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We love our dog, but can't take care of her anymore. Can you take her soon?

Help!  
I lost my dog, what do I do now?

I found a Golden Retriever in my neighborhood!

I'm moving out of state tomorrow - come pick up my dog right now or he goes to the pound

Help!  
My dog has been sick for weeks. I can't afford to take care of her and she is at the emergency vet. Can you take care of her right now?

My family member is allergic to my dog, can you take him?

We lost our home and we have to move in with relatives tomorrow - can you take our dog tonight?

This is the shelter. This dog will be euthanized if you don't pick her up tomorrow! She is not adoptable because she is old and sick!

This puppy has been tearing up my house for 2 months - come get him now!

## See what happens next...

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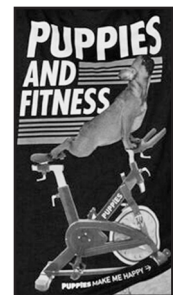
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PuppiesMakeMeHappy.com donated T-shirts and tank tops for the teenagers to wear before the fashion parade actually began at the *Fashion Paw Tea*. Please see the article on pages 28 - 40 for many more photos from this event.

Masthead photo by Deb Orwig of **15-009 Reba**, who is all decked out in a holiday donation vest and will have her paw up meeting and greeting *Barnes & Noble* customers during this coming season.

Cover Design by Connie McCabe featuring **12-103 Murphy Beceiro**

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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Vin, Duffy, Mufasa and Dolly Orwig

On Saturday, September 9, 2017, we had the best time of our lives – we were all models in the *Fashion Paw Tea* that was co-sponsored by *Arizona Golden Rescue* and *Scott Foundation*! We got to *Monterra at WestWorld* at 8:30 AM. Patrick Doyle had already arrived and put out the *AGR* sandwich board signs at the driveway and parking lot entrances. Mom carried in some last-minute raffle and silent auction items that had chocolate in them, then



came back to collect our outfits and hung them on the rack near the dressing room. Then she brought us in and put all of us except *Dolly* in the two big crates she had set up. Gene Carter arrived with daughter Celeste and friend Jaiden, and Gene kindly offered to watch *Dolly* (as if she were going to go anywhere) in the “old folks’ corner” (photo on p 36).

Everybody else started coming in around 9 AM. By 10 AM, all 39 canines and their handlers were there, as well as several *AGR* volunteers who did not bring dogs but who helped with such things as other members’ extra dogs, registration check-in and keeping eyes on the fabulous raffle and silent auction items.

Until lunch for the humans was served at noon, our handlers were encouraged to walk us around the silent auction and raffle areas or stand at the entrance to meet-and-greet the attendees. We loved that – lots of petting and oohs and aahs over how beautiful we all were! And we weren’t even wearing our outfits yet! We knew everyone was in for a real treat when the fashion parade began.

Our handlers started getting us dressed around 12:30, so we would be ready at 12:45 to step out onto the paw print path that was marked on the carpet. Considering that the dressing area was rather small and we shared it with the 20 teenagers representing *Scott Foundation*, it was amazing that there were never any

growls or barks – everyone got along just great!

Our friend and adopter of a 2009 *AGR* dog, Tram Mai (photo at right), was there from *TV Channel 12 News* to be the show commentator. We were glad to hear that her dog, *Pressley*, was doing well.



Shelby Ball as “Alice in Wonderland”

*Shelby Ball* was the first one to step out. Representing the theme of the show, she was “Alice in Wonderland” and looked so cute in her Alice’s party dress! After *Shelby* came “Queen of Hearts” *Sucy Rodeffer*, then five other characters from the story (female and male Cheshire Cats, the White Rabbit, Wonderland Exotic Flowers, and the Mad Hatter) and 32 others, with every two dogs followed by one of the 20 teenagers model-

ing outfits provided by *Spiritual Gangster*.



*Mufasa* (photo at left) was the last one to be presented. In his Chief’s outfit made by our mom,



Sucy Rodeffer as “Queen of Hearts”

he thanked *AGR* for rescuing him and giving him the heartworm treatment he needed to be a healthy dog, and he also thanked everyone for attending and supporting the two sponsoring organizations, *Arizona Golden Rescue* and *Scott Foundation*. For many more photos and a more extensive article, please see pages 28 - 40.

We had a wonderful time and, if you attended, hopefully you did, too. Coming up, there are many opportunities for you to join us at some *AGR* events.



Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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This issue of *The Golden Paw* is primarily about *Arizona Golden Rescue’s* rescue process and all that is involved. For those of you readers who do not know much about *AGR*, I hope the information will give you a good idea of what we do and how we do it

and might encourage some of you to join our rescue efforts. I also hope our continuing members will be reminded about our process, and perhaps some of them will want to step up participation. In order to volunteer with **AGR**, one must be a member – it is a requirement by our insurance company, which gives us a great rate because we enforce this requirement. You can join as a member by going to our website and filling out a membership application. The annual fee is \$25 for a single adult in the household, \$40 for two or more adults or a family. Higher-support levels are also available. You can pay the fee from the website via PayPal, or you can send a check to the address on the back cover of this newsletter. The membership comes with four quarterly issues of this newsletter and the opportunity to join other members at any of our activities with or without a dog – there will be many such events in the coming six months. You do not need to own a Golden Retriever or Golden mix to be a member, just have the desire to support our rescue efforts.

I would like to thank each of the Board members and Team Managers, as well as all the Team participants and auxiliary personnel listed on page 2, who serve this organization. Each does a very important job for **AGR**. The Board members have columns in this issue, so you will read about what each does. What does the President do?

The President of **Arizona Golden Rescue** provides the overall direction of the organization and is the official representative of the organization at all times when such a representative is warranted. So that I never appear uninformed, I keep tabs on all aspects of Rescue. I represent **AGR** at public events and on the **Golden Retriever Club of America's National Rescue Committee**. I issue the call for Board meetings, create the agendas and chair the meetings. All messages directed to [info@arizonagoldenrescue.org](mailto:info@arizonagoldenrescue.org) come to me. I respond to those and to phone calls that request general information, but I forward most of the [info@](mailto:info@arizonagoldenrescue.org) messages to the appropriate Board member (usually to the Director of Dog Care or Human Resources Director) or Team Manager. I share with Liz Tataseo the duty of collecting the mail from our mailbox that is in a UPS store a few miles from our homes.

The President is the Chief Financial Officer. As such, I compile all income, make deposits, oversee all expenses, write any checks for bills or reimbursements, and connect with Cindy Tigges, our Organization Accountant, who then enters the information into Quickbooks. Cindy and I work together to prepare the Financial Picture for the newsletter and to do the annual **IRS** tax return. I also connect with Debbie Ball, who keeps a spreadsheet up to date with all expenses for every dog, and with Jolene Schlichter, who is **AGR's** Grants Writer. As per our By-laws, I must approve any expense of \$500 or more, which means I am in regular communication with the Health Care Team. Another financial job includes withdrawing cash from our bank account before each event where we sell merchandise. In addition, I operate **AGR's** credit

card processing machine and keep records of all transactions. I keep track of all the merchandise in our sale inventory and order new merchandise as needed. Annually, I must renew our insurance policy, renew our active status with the **Arizona Corporation Commission**, and prepare the tax return. I keep a spreadsheet of all donations and, at the end of the year, write thank-you letters to all donors.

As an individual volunteer for **AGR**, I also foster dogs, do home evaluations and transports, chair some of **AGR's** events and attend almost all **AGR** events; occasionally, I also give input to Intake, Placement, and Health Care. I am the editor of the newsletter and the merchandise manager. Very busy? Yes, always! But I wouldn't have it any other way.



### *It's a Ruff Life!*

By Cindy Pavero  
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I would like to take this time to inform you about the duties of my strictly volunteer position as **AGR's** Director of Activities. I am assigned to increase public recognition, increase volunteer involvement and help with fundraising.

Typically, I get information about a specific event from Deb Orwig, our President. I usually have to do some research into the event to make sure it is something that will benefit our dogs in one way or another. Then I register **AGR**, pay the fees, if applicable, and start the planning.

First, I have to be sure an event is put on our calendar to make all members aware of it. Next, it is time to send out blast e-mails to all **Arizona Golden Rescue** members – Adam Cardinal helps with this task. For virtually every event, I am looking for volunteers to help set up our booth (including decorating the booth if the event calls for such), sell raffle tickets, monitor the silent auction tables, help with sales, coordinate the amount of dogs attending along with their handlers, figure out the shifts at which they will help, and, finally, breaking down the booth.

For other events, such as parades, I once again set up volunteers, along with getting everyone to the staging area during the specific time set aside for our organization.

During the year, some times are busier times than others. **AGR** usually doesn't have many events during our hot summer. This is for the safety of our dogs. Our busy time starts in November and continues through April.

After you have read this column, I hope you are encouraged to

come to some of our events. We need all the help we can get! I guarantee your weekend will be most rewarding!

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**Regular Meet-and-Greets at *Petco* and *PetSmart* stores**  
 Check website calendar for dates,  
 times and locations: [www.arizonagoldenrescue.org](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org)

***PACC911 & All Saints Adopt-A-Thon***  
**Saturday, November 4, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
*All Saints Episcopal Church*  
 6300 N. Central Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85012

***Paws & Pasta Dinner***  
**Sunday, November 12, 11 AM - 4 PM**  
*Little Bite of Italy, Sun City*

***Holiday Pet Festival***  
**Saturday, December 2, 10 AM - 5 PM**  
**CANCELLED!**  
*WestWorld* gave the date to a 3-day event

***Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade***  
**Saturday, December 9th**  
**11:00 AM - Noon**  
**Downtown Glendale**  
 Staging begins at 9 AM at *Glendale Fire Department*  
 on 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave south of Glendale Ave

***3rd Annual Doggie Street Festival***  
 Saturday, January 20, 2018, 10:00-4:00  
*Steele Indian School Park*  
 300 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85012

***PACC911 & Anthem Pet Adopt-A-Thon***  
 Saturday, January 27, 2018, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
*Anthem Community Park*  
 41703 N. Gavilan Peak Parkway, Anthem, AZ. 85086

***PACC911 & Earnhardt Pet Adopt-A-Thon***  
 Saturday, February 17, 2018, 10:00 AM -3:00 PM  
*Earnhardt Ford*  
 7310 W. Orchid Lane, Chandler, AZ 85226

***Parada del Sol & Trail's End Festival***  
 Saturday, February 10, 2018, 10:00-12:00, Parade;  
 12:00-4:00 - Festival  
 Downtown Scottsdale

At all of these events, we are going to need you! We are looking for volunteers who can help with booth set-up and break-down and merchandise sales, among other things. For the *Trail's End Festival*, set-up is at 7:30 AM before the parade. For all **PACC911** events, set-up begins 1½ hours before the official start of the event. If you're interested in volunteering for any of these events or have any questions, please email me at [mscindyp1@yahoo.com](mailto:mscindyp1@yahoo.com).

Looking forward to seeing you at these events.

**HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING SCHEDULE**

There is a new restriction this year that will be enforced: A MAXIMUM OF FIVE DOGS MAY BE PRESENT AT ANY TIME DURING THE GIFT WRAPPING SESSIONS. Consequently, it is imperative that you contact Deb Orwig ahead of time to let her know you want to attend if you intend to bring a dog. We will divide dog handlers into shifts, so that everyone who wants to help can help. It will be important to meet and greet with the customers, rather than spending time talking with other **AGR** members. Overall, the holiday gift wrapping could be our largest fundraiser of the year, so we need your participation!

Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble**  
 2501 W Happy Valley Rd, Phoenix:

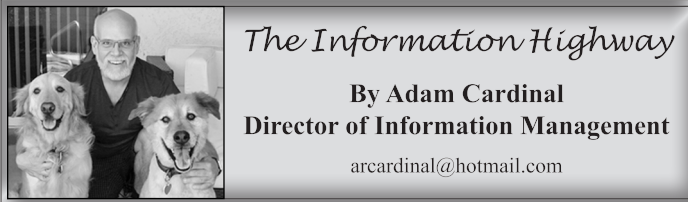
Saturday	November 18	1 PM - 5 PM
Sunday	November 19	10 AM - 5 PM
Black Friday	November 24	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	November 26	10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	December 10	10 AM - 5 PM
Friday	December 15	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	December 17	10 AM - 5 PM

Arrowhead **Barnes & Noble**  
 7685 W Bell Rd, Peoria

Saturday	December 16	9 AM - 12:30 PM
Sunday	December 24	9 AM - 6 PM

Please contact Deb Orwig at [dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net) or call 623-693-0589.

*Editor's Note: Normally, the column by the Director of Dog Care would follow here, but as it includes most of what the focus of this issue is on, I have put it at the end of the regular columns. See pages 12 - 16.*



For this issue of *The Golden Paw* I have been asked to provide you, our donors, adopters and volunteers with a better understanding of what I do as Director of Information Management. After a lifetime working in information technology, I can say this isn't the first, and most certainly won't be the last, time I have been asked to explain what exactly it is that I do.

The Director of Information Management is ultimately a facilitator and problem solver. Long before I became involved with **AGR** – first as an adopter, then as a volunteer, and now as a Board member – **AGR** made some strategic decisions to invest in technologies that enable it to deliver on its mission to connect Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes with people wishing to adopt and provide forever homes. With a limited number of all-volunteer staff to run **AGR's** operations, ongoing investments in technology have proven invaluable to the success of **AGR** and the Teams that do all the great work they do caring for and placing dogs.

At the core of the operational technology is the **AGR** database. The database is **AGR's** central data repository. Those of you familiar with databases may think of a large Excel-like listing of records. Each record is unique, with a variety of fields to hold the indicative data of the record. Data are spread across multiple tables with index fields that connect the tables together based on a single, unique record. The use of a distributed table design allows for efficient data storage, reducing the number of places where essential data elements are stored. It also enables **AGR** staff to update a record once and be confident that the record will appear accurately across all the function areas that **AGR** supports.

**AGR's** database is designed with specific application modules to support functional teams of volunteers performing services for the dogs and for our members. Reading and updating database records in a standard database display would give access to what is known as a flat file, which is a large file with a record ID and all associated fields.

Through the use of application modules, volunteers are provided with an easier way to display the information that is most relevant to their job function. The modules are as follows:

- Contacts
- Intake
- Placements
- Medical Records
- Applications
- Home Evaluations
- Transport Requests
- Placement Team

I perform user administration for the database, creating a unique user ID for volunteers to access the database. I assign them to groups that allow them to perform the functions required of volunteers on the Teams they are serving.

Having this information all in one place allows **AGR** to facilitate data gathering and storage. As you read through the descriptions of the other **AGR** functions, think about their information needs. What information would the Placement Team need from the Intake Team? Why would the medical records of dogs we have taken in and eventually placed with adopters be important to retain? These questions and many more were taken into account when the database was designed by *The Cyber Image*.

Of course, **AGR** continually changes and updates our operational processes, procedures and activities based on feedback from our volunteers and best practices from other rescue organizations. There are many legal and reputational risks in taking in surrendered dogs, evaluating them for behavior, temperament and socialization, treating their illnesses, and then finding a family that would be an appropriate home for the dog. We regularly review the information we gather and challenge ourselves to only gather additional data if it is meaningful and if it will provide for better outcomes in placement.

I use the contacts within the database to generate e-mail blasts to **AGR** members to notify them of upcoming events, fundraisers and awareness activities. When sending out these blasts we invariably receive bounce-backs – email addresses that are inaccurate or no longer active. I provide that information back to the Membership Manager who attempts to reach out to the contact and update the information in our database. **AGR** also maintains distribution lists to facilitate the consistent dissemination of information among Team members. When new members of functional Teams are selected, I add them to the distribution lists for their Teams. Thus, when there are changes in Team composition, messages sent to the distribution list will reach all the members of the list.

Information Technology is also responsible for maintaining and updating the **AGR** website. I do not currently have operational experience with the Joomla platform on which our website was developed. A long-time volunteer and former board member, Dana Haywood, continues to support the application until either I can develop the necessary skills or we find another volunteer with a

background in Joomla.

I also assist **AGR** with technology issues. To the best of my ability, I try to understand why a specific function doesn't work and then implement corrective action, either through updated permissions, error corrections, the unique nature of the interactions of the website and the volunteer's technology of choice, and just general differences in understanding of computers and technology. I also assist with identifying potential suspicious e-mail traffic targeted against Board members, yet not automatically caught by our anti-spam filters.

If you have questions about **AGR** and Information Technology, or have skills you might like to leverage to support **AGR**, please let me know. Having a deep bench of skilled volunteers helps us to ensure we have coverage in the event a key volunteer is traveling or is otherwise unable to volunteer at a specific point in time.



### The Human Connection

By **Connie McCabe**  
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As Human Resources Director, I review all paid membership applications to see what areas the new member might be interested in volunteering for. I then add those interests to a spreadsheet with their contact information and send this to all Team Managers, who can use it as a tool when they are looking for volunteers in their area. The spreadsheet is updated every few months and members who have not renewed are deleted from the sheet. Sometimes there are questions that a member might have and I answer those to the best of my knowledge, or I refer them to the appropriate Team Manager. I also call and/or send a welcome letter to each new member that outlines where they can get more information about the organization and encourage them to join and participate in our Yahoo e-list and Facebook page, along with contact information for all of the Board members. Also, when someone expresses interest in volunteering I give them the information about what is entailed and how to apply. As need arises, I will post requests on Facebook for certain types of volunteers who are needed for specific events or teams.

Because in my Board job I interface with the humans involved with our Rescue, my column in this newsletter focuses on some of them.

“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.

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 might know. Hopefully, you will learn something new about them and gain more insight into how they got here. If you are interested in getting to know some of the members I have featured in this column and you have not received previous issues of this newsletter, you can download them from the Information tab on our website.



In this issue, let's meet Carol Gora and Don Woods, who share number 425. They live at the edge of the forest in Flagstaff and rarely get to the Valley. They have adopted two **AGR** dogs and are regular supporters of **AGR's** events. They met at Keystone Resort in Colorado where they both worked in 1989.

Actually, Carol's Golden, **Copper**, and Don's Golden, **Augie**, met first. They seemed to get along, so Carol and Don decided to also. Since then, they have had additional generations of Golden: **Camembert** (aka **Cammie**), **Sundance** and **AGR** Rescue, **Sarah**. They also welcomed **Dante** and

**AGR** Rescue, **Jackson** (two black Golden wannabes who look like flat-coated retrievers). Carol put it this way:

*We were commenting this morning that*



Sarah, Jackson and Sundance cavorting in the snow

*each generation of dogs becomes more spoiled – probably reflecting our better parenting. On the other hand, they clearly expect us to maintain their high standards of feeding, treats, walks and petting. It's not entirely clear as to who has been trained by whom. But it wouldn't be home without all our fur kids. We are both so grateful of the tireless time everyone at **AGR** gives to rescue Golden. Our only regret is that we live in Flagstaff and aren't able to participate in all of the Rescue's activities. If you ever see a picture of two stunning Golden with one Golden wannabe in the snow, think of us!”*

Now, some updates from the Mikol family, number 527. Prior to recently moving to Minnesota, Debbie, was **AGR's** Placement Manager and very active on **AGR's** Intake, Transport and Foster Teams. The whole family, including **Hogan** (**AGR** Rescue) and **Ivy** also attended many events and will be missed. In Debbie's words: *Our journey with **AGR** began when we were matched with*



The only photo we have of the whole Mikol family was taken in 2012 on the day they picked up Hogan, one of the dogs AGR brought to AZ from Gold Ribbon Rescue in TX

**Hogan** in January 2012. He was one of a group of 6 dogs driven in from Texas, and I'll never forget the morning we met him at Teryl Hall's home to pick him up. Little did I know then that **AGR** would be become such a big part of my life. Maybe a year later, I noticed the newsletter ad looking for help for In-

take. As a stay-at-home mom, I had some free time and felt this would be a great group to give back to. I did Intake for a short time but had a hard time accepting some of the reasons people gave for surrender and quickly moved to the Placement Team. From there, I became the Placement Manager for the next 4 years or so and enjoyed working with an excel-



Ryan, Cat and Debbie Mikol with Hogan and Ivy before the Parada del Sol in 2015

ent team of volunteers to find a home for every dog that came through the Rescue. I added some occasional transports and also did quite a bit of fostering for **AGR**, as well. We also enjoyed going to events, especially the gift wraps. My 3 kids got in on the fun at some events and always were a big help with the foster dogs. My husband, Mark, should I say "tolerated" me bringing a new dog home every week and the time I devoted to my volunteer job, but he knows being involved in Rescue makes me happy, so he's been supportive. Due to a move away from Arizona to Minnesota this year, I resigned my position with **AGR**, however I am so grateful for not only the coolest dog ever, but also for the friendships I made with many of the wonderful volunteers who work so tirelessly for the Rescue. In Minnesota, I've become involved with an all-breed Rescue and help out one morning a week in their office. We also took in our first foster with this group a few weeks ago, **Henry**, a 2-year-old Treeing Walker Coonhound. Like **AGR**, this Rescue operates as a 501(c)(3), however has a very different feel from **AGR**, as their intake is around 2000 dogs and cats each year [Ed. Note: **AGR** does about 100 per year]. They do have a few paid staff members – I doubt they could handle this capacity with only volunteers, but they rely on volunteers for many of the same things: transport, home visits and fostering, with over 800 active foster families in their system.

