas. By the time we distributed the prizes, some of the golfers had left, so Connie McCabe was not able to get full-



foursome photos of all the winning teams. Consequently, I have included the pictures she took of these teams out on the course. She also was not able to get pictures of some of the diners.



Winning First Place with a score of 43 (the purchase of *Golf*

Top Left: Mark Hill and Michele Wehry, who have never missed a golf tournament dinner

Middle Left: Liz Tataseo helped with basket-packaging and stayed to help with clean-up, and Sue Vallie, who was a Tail Waggin' Sponsor and helped label baskets at the event

Below Left: Dustin and Rebecca Mackerman – Rebecca was invaluable on the Solicitation Committee





Improvement Packages was money well spent!) was Team Herzan (photo at left) with Keith Lucas, Diane Lucas, Tom Herzan and Bob Feilner; each team member got a \$100 Restaurant.com gift card.

In Second Place with a score of 49 was Team Bond with Steve Hess, Terry Schwenn, Frank Bristyan and Brian Bond; each team member received \$75 in Restaurant.com gift cards.



Third Place was awarded to Team Knight with a score of 50: Phil Johnson, Pat Johnson, Nancy Knight and Ralph Knight; each golfer received a \$50 Restaurant.com gift card.



Also receiving \$50 Restaurant.com gift cards were the winners of Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin for men and women:



Above: Team Ortega with Fernando Walker, Max Ortega IV, Max Ortega III, and Darrin Ortega, who won Longest Drive, Men

Middle: Team Engstrom with Andrew Tonini, Kelley Berglund, Bert Engstrom and Christopher Engstrom, who won Closest-to-the-Pin, Men

Below: Team Blower with Dave Woods, Stacey Zoyiopoulos, Kevin Michaels and Kim Blower; Stacey won Longest Drive, Women



Darrin Ortega for Longest Drive, Men; Stacey Zoyiopoulos, Longest Drive, Women; and Christopher Engstrom, Closest to the Pin, Men. For some reason that was not explained to me, none of the women won Closest-to-the-Pin. Congratulations to all!



More of Our Wonderful Foursomes



Left: Team Abbs with Matt Couch, John Abbs, Bryan Yates and Kevin Olson  
Right: Team Barstad with Mark and Shane Barstad and Diane and Greg McCary



Team Buffalin with Joe Buffalin, Peggy Meyer and Peter Meyer; Mike Wilson in photo at right was also in this foursome but had to leave early – he was overcome by the heat, having just spent the summer in Colorado



Left: Team Chaffee with Eva Chapman, Chris McDaniel, Beth Chaffee and Vernon McDaniel;  
Right: Team Chaffee with Tony Keller, Ron Garland, Jon Chaffee and Karl Lambert



Above: Team Gillette with Gerard Gillette, Tom Payne, Rick Teveldahl and Toby Willits

Right: Team Jarvis with Louis Jarvis, Joe Fanelli, Ty Bennett and Cheerleader Miles Bennett







Above Left: Team Hammond with CJ Carbone, Robert Carter, Tom Walton and Bryon Hammond



Above Right: Team Johnson with Barb Young, Dan Johnson, Chris Johnson and Pam Johnson

Below Left: Team Ambrose with Joe Ambrose, Marlene Ambrose, Carol Ambrose and Tom Kelly

Below Right: Team Howell with Kevin Cunningham, Rick Hobbs, Patrick Kiser and Mike Howell



Left: Team Stoner with Brian Baer, Tony Becker, Greg Carson and Alan Stoner

At the end of the event, equipment, merchandise, leftover raffle and silent auction items, hole signs and water still needed to be packed up and brought to Deb's house. Thanks to the following for staying late and getting it all done: Duane Borho, Adam Cardinal, Ellen Lagerman, Jill and Fred Prose, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, Karey and Sheri Rodeffer, and Liz Tataseo.



Ellen Lagerman and Cindy Tigges

We had significant financial support from numerous donors this year, as well as many Hole Sponsors. Tail Waggin' Sponsors (i.e., everyone who gave anywhere from \$10 to \$500) donated a total of \$3,839. There were twenty-seven Hole Sponsors for a total of \$5,150; we gave *Sherwin-Williams* a complimentary hole sign due to their contribution for the goodie bags, which was valued at over \$500. Total revenue from all sponsorships was \$8,989.

