

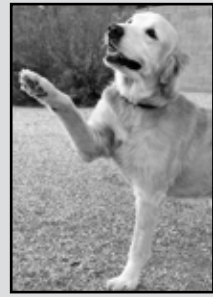
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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Dolly, Vin, Duffy and Mufasa Orwig

So many events during the first quarter of 2017! All of us except **Mufasa** had a wonderful time at all of them. **Mufasa** was a naughty boy at the *Parada del Sol* – he does not particularly like small dogs and he went after a little dog in the parade staging area. He didn't get the dog, but he did scare the little one (and the dog's person), so he has been placed on "house arrest" until our mom can take him through obedience class and he earns his Canine Good Citizen certificate. Hopefully that will happen soon so he doesn't have to miss any more fun at **AGR** events. **AGR's** Code of Conduct Section B4 states "Keep my dogs under strict control when participating in events sponsored by **Arizona Golden Rescue**; if my dogs are not people-friendly and other-dog-friendly, I will leave them at home." So for now, **Mufasa** stays home.

By the way, that phrase "strict control" includes the prohibition of extendable leashes, which provide absolutely no control over a dog. You have probably seen such leashes – big, fat handle with the leash on a roller inside that functions sort of like a fishing reel. The dog can wander anywhere except totally away from the owner. Depending on the amount of leash stored in the handle, that could mean as much as 20 feet! Unless a dog responds very well to the voice commands "heel" and "come" (in which case you wouldn't need an extendable leash anyway), such leashes are useless. If the dog is that far away from the owner or could pull the leash out of the holder that much, chances are it could get hit by a car or motorcycle or bike even when "on leash." The thin cords are also very dangerous to human and canine legs that get in the way! Such leashes just do not keep your dog safe, so please do not use them. Extendable leashes are banned at all **PACC 911** and **AGR** events.

The *Parada del Sol* is always our favorite event, as we get to show off our beautiful selves to tens of thousands of bystanders and then get lots of petting after the parade in our booth at *Trail's End*. Close seconds in fun events are the annual *Paws At The Park Picnic* where we get lots of treats, and the huge *Phoenix Pet Expo* where we get even more treats and petting. You can read about our experiences at these events on pages 26-34. We hope you will be able to join us with your dog(s) next year.



Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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"The times they are a changing..."

"It never rains [in Arizona] but it pours," as another song goes. Recently we have had several resignations and have had to cancel a major event. All of this has been very unsettling, but with perseverance we will survive and, hopefully, flourish as we have in the past.

First, the resignations. Our Placement Manager for the last three years, Debbie Mikol, is moving to Minnesota in May. Husband Mark got a new job there, so the family will be joining him as soon as school is out here. We will miss Debbie a great deal. She has been so efficient and so well organized, always on top of everything going on with the Placement Team. She has also fostered numerous dogs for us and has done transports, too. She has done a wonderful job training her Team members – she made sure that Tiffany Berry, her replacement, was thoroughly prepared to step in as Placement Manager and we have every confidence that Tiffany will do a great job. Thanks to Debbie for everything she has done for us, and thanks to Tiffany for taking on this very important job.

Next, Board member Christine Spiel, Director of Activities, resigned. She had escalating commitments at her paying job and felt she could no longer give the time to **AGR** that she had in the past. In addition, her employers made changes such that Chris was unable to access our database or send e-mails while she was at work. Chris served as Director of Activities for a little over two years and did a terrific job scheduling, organizing and carrying out both small and large events, and she attended almost all of them from beginning to end. We really appreciate her efforts! A new **AGR** member, Cindy Pavero, has offered to take on the challenge of the Director of Activities position, and we are looking forward to working with this enthusiastic lady.

Also, Dana and Gail Haywood have resigned. Dana served as Director of Information Management for six years, and Gail personally answered our WAGSline phone during that time. Dana, with help from his son, Dana Craig Haywood, and the personnel at **The Cyber Image**, created a custom database and website that would be the envy of many other Rescue groups. Most of the database "tweaks" have been done. The website Events Calendar will need occasional updating, but otherwise the website is "good to go" also. Dana realizes he has some very specialized information-handling skills and, thankfully, is willing to continue managing needed website changes, at least for now. Dana and Gail hosted all the East Valley Meet-and-Greets, too. These will now cease

unless someone else offers to chair one or more. Gail put **AGR** on the map, as it were, by answering our phone in person. We are the only Rescue that offers such a service, and have been complimented many times about our quick response about turning in dogs or providing information in general. Gail was always polite and tolerated the occasional very nasty call with courtesy. Thanks to both Dana and Gail for their many years of service to **AGR**. Adam Cardinal has assumed the responsibilities of Director of Information Management, and Sharon Flores is currently answering the WAGSline phone. Our thanks to both for working into these positions so seamlessly.

A big blow to us on April 9th was the resignation of Rich Calta as co-chairman of our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*. While many of us were members of **Rescue A Golden of Arizona**, Rich was the one who suggested that we do a golf tournament as a fundraiser. He co-chaired it for **RAGofAZ** every year from 2002 until we formed **AGR** in 2009, and has co-chaired it for us every year since then, a total of 15 years. However, now he feels that he must "utilize his energy in a different direction." Our sincere and heartfelt thanks for all the time and energy Rich Calta gave us for so many years. Over 800 dogs rescued by **AGR** and probably an equal or greater number rescued by **RAGofAZ** should thank Rich for the significant amount of money he helped raise that helped those dogs enjoy a better life than they had had.