Now a little about Roger and Sue Vallie, sharing number 576. Sue is the current Director of Dog Care for **AGR** and also serves on the Board. Both Roger and Sue grew up in cold country, finding separate paths to the Valley. Both originally arrived thanks to the



Air Force. Roger grew up in Buffalo, New York and regularly comments that as hot as it gets here, you don't have to shovel heat. His introduction to active duty in the Air Force was four years in Gila Bend. After completing that assignment, he returned to

Buffalo. Several years later, in the middle of a spectacular blizzard, a friend called him from Phoenix with the words, "Maricopa County is hiring." That made the offer too good to resist, but the move didn't occur until the all-time favorite time of year to arrive in AZ – July! Sue grew up west of Minneapolis, Minnesota in rural enough country that being snowed in for several days was not unusual. While horses were her first love, dogs were always part of her life. As an AF dependent, she lived in Tucson; Yokota, Japan; Montgomery, Alabama; and Hampton, Virginia. When it was clear that remaining in Virginia was not right, she moved back to the Valley with her two children, then ages 3 and 6. Both Roger and Sue are now retired, Roger from Maricopa County and the Air Force Reserves, and Sue from the City of Phoenix. With Sue's two adult children living in Arizona with their combined seven grandchildren, family is an important part of their time. They are also the happy parents to fur kids **Oliver**, a Goldendoodle, and **Trixie**, a senior Golden. **Trixie** was only supposed to land in their home for the weekend last March. She remains a permanent member of the family. These people can't afford to "foster" often!



Sue with Trixie and Oliver



### Follow the Lead

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### Body Language

This article is a start at education about body language and energy, both within ourselves and in our dogs.

A dog uses his entire body, from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail, to communicate with other canines. A dog's body language sends signals like "come and play" or "back off buddy." Dogs are acutely perceptive of human movement and the energy we create within. They pay attention to our body language much more and even when words are communicating something different.



I often explain and emphasize how important our energy is when we are communicating with our dogs, be it with general interaction and, especially, in disciplining. Our energy is created by intention times emotion, and how the same words delivered with the same emotion can have a completely different meaning because of the intent. Just as with words, displaying a calm, confident and positive energy within you, is truly the key in communicating with our dogs. Do you remember when you were a child and got into trouble with Mom? All she had to do was stand tall, put her hands on her hips and give you that ‘Mom look’ – how quickly that could put me in my place. When we are better able to read a dog’s body language, it can help us in return to establish our own confident energy within and communicate with dogs more on their level of understanding.

### Emotion and Intention

$$\text{Intention} \times \text{Emotion} = \text{Energy}$$

Luckily, dogs cannot hide either one from us. We are the ones who may not understand how clearly the dog is communicating. For a dog, emotion is displayed through body language, while intention is displayed through motion. As humans, we must do the same: use our own confident energy within to communicate what we want from a dog.

When a dog is not in a calm state, it only has three instinctual movements: fight, flight, or avoidance. In fight mode, the dog moves forward, and in flight mode it runs away. A dog may or may not move away in avoidance, but it will do everything else to not face the situation at hand. Fight, flight, and avoidance are the traditional terms that animal behaviorists use, but the words might be somewhat misleading because of the connotations they have. Another way to think of these motions is as advance, retreat, and ignore.

An excited dog and an aggressive dog may both move forward toward a person or other animal, but one of the motions is playful, while the other one is threatening. Likewise, a dog may run away in fear, or it may run away to start a game of chase with another dog. This is where the dog’s emotional state comes into it and combines with the dog’s intention to create the dog’s overall energy and, as I mentioned above, dogs express their emotions through body language.

Every part of the dog is engaged, but it is most important to watch the head, ears, tail, and back. The higher a dog’s head, ears, and tail are, the more dominant it is feeling, and the lower they are, the more submissive or uncertain the dog is feeling. Another thing to watch for is tension, particularly in the dog’s back and legs. The more tense a dog is, the higher its energy level, like a spring being pulled taut. In both cases, they reach a point where they snap – the spring shoots back to its regular size and the dog lunges forward.

A good example of a “fight” intention modified by body language to create positive energy is when a dog does a play bow to engage another dog. The motion is forward, but the front of the dog’s body is low to the ground. The intention is excitement but the emotion is friendly, so the energy is playful. Here is an opposite example: a dog may have its head, ears, and tail all raised. Perhaps it is showing its teeth, and maybe the hackles on its back are up as well, but it is slowly backing away. The body language is showing aggression, but the intent is flight. Despite the aggressive display, this is a dog that is terrified of something.

It can be easy to misinterpret a dog’s energy if we don’t consider both body language and intention. Some dogs express extreme submission by pulling their lips back to show their teeth. Now, a lot of people would see the dog’s teeth and think that it’s about to attack, but they may be missing the rest of what the dog is saying. If a dog shows its teeth but they’re together, the ears are pulled back along the head, the eyes are squinting, the dog lowers its body and leans away, and then the dog is actually retreating submissively and practicing avoidance. Likewise, a dog may come charging at you, but if its body is relaxed, its tail is level and wagging, and there’s no tension in the body, then it is showing excitement.

Dogs can’t tell us in words what they’re thinking and feeling because they don’t have to. They’re expressing themselves constantly through motion and body language – intention times emotion equals energy. Once we learn how to understand these concepts, a whole world of communication with our dogs opens up.

Stay calm, confident and listen to your dog!

*Service Paws*

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*Editor’s Note: This article was first published in the February 2014 issue of The Golden Paw. Each year, AGR receives several applications from people looking to adopt a service dog. AGR does not provide trained service dogs and never guarantees that any dog we rescue could be trained as a service dog, although some have been. If you are in need of a service dog, please consider going through a bona fide organization that trains such dogs, such as **Canine Companions for Independence** or **Power Paws Assistance Dogs**. Alternatively, you can work with **Happy Tails Service Dogs** to learn to train a dog to do what you need a service dog for.*

### *Reasons NOT to Consider a Service Dog*

For years, I have been singing the praises of the beauty of having a service dog. Life can be so much fuller, safer, and confident with a dog at your side to compensate for a physical deficit.

Now, here are some reasons one might put such a step out of his mind. A service dog is not for everyone. Here’s why. First, one

must consider the cost of keeping a dog. They are not cheap. A decent-quality food is essential to keep him in top working shape, and that can run \$60 a month or more, depending on the size of the dog. Vet bills and medications also bear a high price tag. Between heartworm and flea-and-tick prevention, those two meds alone run about \$250 a year. It is reasonable to expect veterinary visits to cost more than keeping a pet dog, as there is no time for a wait-and-see mindset. The dog has a job to do, and any medical problem must be seen to right away.

Most disabilities limit physical activity to some degree, and the dog must be okay with a lot of down time without being destructive or whiney. While a service dog is beside his handler most of the time, occasions do arise when it is more appropriate to leave him at home. In these cases, he needs to accept your being away without exhibiting separation anxiety.

Are you able to exercise your dog every day? Can you set aside time, two or three times each day, to reinforce the dog's training? What about grooming? Because a service dog is out in public, particularly in restaurants, grocery stores, and even hospitals, frequent bathing and brushing, and impeccable grooming are essential. It can be expensive if done professionally, and exhausting if you do it yourself.

A "dog bag" is not the lightest-weight thing to tote around with you, but your dog will need water, a dish, a towel to dry it with, a long leash, a treat bag, pick-up bags and even a toy or two. I also carry a small first aid kit and a bottle of neutralizer.

I am in no way saying all this is not worth it. Absolutely it is... to most people. But I have known a couple who found it much more work and expense than they were able to handle, and they wished they had known all of this up front. So now you do.



*Health and Safety*

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### ***Skin Diseases: To Itch or Not To Itch***

Unfortunately for our dogs, skin diseases can occur at any time in many different ways. They can be caused by outside forces (insects, allergens) or internal forces (auto-immune issues, hormones, tumors) or by the dogs themselves (lick granulomas).

**Outside Forces:** Itchy skin diseases such as contact dermatitis, atopy, insect bites or food allergies are common and can be hard to diagnose and treat. First, the substance has to be determined so it can be eliminated and the right treatment found. Some vets now use a special blood test that can determine what the dog is react-

ing to, but often it takes a canine dermatologist to do skin testing to find out the cause.

**Contact dermatitis** usually looks like red bumps on the skin or overall skin inflammation. It is usually caused by contact with a chemical, paint, detergent, rubber or plastic food dishes. In addition to skin inflammation, hair loss can occur at the point of contact. If a dog is allergic to the substance, the inflammation can spread beyond the point of contact.

**Atopy** is a seasonal issue caused by environmental allergens such as pollen and causes severe itching; it can get worse every year. It usually starts with foot chewing or face rubbing. A drug that works really well for this is Apoquel (I personally know this), but this medication can be expensive.

**Insect bites** from fleas, ticks, fly larvae, or lice can cause severe



Prince had huge open sores all over his neck and body and had lost most of his fur due to an infestation of sarcoptic mange mites

itching around the tail, along the back, or under the chin, ears and elbows. Hair loss also occurs with many dogs. Scabies is caused by sarcoptic mange all over the body. In 2011, we brought in a dog we named **Prince**, who had sarcoptic mange. Most of his fur was gone and he smelled terrible. He required a month of medicated baths three times a week. He also had low thyroid and allergies.

**Hormones:** Skin issues caused by hormone imbalance usually result in hair loss; one of the most common is hypothyroidism. This can cause hair loss without any itching and is often noticeable when a dog's coat becomes thin, dry and falls out easily. Weight gain for no noticeable reason usually occurs along with the hair loss. A thyroid test can determine if the dog has hypothyroidism and medication can return the dog to good health, although the dog would have to remain on it for the rest of his life. Once hormone balance is achieved, the fur may or may not return to its full glory.

Hormone-related hair loss can also be caused by cortisone excess from Cushing's disease, estrogen excess or deficiency, or growth hormone deficiency. An example of growth hormone deficiency or response is Alopecia X or Black Skin disease. This condition causes hair loss and hyperpigmentation of the skin. Usually there is no sign of any systemic illness and the dog usually feels and acts normally. **AGR** recently had a dog come in (**17-063 Rufus**, photo at right) that we thought might have this condition.



**Food allergies** are non-seasonal and can cause inflamed skin, pustules, bumps and moist weeping redness on most parts of the

body. It can be hard to determine what particular food ingredient causes the reaction, so limited-ingredient diets and novel proteins are recommended. (Novel protein would be other than beef, chicken, turkey and fish such as venison, lamb, bison, etc.)

**Autoimmune issues:** Skin diseases can be caused by an antibody attacking the normal components of the skin. This antibody destroys the cohesiveness of the skin and can cause inflammation, pustules, hair loss and weeping redness. An immune-mediated skin disease is one that can be a reaction to an outside source such as a drug or other substance that reacts with an antibody and the complex is deposited in various locations in the body. This complex causes an inflammatory response which destroys the tissue. An example of auto immune skin disease is Pemphigus, which is directed against the walls of the skin cells and the skin cells separate. Four types of Pemphigus exist. *Foliaceous* is the most common and can inflame the skin everywhere but also can cause thickening and cracking of foot pads. *Erythematous* is localized to the face, head and foot pads. *Vegetans* is rare and forms pustules in skin folds. *Vulgrais* is uncommon but occurs in lips, nostrils and eyelids.

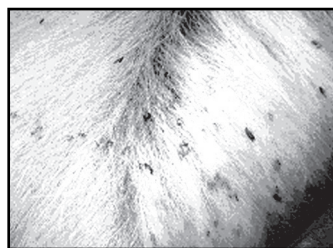


11-088 Oliver was diagnosed with discoid lupus

**Systemic Lupus and Discoid Lupus** are examples of immune-mediated skin disease. The former is body wide and can affect many parts of the body including the skin. Lameness is often the first symptom, but severe dermatitis followed by crusting, oozing and hair loss can follow. This disease is difficult to diagnose and usually requires chemotherapy to treat. Discoid Lupus is a milder form of Systemic Lupus and is limited to the face and

often the nose. It can be treated with steroids and sunscreens/sun-blocks are useful. Any of these conditions can be exacerbated by the dog's licking excessively or, if not treated, the intrusion of bacteria that leads to wide spread infection. See your vet for any strange skin occurrence, excessive licking or itchiness.

A rare condition that is an inherited recessive condition is Ichthyosis. Because one of her Golden Retrievers had this condition, Teri Guilbault did some research on it years ago. She found that during gestation, the dog's skin membrane fails to develop completely, and as a result, there is a constant "shedding" of the skin layers. The skin of the dog is abnormal at birth, with it cracking and peeling off starting when the dog is about two weeks of age. Most of the dog's body is covered with tightly-adhering, tannish-



Black skin flakes from Ichthyosis

gray scales and feathered "horny" projections, which give a rough texture to the skin. Although some of these projections adhere to the skin, others constantly flake off, riding up hair shafts in large sheets. Large quantities of this scaly debris can also accumulate on the skin surface forming dry, reddened patches. Sometimes, this even causes hair loss. This is a severe, chronic condition and is incurable but possibly manageable.

Another skin condition we have encountered with a rescued dog is **sebaceous adenitis**. In this perplexing condition, the sebaceous glands in the skin become inflamed for unknown reasons and are eventually destroyed. It is a cosmetic disorder with no internal manifestations of disease. Normal sebaceous glands produce sebum, which is a fatty secretion that helps prevent drying of the skin. This rare type of inflammatory skin disease typically affects young adult dogs, 1 to 5 years of age. In long-coated breeds, the dogs have dry scaly skin with patches of hair loss on the top of their head, face, and the back of the neck, as well as on their back. Silvery scales tightly adhere to tufts of the remaining fur and can easily be seen. Other signs of sebaceous adenitis include hair that



is brittle or dull, small areas of matted hair and alopecia (hair loss). Dogs like 11-040 Charlie (photo at left) exhibit a "rat tail" and have bilaterally symmetric hair loss and excessive skin scaling. Response to treatments can be highly variable, resulting in frustration for the dog and the owner. Fatty acid dietary supplements are given along with anti-seborrheic shampoos used on a regular basis to remove the scales and dead hair.

There is an excellent article on skin conditions at <http://www.peteducation.com/index.cfm>. Skin conditions are described with symptoms and suggested treatment. In some cases, breeds that are typically affected are listed. If no breed is listed, the condition could occur in any dog.

Other information sources:

<http://www.dog-health-handbook.com>

[www.vetinfo.com](http://www.vetinfo.com)

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**Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.** ~Sherry Anderson



### *Paws Forward*

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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*Note from the President: The core of Arizona Golden Rescue's rescue process is described here in Sue's column. Each of the Team Managers contributed a section. Our sincere thanks to everyone who volunteers for AGR in any of these important positions.*

My job as Director of Dog Care is to oversee all aspects of the dog-related function of *Arizona Golden Rescue*. In this issue of *The Golden Paw*, I will outline the converging efforts of a considerable number of volunteers sorting out possible adopters to be matched with the best home for our incoming *AGR* dogs. As you read through this explanation, it should help you understand why we do what we do and possibly find a part of this process that interests you enough to help us continue this ongoing effort to rehome our wonderful Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes. We are all volunteers and always need people.

#### **Applications for Adoption**

The logical starting place is getting qualified applicants. This is where many of you entered *AGR* membership through wanting to adopt a dog needing a new home. An interested applicant may first find a dog of interest on many of several dog-posting websites or on our own website. Usually, such people send an e-mail asking us for more information. The message is forwarded to me, and I respond that an application and fee are necessary before we can do a home evaluation, and the home evaluation is necessary before we can discuss the placement of a dog with the family. The applicant completes and submits an application along with an application fee of \$25.

#### **Foster Homes**

We frequently get contacts from individuals or families willing to serve as a foster home for a rescued dog. In all cases, we tell them they must go through the same approval process as a family wanting to adopt. They must submit an application, pay the application fee of \$25 and have a home evaluation done. After approval is issued, then and only then can someone serve as a foster. Then, what is the difference in being a foster and a foster-with-intent-to-adopt (FWITA)? First, the foster does not have to pay the dog's adoption fee when the dog is delivered, whereas a FWITA does. Second, a foster must join *AGR* as a member before we will place a dog with them; a FWITA will be required to join when a dog is delivered. Also, a foster gets the first right of refusal on adopting

the dog; this right is already implicit for a FWITA. If a foster chooses to adopt the dog, they will pay the adoption fee then. Fosters and FWITAs both must provide food, toys, and anything else used for the dog's maintenance. Fosters may have to transport the dog to one of our vets.

#### **Home Evaluations**



Sheila Joyce

Once our President, Deb Orwig, confirms the payment of the application fee, as well as the receipt of a lease agreement if the applicant is renting, it goes to our Home Evaluation Coordinator, Sheila Joyce.

Sheila reviews the application and e-mails the applicant detailing the process. The application goes to the available Home Evaluator living nearest them. The Home Evaluator contacts the applicant and sets a mutually agreeable time for the home visit and notifies Sheila. Sometimes people just don't answer or ever return a call. That is noted in the database and the Home Evaluator is excused from that evaluation.

The Evaluator may or may not bring one of their dogs along to the residence to see reactions from the entire family and reactions from their current pets to another dog. This is preferred but not required, as not all Evaluators have dogs that are amenable to such situations. The evaluator looks at the home from the front yard, through every room, and proceeds to the back yard. During that time, s/he will point out anything that might be a safety concern for a Golden. These are things applicants may not have considered or known might be hazardous for a rescued dog. We take this opportunity to educate families about Golden Retrievers. Evaluators look for such things as toxic or spiny plants, chemicals, accessible litter boxes, open toilet seats, toys, exposed trash cans, wires and clutter and give suggestions about how to fix the concerns. The back yard is often an area that has cacti or toxic plants (oleanders and lantana are the biggest culprits in the Phoenix Metro area) that will need to be removed or fenced off. The focus is to help applicants succeed in qualifying, so they are told what needs to be corrected before they can be approved. The Evaluator will return home and enter the home evaluation into our database.

Occasionally there is an application from someone within Arizona who lives where we have no home evaluators. In those cases, we offer them a separate process. First, the applicant is asked to complete an attachment that is similar to a home evaluation form and e-mail it to Sheila. This form gives the Evaluator, Liz Tataseo, a chance to review the information. Then Liz sets up a time for a Skype or Facetime contact that will take her on a virtual tour of the home, just as if she were actually arriving at the home for a home visit. She enters her information into the database.

Once an evaluation is completed, Sheila is notified that a new home evaluation is in the database. She looks at what the evalu-

ator recommends and makes the final determination of approval, conditional approval or denial. If a family is conditionally approved, they receive a letter detailing the concerns and what needs to be done before they can be approved and considered to receive one of our dogs. If they need to remove or fence plants because they are toxic or spiny, or clean up debris in the yard or garage, they must send a photo showing that fix-up has been completed.

The approved applicants are entered in the database, and they are now available to the Placement team for consideration. The finalized applicants receive a letter outlining the rest of the process and who will contact them next. Rarely do we issue a full denial of a family, but we do if the environment and perhaps the applicant is not suitable for an **AGR** Golden to thrive.

All Home Evaluators are trained by other evaluators and must do a minimum of two ride-a-longs until everyone is comfortable with the process. Evaluators have a list of things they ask and look for because those are the things they will put in the database. We ask that Evaluators educate, observe and report back what they see. Evaluators provide the first personal contact with prospective adopters and, as such, are key in letting Placement understand, to the extent possible, the dynamics in the family so they can match them with the best dog for them and that they are the best family for a particular dog.

Doing a home evaluation requires 1-3 hours of a volunteer's time. Included in that time is travel to and from the applicant's residence, doing the actual walk-through, providing educational information about such topics as valley fever, answering questions from the applicant, and entering all information into the **AGR** database. We appreciate the time all Evaluators spend in helping us learn what we need to know about the applicants.