Expenses for the tournament totaled \$6,084.70 and included:



Left: Sally Schwenn and Beth Chaffee; Right: Joe Ambrose and Jon Chaffee  
Beth and Jon co-chaired the tournament with Deb Orwig, brought many of their friends and co-workers to play, handled the golfing side of the event, and contributed both cash and items for the raffle and silent auction. Tremendous thanks to both of them!



Beth Chaffee's State Farm Agency and Jon Chaffee's Berkshire Hathaway business both sponsored holes

\$22.15 for the registration software upgrade; \$153.30 for advertising postcards; \$270 for

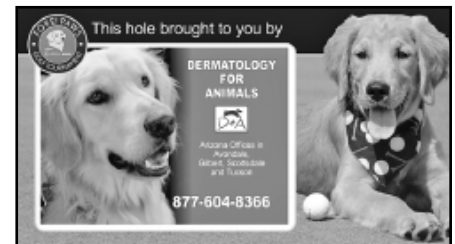
postage; \$95.35 for can koozies for the goodie bags; \$490 for the hole signs; \$1,750 – fee for golf; \$1,224 – dinner fee for 120 dinners; \$1,416 other golf-related fees; \$21.00 for ice; and



\$642.90 tax and gratuity. We used nice burgundy-colored tote bags with the *AGR* logo that had been leftover from our 2016 tournament which Liz Tataseo



Several of our wonderful vets and veterinary medical-related businesses sponsored holes including *Animal Medical & Surgical Center*, *Dermatology for Animals*, *Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital*, *Medmetrics Pharmacy* and *Stetson Hills Animal Hospital*



donated for that tournament, so we had no expense for the bags this year.



Proceeds from the tournament totaled \$26,093.20, including:



**NOTE:**  
All hole signs were the same size; in the photos, some signs appear larger than others, but that is because of the angle at which the photo was taken

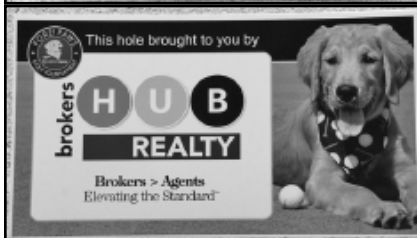
\$7,029 from golfers, \$1,925 collected from dinner-only guests, \$910 from sales of *Game Improvement Packages* and Mulligans, \$1,820 from raffle ticket sales, \$6,330 from silent



Five holes were sponsored by non-medical businesses.

From here, top to bottom:  
*Allset Precision* – Dean Mortimore  
*AZ Pool Remodeling & Service* – Alan Stoner  
*Brokers HUB Realty* – Nicholas Yale  
*EmbroidMe North Phoenix* – Larry Hevner  
*Glendale Steel Supply* – Julie and Kory Kosier

And at top of next column:  
*Michaels Wilder* – Shelly Anderson



auction sales, \$5,150 from Hole Sponsorships and a total of \$2,929 from all other donations. The raffle ticket revenue would have undoubtedly been higher had our attendees known what was included in each raffle basket, but I had forgotten to print out the basket labels and bring them to put on the baskets. I'm sure that a lot of the raffle winners got some very nice surprises when they went through the items in their basket wins! In addition, we

sold \$98-worth of merchandise, which goes into our General Fund, not into our Golf Tournament revenue. The total profit from the tournament was **\$20,008.50!** Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this fundraiser!

Several *AGR* members sponsored signs in honor of or in memory of a dog

From here down:

Debbie, Rick and Shelby Ball

Patrick Doyle – In Memory of Annabelle, Khaki and Sandy Begley-Doyle

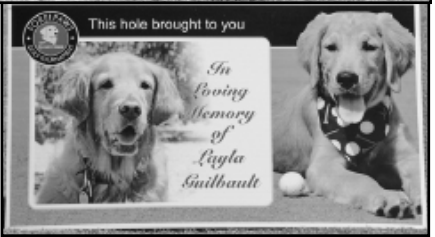
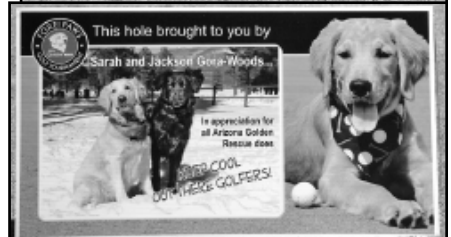
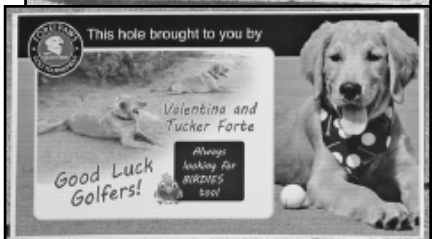
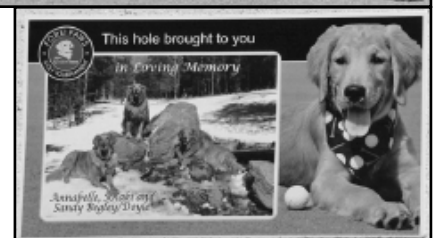
Mary and Bert Engstrom for Autumn to honor all special needs dogs