Rich has many friends who golf, and he would usually bring in at least 60 of the 100 or so golfers who participated in our tournaments. We cannot justify the time and energy required to host a golf tournament for only 30-40 golfers, so we have made the difficult decision not to host the tournament this year. Hopefully, some other major fundraiser will materialize for us – we need that \$25,000+ profit the annual golf tournament generated. If you have any ideas for a major fundraiser, please contact me or Cindy Pavero.

It's A Ruff Life!

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Cindy Pavero saw a Facebook post by Chris Spiel advertising the **PACC 911** event in January at **Earnhardt Ford** in Chandler. Cindy submitted her membership online from our website that night and came to the event the next day as a volunteer. She hit the ground running, as it were, and when she learned that Chris had resigned as Director of Activities, she offered to take on this very important job. The primary function of this position is to organize and coordinate fundraising events. Our thanks to Cindy! Here is what she would like our members to know about her: *I was born in New Jersey and lived there until I came to visit my mom in Arizona in 1994. That's all it took! I was hooked on the sunshine of*



Cindy Pavero, **AGR's** new Director of Activities, with her Golden, Honey

Arizona. So, I moved out to Arizona with my daughter, Casey, who was 4 at the time.

Now I am a single mother to three daughters: Casey (27), Kayla (17) and Nicole (14). Casey moved back to NJ about 4 years ago because she missed the Jersey Shore. Kayla and Nicole are still home with me. When I moved out to Arizona, I worked in the second largest law firm in Arizona. I was a legal secretary to the 6th highest partner in the firm, and I absolutely loved my job. Unfortunately,

in 1997 I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and was forced to go on disability. It was a blessing in disguise, as I was able to be a stay-at-home mom to Kayla and Nicole. Once the girls were in school, I took on various volunteer positions. One of my favorites was doing intake at **St. Vincent de Paul**. I did that for a couple of years until my third bout of pneumonia, which I caught from being around unhealthy homeless people. Since then, I have been looking for a volunteer position with something that I love. **DOGS!** I have lived my whole life with dogs, and now I am the proud parent of three Golden Retrievers, **Honey** (7), **Bruno** (4) and **Daisy** (2). They are the sweetest dogs I have ever had. I get such joy from them. It is amazing how they know when I am not feeling well – they will help me up, fetch my water or just lie on top of me to give me love. They are wonderful!

During my free time, I love spending time with my daughters, and I also like to spend time with my mother who lives about 15 minutes away from me. She currently takes care of her aunt, who is 92 years old. Someday, I would love to have my mom move in with me. We love to go looking for sales, garage sales, consignment shops, grocery shopping or just spending quality time together. She is my best friend. I also have two sisters, Lisa (50) and Andrea (46). Lisa is still in New Jersey but has her heart set on moving out here, and Andrea lives in Queen Creek.

I am honored to be **Arizona Golden Rescue's** Director of Activities. I also have signed up to do ride-along training on home inspections for future Golden parents, as well as transports to help get rescued dogs to their new families. I am really excited about getting involved!

Upcoming Events

Fashion Paw-Tea – July 15, 2017; details on pp 20 - 21

**FORE! PAWS GOLF TOURNAMENT
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

Paws Forward

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All of you reading this who have received a dog from *Arizona Golden Rescue* have gone through the qualifying process. You may not have known why we have this procedure but simply participated as a means to adopt a dog needing a new home. We hope as you went through the process, it was explained why we do what we do or the reasons became apparent. For many people responding to our postings on pet adoption sites, the process is seen as invasive, insulting, or just too much trouble. Actually, they are doing us a favor by opting not to proceed, as those are not people we want to have our precious Golden.

The application is the first step. It is comprehensive for a reason: we want to know as much as possible about you, your family and the environment into which a dog would be placed. This knowledge is key to making a successful placement where the dog and family are a good match. One of the questions, while having caused a “none of your business” response from some people, addresses the most common reason dogs are surrendered: can you afford the cost of having a Golden? We want potential adopters to think about the fact there will be considerable cost to feed and maintain health care for a large dog. Along with the application is the requirement to submit \$25. This adoption application fee was instituted to cut down on applications submitted by one family member without the thoughtful buy-in from all adults. We were making attempts at or even completing home visits for families that really had no intention of adopting from us. If we are able to make a placement within a year, it is handled as a “down payment” on the new dog. If not, the fee is a nominal donation.

The purpose of the home visit is first and foremost to assure that any dog placed will have a safe, secure, appropriate place to live. Safety comes in many forms including secure fencing, if any, and no toxic or dangerous plants or cacti available to the dog in its normal environment. Recent arrivals from others states are generally not aware of the hazards of many common desert landscaping plants. We also look at how any other pets in the house react to the family, the evaluator and the evaluator’s dog if he/she brought one. This may give an indication of how the family treats their current animals. While we are not looking at housekeeping *per se*, notations are made if clothing and/or children’s toys are available to a dog, and the family will be required to secure any toxic substances that might be available to the dog in bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms or garages. Some dogs, particularly young dogs, have a tendency to eat anything. Ingesting foreign objects is at least traumatic and potentially fatal. Surgery to remove the objects, when it is not

too late, can be expensive. The home evaluator will also confirm that the applicant has made an appropriate request given the health of the family. An older couple may want a young dog because they do not want to face the inevitable loss too soon, but are they really strong and resilient enough to deal with the exuberance and training of a young dog who may well have been turned in because the surrendering family neglected to set appropriate limits on behavior? One angry and ultimate non-applicant accused us of believing animal abuse is more prevalent than it is. We disagreed, possibly because we may see “abuse” differently. It is not only someone mistreating a dog or not having appropriate food and water. We also require that the dog have access to the house, good-quality food – and that includes not too much, as well as not enough – and appropriate health care. We will not place a very young dog in an apartment where it will be left alone all day while the family is at work. This is also a source of getting dogs surrendered to us, as people realize too late that keeping a young dog confined for long periods of time does not work. Our application process is designed to ensure as much as possible that we can make a good placement resulting in the dog finding its forever home.