### Intake of New Dogs Needing Rescue

Meanwhile, another group of volunteers on our Intake Team makes contact with owners of prospective incoming dogs. Currently, there are four volunteers on the Intake Team. Each is on duty for a week, and at the end of that week writes up a Summary of all Intake contacts and activities during that week. This Summary is sent to all Board members, Team Managers, and other members of the Intake Team.

Two very experienced volunteers manage **AGR's** Intake Team, Sharon Flores and Judy Pettito. Our dogs come from two main directions, owner surrenders and shelters. Our Intake Managers have divided the duties so that Sharon spearheads the owner turn-ins and the support staff that assist; Judy maintains liaison with several shelters. Reporting to her are several Shelter Walkers who literally walk through shelters looking for Golden and



Sharon Flores and Judy Pettito

Golden mixes. Occasionally, we receive calls from a veterinarian who has a Golden Retriever or Golden mix patient needing medical care the owners cannot afford. Rather than unnecessarily euthanizing the animal, they will contact us.

Regarding owner surrenders, Sharon submitted the following: This part of the Intake process begins with a person calling the WAGS phone line [623-566-WAGS (9247)] or sending an e-mail from the website to Intake. The person answering the WAGS Line will get basic information (name, address, phone and brief description of why the dog is being surrendered), letting the caller know the information will be forwarded to the person on that week's Intake duty. They will receive a call back by the end of the day in most instances. We are all volunteers, and some of the Intake members have full-time employment. The WAGS-line inquiry will be sent to the entire Team, as well as to the person on duty.

The Intake Team member on duty will send a reply to the inquiry e-mail saying "I've got it" so the rest of the Team knows the call is being handled. The on-duty person will call the surrendering owner (SO), identify themselves, and ask if the dog has ever demonstrated any aggression. If there is any known aggression, the Intake process stops, as we do not accept aggressive dogs. The owner will be sent a resource list of "No Kill" shelters/rescues that may be able to help them. If there is no aggression, we go over the surrender process explaining that our surrenders/adoptions are private and permanent. We listen to their story of why they need to surrender the dog. They are asked to send a picture to confirm the dog is a Golden or a mostly-Golden mix. We tell them that as soon as they send the pictures they will receive a return call.

If the picture shows a dog is sufficiently Golden, the Intake volunteer calls back to do the extensive Intake Profile. From the owner, the Intake volunteers determine if the dog is an emergency transport, meaning the dog must be picked up as soon as possible, or if a normal 7-day pickup is acceptable. If the transport is needed immediately, the dog will probably go to one of our vets for boarding. Otherwise, Placement will be working to find an appropriate home within seven days while the dog remains in its current home. The Intake person enters the profile into the **AGR** database.

The interview is an integral part of the intake process, as it is where we glean as much information and truth as possible. People want to present their dog in the most positive light so not everything they tell us is absolutely true. Intake attempts to ascertain just what the real story is. This can be very emotional, as we may be dealing with many kinds of hardships. This is also where we try to establish a bond of trust and attempt to reassure the surrender owner that we will take the best of care of their dog(s) and find the dog(s) the very best forever home. The person from Intake is the only phone number the surrendering owner has, so at times there are several calls/e-mails needed to complete an Intake. We are their life line, and hopefully throughout the process we have

earned their trust in us and **AGR**.

*Note from the Director of Dog Care: This critical assignment requires that the Intake volunteer not indicate any judgement despite hearing some pretty bizarre reasons for relinquishing a dog. We want to find a good dog a better home. We do not want the SO to back out because they feel they are being judged.*

All of the available information and pictures are entered into the database and online photo storage (SmugMug). Notice of a new dog is sent to all pertinent Teams.

Judy Petitto outlined the Shelter Intake process as follows: The Intake Managers check the websites and e-lists that are sent out daily from all shelters with which **Arizona Golden Rescue** has a working relationship. These include East and West facilities for **Maricopa County Animal Care & Control Services (MCACCS)**, Gila County, Pima County, and Santa Cruz County. If a Golden Retriever or mostly-Golden mix is on the website, that county is contacted and we ask to take the dog for adoption (under the *New Hope* program). If there is a question as to whether a mix is "Golden enough", it is referred to the **AGR** Board for assistance. The dog is tracked until its "due out" date. The Intake Manager will contact the Health Care Team to arrange for a vet to accept the dog, since vetting is automatically required immediately for any dog coming out of a shelter. Intake will contact Transport to arrange to pick up the dog, and contact the shelter notifying them when the transporter will be there to pick up the dog.

**Arizona Golden Rescue** also has Shelter Walkers for the East facility of **MCACCS**. If the Shelter Walkers see a Golden that has been brought in, they take a picture of the dog and the information card and send to one of the Intake Managers who will then contact Alternative Placement at the shelter. We will track the dog and on the "due out" date confirm that the owner of the dog did not come for the dog and it was not adopted by the public. If the dog is available, the Health Care team is contacted to see which vet to take the dog to and the transport is arranged.

The Intake Managers also watch Craigslist for listings of Golden retrievers. The same procedure of contacting the Health Care Team and Transport team would be done for a Craigslist posting as for the Shelter. We maintain contact with the other Golden rescue groups in the Valley. If they are contacted regarding a Golden mix that they cannot take, they will refer the owner to **AGR**.

### Health Care for New Intakes



Liz Tataseo

Health Care comes next for shelter, Craigslist and emergency intake dogs. For owner-surrendered dogs, the new adoptive family may be the one to take the dog to one of our participating vets.

Liz Tataseo, the Manager of the Health Care Team

explained the following: When **AGR** is out in public collecting donations or doing major fundraising, we always say it is for the dogs! All donations go directly to veterinary costs to make sure each dog is as healthy as possible so that they are ready to be happy and healthy in their new forever home. We are able to work with several great animal hospitals that give us discounts so that we can pursue needed vetting for each dog.

**Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** (32<sup>nd</sup> St/Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix) has worked with us since the beginning, and **Kennel Care** on Chandler Blvd in Chandler has cared for many of our very sick dogs for eight years. **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale is now open 24/7 and is a state-of-the-art hospital whose staff has saved many of our dogs. **Raintree Medical Center and Pet Resort** joined us in the last two years. **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital** originally served our Anthem adopters but has now moved closer to Glendale and Peoria. **Academy West Animal Hospital Boarding and Grooming** has given us the security of both boarding and vetting with emergency intakes. We could use additional recommendations of vets interested in participating, particularly in the far southeast and western parts of the Valley.

We also have partnerships with many specialists: **EyeCare for Animals**, **Arizona Oncology**, **Arizona Dental Specialists**, **Dermatology for Animals**, **Midwestern Animal Clinic**, and **VetMed** (internal medicine and emergency services), to name a few.

The basic vetting we do for each dog during the initial three-week foster period includes an overall health exam, valley fever test (normally not done on a puppy under 6 months of age), and heartworm test (normally not done on a puppy under 6 months of age). Heartworm prevention is provided for two months for all dogs old enough. The initial vetting also includes rabies and distemper/parvo/leptospirosis vaccinations, if needed, bordetella vaccine if staying at the vet for more than an exam and a spay or neuter, if not already done. At the recommendation of our veterinarians, we normally suggest neutering and spaying at about 10 months old. If the dog does not already have a microchip, an AVID microchip is implanted. If deemed appropriate and for all puppies, a fecal sample is also run for intestinal parasites. If a dog is over eight years old, a full senior blood panel is run to diagnose any issues not readily apparent. Ear infections, lumps, bumps, physical issues and pre-existing conditions will also be addressed during the exam.

If warranted by the exam, dogs may be referred to a specialist for follow-up and treated for the condition. Follow-up exams and treatments needed for any ongoing illness and condition will be included for three months after finalization of an adoption.

In order to get the basic vetting done for each dog, two different avenues exist. If the dog comes from a shelter or is an emergency intake, the dog will, in the majority of those cases, go to one of our veterinarians first before being placed in their forever home. If an intake is a regular intake from a surrendering owner, the dog

will most likely be placed in its new home first and the new family will take the dog to one of our veterinarians through a regular appointment at their convenience within the first few days the dog is in their home. They will be contacted by the liaison of the clinic nearest them soon after the dog is delivered. **AGR** pays all vet bills until an adoption is finalized, and often for a period of time after finalization if the finalization includes a Health Addendum.

Each animal hospital has a dedicated **AGR** volunteer who coordinates vetting between the family and the veterinarian and is available for follow-up and to answer any questions the family may have about the health of their dog. The Health Care Manager is also available to do follow-up or answer questions regardless of the veterinarian being seen.

### Microchips

Sandra Hansen is the Microchip Manager, among other duties. She ensures that all the regular vets **AGR** uses have a supply of our microchips, so when a dog comes into the Rescue it can be microchipped. The microchip is then registered with the microchip company. If a dog comes into the Rescue already microchipped, she re-registers the dog with that company to **AGR**. **AGR** is always registered as the owner and will maintain that registration for the lifetime of the dog. Therefore, it is important for an adoptive family to keep **AGR** informed of their current address and contact information whether or not they intend to maintain membership. Sandra has proven part sleuth in tracking previous owners of found dogs, even when the processing vet is out-of-state and the former owner is in yet another state.



Sandra Hansen

### Placement

At this point, we have a dog identified with everything we know about it entered into our database. We also have qualified applicants with their family profiles and preferences entered. Now, the task is to match the two. The priority in thinking is always, *Where is the best place for the dog?*



Tiffany Berry

Tiffany Berry is the Placement Manager who oversees the volunteers working for one-week rotations to find the best homes for available dogs. Each Placement Team member needs to sort through everything we know about the dog, usually from the intake profile. Then they go through the qualified applicants to find out who indicated a willingness to take a dog of this age, gender, and/or health issue. They learn everything they can about the families that passed the home evaluation hurdle. They also need to consider how well the dog will fit. Has a frail individual asked for a puppy? Is the dog under three and there are children under three? Are there other pets? How does the dog deal with

other dogs, cats or small animals, as needed? If there are behavior issues, how knowledgeable is the prospective dog owner? Is there room for a young dog to play, or would it be expected to live in an apartment or townhouse? If we are placing a bonded pair, the considerations become even more complex.

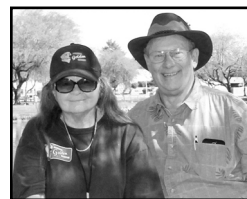
Once some likely candidates are identified, the Placement volunteer prioritizes the list and begins making calls. When a home is selected and it is determined when the family will be available to take the dog, Placement completes a Transport Request. This identifies the dog, the surrendering owner/location of the dog with address and contact information, and to whom the dog is being delivered along with their address and contact information and available delivery date. If no suitable home can be located, Placement attempts to find a foster willing to take it. Otherwise, the dog may have to go to a vet for boarding. We try to avoid having our dogs stay in kennels any longer than necessary. Currently, there are six volunteers serving on the Placement Team, and each is on duty for a week at a time.

### Transporting a Rescued Dog

Sharon McKenzie is our Transport Manager. Sharon coordinates the training of new Transporters, as they, like Home Evaluators, need at least two ride-alongs with another Transporter to learn all aspects of the process. Transporters are needed to pick up a dog wherever it is and take it to its next stop. If it is in a shelter, it needs to go to a vet. If it is with a surrendering owner, it may be going to a vet, a foster, or a potential forever home. Both Intake and Placement send out Transport Requests with all pertinent information to everyone on the Transport Team. Based on locations of where to pick up and deliver, usually the Transporter who lives within nearest proximity will offer to transport the dog and or split it with another transporter if both locations are far apart. Once the Transporter who will be delivering a dog to a new home is identified, the Director of Dog Care creates and sends an adoption contract specifically for that dog to the Transporter. This contract outlines all of the conditions under which the new family is accepting the new dog.



Sharon McKenzie



Although other volunteers do transports (see Team listing on page 2), Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson do the majority of them

Delivering dogs to new homes requires making introductions with resident animals and going over all pertinent information that **AGR** provides to a FWITA. This includes a copy of the current issue of *The Golden Paw* if the family is not already a member and a copy of our *Your New Dog* manual that has a variety of tips and information on owning a dog, pointing out the different teams and volunteers who work for **AGR** if they need to contact someone. (This manual is also available through our website.) Critically, this is also when the adoption contract is signed by all

adults in the family and all fees are collected. The Transporter is also charged with the task of getting a photo of the entire family with the dog. The Transporter is also expected to spend some time with the new family and dog, making certain that all parties are getting along and that they seem to be a good match. If all is good and the dog is left with the new family, the Transporter does a follow-up call the next day to see how things are going. If the Transporter has serious concerns about leaving this particular dog with this family, they are instructed to take it back with them and contact Placement for an alternate place for the dog to land, either with a foster or a vet.

**Follow-up**



Karen Davis

Even though the dog is placed with a new family, the adoption is not yet final. After a minimum of three weeks, Karen Davis, head of the Follow-up Team, contacts each family to see if all is going well and confirm that all major medical issues have been addressed. At that point, all routine vetting should be complete. There may conditions requiring ongoing or delayed care. Such may include spaying and neutering at a later date if a puppy is too young to optimally have the surgery by this time. Diagnosed health conditions such as valley fever or a thyroid problem may need follow-up testing and medication.

Karen forwards the information she gathers to Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care, for finalizing the adoption. Sue completes a letter indicating that the adoption is now final. Finalization notes are made in the database. If there is an addendum for health reasons, that is also sent to the family. Liz Tataseo completes the adoption process by sending out the medical records, spay/neuter certificate and application for licensing in Maricopa County.

Mary Engstrom writes the *Magic Moments* column in this newsletter. Soon after receiving notice that a dog's adoption has been finalized, Mary contacts the new owners to ask if there are any pictures or observations that might be included in the profile of their new family member to cite in the article. She gets the dog's intake story from the database but appreciates information on the next chapter in the dog's life.



Mary Engstrom

**Auxiliary Services**



Kathy Blue

Other volunteers provide services that don't easily fit along the outlined process, but who are critical to the optimal operation of the organization. Kathy Blue is responsible for keeping websites current. Kathy posts not only to the *AGR* website, but also to an amazing number of pet adoption sites. No dog is posted on any of

these sites until we actually have the dogs in *AGR* possession. That means that most are shown as "placed." Others may be in a foster home or in veterinary care. This procedure prevents a family that has decided to relinquish their dog responsibly to us from being confronted by friends or neighbors about their decision because they recognize the dog. It also means, however, that we sometimes get a lot of inquiries from people who have not gone through our approval process and who do not read the word "placed" (meaning unavailable) by the dog's description. Sue Vallie responds to these inquiries, explaining the process needed for consideration.

In addition to serving as Microchip Manager, Sandra Hansen is also Membership Manager. She sends out the membership renewal letters each month to members whose membership expires that month. When someone renews their membership, the new expiration date and type of membership has to be updated in our database. She also updates addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses in the database.

As our primary photographer, Connie McCabe, coordinates a Photography Team that provides documentation of events and photographs of all dogs adopted during the year. Connie, herself, takes most of the photos, but occasionally she will not be able to get to a rescued dog's new home or attend an event, so we depend on the other Team members for those photos. The photos are uploaded to our SmugMug online album, available from our website, and incorporated into the incredible calendar Connie creates each year. By the way, calendars are now available for \$10 each plus \$2.50 postage, or you can pick one up at our various events.



Connie McCabe with her ever-present camera

*AGR* Health Care Manager Liz Tataseo is also Medical Records Manager. She maintains all information such as previous medical, registration and other documents that accompanied the dog into Rescue, as well as all current medical information about a dog.



Debbie Ball



Cindy Tigges



Jolene Schlichter

Debbie Ball works with our Health Care Manager and our Organization Accountant, Cindy Tigges, to keep an up-to-date spreadsheet record of all

dog medical expenses by dog. This very useful tool is needed by the President, Deb Orwig, and the Grants Writer, Jolene Schlichter, for various reports and applications that have to be filed.

There is hardly an area of Rescue that does not directly or indirectly impact the job of Director of Dog Care. Everything – applications to adopt, home evaluations, intake, health care, placement, transport, follow-up, medical and photographic records, and advertising of rescued dogs – is directed to benefit the dogs.



## The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

**Reporting period: January 1, 2017- September 30, 2017****Total Assets as of October 16, 2017: \$206,429.20**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 4,200.00	
Adoption Income	19,975.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		\$1,890.00
Bank Charges (PayPal)		241.84
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	2,750.00	1,500.00
Celebration Auction	75.00	
Credit Card Expense		158.59
Donation Income <sup>1</sup>	22,519.56	
Honorary	11,301.00	
Memorials	8,589.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	32.00	411.28
Event Expense		399.56
<b>Fashion Paw Tea<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>23,634.19</b>	<b>17,239.91<sup>3</sup></b>
Donations	10,871.44	
Luncheon	2,560.00	
Prizes	2,611.00	
Silent Auction	7,591.75	
Grants	5,850.00	384.70
Insurance		665.00
Interest	53.52	
Legal and Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	17,190.00	
Merchandise	2,682.50	3,616.90
<i>Paws At The Park</i> 2017	1,491.00	490.97
Office Expenses & Supplies		406.10
Postage		1,202.74
Promotional		
Rent or Lease		2,108.43
Stationery and Printing		2,390.70
Summer Fundraiser	2,985.00	
Telephone and Website		177.98
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavior Training		2,673.75
Boarding		1,345.00
Leashes and Collars		549.77
Microchip and Heartgard® Expenses		605.17
Veterinary Services		98,851.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$121,437.77</b>	<b>\$135,429.83</b>
<b>NET INCOME: - \$13,992.06</b>		
<b>Checking Account on 10-16-17:</b>	<b>\$ 95,207.25</b>	
<b>Savings Account on 10-16-17:</b>	<b>\$100,232.86</b>	
<b>Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 10-16-17:</b>	<b>\$10,989.09</b>	
<b>Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-16-17:</b>	<b>\$ 5,273.25</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Donations made in support of *Paws At The Park* before and during the event are included here

<sup>2</sup> *Fashion Paw Tea* expense is so high because *Scott Foundation* paid all the bills; consequently *AGR* owed them money

<sup>3</sup> Actual *AGR* expenses were \$1834.71; the number reported is high because *AGR* paid for all tickets purchased by *AGR* volunteers, but the volunteers reimbursed *AGR*

**Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs**

During the summer, we have no significant fundraisers between May and September. Even most Meet-and-Greets are cancelled due to the extreme heat. With a few 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. Donations in August were designated to help with the medical expenses of these dogs.

At any time if you can help *AGR* 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 (*AGR* is still charged that fee). All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged.

Donors who contributed to our *Summer Fundraiser* included:

Debbie and Rick Ball  
Stephanie Beard  
Maggie and Joe Buffalin  
Barbara Connoyer  
April Crow and Rick Reid in honor of **Ciara**  
Kathleen Donahue, D.O. in honor of **Jake, Joe and Samantha**  
Marilyn and Mark Flynn  
Ellen and Jeff France in honor of **Ryder**  
Tracie and Richard Freeland  
Diane and Tom Ghezzi  
Nancy and William Goldcamp  
Carol Gora  
Rita and Ted Guy  
Liz and Mike Harman in honor of **Sawyer**  
Marti Joyce in honor of **Mayter**  
Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain in honor of **Murphy**  
Susan Kemper and Cameron Warren in honor of **Buddy**  
Ellen Lagerman  
Mike Lane  
Amy Maynard  
Celia and Kent McClelland  
Pat Morgan  
Wendy and John Nelson in honor of **Molly**  
Barbara and Virgil ("Bud") Owings  
Linda and George Penman  
Barbara and James Renshaw in honor of **Finn** and  
in memory of **Glory**  
Debra Sable in honor of **Rylie**  
Sandra and Bill Sell-Lee in memory of **Angie and Missy**  
Hannah Selznick in honor of **Bela**  
Lynn and Russell Wakefield  
David Williams in honor of **Bella**  
Shotzie and Jim Workman

## Diamonds in the Ruff

By Deb Orwig



**16-043 Sandi** has had multiple medical problems since she originally came to *Arizona Golden Rescue* in 2015. She spent a year with one family, then they returned her because they could not afford her care. We then placed her in another home under our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program, whereby *AGR* pays for all her medical expenses. During this past quarter alone, we spent \$3,221 treating cancer,

low thyroid, seizures, and allergies; total amount spent since **Sandi** came back to *AGR* in 2016 has been **\$17,780**.