Patty Forte – Valentina and Tucker Forte Always looking for "Birdies" too

Carol Gora and Don Woods – In appreciation for all Arizona Golden Rescue does; Sarah and Jackson say, *Keep cool out there golfers!*

Teri and Jeff Guilbault – In Memory of Layla

Everyone seemed to have a good time at the event and enjoyed playing on the course, so we have decided to host a tournament at *Lone Tree Golf Club* again on **September 28, 2019**. Golfers, please put this date on your calendar now and start recruiting other golfers – in order to lock in this date, we are obligated to field at least 100 golfers, so we have some work to do! If any *AGR* member would like to join the Golf Committee, please





let me know (dorwigaz@cox.net or call 623-693-0589).

More AGR member signs:

Anne, Richard and Emma Gutekunst

Sandra Hansen – In Memory of Jasmine

Julie and Kory Kosier – In Memory of Kleedes

Karyn Marchant – In Honor of Lily

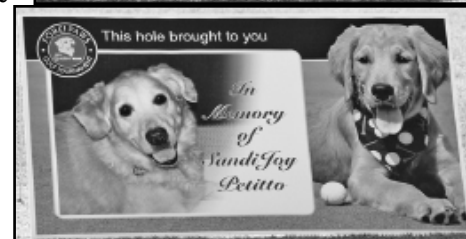
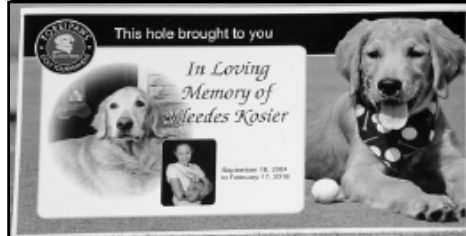
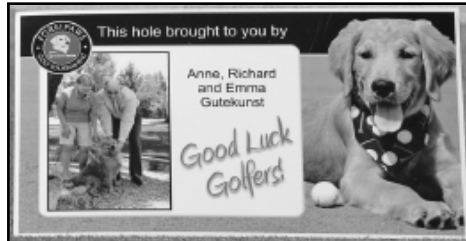
Deb and Larry Orwig – In Honor of The Orwig Gang sign is shown on page 24

Judy Petitto – In Memory of SandiJoy

Cynthia Wenström and Mike Lane – Hannah says “My wish for you is to be on in two”; this sign was put on a par 5 hole

**Tail Waggin’ Sponsors** (Any amount up to \$999)

Debbie and Rick Ball  
Beth and Jon Chaffee  
April Crow and Rick Reid  
Susan Dafris  
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Sharon Flores  
Carol Gora  
Jenna Jones  
Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain  
Ralph Knight  
Ellen Lagerman  
James Lasala  
Karyn Marchant  
Trishia Murphy and Bill Richardson  
Deb and Larry Orwig  
Harold Parsons, Jr.  
James Rudin  
Sally Schwenn  
Steve Sumwalt



Jan and Harry Parsons, friends of AGR, donated a hole sign

Susan and Roger Vallie  
Sharon and Joe Wozny



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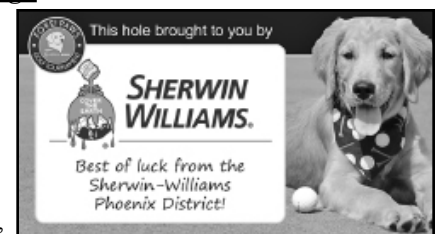
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Mary and Bert Engstrom – *Autumn Engstrom in honor of all Special Needs Dogs*  
Patty Forte – *In Honor of Tucker and Valentina Forte*  
*Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital* – Valerie Ferguson, DVM  
*Glendale Steel Supply* – Julie and Kory Kosier  
Carol Gora and Don Woods – *In Honor of Sarah and Jackson Gora-Woods*  
Teri and Jeff Guilbault – *In Memory of Layla Guilbault*  
Anne, Richard and Emma Gutekunst  
Sandra Hansen – *In Memory of Jasmine Hansen*  
*HUB Brokers* – Nicholas Yale  
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**Complimentary Hole Sign**