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Adam Cardinal, AGR’s new
Director of Information, with Rhys

In Dana Haywood, we were very lucky to have an extremely qualified person to handle the development of our website and database and to manage these for six years. Now, we have another very qualified and talented individual who has offered to provide us with a similar service. Adam Cardinal has been training with Dana to define this Board position’s scope and to develop a working relationship. We appreciate the efforts of both of them. Here is what Adam would like our members to know:

I have been involved with AGR since March 2014 when I adopted 14-013 Rhys (AGR reference Toby), who was dumped by a trucker at a truck stop in Kingman.

I am employed as a Principal Consultant with Verizon Professional Services with a speciality in Cyber Security / Computer Crime. I have had more than 25 years of experience in IT Management with a speciality in computer security, database design, and IT Management. Prior to working as a consultant, I was the Chief Information Security Officer with Fidelity Investments Re-

tail Brokerage division in New Hampshire.

I moved to Arizona after 4 years in Fort Lauderdale, FL but spent most of my life in New England. I was born in Fall River, MA, went to college in Boston (Boston University), and lived in Southern Maine (Kittery), Northern Massachusetts (Acton and Tyngsborough), and Southern New Hampshire (Windham). I moved to Peoria, AZ in October of 2013 to be near my parents in Surprise and to enjoy the great hiking and excellent weather here in the Valley of the Sun.

*I have previous board experience, having served on the board of **Doberman Rescue Unlimited of Massachusetts** and the **Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project** in Massachusetts. In addition to my work with **Arizona Golden Rescue**, I am a volunteer with **Duet AZ**, providing service to the elderly in Maricopa County to help them continue to live independently.*

In addition to my passion for hiking and the outdoors, I love to cook, study art and architecture and am a car buff.



The Human Connection

**By Connie McCabe,
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As much as I enjoy writing about our members' profiles (and I hope you enjoy reading them), I am going to forgo my usual column for this issue. Instead, I'd like to repeat a column from 2013 (with a few additional requests), as it is even more relevant now than it was then. Many of the volunteers who have been involved in the transporting of materials and setting up of the booths and tables for various events are a few years older now and could really use some help from younger members. Unfortunately, some of the regular helpers also have had to curtail their participation due to health reasons. We would currently like to update the list of members who have indicated an interest in loading the trailer and setting up and tearing down of the larger events where we need help. Please let me know if you would consider being part of the team who could be called upon to help with those setups, even if you did not indicate it on your membership application. All of the events are shown on our website, in our newsletter, sent out by e-mail and also posted on our Facebook page.

We can also use the help of older Boy Scouts or other volunteer-oriented clubs for these events (in the past three years, we have enjoyed much help from members of the **Apollo High School Key Club**). If you have contacts with Troops looking for community service, please let us know.

The next big event that could use a lot of hands will be the *Fash-*

ion Paw Tea on July 15, 2017. Please mark your calendars and let us know if you are available to help.

We are also looking for someone who has a mid-sized or large SUV or truck with a hitch to occasionally tow the **AGR** trailer to events. Nick and I are able to do it most of the time, but we would feel more comfortable if someone could serve as a backup in case we can't transport the trailer for some reason. You don't need a heavy-duty vehicle – the trailer itself only weighs about 1,000 lbs and fully loaded probably not more than 2,000 - 2,500 lbs. If you do not already have a hitch on your vehicle, **AGR** will buy one and pay to have it installed.

In addition, I would like to reiterate a request for transport helpers and home evaluation volunteers all over the Valley. Both of these jobs require several training ride-alongs and an ability and willingness to do some travel. You would also need to have access to a computer and be willing to check and respond to your e-mail regularly. If you are interested in helping with either home evaluations or transports, please let me know (photocraf@aol.com).

From 2013 (with updates from 2017 events)...

“Many hands make light work.”

According to various sources, this proverb first appeared in English in the early 1300s in an anonymous knightly romance known as *Sir Beves of Hampton*. “Ascopard be strong and sterk [physically powerful], Mani hondes maketh light werk! [c 1330 Sir Beves (EETS) I. 3352]”

It is such a powerful and universal concept that it was also written as “Many hands make light work” by John Heywood (1497-1580), an English writer known for his plays, poems, and collection of proverbs. And stated again, in 1721, as a Scottish proverb “Many hands make light work. Because it is but little to everyone.” I like that one the best.

These are just a few of the many ways to state the obvious. An overwhelming task to few, when shared, becomes a very light task for many. Case in point... at the recent *Phoenix Pet Expo*, thanks to Cindy Pavero's solicitation efforts, we had 12 volunteers including a Boy Scout family of two adults and a teenager, helping to pack up our booth. With that many, we did it in record time of 36 minutes, and no one had to do too much! It was fantastic!