**17-035 Cocobean**, now called **Katana**, is a 6-year-old Golden mix who came to *AGR* from the shelter in Tucson. He was basically healthy, but he had an ugly-looking thumb-sized growth on his chest. We had the growth removed and it was determined to be a benign blastoma or "a hair follicle gone bad." **Katana** was untrained, somewhat reactive to other dogs, and exhibited possession aggression, so we enrolled him in the Training Camp offered by *Partners Dog Training School* in Cave Creek. He spent a month there before being placed with Marilyn in north Phoenix. A condition of adoption finalization was for Marilyn to complete eight follow-up obedience training classes with **Katana**, which she just accomplished. Congratulations! Before adoption, *AGR* spent **\$4,224** on **Katana**, some of which was covered by donations from shelter volunteers in Tucson (thanks!).



**17-036 Brewster** was found as a stray by a woman who kept him for a couple of months but then had to surrender him because she was moving and couldn't take him. She said he had no known medical problems. **Brewster** was asymptomatic, so it is not too surprising that the SO did not know he had valley fever (titer 1:16).

However, he had a lump and a lick granuloma, which the SO should have noticed but did not. The lump turned out to be a mast cell tumor, so we had it removed. Another one popped up near his ear and that one was also removed. He had a bad reaction to the second anesthesia (was not coming around) and had to go to the emergency clinic. Once Dr. Beaver at *Arizona Oncology* in Gilbert reviewed the pathology

report, she recommended that **Brewster's** entire ear flap be removed, as X-rays and ultrasound did not reveal any internal cancers. **Brewster** has been adopted by Candy and Neal in Mesa. They made a very generous donation that covered about a third of **Brewster's** medical costs of **\$3,259** – thank you, Candy and Neal!



**17-043 Emma** was rescued from the Eastside *MCACCS* shelter in July. She had been found as a stray and was judged to be about 13 years old. **Emma** was in bad shape with a massive, inoperable tumor on her side that extended into her mammary chain. An ultrasound revealed masses on her liver and spleen as well, so our decision was to send **Emma** to the Bridge. She did have a

microchip which we traced back to her original owner, who told us she had given the dog to some local people when she moved out of state some time ago (the recent owners never re-registered the chip, which, in this case, was fortunate). We told her what our vet had discovered. She was very distressed to hear that the people she had given **Emma** to had allowed the dog to get into such a terrible condition and then turned her out on the street. She very generously covered all our medical costs and made an extra donation for which we are very grateful. **Emma's** total cost was **\$1,140**.

**17-047 Sunny**, now called **Molly**, was a very sick 9-week-old puppy surrendered to *AGR* by Chandler/Gilbert Animal Hospital where the owner had left the dog. The puppy had great difficulty getting up and walking and had diarrhea. *GVH* tested the dog for parvo, but the test was negative. At *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* in Scottsdale, **Sunny** was diagnosed with



Freckles across the muzzle are indicative of puppy strangles

a condition called puppy strangles. X-rays showed no lesions or fractures, so the vet thought **Sunny** was suffering from panosteitis, a self-limiting but painful long bone inflammatory condition otherwise known as "growing pains." Alternatively, she could have had a condition called hypertrophic osteodystrophy. **Sunny** was put on antibiotics and prednisone and within 10 days she was not exhibiting any more symptoms and was acting like a normal puppy. All manifestations of puppy strangles were gone in about 2 months by end of August. **Sunny** was adopted by the family who fostered her and helped her regain her health. She still needs to be spayed around 6 months of age (*AGR* will cover that cost), but her cost to *AGR* until then has been **\$1,659**.

**17-048 Josh** is a small Golden mix who was picked up in July as a stray in Arizona City by *Pima County Animal Control*. He



Ronen in Scottsdale, who renamed him **Wrigley Bear**. All of his veterinary work cost **AGR \$1,058**.



**17-050 Sally** was surrendered by her owner, who told us the dog was 6-7 years old and had no known health problems, but who needed to be rescued because the owner was moving and couldn't take her. She said **Sally** needed to be placed in a home with another dog, because without a canine companion, all she did was eat and sleep. If **Sally** was as healthy as her SO had claimed, then

why did she cost **AGR \$2,348**? Turns out that the vet at **Aspen Veterinary Clinic** in Flagstaff where she had the standard exam and vaccines done found five masses which needed to be looked at more closely. Aspiration of the lumps revealed that three were benign lipomas, but one was a sarcoma and one was a mast cell tumor. It is not usual for two different kinds of cancer to be present. No internal cancers were detected with X-rays or ultrasound. The external lumps were small and the vet was able to get clean margins, so hopefully, that will be the end of the cancers, although the vet and **Sally's** adopter, Leslie, will watch for the development of any more lumps. Leslie told us that **Sally** is a doll and a blessing and has fit right into her pack. Leslie has made a donation to help with the cost of **Sally's** vet care – thank you!

**17-052 Dakota** is another dog who came to **AGR** too late for us to help and had to be sent to the Bridge. She was about 12. The surrendering owner (SO) told us **Dakota** had been abandoned by her ex-husband and she was living in a condo where **Dakota** was not getting much exercise. **Dakota** had not been to a vet in several years because the SO could not afford any vet care. Dr. Hudman at **Kennel Care Veterinary Hospital** examined **Dakota** and found her to have an elbow issue, either an ACL or age-related problem, ears were infected, she had entropion on lower lids, hips were probably bad and she had some ticks. Her ears were cleaned and she was treated for ticks. A few days later we were told she was positive for valley fever with a fairly high



was thought to be about 2 years old until our vet said he was more like 8 months. After **Josh** was transported to the Valley, he exhibited symptoms of kennel cough, had tapeworm, had to be neutered, and tested positive for valley fever. By mid-August, **Josh** had recovered from all his medical issues according to his adopters, Cindy and

1:64 titer, so she was started on fluconazole. She had surgery to correct the entropion on both eyelids. About 10 days later, **Dakota** would not get up and was refusing food. An X-ray showed spondylosis in her spine, which was affecting her rear legs, so she was started on steroids. However, her condition worsened over the next three days and we decided there was nothing more we could do for her. Her medical bills amounted to **\$1,386**.



**17-056 Whisky** came to **AGR** from the Westside **MCACCS** Shelter in August. He is a mostly-Golden mix and was judged to be about 10 years old. He had been found as a stray, was not neutered, was rather thin, had a tumor on his tail, ear infections, and was panting – shelters do not like to keep such dogs, so

they called us. **Whisky** was transported to **Academy West Animal Hospital**. Dr. Kimmel determined the best course of action with **Whisky's** tail would be to dock it; this surgery was done at the same time as when he was neutered and he also had a dental with two extractions. He was then transported to Tiara and Paul in Chandler for foster care. However, in a few days his raspy cough got worse and he would not eat, so he spent a week in the isolation area at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale, where he was diagnosed with bronchial pneumonia. After several set-backs with lack of healing on his tail and after-effects of the pneumonia, treatment with antibiotics and anti-emetics, and a prescription for low-fat, easily-digested food, **Whisky** was finally able to go to his forever home with Ashley and Rob in Goodyear. **Whisky's** total bill for all his medical issues was **\$5,210**.



**17-063 Rufus** was also a shelter rescue in August, this time from the Eastside **MCACCS**. Basically, 7-year-old **Rufus** was a medical mess. The shelter staff told us he was underweight, had ventral alopecia (hair loss), with hyperkeratotic and hyperpigmented (i.e., black) skin, very greasy, strong odor, multiple mats all around body, foul odor and discharge from both ears. Ventrums and back legs

had many skin tags and he had a large open sore on this throat. Hair loss could be an endocrine issue, chronic solar dermatitis, allergies, etc. We started treating his medical issues by doing all the standard tests and getting ear cultures done. Those revealed *Pseudomonas* bacterial infection, which required a special antibiotic. **Rufus** was put on oral antibiotics to combat kennel cough and mild pneumonia and apoquel for allergies. He has medicated baths twice a week. Once his skin improved, we had the growths removed. Unfortunately, the large one on his neck was determined to be a squamous cell carcinoma, but the vet got clean margins

on it, so we are hoping that will be the end of the cancer. **Rufus** is still on medical hold with fosters Nicole and Chris in Mesa. They report that he is a happy and very sweet boy who gets along with everyone. His vet care has cost **AGR \$4,992** so far.

**FUNDRAISING IDEAS?**

The *Fashion Paw Tea* in September did not prove to be as large a fundraiser as we had anticipated. Our share of the profit was just under \$6,000, which may seem like a lot. However, when compared to the \$25,000 or more we have brought in from the golf tournaments in past years, it is not.

Fortunately, our bank account is fairly healthy. But with **AGR** spending an average of over \$1,400 per rescued dog in 2017, it will not remain that way.

With the new restriction of 5 dogs at holiday gift wrapping events, the cancellation of the *Holiday Pet Festival* and the fact that we will not be partnering with *Scott Foundation* again, we need some new ideas for fundraisers! Please contact Deb Orwig or Cindy Pavero if you have any suggestions.

Please join us for the *Paws & Pasta Dinner* and for all the activities that are planned for the fall and winter (see list on page 5).

Thanks so much for your continued support!




# PAWS & PASTA

**A Spaghetti Dinner for Arizona Golden Rescue**  
 Dinner includes: Spaghetti buffet with salad, bread, dessert & beverage (coffee, tea, soda, water)

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**Only \$12.00 per person**  
 All proceeds go to Arizona Golden Rescue to help the dogs

**Serving from 11:00am-4:00pm**  
**Sunday, November 12, 2017**

No host bar will be open  
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 Volunteers please contact Cindy Pavero at [mscindyp1@yahoo.com](mailto:mscindyp1@yahoo.com)



## 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<sup>th</sup> through October 15, 2017. All adoptions finalized after October 15<sup>th</sup> will be in the next issue.*

**16-082 Rudy**, a 5-year-old Golden mix **AGR** took in from the Westside **MCACCS** Shelter in December 2016, is at long last adopted! This little boy had the trifecta of medical issues when he came to us: tick fever, valley fever and heartworm! In addition, he had never been neutered. He was very thin, limping and had a large, hard swelling on his left shoulder. We thought he might have been hit by a car, but as it turned out, the swelling was a side effect of valley fever affecting his joints. The tick fever was eliminated with doxycycline treatment for a month. Then we started him on fluconazole for the valley fever, gabapentin to combat inflammation and tramadol for pain control. After he had been on these medications for a couple months, he was judged healthy enough for the heartworm treatment, which consists of two injections into the back a month apart. Our Intake co-manager, Sharon Flores, fostered **Rudy** through all of this and reported that he did well. In June, he was transferred to Rebecca and Dustin's home for fostering because Sharon was anticipating having to leave the state for a family medical emergency. Placement spent weeks trying to match **Rudy** with the right family. After they had interviewed 17 approved-to-adopt families with no takers mostly due to **Rudy's** predicted future medical costs, Deb got a serious inquiry through the website. She gave the man the full scoop on **Rudy's** medical history and predicted expenses – **Rudy** might have to take fluconazole, gabapentin and tramadol for the rest of his life. That history did not deter Thomas in Mesa from submitting an application and scheduling a home evaluation. Before he even had the latter, he came all the way to the Glendale Northern Ave **Petco** end-of-July Meet-and-Greet to meet **Rudy** in person. He spent almost two hours talking with Rebecca and Dustin and petting **Rudy**. All of us who were there could see a bond develop quickly between Thomas and **Rudy** and hoped that his home evaluation would go well. It did, and **Rudy** was transported to Thomas at the end of August. Tom wrote to us in mid-September: *Everything has been going excellent for him and for me. We start the day with a walk of about a mile every day. He does well and does not need to rest at all. His shoulder*



*looks strong with only a small hitch in his step when he gets tired. He now jumps right into the car and can climb stairs. He then gets a walk around the block at night before going to sleep. He may favor his shoulder more during that walk but it is still hot at 9 PM and he seems happy to get home. He seems very happy, is friendly to all humans, was a little standoffish with dogs but not aggressive, but that seems to be disappearing as he gets more comfortable. Now knows the dog door but prefers the couch to the grass – that may change with the temperature. Got a month and a half more for the fluconazole and may get his titer tested after that is done or may wait until another prescription fill, depending on how his shoulder looks next month. But **Rudy** is a great dog, we are a great match and he has his forever home. **Rudy** says thank you for all the love and care that you gave him over those very precarious months. A month later, Tom updated us: *I have nothing but good things to say about **Rudy**. He is a wonderfully good natured dog that seems, slowly, to be improving. His titer was down to 1:32. He gets along with all dogs and cats and people. Some days he hardly limps and then some days it is more pronounced. Regardless, he is always excited when we walk, doing a little dance around the living room. He goes about 1 mile in the morning, around the block after work, and gets a car ride to a new park when I am off. When I work, he gets to go next door and spend the day with my nextdoor neighbor who has four indoor cats that he seems to like and they tolerate him. She likes him as much as I do. I try to make sure he is never alone for more than 4 hours (although I don't think he minds) and his dog door is always open. So I think he is very happy with the new arrangement. Again thank you so much for all that you have done. He is a gem. Tom will be absorbing all future costs of **Rudy's** medical treatment – that will be such a big help to **AGR**! In addition, we would like to thank **PACC911**, who contributed \$1,000 from their *Lulu's Angel Fund* to help with **Rudy's** medical expenses.**

**17-030 Rusty** and **17-031 Ginger** are a very bonded brother and sister. **Rusty** is a sweet 6-year-old male Golden who came into Rescue at a hearty 110 pounds; **Ginger** was more petite at 90 pounds. Sounds like a green bean diet is on the horizon for these two! Their owners felt they were too large to handle and therefore contacted **AGR** to find them a new home together. The siblings



17-030 Rusty



17-031 Ginger

received their vetting at **Kennel Care** in Chandler. **Rusty** was given the usual medical exam, including heartworm and valley fever tests, which were negative. **Ginger** also received the full veterinary exam; however, her thyroid function test revealed hypothyroidism. **Ginger** was prescribed a medication to bring her thyroid levels back to normal. **Ginger** was to be adopted with an addendum to retest the thyroid level and three months of medication for the hypothyroidism.

Since **AGR** always tries to place bonded pairs together, it was time to find a home that was open to double the love! It was determined the perfect forever home for these sweethearts would be in Mesa with Wendy and David. **Rusty** and **Ginger** fell quickly in love with Wendy and David and they with them! A match made in heaven! Wendy reported: *We have had Goldens our entire married life (35 years) and have always considered them to be our four-legged children. Our last Golden passed away and our son had purchased a new home, so we were faced with being empty nesters. We happened to be at a pet event at WestWorld earlier this year and came upon the AGR booth. I immediately went home and registered to be on the list of your adoptive families. We received a call from AGR soon thereafter asking if we wanted a pair of Goldens, a brother and sister, age 6. The next day Rusty and Ginger were brought to our home for a trial period. As soon as they walked through our door, we knew that the trial period was never going to be, as they were going to be a part of our family from then on. They have brought us such joy at a time when we needed it the most. Rusty and Ginger love their nightly walks, sleeping in our beds and going to our son's house to visit. Initially, they wouldn't go near the pool, but Ginger has fallen in love with swimming and loves to retrieve her ball from the pool. Rusty isn't quite there yet, but we are confident that once he has some more time, he will be swimming with his sister. We can't thank AGR enough for making this happen. We love them so much and can't imagine coming home and not having them standing there with wagging tails and smiles on their faces. Thank you AGR!*

**17-036 Brewster** is a striking, red, 7-year-old Golden boy. He was found as a stray, and the person who found him was unable to keep him. **Arizona Golden Rescue** would make sure this boy would never be a stray again! His first stop was **Kennel Care** in Chandler to receive his vetting. The vet discovered this guy had two lumps

that would require surgical removal. Unfortunately, the pathology report revealed mast cell tumors. The next step for **Brewster** was a consult at **AZ Oncology** in Gilbert. Thankfully, the full body x-rays and ultrasound came back clear! (Please read more about **Brewster's** medical issues in *Diamonds in the Ruff* on page 18.) If this weren't enough for this sweet boy, his valley fever titer was positive. **Brewster** is happy to call "home" with Candy, Neal and Golden **Dixie** in Mesa. Thank you, **AGR**, for helping this boy!



**17-037 Sugar** is a mature, active, Golden lady who is 10 years old. Sadly, her family was moving out of the country and would not be able to bring her with them. **AGR** was informed she was limping and had nighttime incontinence. First stop was **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale. She was diagnosed with a cruciate ligament tear and would require TPLO surgery. She also had some lipomas that were benign and was placed on Proin for the incontinence. She came through the TPLO surgery with flying colors and was ready to continue with her journey. Michelle and Steven of Phoenix warmly welcomed this sweet girl into their home. **Sugar** is a lucky girl!



**17-040 Kota** is a spunky 3½-year-old Golden mix. She found herself being placed in the hands of **AGR** due to her separation anxiety and ability to jump over walls. Perhaps she was training for the next Olympics? She was taken to **Kennel Care** in Chandler to be thoroughly examined; she was found to be in good health. **Kota** was now ready for her forever home. **Kota** was ecstatic to be moving to Chandler with Shayla, Joey and their three dogs. Joey related: *Everything with Kota is great!! The transition went better than we ever could have hoped. Within a day or two, she was already fitting in with the rest of our pack and is very close to both my wife and myself. Since then she has really come out of her shell and is extremely playful and energetic. She has not shown any sort of anxiety at all in any situation. We absolutely love her, and she seems very happy with our home and her new family.* Another perfect fit from our Placement team! Everyone is so happy for **Kota**!

**17-042 Jessie**, now known as **Lizzie**, is a 12-year-old sweet Golden/Lab mix. She found herself at the **MCACCS** Westside Shelter.



The Transport angels quickly sprang into action to get this girl on her way to a foster home. She was then taken to **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale for her vetting. She received her vaccines, was placed on an anti-inflammatory medication for arthritis and had several growths surgically removed. She also received a dental cleaning. She was a trooper though it

all! Teri and Jeff of Sun City who were fostering fell in love and adopted her! **Lizzie** has joined “the gang of five” – now a gang of 6! – and is living happily ever after!



17-044 Apollo and 17-045 Luna

**17-044 Apollo**, a Golden-looking Goldendoodle, and **17-045 Luna**, a striking silver Goldendoodle, are a bonded pair from the same canine parents, who were originally adopted in 2016 by David in Mesa. David became very ill recently and had to return the dogs to **AGR**. He assured us they were “just the best dogs” and was very sad that he

had to give them up, but he knew he could no longer care for them. They were first placed in a home with two young children who did not understand how to behave around dogs, even though the family had a couple of small dogs. **Apollo** was attacking the small dogs over food dropped on the floor by the kids, as well as peeing in the house, and **Luna** was chewing up the children’s toys, which had not been in evidence during the home evaluation. After consultation with our Behaviorist, Sharon McKenzie, who tried more than once to work with the family, and with Placement, the Board deemed this situation “an accident waiting to happen” so we reclaimed the dogs. We then placed the pair with experienced Golden owners Paula and Joseph in Peoria, where there was another dog in residence but no children. A Meet-and-Greet at **Academy West Animal Hospital** went well, as did **Apollo** and **Luna**’s arrival at the home. Paula reported: *The first day I had an issue with Apollo and my dog Gus. I was throwing a toy and Gus caught the toy. Apollo attacked Gus. I broke up the fight by pulling up on Apollo’s collar as instructed. There was a second incident later in the day when I gave them biscuits. Apollo again went after Gus when I gave Gus a biscuit. I contacted Sharon, who gave me some instructions on how I needed to behave with the dogs in order to get them to listen to me. I’ve been walking Apollo and Gus together every evening, which is working out very nicely. There have been no fights since implementing Sharon’s instructions. In fact, this morning Apollo was trying to play with Gus. I am holding off*

*on playing with toys for a while. Luna is just a delightful big sweet lump! Apollo is a fantastic guy as well. Aside from the initial incident on the first day, both dogs are really, really well behaved. I am working on creating a healthy and happy pack. Apparently, Paula and Joseph have worked at implementing Sharon’s suggestions, asserting themselves as leaders of this pack. We are confident now that Apollo and Luna have found a home where they can thrive. We thank Paula and Joseph for making the effort to help this pair integrate into their household and become canine good citizens.*

**17-046 Jake** is a 6-month-old Golden youngster. His surrendering owner saved him from a bad situation where he was kept outside in a crate for 12-14 hours each day. His new owner quickly fell in love with him; however, she traveled frequently for work and didn’t have time to train him. She was confident **AGR** would find him the perfect home. His first stop was



**Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix for his veterinary exam. He was brought up to date on vaccines, and his lab work was great. It was recommended he be neutered at age one, so an addendum for this procedure was given to his new owner. His new forever home is with Beth, son, daughter and resident Golden, **Jesse**, in Tempe. A new home with an adult Golden to mentor this youngster: perfect and totally awesome! Lucky **Jake**!