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**Goodie Bag Item Donors**

*Arizona Golden Rescue* – bags, business cards, can koozies, *Shop at Fry's* flyer, and nail files  
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 Liz Tataseo – Nutri-Grain® bars  
**Van's Golf Shop** – packages of tees  
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**Golfer Prizes**  
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Some of our silent auction items: Round of Golf for Two at *Oak Creek Country Club* in Sedona; Custom-designed-and-made shirt from *SW Wilson Bespoke & Custom Clothiers*; new-technology Epson color printer; Sharp 50" TV; basket of many items with the theme "Visit Cuba from Home!" – we built the entire Cuba collection valued at \$258 from a Cuban music CD and a large pineapple dog toy that had been donated!

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Meet-and-Greets at Petco

By Liz Tataseo

GLENDALE, 9980 W Northern Ave. – Liz Tataseo, Hostess



Denise Padavano, Deb Orwig and Carolyn Blean

with **Shelby**; Sheila Joyce with **Willow** and **Charlie**;



Cassie Barnett with Charlie Joyce on her lap

In July, we started outside and then went inside and had to compete with a cat rescue, plus very little traffic came by us – it was hot! All who came had a good time, though, but we had very, very minimal donations – only \$4. Joining **Reba** and me were Cassie Barnett and daughter Lily; Debbie Ball



Lily Barnett with Reba Tataseo

and Deb Orwig with **Vin**. While we were still outside, we had a brief visit from long-time members Carolyn Blean and Denise Padavano. Congratulations on your retirement from teaching, Denise!

August was much better outside – not as hot as it had been in July – and in terms of donations, \$87. Joining **Emma**, **Reba** and me were Cassie Barnett and daughter Lily; Dean Mortimore with **Mary Kate** and **Ashley**; and Deb Orwig with **Vin**. Marcie and David Moody, new members who live in Prescott, stopped by to meet us on their way to a **Di-**



Marcie and David Moody with Vin Orwig

**amondbacks** game. A lovely young Golden named **Penny**, accompanied by Amanda and Jeannie Fraser, visited with us and our dogs. This was **Penny's** first social experience and she did very well, so the



Emma Tataseo

family ended up joining **AGR** as members. We hope to see them all again soon, so we can get a photo of the family.



Ashley and Mary Kate Mortimore on a beautiful quilt made by AGR member Sheri Rodeffer

September was an exceptional month in terms of donations, thanks to many visitors and two generous donations: \$140 in cash donations and two separate donation checks totaling \$150! Thanks, everyone! Joining



Sheila Joyce with Willow and Charlie; Jillian and Andrea Decker with Diego; Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate and Ashley; Deb Orwig with Vin and Duffy; Patrick Doyle; Debbie Ball with Shelby; Liz Tataseo with Emma and Reba; Jodi and Jay Koblick with Connie's foster girl Riley

**Emma**, **Reba** and me were Debbie Ball with **Shelby**; Andrea Decker and her daughter with **Diego** who was adopted six years ago and is a lovely Golden; Patrick Doyle; Mary Engstrom with **Autumn**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and **Willow**; Dean Mortimore with **Mary Kate** and **Ashley**; and Deb Orwig with **Vin** and **Duffy**. Connie McCabe stopped by with foster girl **Riley** (whom she has now adopted) and took the group photo. We had many questions about the dogs and handed out many brochures about how to adopt. Two people who stopped to talk with us submitted adoption applications when they got back home! We also celebrated Patrick's 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday! It was a happy day for all!



Debbie Ball with Shelby; Mary Engstrom with Autumn



Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

By Connie McCabe

PEORIA, 9960 N. 91<sup>st</sup> Ave. – Connie McCabe, Hostess

Summers are too hot to be outside at this location – we will be starting up again on the second Sunday of the month from 1 – 4 PM when the temperature is 90 degrees or less, most likely in October. Please check our online **AGR** calendar to see when we will be there again. All dates are noted on our Facebook page, too.



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