Which brings me to the point: bluntly, we need more hands. I love to see so many volunteers show up for the Meet-and-Greets and gift wrapping. It is wonderful to see all the great people and their beautiful dogs. But we need some people to give just a little more. Not just for the casual appearance at Meet-and-Greets or other events. We also need people to help lighten the heavy load of putting a large event together. Many people do not realize it,

but some of our bigger events require 8 or more hours the day before to prepare, and usually 3 or 4 hours to set it up and another 2 or 3 hours to take it down at the end of the event. Not to mention the countless hours that go into gathering and preparing the goodies and prizes and merchandise weeks ahead of time. The amount of work that goes into preparation is tremendous and very tiring when there are only a few to do it. Especially when those few are often in their sixties or even older. And as the years go by, more of the core participants become unable to do the heavy work of loading, setting up and unloading. So then it takes fewer people even longer to get the job done. We do it for the love of the dogs and the organization, but honestly, we need help.

No special skills are required, so when the notice comes out that there is an event coming up, please drop us a line and let us know you can give even one hour. We really need some younger people to step up and offer to come help load the trailers, set up the tables and canopies and also help put it all back together again. Just carrying small stuff back and forth between the venue and the trailer would be very helpful. The next big event that requires a lot of loading and unloading is the *Fashion Paw Tea* on July 15th. Please consider offering to help set up, or even more importantly, help us load everything when the event is done and we are all exhausted from a full day. We welcome high school and college groups, and if your teenager needs to earn community service points we have just the thing for them!

And then there's the human connection of course! Not only will you be helping your fellow volunteers, but you will also be engaging in some great conversation, sharing stories about your pets, and making new friends.

You can email Deb Orwig (dorwigaz@cox.net), Cindy Pavero (mcsindyp1@yahoo.com) or myself (photocraf@aol.com) and let us know that you're willing to help for the next event. We really look forward to hearing from you.



Editor's Note: Joyce Hubler is an AGR member. She was also the founder of Rescue A Golden of Arizona in 1998. During the time she was its first President, Joyce wrote the following piece, which is appropriate for just about any volunteer organization. I asked her for permission to publish it here and she said, "Sure!"

REFLECTIONS: STRESS AND BURNOUT

By Joyce Hubler

Any job one chooses to do, whether there is a financial reward or not, can become stressful, and burnout may be the inevitable end result. If one is paid for his talents, it is often necessary to "work through" the burnout period to keep kibble in the bowls and gas in the car. Some other nonprofit entities such as *The Red Cross*, *Salvation Army*, and many others depend upon volunteers, but they

also have highly paid administrative positions. This is not so with Rescue. Volunteer organizations like *Arizona Golden Rescue* can only function because of unselfish people who are willing to do tough jobs knowing there is no financial compensation. You can work like a dog (excuse the pun) for 20 years and will still receive the same pay as everyone else. Zero. It is therefore much easier to walk away from being a volunteer... it doesn't cost you a dime.

Rescue work, on paper anyway, seems as if it should be easy, self-rewarding and fulfilling. And it can be self-rewarding and fulfilling... although not very often is it easy. From experience of having had a real paying job for 40 years with all the stresses therein, I can attest to the fact there is as much stress involved in doing a job where the only reward is knowing you are instrumental in saving a life. Sometimes, for some people, the reward of saving a life just isn't enough. While this personal goal may have been enough in the beginning, after a time and dealing with the inherent stresses, it is no longer enough. This is where the burnout factor comes into play, and a volunteer will quit.

I wish there were an easy answer on how to eliminate the stress, keep much-needed volunteers and cultivate other members to become more active. Rescue IS important. No one can look into the beautiful brown eyes of their own Golden and not feel a tug at their heart for the Golden that are destroyed because no one cared enough to rescue them.

The Shelter Walkers, people who thought they could never do it, put their foot out and tried it. Is it stressful? Absolutely. It is difficult to walk through lines and lines of cages and know the fate that awaits the vast majority of these dogs. Each and every day, 80 cages at the pound need to be freed up because each day 80 more unwanted dogs are coming in. If dogs in the 80 cages aren't adopted, we all know their fate. The *AGR* Shelter Walkers can find joy in the fact that when they come across a Golden or Golden mix, it will be rescued – because we exist. The same holds true for the other breed rescues. Once the Golden has been rescued, there is a cage open and a little more time is bought for the next dog coming in. Maybe it will be adopted. So you see, it all works for a bigger picture and a bigger goal than even just the Golden that was saved. The Shelter Walker should be proud and, rather than dwelling on the dogs left behind, s/he can concentrate on the role s/he just played in the trickle effect of saving that singular life. This Golden will go on to a wonderful family. Someday the children in that family will be grown and will remember that the best dog they ever had was a Rescued Golden which some unknown person saved from the pound. And the family will be proud that they also helped to save the life of an unwanted Golden.

The stresses that are harder to deal with and that cost us the loss of a valuable person are the day-to-day personal interactions. This is especially true in the age of the Internet and instant e-mails. Everything is Instant. Instant Communication. Instant Disagree-

ment. Instant hurt feelings. Instant resignation. Instant loss of the volunteer who would have played a part in saving a dog's life. Until the organization is run by Golden's, who are much more patient, loving and understanding than humans, we must learn to deal with the personal-interaction stress rather than throw our hands up, turn our backs and simply walk away – that is NOT the answer. That was not an answer to the 801 dogs **AGR** volunteers have helped rescue.