**17-047 Sunny**, now known as **Molly**, is a 9-week-old adorable Golden. This little bundle of love was abandoned at the vet because she was sick. She had diarrhea and was tested for parvo – fortunately she was negative. She also could not stand and seemed to be having pain in the hip and leg area. The vet’s office contacted **AGR** to ask if we could assist this little girl.

Of course, **AGR** came to the rescue of this youngster! **Sunny** was whisked away to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale for a complete evaluation. Dr. Brophy diagnosed **Sunny** with puppy strangles. She was quickly treated with antibiotics, prednisone and pain medication. Next, X-rays were completed that showed growth plate/joint inflammation which is indicative of hypertrophic osteodystrophy. She was then off to her foster home to recuperate. When the prednisone was finished, she was given her puppy vaccinations and was dewormed. Now it was time to find her forever home! **Molly** is happy to have a family with Nicole, Chris, the children and resident dog, **Snowflake**, in Mesa. Nicole related: *She’s 5 months old now and she’s apparently going to be a little girl! She plays with her sister Snowflake ALL DAY long! You would never know she was sick. She’s feisty and runs circles around all of us! Where she gets her energy from I have*

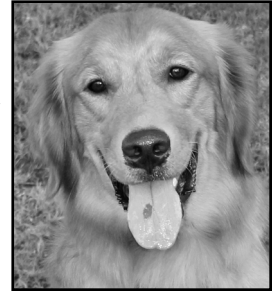
*NO idea! She loves to chase balls, go swimming and chew up any toy or shoe she can get her mouth on! She also LOVES food! Gotta watch out for her! Thank you AGR!*

**17-048 Josh**, now **Wrigley Bear**, is an 8-month-old Golden/Aussie mix who is still a youngster. This sweetie was found with two other dogs under a fifth wheel. He ended up in the **Pinal County Animal Shelter** and naturally our Transport angels came to the rescue! This boy was in desperate need of vetting and was off to **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale. There it was discovered he had tapeworms and was treated with an injection of Droncit. He had received his vaccinations at the shelter but still required neuter surgery and a microchip. He did develop a cough and his valley fever titer was positive, so he started on medication to combat this nasty disease. **Wrigley** was to make his new home with Cindy, Ronen and family in Scottsdale. An addendum was provided for medications. Cindy told us: ***Wrigley** came to us in July 2017 through AGR as a homeless Arizona stray. He wasn't feeling so good, and he was hungry and dehydrated. Today, **Wrigley** is thriving. He has gained a healthy amount of weight, his paws are no longer rough and dry, and his coat is shiny and soft. He's totally enjoying life! **Wrigley's** story continues to intrigue us, and we feel so lucky to call him our own. He is cuddly and playful and so gentle with all the kids in our family. In training, **Wrigley** is the example student. The teacher performs various commands with **Wrigley** to show the rest of the class how it's done! He is very smart and works hard for treats and belly rubs. He's so smart, in fact, that when he wakes up in the morning, he expects that everyone else should, too. You want to sleep in? Well, **Wrigley** will be sure to bark, paw at your hand, wake you with kisses, and maybe even pull on your arm to tell you it's time to rise and shine! **Wrigley** has brought so much love and so many giggles into our home. Some of **Wrigley's** hobbies include walks around his neighborhood, hanging out with his best dog buddy, **Hershey**, going to work with Dad, watching **Chicago Cubs** and **Bears** games, and napping just about anywhere he can find a spot. **Wrigley** is also an avid hiker, and many folks on the trails comment on his beautiful coloring and sweet demeanor. Some say **Wrigley** hit the jackpot with us, but truthfully, we feel it was we who won big. Thank you, **AGR**, for bringing this amazing boy into our home! **Wrigley** is ecstatic to finally be home and loves to "Fly the W"!*



**17-049 Toby** is a 14-month-old Golden lad whose surrendering owner recently rescued him off Craigslist then quickly realized puppies are a handful. He decided **Toby** needed a home that was up to the challenge and contacted **AGR**. **Toby** received his vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale and got a glowing report. He was, however, in need of neuter surgery. **Toby** has found his new home in Chino Valley with Karen, Dustin, daugh-

ters, resident dog and cats. Karen commented: ***Toby** is like one of the family. He came to us underweight and very shy. He would not go outside. Almost immediately he bonded to my daughter. She called him outside and he came. He has gained weight because we feed him pretty much. My daughter's best friend's name is **Toby**, so we knew that this was meant to be. She wrestles with him. He gets along with my other daughter's Pomeranian. They will try to eat the other's food, if one of them leaves their dish unmanned (or undogged, I should say, LOL). We found out he had 6 weeks of training from the **Diabetic Dogs of America**, so he trains very easily. The only annoying thing **Toby** does is chew paper or plastic. We are learning how to put things away and not let him get bored. He is so handsome and loving. Thank you, **Arizona Golden Rescue**, for a great dog! **Toby** is grateful to have settled in his new forever home!*



**17-050 Sally** is a 6-7-year-old Golden mix who needed a new home because her owner felt that she would benefit from another dog but she didn't have the time for one. **Sally** would also need to be brought current with her vaccinations. Leslie and "pack of four" in Flagstaff were anxious to have this sweetheart join their family. **Sally** was taken to **Aspen Vet Clinic** in Flagstaff for her medical needs. Sadly, **Sally** had five masses. The biopsy revealed that three were lipomas, one was a sarcoma and the other a mast cell tumor. **Sally** bravely had the tumors removed and the vet said there were clear margins and no other treatment was required. **Sally** asked if she could tell her story and this is what **Sally** reported: *Hi, y'all, my name is **Red Sally**, actually **Sally** for short. I picked up "y'all" from my southern mom from Louisiana. Sorry, can't shake it. Let me tell you straight out, I am a Cancer Survivor! When I had my checkup here in Flagstaff (the vets here are awesome!), Dr. Saul found FIVE lumps all over. My mom found just one under my neck, but Dr. Saul felt me all over (man, is he cute!) and said I needed to have each evaluated. To make a long story short, he removed all and sent them in for diagnosis. All is OK for now, and I am majorly relieved, mostly because I noticed the worry in my mom's eyes. Then again, my mom worries about **Kory**, my epileptic brother, and all my brothers and sisters. She calls herself a "Helicopter Mom". I am loving the cool weather up here in Flag. Lots of trees and flowers, which also means many new interesting smells on our walks around the neighborhood and in the surrounding forests. Flag is a dog town, and I SO love that! I get to meet so many interesting creatures wherever I go. You know, here dogs can go INSIDE places! Yowza! Love it, love it – now when the snow comes, hmm – my sister, **Belle**, tells me it is so*



fun to romp around in it. Well, we will see – I'm a Tucson desert rat. Man, how I digress – just want to let you all know at AGR how grateful I am for all you do for us canines. Like, we can't talk, only bark, but you get the picture. Love, **Sally**. It sounds like **Sally** is one happy girl!

**17-051 Stanley** is a handsome 3-year-old Golden boy who entered Rescue due to health issues in the surrendering owner's family. **Stanley** received his vetting at **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital** in Glendale and received a clean bill of health. Now it was time to find the perfect home for dear **Stanley**. **Stanley** was enthusiastically welcomed into the home of Anne and Mike in Phoenix. The resident dog, **Beau**, was also happy to gain a sibling. **Stanley** is loving his new home!



**17-053 Buddy** is a precious 7-8-month-old Golden mix who was found living in a vacant house near the reservation in Tucson. His finders lived across the street and were feeding him and decided to contact AGR to give this lad a proper life. Remarkably, when he received his vetting at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale he was given a clean bill of health. He did require vaccinations, a microchip and neuter surgery. **Buddy** was now anxious to be part of a family. He was warmly welcomed into the home of Steve and daughter, Madison, in Peoria. **Buddy** is very happy to be loved and wanted!



**17-054 Toby** (yes, another with the same name taken in within 10 days of each other; similar appearance but different ages) is a 3-4-year old Golden who was obtained from a Craigslist ad. His new owner only had him a few days and a family emergency required him to move in a very short period of time. Sweet **Toby** was, again, in need of a new home. His first stop was **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale for a complete veterinary exam. It was determined he was a healthy boy and was brought up to date on his vaccines and required implantation of a microchip. **Toby** is now happily residing with Janine and resident cat in Fountain Hills. Janine reported: **Toby came into my life on August 4, and we couldn't be happier! Toby is a fun, loving, and playful boy who greets me every day with a toy in his mouth ready for the day! He loves his walks, especially in Fountain Park, where he gets to meet many other dogs and people! He's friendly to every-**

one he meets.

**17-056 Whisky** is a 10-year-old rescue from the Westside **MCACCS** Shelter. Through bouts with coughing, nausea, vomiting, and pneumonia, **Whisky** was fostered by Tiara and Paul in Chandler. Please read a more thorough account of his illnesses in *Diamonds in the Ruff* on page 19. Finally, **Whisky** was well enough to be placed. Ashley and Rob in Goodyear welcomed this sweet boy into their home. They reported that **Whisky** was settling in nicely. They posted on Facebook about how well he was doing and how much they love him. Even the cat likes him! We issued a health addendum for 3 months of follow-up for intestinal issues.

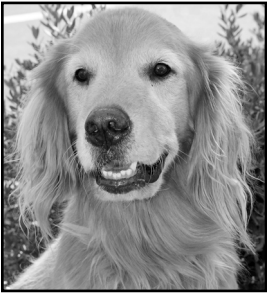


**17-057 Coda** is a petite 12-year-old Golden/Collie mix who needed a new home due to her owners were moving to a rental that did not accept dogs. So sad for a senior! Pat in Peoria graciously agreed to foster her until the new home was found. **Coda** was taken to **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale. She received complete vetting including all vaccinations, heartworm and valley fever check, fecal, microchip and senior blood panel including thyroid. It was discovered she had ear infections that were treated with antibiotics. Also, her eye sight is very poor and she is deaf. She began laser treatments for osteoarthritis of the hips. This aged beauty didn't realize she had already found her new home. Pat was smitten with her and decided to adopt her! Pat said: *Although my vet said she could tell Coda was really overweight in the past, she only weighs in at 45 lbs now. I was only going to foster her as opposed to adopting because I am used to having big Golden*



*that weigh 75-115 lbs, and I wanted to wait until a bigger Golden came into AGR. My Golden, Sunny, had just passed the week before I brought Coda home to foster. However, when she looked at me with those BIG brown eyes, I knew she wasn't going anywhere. We figure she is between 10-12 years old and probably closer to 12. She mastered the doggie door very quickly. She LOVES to go for rides and I take her for one almost every night. She is moving a lot better and even runs some of the time. With a lot of vet care, supplements and good quality food, she is feeling so much better. She is almost like a new dog. Coda is looking forward to going to Meet-and-Greets. She had allergy testing performed, and this girl had numerous allergies. Coda began allergy shots and was placed on the correct food to make her feel better. Also, I am teaching her hand signals due to her being deaf. Coda is happy to have found a fantastic home in her "Golden years"! And AGR is lucky to have Pat, one of our founding members, who was willing*

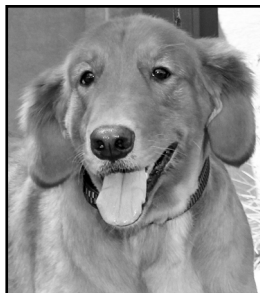
to take on a senior girl with a myriad of health issues. Pat has very generously covered the cost of all vet intervention after **Coda's** initial work-up. Thanks, Pat!



**17-061 Ruger** is a 5-year-old Golden lad who was in need of a new home due to his family moving. When one of **AGR's** wonderful transporters went to his home, she noticed he was quite thin, was dragging a rear leg and was in dire need of spa services. This sweet boy had not received any substantial vetting in the past three years. **Ruger** was seen at **Kennel Care** in Chandler

to determine his health status. He was brought current on vaccinations, and a complete blood panel was ordered including testing for valley fever. Unfortunately, his valley fever titer was extremely high, which accounted for his leg issue and being underweight. Fluconazole was quickly prescribed to address the valley fever. He also received much-needed grooming. Carole and Greg of San Tan Valley opened their home to this wonderful Golden and it was love at first sight! **Ruger** is enjoying his new life and loves swimming and playing fetch at his new home! Greg wanted to give something back to **AGR** for finding this great dog for his family, so now he is a volunteer on our Placement Team!

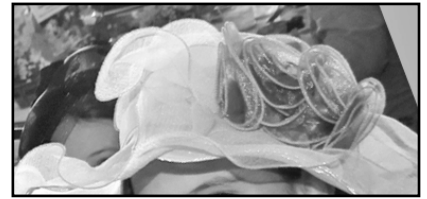
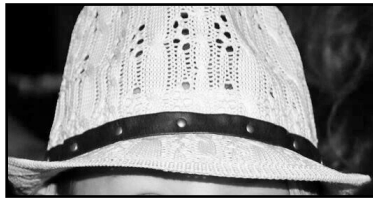
**17-062 Buttercup** is a sweet 6-year-old Golden girl. Her surrendering owner saved her from a person who was going to take her to the pound. However, this kind person was moving and could no longer keep her. She contacted **AGR** as she was confident we would find her a proper home. **Buttercup** was off to **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital** in Glendale for her vetting. They brought her up to date on vaccines including the leptospirosis vaccine. It was discovered she had an ear infection and her new owners would be receiving an addendum for a recheck. Now, **Buttercup** was off to Anthem to meet her new family of Lisa and daughters. **Buttercup** felt right at home upon arrival. It was recommended this "fluffy" girl be placed on the green bean diet and she has already shed a few pounds. Lisa related: *She's great! We just love her. She jumped straight into the pool! She's having daily walks and goes swimming frequently. I truly would think we had her since a pup. She's a dream fit and we all love her! Thank you again for all your help! Congratulations, Buttercup!*



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

**HATS AT THE FASHION PAW TEA**

Hats worn by attendees at the *Fashion Paw Tea* on September 9<sup>th</sup> ranged from the very simple to the very elaborate. Please see the article on pages 28-40 for more photos from the event.



*Over the Rainbow continued...*

*Max Johnston - Sorry, no photo available*  
*Napa Trinn/Krauss - Sorry, no photo available*

*Michael Holland*  
*Beloved brother of AGR Member Cara Holland*

*Dennis Zuber*  
*Beloved brother of AGR Member Connie Wozniak*

# OVER THE RAINBOW

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

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Honey Humphries (10-008)



Sunny Morgan (10-030)



Bentley Bouldin/Yale (12-027)



Honei Wozniak (13-045)



Sundance Mallicoat (13-088)



Sebastian Lewis (14-059)



Missy Mortimore (15-044)



Broly Lewis (15-064)



Rosie Ward (15-094)



Zelda Harper (16-033)

## 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.



Bud Smith (16-062)



17-043 Emma



17-052 Dakota



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## 2017 Fashion Paw Tea –

### Alice in Wonderland – The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party

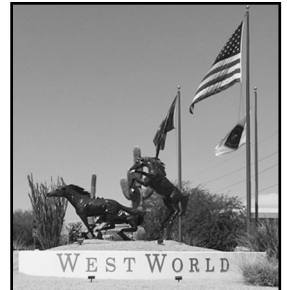
By Deb Orwig, Arizona Golden Rescue President



The *Sir Bark A. Lot Fashion Paw Tea* with the theme of *The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party* on September 9, 2017 was a first-time event for *Arizona Golden Rescue* in several respects.

event resulted in some funds for both organizations, the amount that ended up with *AGR* was about one quarter of what our golf tournament used to generate.

**A First:** we held the event at *Monterra*, the banquet facility at *West-World* in Scottsdale. This facility was perfect for the event, and the staff was very accommodating. The day before the event, we were able to set up our raffle and silent auction and lay out the path that fashion parade participants would be walking. We had decided not



to have a runway, because some of the teenagers had voiced discomfort over the idea of being in such a spotlight, so we created a walking path on the carpet with paw prints and arrows made from contact paper; the path wound around the dining tables. As it turns out, the kids were terrific hams and would have been fine on a runway. The dogs were not able to be seen well while they were on the floor; many of the attendees positioned themselves on the walking path in order to take photos, so negotiating the path was sometimes problematic and slow. Having a runway would have been a better decision.

**A First:** we had to postpone the original event date of July 15<sup>th</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup> because some of the potential sponsors were not satisfied with the amount of publicity they were going to get by the earlier date. Unfortunately, most of those potential sponsors did not come through with cash donations anyway. Our only large-dollar sponsor was *PetSmart Charities, Inc.*; they very gen-



**A First:** *AGR* partnered with another nonprofit organization – *Scott Foundation* – to sponsor the event and agreed to



split the profit 50/50 with them. The profit for each group was \$5,903.13, meaning the total profit was \$11,806.26. We actually took in over \$33,000, but it was an expensive event to produce, and the anticipated donations in support of the event just did not come in ahead of time or at the end of the event.

**A First:** the event was planned to be a fashion show with luncheon, a new and very different event that we hoped would replace *AGR’s* annual golf tournament as our major fundraiser of the year. Dogs and handlers from *AGR* and teenagers from foster care or group homes being supported by *Scott Foundation* would be modeling outfits. The dog outfits were made mainly by *Fancy Paw Boutique*

(Elwira Klimek) with some help from me, and the outfits for the teenagers were donated by *Spiritual Gangster*. Although the



erously provided a **\$5,000 Silver Sponsorship**, which offset the cost of the participating dogs, their handlers and the teenagers.

**A First:** in January, a company – *Two Gals* – was hired by Colleen Fedigan-Walski (Founder and President of *Scott Foundation*) to handle the production of the event. This company was charged with securing the venue, designing a logo, planning the menu, soliciting item and cash donations, designing the floor plan, handling ticket sales through their website, setting up everything at the facility and running the show.

**A First:** *Two Gals* quit about six weeks before the event date, so Colleen and I had to handle all the production aspects during those final six weeks. Consequently, some things that should have been done, especially attempts to bring in more sponsorship money, just could not be done due to lack of time for both Colleen and me. The menu chosen by *Two Gals* would have cost twice as much per person as the ticket price that had been set in January and advertised as \$45. Fortunately, we were able to change the menu to decrease the cost per person to what tickets cost, but we did not make any profit on the ticket sales. By contract, we ended up paying *Two Gals* \$1,000 for securing the venue and designing the logo; we were fortunate that we didn't lose the entire fee of over \$3,000 that the contract stipulated. We lost some more money because the fees charged for credit card processing through their website were not recovered, although the total revenue from tickets sold through that website was transferred to *Scott Foundation's* bank account. When *Two Gals* quit, Colleen quickly created another ticket-sale site, Eventbrite, using "canned software" she had used before; the credit card (i.e. PayPal) processing fee for ticket sales through this program was 7.7%! However, all except one of the people who registered through this website graciously paid the extra fee (the website offered the option of paying the extra fee or not). The *Two Gals* website had subtracted the processing fee from the \$45 ticket-purchasers paid, so we received only \$43.56 per ticket (3.3% fee), thus losing money on those ticket sales.

**A First:** in April, a company that had a booth at the *Phoenix Pet Expo – Fancy Paw Boutique* – was hired in an agreement with Colleen to make the outfits for the dogs for \$25 each, a discount on the owner's standard \$40 fee. Although she assured us that she could make outfits for large dogs, the seamstress, Elwira Klimek (known as LV), had previously made outfits only for small dogs. She was given measurements and photos of all the dogs and she actually visited me and met all four



Shelby Ball, who is a small female, was visiting at Deb's when LV Klimek brought over the first outfit she finished; it just barely fit Shelby, so the by-words from then on were "think bigger"!

of my Golden Retrievers, but a lot of the outfits still were not big enough.

Even though she had a list of all participating dogs, she produced three too few outfits for male dogs and four too many outfits for female dogs, so I had to help by creating the additional needed outfits; because Ms. Klimek lives near Page, AZ, I also made most of the needed alterations in the outfits that did not fit.



The *Purple Passion* outfit was a perfect size for Susie Koblick, since she is a Maltese and the size dog that LV Klimek had sewn for before

**A First:** a DJ, Ray Rodriguez (photo below) with *OneTen Entertainment*, was hired by Colleen



the day before the event to produce music to accompany the fashion parade. He did a nice job selecting music that went with whatever the dog or the kid was wearing. For example, he had Kenny Rogers' song *The Gambler* playing when Adam

Cardinal brought his dog **Rhys** out wearing "The Gambler" outfit that I had made. Had we thought ahead of time about needing/wanting music at the event, we most likely would have been able to find someone to produce the music arrangement for free. As it was, he discounted his event fee by half, so we paid him only \$1,000 this year. But the agreement Colleen made with him was that he would be hired again in 2018 and paid his full fee of \$2,000. His fees were a shock, so we feel it is time to rethink our fundraising efforts.



Adam Cardinal with his boy Rhys before guests started arriving at Monterra



Back of Rhys's "The Gambler" outfit with "diamond" buttons and tails

**A First:** *AGR* had more volunteers who wanted to come with their dogs than we really needed, but we accommodated everyone because we did not want to discourage new members from getting involved. Two volunteers who had been scheduled to be there without dogs were not able to attend due to one of them having to work (found out the day before) and the other was battling a bad back. So, we were a little short-handed, but we managed. The only real problem the absence of these volunteers created



Nice bags were donated by Microsoft, but more than half the attendees did not take one home; most of the dog handlers got one, though

was that there was no one at the venue entrance/exit to hand out the goodie bags that had been prepared for the attendees, so about half of the bags were left behind. It was a shame that so many who came did not take goodie bags home, because there were some very nice items from some generous donors included in the bags. The bags themselves had been donated by *Microsoft, Inc.*

**A First:** the fashion parade coordinator, Mahsa Jaeger, did a commendable job coordinating the show and handling the teenagers. However, she changed the order of appearance of the dogs the night before the event, but the script being read by the commentator, Tram Mai, was not changed, so there was some confusion both among the dog handlers and the audience – it worked out eventually when the script caught up with the dog order. I have included the script at the end of this article, so that those of you who could not attend will be able to read the stories of the dogs that participated. Most of the photos that accompany the script

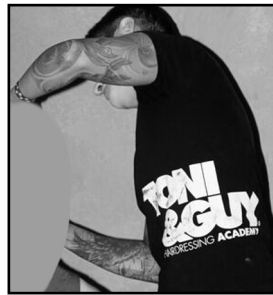


Mahsa Jaeger at right holding script; Christine Spiel waiting to step out with Jack



Mahsa Jaeger (right) thanking one of the make-up artists

were taken by me or Connie when each dog was brought to my house to try on their outfit. Mahsa donated her services for the event, as did the make-up crew she brought in to work on the kids and representatives from *Toni & Guy Hairdressing Academy*, who produced some beautiful hair designs.



This arrangement was done in a little pitcher instead of a tea cup, but it was the prettiest one of the creations by Glendale Flowers that was photographed

*Glendale Flowers* created and donated the table decorations, lovely colorful flower arrangements in tea cups. We had to buy the tea cups at *Goodwill* stores because their promised donation did not come through, another last-minute snafu. Originally, we had planned to put a tea cup with flowers at each diner's place as a table favor, but because we had to buy the tea cups, we had only three per table. The decorations looked terrific, though, and we thank *Glendale Flowers* for their kindness.

**A First:** 36 teenagers in foster care or group homes that were sponsored by *Scott Foundation* were originally scheduled to participate in the event. However, due to lack of cooperation from some group home managers in seeing to it that their kids had

transportation to and from the numerous programs *Scott Foundation* had developed to help them, that number dropped to 20. The line-up worked out with the number of dogs we had, because we started with two dogs and then alternated one teenager then two dogs, one teenager and then two dogs, etc.



Cindy Tigges (wearing white rabbit mask) with Koso The White Rabbit and Duey wearing Exotic Wonderland Flowers Dress

**A First:** all 39 dogs (*Koso* and *Duey Tigges* walked as a pair), handlers and other *AGR* volunteers arrived on the day of the event on or before the scheduled time of 10 AM. Among the dogs, there was no barking, no growling, not even a lip-curl; all were extremely well behaved. All who wore a hat as part of their outfit kept the hat on during the fashion parade. All looked incredibly adorable! There was a small problem with some of the dogs, or should I say some of the handlers, of which I was not aware until the day after the event: some had allowed their dogs to potty in areas other than the designated area and did not clean up after the dogs. I was embarrassed when I was told about this, as I had not anticipated anyone not using the

designated area where we had set up a poop scooper, a bag-lined poop can, and a box of poop bags. We should have patrolled the entire grounds to be sure nothing was left where it shouldn't have been left. And, although we shouldn't have to, at future events we will remind all dog handlers to pick up after their dogs!

**A First:** since the event was touted as a *Paw Tea*, and people traditionally wear hats to tea parties, we held a hat contest. Many of the attendees wore hats, some rather plain and some quite elaborate (see p 26). *Scott Foundation* teenagers were charged by the DJ to go into the audience and select eight or so of the hats they liked best. The people chosen came up onto the stage and the DJ did a noise-vote for the best hat. Getting the loudest applause and whistles, a young lady of about 10 years of age won the prize, which was worth several hundred dollars and included a nice basket of cosmetic items from *Udder Delight*, a year's family membership to the *Desert Botanical Garden*, a \$100 gift certificate to *Rack Room Shoes*, a \$55 gift certificate from *Massage Envy* and other items.



**A First:** Before and during the event, Dean Farrell from *Orcatek Photography* in Tempe took lots of photos. These have not been published on a public website because many of the pictures show the faces of the foster kids, and we were restricted from making those public. Many of the photos I have included with this article were taken by Mr. Farrell, however, and we very much appreciate that he donated his time to be at the event and then to process the photos afterward. Our own terrific photographer, Connie McCabe,



Connie McCabe with Winnie wearing LV Klimek's French creation

was in the show with her **AGR** dog **Winnie**. Connie got some pictures before the fashion parade started and husband Nick Dodson continued to try to get photos during the parade, but we did not end up with pictures of every dog wearing its show outfit.

The commentator of the fashion parade was Tram Mai from **TV Channel 12 News**. Tram was perfect for this job, as she is terrific speaking in front of groups, as well as interviewing people, but also she had adopted a dog, **Pressley**, from **AGR** in 2009, so she had some history with our organization. She did a great job, and we thank her tremendously for donating her time to be there.



Tram Mai

To recap a little more of the history of this event...



Patrick Doyle

The *Fashion Paw Tea* Committee met for the first time at the end of May at **Monterra**. Patrick Doyle, who is one of **AGR's** Equipment Managers, came with me. During that meeting, I offered to handle the raffle and silent auction, since I had done that for years for our golf tournament and other events. **Two Gals** weren't very happy with that offer, because it meant they would not be paid for doing that part of the production, but I insisted. The Committee discussed the room layout and the timing of the various aspects of the day-of-event.

We scheduled another meeting for end of August. In the interim, however, **Two Gals** quit, so Colleen, Patrick and I had another meeting at **Monterra** at end of July. By this time, there was also a new facilities manager at **Monterra** – the one we had met in May had left the position just a few days after our meeting. At the meeting with the new facilities manager, Emily, we discussed the menu and pared it down so the cost would be no more than the ticket price. We decided lunch would include Herb Roasted Country-style Chicken, Baked Eggplant Parmigiano, Roasted Garlic Mashed Red Skin Potatoes, Green Beans in Lemon Oil, Romaine Caesar Salad, Pasta Salad, Soft Pull-Apart Rolls, Assorted Dessert Bars and Fruit Skewers – it was all very tasty! There was also a cash bar from which attendees could purchase beer, wine, soda,



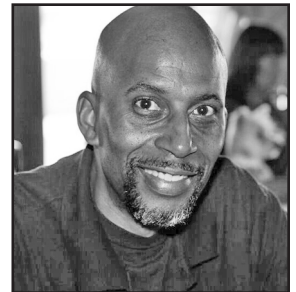
Buffet Line – Food was excellent!

Mimosas or Bloody Marys. We eliminated the chair covers **Two Gals** had requested (a \$500 savings in itself), discussed the room layout and ordered tables for the silent auction and raffle; these were to be set up by noon on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, so that we could come then to set up the items.



Colleen Fedigan-Walski, Founder and President of Scott Foundation

Our final meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> was attended by Colleen Walski and Tim Harris from **Scott Foundation**, Fashion Coordinator Mahsa Jaeger, Patrick and me. Basically, we discussed the production of the show and settled on the timing details.



Tim Harris, Director of Development for Scott Foundation

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, Liz Tataseo came to my house and spent most of the day with me wrapping and bow-tying all the raffle and silent auction items; I had already decided what items were going to go together and which would be in the raffle and which in the silent auction. We had a wonderful selection of items for both!

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, several volunteers came to my house in the evening to help stuff the goodie bags including Patrick Doyle, Colleen Fedigan-Walski, Kathy and Tim Harris, Joyce Moser, Alma Richards, Amanda Salvione, Liz Tataseo, Jane Triplett, Autumn Wilson and Sandy York. That morning, Patrick and I had straightened up my garage and set up tables for the 250 goodie bags that had been donated by **Microsoft**. We put all the boxes with items for the bags down the center of the garage, so everything was within easy reach. With such a great crew of bag stuffers, we were finished in about 1 ½ hours.

We started the set-up at noon on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. **AGR** members who helped me that afternoon included Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Beverly Host, Ellen Lagerman, Connie McCabe, Liz Tataseo and Lenni Wilson. Adam Cardinal and Jane Triplett had also come to my house in the morning to help load the trailer and vehicles. Colleen Fedigan-Walski, Tim Harris, Mahsa Jaeger and DJ Ray Rodriguez met us



Nick Dodson



Beverly Host helped set up on Friday, then handled Duffy Orwig *The Groom* at the event on Saturday



Ellen Lagerman helped set up on Friday and brought her AGR rescue Barney to the event; Barney wore a vest made from "Live, Laugh and Love" fabric

as 8:30. Even though the official starting time was 11 AM, the first guests arrived at 10:20. Fortunately, the bar was open and

at **Monterra**. Unloading the vehicles, setting up all the raffles and silent auction items, and applying the contact-paper paw prints and arrows took about 3 ½ hours.

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful, warm day. The dogs and handlers were all at **Monterra** by 10 AM, some coming as early



Lenni Wilson at right with daughter Casi Maynard; Lenni helped set up on Friday, then came as a guest to the event with Casi; Lenni and husband Steve also donated a custom-made shirt for our silent auction



Among the many wonderful silent auction items were a basket of 6 wines from *Arizona Stronghold Vineyard* and a sample of a custom-made shirt from *SW Wilson Bespoke Clothiers*

all the silent auction and raffle items were accessible. Throughout the morning, dogs and handlers mingled with the crowd, and we heard many comments like, "Ooh, she's so soft!" and "He's so handsome!"

The lunch buffet opened at noon. The dog handlers had been advised to get their food quickly and be ready to dress their dog at 12:30. The fashion parade started on time at 12:45, with **Shelby Ball** as *Alice in Wonderland* leading the group, and ending at 1:45 with Chief Mufasa, who thanked **AGR** for rescuing him six years ago and providing treatment to cure his heartworm, and he thanked everyone for coming.



AGR President Deb Orwig with Chief Mufasa

After the fashion parade, instead of talking about *Arizona Golden Rescue* and our need for funds, I presented some small gifts to Tram Mai, Mahsa Jaeger, Ray Rodriguez and Colleen Fedigan-Walski. Then one of the teenagers went up to the microphone, told her own foster story, and made a plea for donations. Colleen had prepared forms and envelopes for donations; there were enough put on the tables for every diner. However, few were turned in

with money. We were expecting a much more significant result from this "Ask", but the total was only a little over \$1,600 – very disappointing.



Shelly Forstrom bought three Pioneer Sponsorships; she is fifth from left in back of most of the group she brought; Shelly's AGR dog Peanut, a Bassett Hound/Golden Mix was kindly handled by Angela Palumbo-Mullaney in the fashion parade



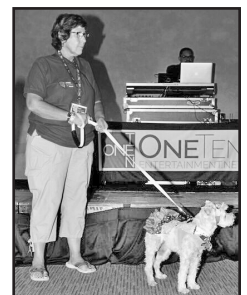
Adorable 14-year-old Peanut Forstrom, a Golden Retriever/Basset Hound mix, modeled a colorful Christmas outfit made by LV Klimek of *Fancy Paw Boutique*

During the fashion parade, there was loud applause and even some standing ovations; there were also tears, but we had prepared for those by putting packages of Kleenex on the tables.

All in all, it was a fun event, although not the major fundraiser we had anticipated it to be.



Karin Forsythe and Jolene Schlichter checked in the guests and also sold raffle tickets



Jodi Koblick with Susie

Among the fabulous silent auction items were a French Countryside lap quilt made by Connie Wozniak accompanied by 4 bottles of French wine and two beautiful stemless wine glasses; also a Cuisinart Ice Cream maker with ice cream toppings, waffle cone maker, bowls and spoons and a Ben & Jerry's *Ice Cream Desserts* book donated by Teri and Jeff Guilbault





**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

A huge THANK YOU to all who donated their services, items for the raffle and silent auction, or cash!

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We had a “one handler, one dog” rule (with the exception of the Tigges littermates), so **AGR** members without dogs handled the multiples; here are Lily and Cassie Barnett with Cowboy Nash Spiel

Lynn Parkhurst  
 Cindy Pavero  
 Carrie Peck  
 Karey Rodeffer  
 Sheri Rodeffer  
 Christine Spiel  
 Liz Tataseo  
 Cindy and Gary Tigges  
 Jane Triplett  
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Dean Mortimore kindly handled Bride Dolly Orwig

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Marlene Mortimore handled lovely “Old Fashioned Girl” Missy; 13-year-old Missy suddenly passed away just three weeks after the event

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Autumn as “Belle” from Beauty and the Beast adores her dad Bert Engstrom

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Maggie Buffalin had made a gorgeous, elaborate hat with the same colors as her Rosie's "Going to a Picnic" outfit

Jane Triplett also made a fantastic hat and wore aqua-colored pants to match her rescued Greyhound Blueberry's "Snow Prince" outfit



Mark Hill with NinAnnie and Michele Wehry with Cassie



Liz Tataseo with Reba, classy in the "Horse Show Dressage Event" outfit



Patrick Doyle handled Emma Tataseo in her Spanish Fiesta outfit



Cindy Pavero's daughters, Kayla and Nicole Hopkins with Trixie Vallie and Honey Pavero, respectively

Anne and John McGill  
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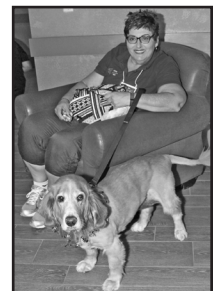
There were several boy-girl pairs who wore similar outfits; here are Charlie Peck as Birthday Boy and Daisy Pavero as Birthday Girl



Sue Vallie with Patriotic Oliver; his female counterpart was NinAnnie Wehry



Debbie Ball with Shelby



Angela Palumbo-Mullaney wanted to help but had no dog she could bring, so we asked her to handle Peanut Forstrom while Peanut's mom sat with guests at a table



Some of the incredible raffle items included a large basket of products from Furminator, passes to Bearizona and Verde Canyon Railroad; a 7-piece set of copper cookware; a Bissell vacuum with cleaning products; and a 6-way Griddler with cooking accessories. Every raffle item was worth at least \$100!



From left: Dawn Barnett, Cindy Pavero, Beverly Host, Liz Tataseo, Kayla Hopkins, Nicole Hopkins and Steve Nichols



Tia Benningfield with Maggie, who wore the Tea Party Dress



Shelby Nichols wearing "Go to the Aquarium" dress and "Tropical Dog" Cooper Barnett



Carrie Peck with Charlie, who was "Birthday Boy"



Kelley and grandmother Sheri Rodeffer handled Kelley's service dog Sucey, who modeled the "Queen of Hearts" outfit - photo on p 3



Above, Karey Rodeffer with Joie; below, Joie wearing "Snow Princess outfit from Fancy Paw Boutique; Joie's counterpart was Blueberry the Greyhound as the "Snow Prince" - photo top of page 34



A nice touch: LV Klimek had embroidered the back of both Sadie and Boomer Mackerman's outfits with "Thank You US Military Troops Thank You!"



Tiffany Berry with Chloe, who modeled the "Sunflower Dress" (photo p 37)

### The Commentator's Script

*Rescue is not about finding perfect dogs to adopt.  
Rescue is about helping loving dogs in need.*

Most of the outfits being modeled by the dogs were created by LV Klimek, whose business is called **Fancy Paw Boutique**.

Our *Fashion Paw-Tea's* theme is the *Mad Hatter's Tea Party*. So, of course, we have some characters from *Alice in Wonderland* with us today.

Alice could not wear her usual Plain Jane outfit to a tea party in Scottsdale, Arizona, so she had to "go fancy"! Here is **Shelby** modeling Alice's party dress (photo on page 3). Three years ago, darling **Shelby** was rescued at 4 months of age from a Golden Retriever breeder in California, who had not been able to sell her. The breeder had labeled her the "ugly ducking" of the litter - can you believe that? Breeder, you should see her now! **Shelby**, handled by her mom Debbie Ball, is a very good girl, very loving, comical at times, rarely ever barks, and loves all people and other dogs. She loves all the attention she gets when helping at various **AGR** Meet-and-Greet activities.

The *Wonderland World* revolved around the *Queen of Hearts*. This character is represented by **Sucey** (photo page 3), who is being handled by Kelley and her grandmother, Sheri Rodeffer. **Sucey** is a trained service dog that the family acquired almost 6 years ago from **North Star Foundation** in Connecticut. **Sucey** goes to school every day with Kelley. **Sucey's AGR** socialization and experiences have made her a happier and better-adjusted dog by allowing her to relax and have some "typical" dog fun with other well-socialized and well-behaved dogs.

One of Alice's acquaintances in *Wonderland* was the *Cheshire Cat*, always grinning and sometimes disappearing. Since the story was never specific about the gender of the



Cheshire Cat Charlie

*Cheshire Cat*, we have both a male and a female playing this role today. **Charlie**, handled by his mom Sheila Joyce, came into Rescue 3 years ago at age one. He was a stray and might have been hit by a car, because he had severe hip dislocation on only one side. **AGR** had his hip fixed, and now **Charlie** is a certified therapy dog, who goes to **Royal Oaks Convalescent Home** every Saturday to love on the residents there.



Sheila Joyce and Charlie



Cheshire Cat Bunny;



Sarah Martin with Bunny

Our female *Cheshire Cat* is **Bunny**, handled by her mom Sarah Martin. She came to *AGR* in 2010; we were told she was 5 years old then, which would make her 12 now, but she has the energy and spunk of a dog half that age! She was rescued

from a domestic abuse situation and was so dirty and stinky the transporter had to drive with the windows open. She had never been to a vet, so she needed everything *AGR* has done as standard vet care. When *AGR* rescued her, she was shy and fearful, but no longer! She enjoys participating in events and making new friends.



Gene Carter watched Dolly Orwig while Deb finished the set-up; Celeste Carter handled "Mad Hatter" Vin in the fashion parade

Of course, we could not have the *Mad Hatter's Tea Party* without a *Mad Hatter*. This role is played today by **Vin**, now 19 months old. He is being handled by *AGR* member Celeste Carter. **Vin** and 7 other puppies were born at *AGR* President Deb Orwig's house on January 13, 2016. The mother was only 10 ½ months old and the father was her littermate brother.



"Mad Hatter"  
Vin Orwig

Three of the puppies didn't make it; **Vin** was the smallest of those who did. The 7 boys were named after the characters in *The Magnificent Seven* movie. He is a typical, rambunctious, goofy puppy and a work in progress obedience-wise, but very sweet and loving.

An unusual character in Alice's world was the *White Rabbit*, who was always thinking he was going to be late. He wasn't late for our very important *Fashion Paw-Tea* date, though. Here is **Koso** dressed as the *White Rabbit*. He wouldn't wear the mask so his mom, Cindy Tigges, had to. **Koso** is a variety of Golden Retriever called English cream. **Koso** will be 13 years old in October. In *Wonderland*, all the flowers were very exotic-looking so **Koso's** littermate, **Duey**, is wearing a colorful outfit with a wild, flowered design (photo of the Tigges family on p 30). Eleven years ago, the pair was rescued from a shelter in Kosovo, Serbia! A kind lady who was working for the United Nations security force found them in a shelter. She made the arrangements to bring the dogs to Phoenix. The canine pair and their rescuer were met at Sky Harbor Airport by more than 30 Rescue volunteers and photojournalists from all four major TV stations. It was quite exciting! Their life here in Arizona has been wonderful.