For those who would like to take a more active part by volunteering, and for those who already work very hard for **AGR**, I have no answers. However, I do have a suggestion or two. Understand that life is stressful and Rescue can be emotional. Pet your dog. Go to our website and look at all the dogs who now have happy families... and know you helped in some way. You made a difference to the Golden, to the family, and to yourself. Pet your dog. Before you answer an e-mail in haste or anger, wait a day or two to think about the person who sent that e-mail you didn't like. Is her husband ill? Has she recently lost a parent? Was his son in a car accident? Has he recently lost his job? Could there be factors in her/his life of which you are unaware? Think about that life and the circumstances that brought both your lives together. Pet your dog. Look into your dog's beautiful brown eyes. Take a walk. Take a breath. Reflect on life and how important YOU are to an organization that deals in life and death. Pet your dog. Then step up and offer to volunteer... or continue to volunteer. It is, after all, *For the Love of Golden's*.



Health and Safety

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*Editor's Note: About two months ago, we sent out the following information by e-mail to all **AGR** members who are in our e-mail database, but there are many who read our newsletter who are not **AGR** members, so we are publishing the information here. One of our regular vets, Dr. Valerie Ferguson, who owns **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital (FLF)** at 3131 E. Thunderbird Road in Phoenix, has administered many, many leptospirosis vaccines in the last two months. I asked her recently if she has seen or heard of any adverse reactions to the vaccines, and she said no.*

Leptospirosis

You have probably read something similar to the paragraph below. **Raintree Pet Resort and Medical Center** asked for and vaccinated **16-081 Ranger** for leptospirosis, as they are in one of the areas, Scottsdale, in which cases have been reported. Now, **FLF** is also suggesting vaccinations for it. The protection requires two injections, two to six weeks apart. Several of our dogs who come in with extensive vet records show that they have already had this vaccine, for example **17-008 Sprinkles**.

Since our own dogs go to many places throughout the Valley, it might be appropriate to consider having them vaccinated; check with your own vet. I just spoke with another one of our regular vets, **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale; they have not been keeping the leptospirosis vaccine on hand, since it is rare to see dogs with this disease in Glendale, but they will now be carrying the vaccine at our request.

"The Department of Public Health has recorded 40-plus dogs testing positive since January 2016," said Dr. Sarah Bashaw with **El Dorado Animal Hospital** in Fountain Hills. "A lot of the cases started in Scottsdale, but they have been reporting cases as far west as Avondale, some cases in Gilbert, and we've had the first cases I know of in Fountain Hills."

Because it is rare in Arizona, at least right now, and can be passed on to humans, she said she wants dog owners to know what to look for. "Some dogs will have mild symptoms and never show any clinical signs, others can be more severe, start out with vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, tremors, shaking, lethargy, and/or fever," Bashaw said. "A simple set of vaccination shots can prevent it, and antibiotics can treat it."

Information about Leptospirosis

Leptospirosis is transmitted between animals through contact with infected urine, venereal and placental transfer, bite wounds, or the ingestion of infected tissue. Crowding, as found in a kennel, can increase the spread of infection. Indirect transmission occurs through exposure of susceptible animals to contaminated water sources, food, or even bedding. Stagnant or slow-moving water provides a suitable habitat for *Leptospira*. As a result, disease outbreaks often increase during periods of flooding. In dry areas, infections are more common around water sources. Freezing greatly reduces the survival of the organism in the environment. This explains why infections are more common in summer and fall and why the infection is more prevalent in temperate areas.

Infection

Leptospira bacteria penetrate mucous membranes or abraded skin and multiply rapidly upon entering the blood system. From there, they spread to other tissues including the kidneys, liver, spleen, nervous system, eyes, and genital tract. As the body fights the infection, the organism is cleared from most organs, but it may persist in the kidneys and be shed for weeks or months in the urine. The amount of damage done to the internal organs is variable depending on the serovar and the host it infects. After 7 or 8 days of infection, the animal will begin to recover, if the damage to the kidneys or liver is not too severe.

Infections in dogs with *Leptospira* serovars *canicola* and *grippityphosa* have been associated with kidney infections with minimal liver involvement. Whereas, the serovars *pomona* and *icterohaem-*

orrhagiae produce liver disease. Dogs younger than 6 months tend to develop more cases of liver disease regardless of the serovar.

Symptoms

In acute infections, a fever of 103-104°, shivering, and muscle tenderness are the first signs. Then vomiting and rapid dehydration may develop. Severely infected dogs may develop hypothermia and become depressed and die before kidney or liver failure has a chance to develop.

In subacute infections, the animal usually develops a fever, anorexia, vomiting, dehydration, and increased thirst. The dog may be reluctant to move due to muscle or kidney pain. Animals with liver involvement may develop jaundice. Dogs that develop kidney or liver involvement may begin to show improvement in organ function after 2 to 3 weeks or they may develop chronic renal failure. Despite the possibility of severe infection and death, the majority of leptospiral infections in dogs are chronic or subclinical. Dogs that become chronically infected may show no outward signs, but may intermittently shed bacteria in the urine for months or years.

Arizona Golden Rescue has added the leptospirosis vaccination to our standard vetting procedure for all dogs that have been and will be rescued this year. Effective vaccination requires two injections of the vaccine 2-3 weeks apart. We strongly encourage all **AGR** members to get your own dogs vaccinated, especially those of you who take your dogs to dog parks or other public places.