Another Disney character represented today is *Belle*, from *Beauty and the Beast*. Here is **Autumn** wearing a rendition of *Belle's* signature yellow ball gown made by Deb Orwig (photo on p 33). **Autumn**, now 5 years old, came into Rescue in January with uncontrolled seizures and low thyroid function. She was seriously overweight and tested positive for valley fever. Her seizures have now been stabilized with medication, her thyroid and valley fever issues are under control, and she has lost about 15 pounds on the green bean diet. Lovely **Autumn** is being handled by her adoring dad, Bert Engstrom, who is no Beast but did bring roses to give to this Beauty.



*Candyland* is another magical place represented today by six year old **Cassie**. **Cassie**, a rescue from a Midwest puppy mill, was saved off the mill by *Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue* of Oklahoma. The minute her adoptive parents saw her face four years ago, Michele Wehry and Mark Hill had to have her. Michele told us, *Cassie arrived with a broken soul and crushed heart. Her funny: she looks like a*

*Golden Retriever and is a purebred, but a Beagle bark comes out when she opens her mouth, a product of living in a cage on the Beagle wing of the puppy mill. She's gone from a dog you couldn't ever look into her eyes as she feared it so much, to a dog that uses every opportunity available to stare into our eyes for whatever she wants. I'd like to say that her family doesn't fall for that art of manipulation from a dog, but then I'd be lying.*

*Candyland* isn't the only game in town. Due to the numerous casinos around the Valley, there are also slots, blackjack, and poker. **Rhys** is our *Gambler* (photo p 29). In 2014, he was dumped at a truck stop in Kingman by an owner who was moving to California and said they could not afford to take him with them. At 2 years of age, **Rhys** needed all of *AGR's* standard vet care including neuter surgery. Otherwise he was healthy and happy. **Rhys** was his handler Adam Cardinal's introduction to *Arizona Golden Rescue*. Now, Adam is *AGR's* Director of Information Management. **Rhys** took a big gamble by coming into Rescue and won the time of his life! His outfit, including a shirt with "diamond" studs and a topcoat with "diamond buttons" and tails, was made by Deb Orwig.

If you have a dog, do you celebrate its birthday? Many dog-owners do. Here are our female, **Daisy**, and our male, **Charlie**, wearing their *Happy Birthday* outfits (photo of the pair on p 34). **Daisy** is handled by her mom, Cindy Pavero, who is *AGR's* Director of Activities. She bought **Daisy** from a breeder before she joined *AGR*.

**Charlie** came into Rescue last year at 13 months of age. He had been spooked by the noise of the air brakes on a school bus, took off, and was recovered the next day but had been severely injured. His owner could not afford the necessary vet care. At first the

vet thought **Charlie** might need surgery because his leg wounds were so severe, but with daily treatment and bandage changes for several weeks, **Charlie's** legs healed. Now, no one can tell he was ever hurt. His adoptive mom, Carrie Peck (photo p 35), is one of **AGR's** fabulous Placement Team volunteers.



Groom Duffy Orwig and Bride Dolly Orwig

Another special occasion being recognized today is a wedding. Ours is a May/December relationship with 11-year-old **Dolly** as the bride and her 4 ½-year-old housemate, **Duffy**, as the groom. **Dolly** was surrendered to Rescue three years ago at age 8 by a family that had two very young children, one of whom was reported to be allergic to **Dolly**.

**Dolly** weighed a whopping 113 pounds and had severe allergies herself. She was immediately put on the green bean diet. It took 8 months for her to lose 35 pounds, but now she looks great! Her allergies are under control, at least most of the time. She is very loving, great with all dogs and kids. Today, she is being handled by **AGR** member and Orwig family friend Dean Mortimore, and is modeling a spectacularly gorgeous wedding dress made by Elwira Klimek of **Fancy Paw Boutique**.

Accompanying **Dolly** as her "groom" is **Duffy**, who is being handled by **AGR** member and Orwig family friend Beverly. Four years ago, **Duffy** came into Rescue on St. Patrick's Day as one of a litter of six 6-week-old Golden puppies. **AGR** President Deb fostered the litter for 6 weeks until the puppies were all fully vaccinated. **Duffy** picked Deb as his person, so he stayed and now enjoys life playing with **Vin**, **Mufasa** and an occasional foster or guest dog. **Dolly** ignores them all!

Everything's *Comin' up Roses* for **Helen Teller** wearing a gorgeous *Roses* outfit in red, black and white. **Teller's** mom, Lynn Parkhurst, told us: *Teller came to me from a hoarder-breeder situation. She arrived late at night after traveling several hours*



Lynn Parkhurst

*to my home. She is totally blind, yet jumped out of the van, sniffed my feet and jumped up and put her front legs around my waist. I have never had a blind dog and was worried about my ability to foster her. Together we learned our clicking method for following me. She mapped my house and my yard quickly. The first*



*time she fell in the pool I watched her calmly navigate to the side of the pool and get out. Teller is a constant reminder to me how the animal world deals with what life throws at them and continues to move forward.*

**Barney**, handled by his mom Ellen Lagerman (photo p 32), is modeling a *Live, Laugh and Love* vest. Four-year-old **Barney**, a Golden mix, was rescued earlier this year. He had been living in a mobile home with two other dogs and had started to urinate indoors when the owner wasn't home. The owner was going to dump him at a shelter, but a friend suggested Rescue instead, thankfully. **AGR** had him neutered, vaccinated, and tested for a urinary tract infection. He did not have a UTI, so they concluded the urinating was behavioral and not medical. **Barney** is now well adjusted in his new home and is no longer peeing indoors. Here is the always-smiling **Barney**, who is thoroughly enjoying his new life!

**Susie** is our "little dog rescue" representative. Her folks are active **AGR** members, but they prefer to own the small breeds. **Susie** was turned into the county by her owners at 8 years of age. She was in very bad shape. The **Humane Society in Wickenburg** met **Susie** and realized she needed a lot of medical care and that she might have been abused; they took her in because she was so friendly. A friend in Washington state posted on Facebook that this dog needed a home, so Jodi and Jay Koblick went and got her, and they feel it was one of the best decisions they have made. **Susie** is wearing a custom-made **Fancy Paw Boutique Purple Passion** outfit, purple being her mom Jodi's favorite color (photos on pp 29 & 32).

In dog years, **Trixie** is about 84, so she would have been active during the "flower child era" of the 1960s. She is, therefore, wearing our *Flower Child* outfit (photo on p 34). After being with her original family for over 11 years, she was surrendered to Rescue when her daddy passed away and because her disabled 88-year-old mommy could not care for her. Sue and Roger offered to foster her "just for the weekend". Sue said, *We expected a dog that looked and acted like a real senior. Imagine our surprise at seeing this lovely girl. It is obvious that this girl was loved before we got her. Her family can be assured that for as long as she has, she will continue to be adored.* **Trixie** is kindly being handled by Kayla Hopkins, the daughter of Cindy Pavero, who has her hands full today with "Happy Birthday" **Daisy**.



Another flower girl is **Chloe**, who is modeling the *Sunflower* dress by **Fancy Paw Boutique**. **Chloe** and her littermate sister were only 3 months old when they were rescued from a backyard breeder in 2016. Hundreds of ticks were on the girls, so even though

she did not test positive for tick fever, she was treated for it anyway just as a precaution. Although she had tapeworm, which was cleared out with medication, **Chloe** was actually pretty healthy, only needing the standard vaccines and to be spayed. The vet described her as an “energetic tornado”, but as you can see, she is a perfect little lady now. She is being handled by her mom, Tiffany Berry, who is **AGR’s** Placement Manager (photo on p 35).



Joe and Maggie Buffalin with Rosie; Joe helped watch the raffles and Maggie helped sell raffle tickets

Trips with dogs, at least with Golden retrievers, are usually quite enjoyable. **Rosie** and her mom, Maggie Buffalin, are ready to go somewhere for a picnic! Three-year-old **Rosie** was surrendered to **AGR** earlier this year. She was lonely and bored because her human parents got divorced, the mom was working 12 hours a day, and the children in the family were gone half the week.



Rosie Buffalin wearing her “Let’s Go Have a Picnic” outfit

Now, she constantly has company with her new mom and dad being around all the time. Recently, she traveled with them to much cooler Colorado! Take heart, **Rosie** – it will be cooler in Arizona in another couple of months!

**Maggie** is ready to go to a tea party, and that is exactly where she is! She had to “go fancy” for our event, and even wore her best pearl necklace. At 1½ when she was surrendered to Rescue, **Maggie** had never been to a vet and had never ridden in a car. Her family had a baby and decided they no longer had time for the dog, a very common reason for surrender. Tia Benningfield’s family, with two teenaged sons, found they had plenty of time for this lovely girl. She loves all the attention from family and friends, the couch, and living the life of a valued family member (photo of Tia on p 35).



Maggie Benningfield

One of the oldest dogs we have with us today is **Missy** (photo on p 33). She came into Rescue in 2015 at age 11 along with her littermate sister, **Molly**. Unfortunately, **Molly** had cancer and did not survive for more than a couple months. However, **Missy**, who just turned 13, seems to be going strong. When she was rescued, she had horrendously yucky teeth needing cleaning and several extractions. She also needed surgery for entropion, a condition where the eyelid grows inward so that the eyelashes damage the corneas unless the condition is corrected. She also had allergies

and bad skin. With much loving care from her new family, she healed up well. She goes to work with her dad, Dean Mortimore, and gets loved on by her mom, Marlene, when she is at home. **Missy** loves riding in the car, rolling on the grass at the local park, and going to **AGR** events. Due to her venerable age of about 90 in dog years, she is our *Old-Fashioned Girl* – notice the pearls!

We are recognizing patriotism and our military today. Wearing the USA colors of red, white and blue are **NinAnnie**, a Golden/Border Collie mix and **Oliver**, a type of Goldendoodle known as a Phantom Goldendoodle.

12-year-old **NinAnnie** was born during Columbus Day week. **Ninannie’s** canine mom, **Safford**, was surrendered to Rescue because she was getting fat. Upon delivery to Michele it was discovered that **Safford** was pregnant, unbeknownst to the owner, as he was sure his un-neutered, one-year-old male Border Collie couldn’t make puppies yet. Ha! It was love at first breath for Michele! She decided that this mud loving, incontinent, ball crazed, social deviant, swimming acrobat of the group of 6 puppies – **Nina, Pinta, Santa, Maria, Chris, and Columbus** – was born to be loved forever in the only home she’s ever known.



**Oliver** was surrendered to Rescue because his owner lost his job and could no longer care for him. **Oliver** is handled by his mom Sue Vallie, **AGR’s** Director of Dog Care. Sue told us: *The past four years have been an Oliver party, getting people and dogs to join in the fun with him. Doodle is an appropriate term for him. A kinder, happier dog I’ve never met. Oh, and by the way, he can out-shed any Golden out there! So, what’s a little fur among friends?* (Photo of Sue and Oliver on p 34.)



Dustin Mackerman with Military Sadie

Wearing army green camouflage outfits, **Sadie** and **Boomer** are saluting our military. **Sadie** is a Golden/Samoyed mix, and **Boomer** is a pure-bred Golden. This pair lives together with Dustin and



Rebecca Mackerman with Military Boomer

Rebecca Mackerman, who have been a wonderful foster family for **AGR**. These furkids have attended several **AGR** events including the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade* last year.

The International set is represented by **Emma** in her colorful Spanish Fiesta outfit, **Winnie** modeling a French-design dress and **Honey** is showing off a Croatian-design-inspired creation, all by

LV Klimek of *Fancy Paw Boutique*.

**Emma** is a Goldendoodle, who has a Golden Retriever parent and a black Poodle parent. Guess which parent won the genetic war! When she was rescued in January, she was 13 months old. She had a bad hip, significant muscle mass loss in her left hind leg, and was limping. Her owner could not afford the \$3,000 price tag for surgery. Fortunately, *AGR* could, and **Emma** had the necessary surgery in May. Since then, with rehab aqua-therapy and exercises, **Emma's** gait has improved significantly. Her mom, Liz Tataseo, *AGR's* Health Care Manager, has brought her to many *AGR* events since adopting her. **Emma** is being handled today by *AGR* member and family friend Patrick Doyle (photo on p 34).

**Winnie**, handled by her mom, Connie McCabe, *AGR's* Human Resources Director, is a Golden mixed with Duck Tolling Retriever. In 2011, she was adopted by an approved family, but the family returned her to Rescue about 2 months later when they had to move out of state to take care of an elderly relative. She went to Connie and Nick's for foster care and was adopted by them a month later. **Winnie** is about 12 now. She has slowed down some, but is still a spunky meeter-greeter at *AGR* events and loves to sit up on a chair so she can survey the area. **Winnie** is modeling LV Klimek's French creation (photo on p 31).



Winnie looking in a mirror and probably wondering, *What is THAT on my head?*

**Honey**, who is being handled by her teenaged "sister" Nicole Hopkins (photo on p 34), was acquired from a breeder as a puppy long before the Pavero family joined *AGR* as members in January of this year. Mom Cindy and daughter Nicole brought **Honey** to an *AGR* event the next day, and since then it's been never look back. **Honey** is modeling an outfit created by LV Klimek from a fabric that has a Croatian-inspired design.



Here comes **Cooper** as our *Tropical Island* guy (photo p 35). His mom and dad love Margaritaville, so they were thrilled when they saw his outfit. **Cooper**, a mellow 3-year-old, was rescued earlier this year. His owner, who lived in a townhouse, felt **Cooper** needed a yard to run in. **Cooper** was also reported to have severe separation anxiety. He now has a yard to run in, a pool to swim in, and a work-from-home dad to keep him company. His mom, Dawn Barnett, handling him today, is often home with him, too, so he has no time to get anxious or lonely.

Joining our Island representative in their *Down by the Seashore* outfits are **Rosey**, handled by her mom, Teri Guilbault, and **Jack**, a Goldendoodle handled by his mom, Christine Spiel (photo on



Christine Spiel with Jack and Teri Guilbault with Rosey

p 30). Three-year-old **Rosey** had been attacked by another dog, had a damaged ear and was suffering from nosebleeds, which her original family could not afford to treat. After she was surrendered to *AGR*, she was found to have a myriad of health problems. After months of testing and medications, which *AGR* provided, this lovely girl finally turned the corner and is doing well. **Rosey's** mom, Teri, brought her beach bag with her today (on right in above photo), and, of course, **Rosey** is protecting her eyes with her sunhat. **Jack's** mom, Chris, brought his "Finding Dory" backpack with lots of sea creature toys, which he will share with his housemate **Nash** the Cowboy. **Jack** is wearing a *K9 Kool Hats* visor made and donated by Donn Mosley. Chris acquired 8-year-old **Jack** from a breeder long before she joined *AGR* as a member. **Jack** has vocally announced our presence at many *AGR* events during the last couple of years.

Three-year-old **Shelby** would rather visit *OdySea*, the newest and largest aquarium in Arizona. **Shelby** came into Rescue earlier this year. She was surrendered because the owner's child had developed allergies to dogs and the owner worked long hours – take your pick, *AGR* has heard both reasons many times. **Shelby** had a history of dermatitis and had a yeast infection at intake, but medication and some good-quality food helped clear up those issues. **Shelby** is wearing a "go-to-the-aquarium-and-see-the-amazing-variety-of-fish dress." Her adopters, Betty and Steve Nichols, are carrying some of her favorite sea creature toys, which we are sure she will work on shredding once she gets back home!



The holiday season is always a fun time for *Arizona Golden Rescue*. *AGR* participates in the *Holiday Pet Festival* on the first Saturday of December in the big building right across the parking lot. They also do gift wrapping mostly at the Happy Valley *Barnes & Noble* and on Christmas Eve day at the Arrowhead store. Today, three of our dogs are wearing holiday attire. First we have **Joie** (pronounced "Joy") wearing the beautiful *Snowflake Princess* outfit from *Fancy Paw Boutique* (photo on p 35) **Joie**, age 17 months, is being trained as a service dog by her mom, Karey Roderfer. She will replace **Sucy** as Kelley's service dog when **Sucy** retires. She was purchased at 9 weeks of age from a breeder of potential service dogs in Peoria. **Joie** got her first taste of *AGR* fun when she went to the *AGR* golf tournament last year and got to ride in a golf cart with her handler and **Sucy**. **Joie** is a high-en-

ergy and high-drive dog, so she needs lots of physical and mental stimulation in order to train successfully. Fortunately, **AGR** is able to support **Joie's** training by providing experiences that allow her to interact with a variety of people and dogs.

**Joie's** male counterpart wearing the *Snowflake Prince* outfit is **Blueberry** (photo on p 34), a 6-year-old retired racetrack Greyhound adopted and handled by his mom, Jane Triplett. **Berry** is a Blood Hero, donating blood once a month. He has become a certified therapy dog visiting retirement residences, schools and nursing homes. Although he is retired as an athlete, he loves participating in such rewarding activities. When he isn't out and about, his main focus is as a couch potato on a sofa, eating, and treats.

Our third holiday-season representative is **Peanut** wearing a lovely Christmas dress. **Peanut** (photo on p 32) is a 14-year-old Golden Retriever/Basset Hound mix, one of the more unusual-looking mixes **AGR** has rescued. **Peanut** was grossly overweight at intake because her original family fed her popcorn and marshmallows as treats! She also has severe allergies and is now diabetic, but her adoptive mom, Shelly Forstrom, has helped her lose weight and has taken wonderful care of her. Isn't she adorable?! She is being handled by **AGR** member Angela Palumbo-Mullaney (photo on p 32) because Shelly is sitting with her guests at a table she sponsored.

In our fashion parade today, we had to have representatives of the horse shows and rodeos that occur here every year. Dressing up for the dressage event at the horse show is **Reba** (photo on p 34), a Golden Retriever/Bloodhound mix. **Reba** was only 6 months old when she came into Rescue in 2015. She had been attacked by another dog and spent almost a week in emergency hospital intensive care, due to puncture wounds on her throat, on all four limbs, and one of her legs had been ripped open all the way to the bone. With much TLC from Liz Tataseo, **AGR's** Health Care Manager and ultimately her adopter, **Reba** recovered. Amazingly enough, she is not fearful of other dogs and, in fact, loves everybody. Yes, she is named after country-singing star Reba McEntire, and she "sings" – bays rather, like the Bloodhound in her – when someone rings Liz's doorbell.

Of course, we had to have a cowboy in our show. Modeling his fancy rodeo duds made by Deb Orwig with a hat from **K9 Kool Hats**, **Nash** is an English cream Golden Retriever who was surrendered to **AGR** in 2012 because the family had no time for him and left him alone for many hours every day. At one year of age, **Nash** needed a playmate to run with, a yard to run in, and maybe even a pool. He got all three when his mommy, Chris Spiel, adopted him after he had had the standard vetting **AGR** provides. Looks like he has roped a steer and has finally caught that rabbit that he chases in lure courses. He is handled today by **AGR** member Cassie Barnett and her daughter Lily (photo of Nash with the Barnetts on p 33) Every year, **Arizona Golden Rescue** partici-

pates in the Parada del Sol on the second Saturday of February in Scottsdale, so be sure to come and watch next year and then visit the dogs in the **AGR** merchandise booth after the parade.

If there is a cowboy, there also has to be an Indian. At the end of our fashion parade, we present **Chief Mufasa** (photo on p 32) wearing an outfit created by his mom, **Arizona Golden Rescue** President Deb Orwig. **Mufasa** has brought a Thanksgiving basket with Indian corn, squash, sunflowers, acorns and millet, and wampum for trading. He is thankful to **AGR** for rescuing him when he was 1½ and having him tested for heartworm as part of their standard vet care. He tested positive, so he was given treatment, which cost the organization about \$1,000. Here he is 6½ years later, healthy and happy. He also wants to thank all of you for attending and supporting this event.



Elwira Klimek, who goes by LV and whose business is called Fancy Paw Boutique, created most of the outfits worn by the dogs.



### Rules for a Successful Rescue Organization

1. Renew your membership in a timely manner.
2. Inform the Rescue if you change your U.S. mail address, phone number or e-mail address.
3. If your dog is microchipped (as all **AGR**-rescued dogs are), be sure to notify the microchip company if you move or change your phone number.
4. Review the By-laws at least once a year – they are available from the website – to become and remain familiar with the structure and function of the Rescue.
5. If at all possible, become a member of one of the Teams that do the work of Rescue.
6. Support the Rescue's events, either by coming to help (with or without a dog) or by making a donation.
7. Respond promptly to an event invitation.
8. If you have adopted a dog, take care of that dog to the best of your ability; if, for any reason, you find that you no longer can keep the dog, or if the dog accidentally gets away, contact the Rescue right away.
9. Consider offering to serve in a Board position when a vacancy arises.
10. Send stories and pictures about your dogs to **AGR** so we know how the family is doing.
11. Come to member meetings (like *Paws At The Park*) and give your opinion on procedures, events and activities!
12. Upgrade your membership level and/or make a cash donation. All donations are tax deductible.



## NOMNOM POPCORN FUNDRAISER



Once again, **AGR** has partnered with **Nom-Nom Popcorn** for an online fundraiser. Our campaign begins on November 1 and runs through midnight of November 22, 2017.



Caramel, Dark Chocolate, & Sea Salt  
 "Take With A Grain Of Salt"  
 Caramel Corn drizzled with Amazing Dark Chocolate and Sea Salt.

**Nom Nom Popcorn** is a family-owned business located in North Canton, Ohio and makes amazing gourmet popcorn in over 50 traditional and modern flavors. In addition to gourmet popcorn, which makes great holiday gifts, **Nom Nom** offers several new products:

“Hangry Bear” Jerkies & Smokies – Delicious Flavors of Hearty Beef Jerky & Smokies from mild to intense!

“Java Nom’s” Coffee – Eye-Opening Varieties of Delicious Coffee to please every java lover!

“Mama Bear’s” Pickles & Peppers – Tempting Pickle and Pepper Products to add a little zing to meal or snack time!

Savory & Sweet Flavored Nuts – Scrumptious Peanuts and Almonds and Cashews!

**AGR** receives 30% earnings on sales (not including shipping costs). Shipping costs are not inflated and simply cover actual costs.

Ordering is easy on our personalized online **Nom Nom Popcorn** Fundraising Site. The URL is: [www.supportyours.org/arizona-goldenrescue](http://www.supportyours.org/arizona-goldenrescue)

Please share this web address (often) via email, text and/or social media to family and friends. Anyone and everyone can order in support of **AGR**!

### End-of-the-Year Donations

Please consider making an end-of-the-year donation to **AGR**. For your convenience, a remuneration envelope is included with this newsletter. If you can manage it, why not designate a monthly amount to be charged to your credit card? We do not charge a credit card use fee for donations. Even \$10 per month will be a significant donation of \$120 over the course of a year. Would you miss \$25 per month? That amount will add up to \$300! All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in an official letter which will be sent to you in January. The dogs thank you for your continued support!

## How You Can Help AGR

By Deb Orwig

I do not like pointing out that we have done a lot of fundraising this year both at small events like Meet-and-Greets and large events like the *Phoenix Pet Expo* and the *Fashion Paw Tea*, but we have spent over \$13,992 more than we have taken in so far in 2017. Obviously, we cannot keep this up or we will go into the red eventually.

We hope you have helped raise some funds in support of our special needs dogs. Our *Summer Fundraiser* was dedicated to these dogs. If you were not able to send in money during August, you can do so at any time, but the sooner the better. Our thanks to all the kind folks who did send in a donation in August – they are listed on page 17.

There are other smaller ways you can support our fundraising efforts. Use GoodSearch as your default browser (see set-up instructions on p 42), GoodShop, and GoodDining.

Recycle your old cell phones with us. **AGR** member Karin Forsythe recycles them for cash for **AGR**. You can bring them to any Board member or to any Meet-and-Greet at any time.

Participate in our upcoming fundraisers: the **Nom Nom Popcorn** fundraiser, *Paws & Pasta* on November 12, all the holiday gift wrapping events at **Barnes & Noble** stores, or the **PACC 911** events.

If you have not done so already, register your **Fry’s Grocery** VIP card with **Arizona Golden Rescue** chosen as your beneficiary. Your grocery bill will not increase and you will not lose fuel points or sports-team points, but a small percentage of every purchase will be donated to **AGR**. We now receive about \$550 per quarter from the parent company, **Kroger, Inc.**; we would like to see that amount increase.



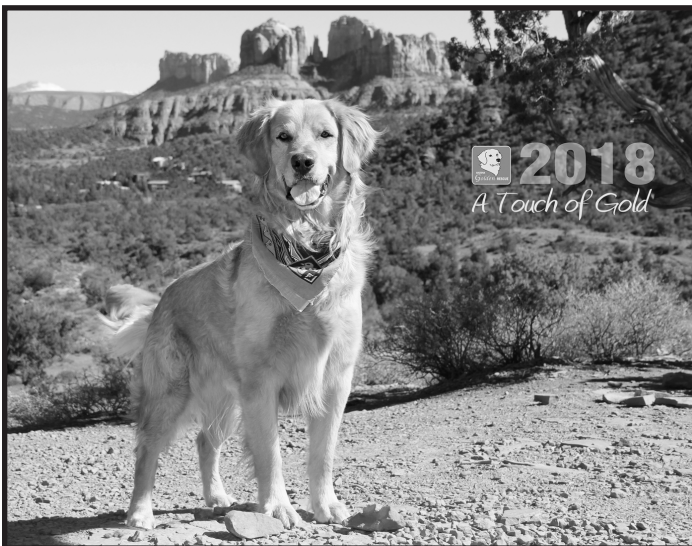
Do you do online shopping at Amazon.com? Please register at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose **Arizona Golden Rescue** as your beneficiary. When you purchase qualifying items (e-books for Kindles do not qualify) through AmazonSmile, **AGR** will get a small percentage of the sale.

**iGive** supports hundreds of online retail businesses. If you shop

online anywhere besides Amazon.com, please register with *iGive* and choose *AGR* as your beneficiary.

Do you have a vehicle you no longer need or want? Donate it through *Charitable Adult Rides & Services (CARS)* and *AGR* will get 80% of the profit from their sale of the vehicle.

Purchase a 2018 calendar or something else from our merchandise inventory. We carry some great items that you will not find anywhere else. We will have all our merchandise at Paws & Pasta and a selection at PACC911 events. Deb Orwig stores the merchandise at her house, so you can always go there to make a purchase.



### *A Touch of Gold 2018 Calendar*

Our gorgeous 2018 calendar is now available! All of you who have an Amber, Topaz, Pearl or Gold membership should have already received one; please let us know if you did not. We will have copies at every event and Meet-and-Greet. Calendars can also be purchased at *Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital* (3131 E Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix), *Academy West Animal Hospital Boarding & Grooming* (6231 W Bell Rd, Glendale), and *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* (17477 N 82nd St, Scottsdale). The cost is the same as it has always been: \$10 each. You can also send in an order and ask for the calendar(s) to be mailed, but please add \$2.50 per calendar for postage.

### *Setting GoodSearch as your Default Search Engine*

Enter the *Arizona Golden Rescue* website, [www.arizonagoldenrescue.org](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org), from your current browser. On the home page, click on the **GoodSearch.com** box. This will take you to the **GoodSearch** site. While there you will notice at the top of your web browser the opportunity to **Add GoodSearch** to your browser. Click on this box. After that, do the following depending on which browser you use:

**Mozilla Firefox:** to change the default search engine for the *Firefox* search bar, click the drop down arrow next to the search engine icon and select a search engine (you can see your current default search engine in bold). *Firefox* will remember your choice and use the selected search engine from now on (until you change it again).

#### **Google Chrome:**

1. Navigate: Settings (icon) → Options and click “Manage” next to your “Default search engine”
2. Select your preferred search engine from the list and click “Make Default” button.

**Internet Explorer:** If you are using *Internet Explorer 8*, your default search engine is likely to be Bing. Here’s how you can change that: In the search bar, there is a small arrow to the right of the search icon (magnifying glass). Click the arrow and then select “Manage search engines”. Select the search provider that you’d like to set as default here. Click on ‘Set as Default’ button.



### *Meet-and-Greets at Petco*

By Liz Tataseo

**GLENDALE Petco, 9980 W Northern Ave. – Liz Tataseo,**

**Hostess**

Due to the heat, we spent the first two months of this quarter inside *Petco*. While we met many customers of *Petco*, we did miss all the foot and car traffic we would see outside.



In July, we pulled in \$65 in donations due to the great crowd we had attending. Joining **Reba, Emma** and me were **Debbie** and **Rick Ball** with **Shelby,**



Tom Wollbrinck and Dustin Mackerman discuss Rudy

Patrick Doyle, and Rebecca and Dustin Mackerman with foster **Rudy**, who came to meet his possible adopter, Tom Wollbrinck. Also, meeting and greeting were Deb Orwig with **Vin** and **Duffy** and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. Tom and **Rudy** made an instant connection, and **Rudy** is now happily living the high life with Tom.

The end of the month in August was still very hot, so we were once again inside *Petco*. Joining **Reba, Emma** and me were Patrick Doyle, Jodi and Jay Koblick with daughter Jamie Smith and granddaughter Ali Smith, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**, and



Patrick Doyle and Chris Spiel are regulars at the Petco Meet-and-Greets; here they are with Emma and Reba Tataseo and Jack and Nash Spiel

Cassie Barnett and her daughter Lily. We spoke to several people, but it was a really slow day – we collected only \$19 in donations.

The end of September was cool enough to be outside in the shade in front of *Petco*. We prefer being outside because, sure enough, a car stopped curbside and donated on the spot. Joining **Reba, Emma** and me were Bob Cain and Rebecca Kemak with **Murphy**, Patrick Doyle who



Patrick Doyle wrangling Reba and Emma Tataseo and Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with Murphy

squired **Emma** around and Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and **Willow**. **Murphy** had a great time and is a natural at meeting and greeting. Of course **Charlie** and **Willow**, fresh from their therapy work that morning, were very happy to receive petting and treats. We col-



Sheila Joyce, Willow and Charlie are also regulars at Petco

lected \$65 in donations and an extra \$25 in memory of **Missy Mortimore** from Deb Orwig, who could not attend because she was fostering puppies.



Murphy Kemak-Cain

We will set up outside on the last Saturday of every month through April or May or whenever it is too hot to be there. Please join us from 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM or for any amount of time!



Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

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

During the cooler months of the year from October through April or May, Connie hosts a Meet-and-Greet at this *PetSmart* location on the second Sunday of each month from 1 PM - 4 PM. Please bring a chair and a water bowl for your dog and join the group! Connie always brings treats like homemade Chex mix for the humans and homemade, grain-free cookies for the dogs.

## TAX DEDUCTIBILITY

By Deb Orwig

*Arizona Golden Rescue* is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization. What does this mean as far as taxes, taxation, and tax deductibility go?

Although we have to report our annual income and expenses, our 501 (c) (3) designation renders *AGR* exempt from paying sales tax, both to the state of Arizona and to the federal government (*IRS*). Since we do not have to remunerate tax, we do not have to charge tax on anything we sell. So, you can purchase anything from our merchandise inventory at the cost we put on it.

If you support *Arizona Golden Rescue* with an outright donation without getting anything in return, the entire amount is tax deductible for you. In the event that you make such a donation with a credit card or PayPal, we do not charge our standard convenience fee (so, we actually get 3% less than you donate).

Are our membership fees tax deductible? Our standard annual membership fee for a single person with no children is \$25. If there are two or more adults over 18 years of age living at the same address or a single parent with children under 18, the Household membership fee is \$40. These amounts are NOT tax deductible, because the member gets something in return: this quarterly newsletter, the opportunity to attend and participate in our activities (we pay for insurance to protect you at our events), discounts on some event fees (e.g., free-parking passes when we have an event at *WestWorld*), and discounts on some of our merchandise, among other things. Tax law states that if you get anything of value in return for money given to a 501 (c) (3) organization, the value of whatever you get is not tax deductible.

If you purchase a Copper Membership for \$50 and would normally have just a Single Membership (\$25), then \$25 of that fee is tax deductible; if you would normally have a Household Membership (\$40), then only \$10 of that fee is tax deductible.

The higher levels of membership support – Amber (\$100), Topaz (\$250), Pearl (\$500) and Gold (\$1,000) – all come with the incentive gift of a calendar, unless the member states that the calendar is not wanted. Because we sell our calendars for \$10, the value of the gift portion of the higher support level memberships is not tax deductible. If you would normally have a Single Membership and you specify that you do not want the calendar, then \$75 of the Amber fee, \$225 of the Topaz fee, \$475 of the Pearl fee and \$975 of the Gold fee are tax deductible. If you do want the calendar, then the deductible part of these levels is: Amber, \$65; Topaz, \$215; Pearl, \$465; Gold, \$965. If you would normally have a Household Membership and you do not want the calendar, then

\$60 of the Amber fee, \$210 of the Topaz fee, \$460 of the Pearl fee, and \$960 of the Gold fee are tax deductible. If you do want the calendar, then the deductible part of these levels is: Amber, \$50; Topaz, \$200; Pearl, \$450; Gold, \$950. At the end of the year when we send out thank you letters for all donations made during the year and you have purchased one of these higher support level memberships, the letter will state what part of your membership fee is tax deductible.

Did you attend the *Fashion Paw Tea* in September? If you volunteered for AGR at that event and you paid for a ticket, you can deduct the price of the ticket (\$45) due to the generous contribution from *PetSmart Charities, Inc.* that covered your expenses. If you attended as a guest, then the fee you paid for a ticket is not deductible, because that fee paid for your meal, which actually cost us a little more than the \$45 ticket price. If you won a silent auction item, no part of what you paid for the item is deductible, as no items sold for more than their value. If you bought raffle tickets, the money you spent on raffle tickets is not tax deductible.

All donations given in support of the *Fashion Paw Tea* are tax deductible for their full value, whether the donation was in the form of money or item(s). The entire amount paid for all sponsorships, including Tail Waggin' Sponsorships, Barkin' Sponsorships, Woofin' Sponsorships, Pioneer (i.e. Table) Sponsorships Champion Sponsorships, and the Silver Sponsorship is tax deductible.

If you donate an item or items to *AGR*, the full retail value of said item(s) is tax deductible whether you paid that much for the item or not. Suppose someone had given you a gift for some occasion and you decide to donate it to *AGR* – the full retail value of that item is tax deductible for you (not for the person who gave you the gift originally). If you purchased something with a discount card or a gift card, the full retail value of the item is still tax deductible. If you used credit card rewards points to acquire a gift card that you then donate to *AGR* for our use (such as, perhaps, a \$25 restaurant gift card that we turn around and include in a raffle or silent auction), then the value of the gift card is tax deductible. If you donate a used item to *AGR*, the only amount you can deduct would be how much the item would sell for in a garage sale or at *Goodwill* or *Savers*.

If you are an *AGR* member and volunteer at any of our events, or if you do dog transports, or if you go running around soliciting for and/or collecting donations, you can deduct your mileage from your *IRS* tax return. You must keep track of said mileage, however. We recommend that you keep a notebook in your vehicle and write down the date, your destination, your starting mileage and your ending mileage. At 14 ½ cents per mile, it adds up! In 2016, I accumulated 8,389.1 miles due to volunteer activities for *AGR* – that's \$1,216.42 that was deductible!

Please be advised that it is ultimately up to each member, in consultation with his or her tax advisor, to decide how much can be

deducted for charitable donations. If you use the standard deduction instead of itemizing, charitable donations may not apply.

Note on credit card processing fees: If you use a credit card or PayPal in order to pay for anything – an adoption application fee, an adoption fee, merchandise, membership, event registration – we charge a 3% convenience fee for processing. This fee is not sales tax. We charge it because it is what *AGR* is charged for the credit card or PayPal processing. All signs advertising that we take AMEX, Discover, Master Card and Visa state that we charge 3% for the use of such cards. Our accountant considers this "convenience fee" to be a donation, so that 3% can be considered tax deductible. In 2016, all such charges amounted to \$1,165.56, but this money was recovered by the convenience fee people paid *AGR* for using their credit cards. Aren't you glad we had that money to help the dogs? We are.



a holiday party that day instead from **3 - 7 PM** (or whenever). All *AGR* members are invited, although dogs must stay home. Bring a bottle of wine to share during the wine tasting, bring a food item (hors d'oeuvre or dessert) to share, and bring cash, check or credit card. All *AGR* merchandise will be available for sale AND we will have a silent art auction like we did last year – we still have a lot of art pieces, some of which none of you have seen yet. If you intend to come, please RSVP to Deb at [dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net) or call 623-693-0589. Hope to see you there!

#### *The Golden Property Laws*

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



## Golden Hearts



We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support. You all truly have hearts of gold! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between July 10 and October 15, 2017. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted. PLEASE NOTE: All donors who make donations during 2017 will receive an acknowledgment letter in January 2018, unless a receipt for taxes is requested sooner.

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## Memorial Donations

In Memory of All 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Bridge Dogs including:

<b>10-008 Honey Humphries</b>	<b>16-033 Zelda Harper</b>
<b>10-030 Sunny Morgan</b>	<b>16-062 Bud Smith</b>
<b>12-027 Bentley Yale / Bouldin</b>	<b>17-043 Emma</b>
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<b>15-069 Shaggy McCabe / Dodson</b>	<b>Cooper Tataseo</b>
<b>15-094 Rosie Ward</b>	<b>Napa Trinn-Krauss</b>

*Michael Holland, Cara Holland's brother*  
*Dennis Zuber, Connie Wozniak's brother*

Teri and Jeff Guilbault	Deb and Larry Orwig
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In Memory of our beloved **Bentley**

Nicholas Yale and Bruce Bouldin (18 separate donations)

In Memory of **10-031 Tessa Joyce**

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In Memory of **13-006 Sammy McCabe / Dodson**

Carol Gora	Greg Korycki
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In Memory of **Cooper Tataseo**

Debbie and Rick Ball	Jodi and Jay Koblick
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In Memory of **10-030 Sunny Morgan**

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In Memory of **15-094 Rosie Ward**

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In Memory of **Shea Koblick**

Jodi and Jay Koblick

In Memory of **Max** and my other adoptees

Joyce Johnston

In Memory of **Honey Flores** and **SandiJoy Petitto**

Mary Gutowski  
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In Memory of **Curt Herzig**, who loved Golden Retrievers and always spent time with **AGR** dogs when they were at the **Barnes & Noble** stores

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## Grants

**Golden Retriever Foundation** to help with medical expenses of  
**17-005 Autumn**

*Always remember to forget the things  
 that make you sad  
 But never forget to remember the  
 things that made you glad.*

*Always remember to forget the friends  
 that proved untrue  
 But never forget to remember those  
 that have stuck by you.*

*Always remember to forget the  
 troubles that passed away  
 But never forget to remember the  
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~ Anonymous

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*Thank You Donations*

*To AGR from Elaine Sager – Thanks for bending the rules and getting in touch with Astra's new owner*

*To AGR from Andrea and Stuart Davis – Thanks for reviewing our application to adopt a puppy*

*To Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson for providing vacation dog care for **Shelby***  
Debbie and Rick Ball

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*To Sheila Joyce, Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson and Deb Orwig for providing vacation dog care for **Augie, Cooper, Trip, Emma and Reba***  
Liz Tataseo

*To Deb Orwig for caring for **Sky***  
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*To those AGR Members who have set up a monthly donation through their bank, payroll deductions or PayPal:*

Andrea Decker      Judy Petitto  
Stephanie Beard      Mary and Ken Richardson  
Liz Tataseo in memory of **Gonzo**

*To Nicholas Yale and Bruce Bouldin from AGR for making a generous donation in memory of 12-027 **Bentley** for every real estate closing they do*

*Sad News from AGR President Deb Orwig*

I am sad to inform our **AGR** membership that another local Golden Retriever rescue group, **Arizona Golden Retriever Connection**, has voted to dissolve. This group originally split off from **Rescue A Golden of Arizona** in 2002 because a few members were dissatisfied with the leadership in **RAGofAZ** and wanted to do rescue a different way. Within a few years, the leader of that movement was ousted from the organization she created and new leadership took over. They turned **AZGRC** into a well-run, respected organization whose purpose was the same as that of **RAGofAZ**: to rescue unwanted purebred Golden Retrievers and find new forever homes for them. I do not know how many dogs they rescued over the last 14 years, but it has to be in the hundreds, maybe even in the thousands. Whatever the number, they did a lot of good for a lot of dogs! We in **AGR** never felt like we were in competition with **AZGRC**. In fact, we had a good working relationship, especially when it came to rescuing shelter dogs. We thank their members for all their efforts over the years and invite them to join us to continue to fight for the dogs.

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