Service Paws

By Wendy Enos

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*Editor's Notes: Wendy originally wrote this column five years ago when she had a service dog named **Sophie**. **Sophie** passed away in 2015; Wendy now has **Cubbie**, pictured with her above. Although some of the dogs **AGR** has rescued have become service dogs, **AGR** does not provide service-dog training – that is left up to the adoptive family. If a family acquires a dog from a Rescue or another source, there is a terrific local organization that can help the family learn how to train the dog as a service dog: **Happy Tails Service Dogs** (<http://happytailsservicedogs.com/>) Their services are free for the handler – the only thing necessary is a commitment to pursue the training until it has been completed, which may take anywhere from nine months to two years. Since the season where many people travel is upon us, I thought it appropriate to reprint this column.*

Follow the Children

A few weeks ago, my husband and I started out on a long-planned visit to Washington, D.C. As awesome as it was, I would never have gotten through the fast pace and the massive crowds if it had not been for my service/guide dog, **Sophie**. She worked tirelessly keeping me safe from falling, supporting me when I faltered, and leading me through the streets and subways where there was ei-

ther too much light for my sensitive eyes to handle, or not enough of it. At the expense of her own comfort, **Sophie** worked harder than she ever had before in her life, or ever will again. As important and impressive as that was to me, it is not exactly what I am writing about.

As often as it happens, I never get used to it... people reaching out to pet and distract my dog. Adults, who should know better, were not only speaking to her but actually calling her to them! While **Sophie** did her best to ignore them, it was unrealistic to expect her not to respond to them at all. She is not a robot or a machine; even a service dog is exactly that... a dog. I lost count of how many times I was pulled off balance by someone distracting my dog.

Now, here is the amazing part. The children got it right! With the exception of only one little one out of several dozen, every single child asked first before petting **Sophie**! The message is actually getting out there. It is being taught in schools. Parents are teaching their children to ask before petting a working dog. And to perpetuate the message, I make it a point to thank each child for asking first.

So follow the children! Never call a service dog to you, and ask before petting any variety of working dog. If the dog is not actively engaged in a particular task, more than likely the answer will be yes, but certainly don't be offended or take it personally if it is no.

Follow the Lead

By Sharon McKenzie
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Natural Dogmanship

Some time ago, I was reading a dog behavior book and came across the verbiage, "Natural Dogmanship". This was the first time seeing this term, and I thought it to be an interesting way of looking at dog behavior.

The purpose of my article is to provide the overall philosophy of natural dogmanship (natural dog behavior). What exactly does this mean? Simply put, it is the art of learning how dogs naturally behave amongst one another in order to communicate with the dog in its own language. It takes a special person to fully understand and apply this concept, as it requires putting aside our own emotions and putting the needs of the animal first. Many people try to get their dogs to understand human communication, so they can continue to act human and communicate in human ways towards the dog. Dogs are less complicated than we are, and while it is difficult and sometimes impossible to make a dog understand us, we can learn the language of the dog if we open our minds to

the idea. You must work with the natural instincts of the animal, not against them. To truly understand what a dog is trying to communicate, look and “listen” to his body language.

Horses are a good example. Some of the best horse trainers and owners are those who apply natural horsemanship; they learn how horses communicate towards one another and use the horses’ language to speak to them. Each animal is unique in its own way. Horses are flight animals, meaning they have a strong instinct to run when they are afraid of something or their life is at stake. Dogs are fight animals, meaning they have an instinct to fight as their natural defense mechanism. Just knowing this small fact about these two animals should tell you that the way you handle a horse would be different from the way you would handle a dog.

Because dogs are so closely bonded with the human species, most of us forget, or never even think about, their natural instincts. Some even take it as far as seeing those who do speak “dog” to the dog as cruel. Dogs have a natural instinct to want structure, rules and boundaries. They want to know where they stand among their pack, and believe it or not, they want to know the rules and they need consistency with those rules. There are some who believe it is cruel to use natural dogmanship with a dog, but it is actually more cruel to assume your dog is human, overlooking its natural wants and needs. Most dog behavior issues stem from humans who are not practicing natural dogmanship, i.e., not providing what the dog needs in its life, from exercise, both mental and physical, to the leadership it craves. What something means to us may mean the total opposite to a dog. Many dogs receive mixed signals from us. Any dog that misbehaves is missing something in its life. A dog’s temperament can be a direct result of the owner’s ability to understand him and give him what he instinctually needs as a canine animal. There are no bad dogs... just uneducated owners. And yes, you can teach an old dog new tricks. In most cases, it is never too late to turn a dog’s behavior around.

NOTE FROM SUE VALLIE: **Deena** now **Riley 17-007** came in loving people but hating other dogs. She is now well on her way to becoming a good canine citizen. This change is in response to Sharon helping **Riley’s** adoptive family observe, translate her signals and correct her before she even gets into her former mode. Congratulations are due Sharon in two respects: knowing what was going on and effectively teaching **Riley’s** family the same and how to correct. Congratulations are also due the new family for following through! The rewards are a happy dog and a happy family.

Having behavior issues with your dog? Sharon invites you to contact her.

Editor’s Note: Sharon is shown in her column photo with the two AGR dogs she and partner, Michelle Pousson, have adopted: 16-043 Sandi and 14-029 Connor, a puppy mill rescue.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Reporting period: January 1, 2017- March 31, 2017

Total Assets as of April 17, 2017: \$229,035.02

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fee	\$1,575.00	
Adoption Income	7,650.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		\$ 590.00
Bank Charges (PayPal)		138.98
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	320.00	
Celebration Auction	75.00	
Credit Card Expense		75.79
Donation Income ¹	8,908.19	
Honorary	3,191.00	
Memorials	1,425.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	16.00	108.36
Event Expense		24.56
Grants ²	2,800.00	384.70
Insurance		
Interest	19.96	
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	6,510.00	
Merchandise	1,556.00	562.44
<i>Paws At The Park 2017³</i>	1,491.00	490.97
Office Expenses & Supplies		67.90
Postage		400.23
Rent or Lease		702.81
Stationery & Printing		1,200.98
Telephone & Website		47.16
Dog-related Expenses		
Boarding		417.00
Leashes & collars		517.35
Microchip & Heartgard® Expenses		59.84
Veterinary Services		38,445.62
TOTAL	\$35,537.15	\$44,244.69
NET INCOME: - \$8,707.54		
Checking Account on 04-17-17:	\$117,692.74	
Savings Account on 04-17-17:	\$100,192.93	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 04-17-17:		\$11,149.35
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 04-17-17:		\$21,969.44

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

² Grant expense was for Martingale collars we donated to *Arizona Humane Society*

³ Income for an event does not include merchandise sales – that income is included in Merchandise Sales; nor does it include donations in support of the event before or during the event

Please be advised that unless a month is very busy financially, bank deposits are made only twice a month, on or around the 15th and on the last banking day of the month. So, if you send a check that we receive between the 2nd and the 12th of the month, for example, it will not appear as cashed in your bank statement until after the 15th. Also, thank you letters are generated at the end of the year unless requested sooner.

Financial Matters

By Deb Orwig

My thanks, again, to Debbie Ball who is maintaining up-to-date expense information for each of our rescued dogs. She has made several aspects of what I have to do easier. The **Golden Retriever Club of America's National Rescue Committee** Annual Survey was a breeze to fill out this year. Also, at the click of a computer key, she told me in ½ second which dogs qualified (with expenses over \$1,000 during the 1st quarter of 2017) to be mentioned in the *Diamonds in the Ruff* column on pages 15 - 17. I recently filled out another survey, this one for **Maricopa County Animal Care and Control Services**. All 16 breed rescue groups that submitted the latter survey were put into a randomized pool. One winner was drawn for a \$200 Amazon.com gift card – it was **Arizona Golden Rescue!** Surveys have been much easier to do because of Debbie's efforts!

Another “thank you” is due to all the members who have set up automatic monthly donations through their banks or via PayPal. These members are listed on page 35. Thank you so much!

I specifically want to mention Nicholas Yale and Bruce Bouldin, adopters of **12-027 Bentley**. Nick owns a **Realty Executives** satellite office in Phoenix (4700 N. 12th St., Ste. 222). He is a **Realty Executives International** Top 100 Agent and a Top 50 Agent in Maricopa County. When donations started coming to **AGR** from him via PayPal and there was more than one in a day, I e-mailed to ask him if that had been a mistake – I would have refunded him the second and third donations. Here is what he told me: *Every year my team and I pick an organization that we would like to have as “our charity” for the year. Your group was so good to us when Bruce and I adopted Bentley, and because I bring Bentley to the office a few days a week, the team felt that he should get a vote. He voted for you, and we could not be happier. So AGR is our 2017 charity. Congrats! Our intention is to donate \$25 for every closing we have. Last year, I did just shy of 100 transactions. We also will extend the invite to you that if you let your members know about us, we will donate 10% of our commission, up to \$1,000, for any deal they send our way.* If you're looking for a real estate agent who is doing a brisk business, you should consider contacting Nick at 480-620-8075 or by e-mail at nicholas@nicholasyale.com By the end of March, we had already received 13 donations and four more came in during the first two weeks of April. Thanks so much, Yale's **Realty Executives** office, for making **AGR** “your charity” for 2017!

NO FORE! PAWS GOLF TOURNAMENT IN 2017

If you are a past golf tournament donor (monetary support or item), please consider supporting our *Fashion Paw-Tea* event – see pages 20 - 21 for sponsorship opportunities.

Arizona Gives Day - Tuesday, April 4, 2017

By Deb Orwig

For very little work on our part, **Arizona Gives Day (AGD)** was a spectacular first-time event: **\$3,191.20** was donated in the 24-hour period of April 4, 2017, plus we received a check for \$100 written on April 4 and sent to our mailbox. There were 40 individual donations ranging from \$25 to \$500; only one person opted not to include the 6.9% **AGD** administrative fee with their donation, which is why the odd amount. That fee of 6.9% is reasonable considering that 3% of it goes to the bank for credit card processing (which is why we charge a 3% “convenience fee” for payments by credit card or through PayPal), so the **AGD** staff took only 3.9% as their fee for running the program – well worth it!

Next year, we will undoubtedly do better because we really did not publicize the event very well, and there were a few things I didn't “tune into” this year. One was that people could pre-donate, meaning donate before April 4th and have it count on that day. One couple I've never heard of (not an **AGR** member and never has been) did exactly that (their donation was registered at 12:22 AM). Another thing was that **AGD** established “power hours” during which groups could compete for certain amounts of donations within an hour's time. Participating groups were divided into Small (**AGR** included), Medium and Large groups depending on their annual income (ours has been less than \$250,000, which was the cut-off for “small” groups). During a Power Hour, for each donation of a certain amount, the group was thrown into a pool from which a Bonus would be awarded. We have not yet been notified whether we won any of the Bonus awards.

Our donations came in from 12:22 AM to 11:55 PM; 18 came in during the morning, 14 during the afternoon (noon until 6 PM) and eight between 6 PM and midnight. Had all of the fifteen \$100 donations come in between 2 and 3 PM, we might have gotten one of the **AGD** bonuses – hard to tell until **AGD** releases their final report and awards any bonuses an organization might have earned. Conclusion: a great fundraiser that we will definitely participate in again in future years, and we will again dedicate the funds to helping with the medical expenses of senior dogs.

Last year, I worked with **AGR's** Grant Writer, Jolene Schlichter, to submit a grant proposal to the **Grey Muzzle Foundation** which awards grants designed to help rescued senior dogs. We missed the grant cut-off by two points because we did not present a way to sustain the program after the grant money was spent. **Arizona Gives Day** income will hopefully prove to them that we have a means of sustaining the funding for senior dogs' expenses.

Thanks so much to all of you who donated. The list of donors is on page 39.

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Mary Engstrom

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from January 15, 2017 through April 10, 2017. All adoptions finalized after April 10th will be in the August issue.



16-073 Hobbes is a 1-year-old Golden mix who was sprung from the **MCACC** shelter. **Hobbes'** vetting was brought up to date, which included vaccines, valley fever testing and neuter surgery. Next, it was time to find the perfect forever home! Carole and Michael of San Tan Valley and Canada were the perfect fit! **AGR** did provide training classes to aide **Hobbes** in his new life. Carole and Michael report:

*What a great dog to join our family and a wonderful companion, not only to us, but also to our two Miniature Schnauzers, **Molly** and **Diesel**. A year ago we had lost our 13-year-old female Golden, **Benson**, whom we felt was irreplaceable. When we saw **Hobbes'** picture we couldn't resist his handsome face and beautiful eyes. He was the best and longest "stayer" at his puppy class graduation and just loves to please, especially since he became the sole owner of a Wobble-Wag Giggle Ball and spends time between walks chasing it around the house. When we return to Canada he will have the experience of an oceanside home and many creeks and trails overlooking Ladysmith Harbour on Vancouver Island, and returning to the desert after the summer. While he is there he will be meeting and playing with **Bella**, a Great Pyrenees, and **Rommel**, a Doberman, who enjoy romping and swimming in Chemanius Lake. Thank you **AGR**! Looks like **Hobbes** will be leading a charmed life!*

16-079 Molly is an 8-year-old purebred Golden beauty. Her family felt **Molly** needed a home where she would get the time and attention she so rightly deserved. They felt it was best for **Molly** to be in a home where she wouldn't be alone all the time. Also, their child was allergic to dog dander. **Molly** was brought to **AMSC** and received the usual vetting (vaccines, valley fever and heartworm tests). The vet also examined the oral mass her surrendering owner's vet recommended removal of last December. **Molly** had a big obstructive epulis on a lower molar that required sur-



gery. It was also discovered she had eyelid masses that required surgical removal. **Molly** has recovered from the surgeries and is enjoying life with Janine and Jim in Scottsdale. Janine and Jim report: *Magnificent **Miss Molly** joined our family in December, and has been a true blessing. She acclimated quickly to her new environment and is a warm and loving dog. **Molly** enjoys walks around the neighborhood and meeting new people. Ruling the household, constantly getting petted, and being lovingly spoiled are her favorite things. **Molly** gets along with our new puppy as well. She likes to get dressed up for special occasions and is such a joy! **Miss Molly** is happily living a magnificent life!*



16-083 Riley is a 20-month-old male Goldendoodle who is a bundle of energy. His owner felt it would be best for **Riley** to be placed with a family that would be able to embrace his outgoing personality. His jumping up on his owner had caused her to fall, and it was felt he needed to find another home before he caused her to actually break something. First, it was off to the vet for **Riley** for the usual exam and

the very important valley fever testing. **Riley** passed his physical with flying colors. He had some training and behavioral issues that needed to be addressed, such as counter-surfing and getting up onto the furniture without being invited. He also had some serious separation anxiety. Our behavior consultant, Sharon McKenzie, willingly worked with the family to help **Riley** overcome his issues, and he has greatly improved. Kim and Jim of Chandler, along with their resident dog and cats, opened their hearts to **Riley**. **Riley** is truly one lucky dog!

17-001 Rex is a handsome 6-year-old Golden mix who was rescued from the Tucson shelter. **Rex** is such a good-looking guy it is hard to imagine someone would take him to the shelter! Once again, the wonderful transport team made the trek to Tucson to assist **Rex** on his journey to his forever home.



First, he was off to complete the vetting that was not done at the shelter and to enjoy a spa service. Since a history was lacking in regards to **Rex**, it was determined to place **Rex** in a home without dogs or young children. The perfect fit was Laurie, Eammon and their three teenagers of Glendale. After an introduction, **Rex** bonded well with the resident three cats. **Rex** is enjoying his new life as top dog alongside his feline friends.



17-002 Mariah is a 14-year-old petite female Golden who was in need of a new home due to her owner's health issues. **Mariah** came to **AGR** without any health background and was frightened when her home life was disrupted. One of our foster families graciously took her in to provide her with loving care until her new home was found. At her initial vetting, it was discovered that **Mariah**

has a heart murmur; she also had a bladder infection and two bladder stones. **Mariah** required surgery for the bladder stones, which helped resolve the bladder infection with a course of antibiotics. This little girl has been through quite a bit! As for her foster parents, Alice and David of Phoenix, they had fallen in love with her and adopted her! Alice and David report: ***Mariah**, now renamed **Belle**, came to us with medical issues and scared of not only other dogs, but also of people. As a 14-year-old senior, we knew she would be difficult to place. We offered our home to her, and **Gracie Lou**, our other senior Golden, offered her companionship. After visits to Dr. Ferguson at **Four Legged Friends**, **Belle** has gained weight, flourished, expressed a playful personality and become a part of our family. She loves to walk in the park with her new doggie friends, 'sunbathe' on the patio, and lie next to **Gracie Lou** on her own futon. **Belle** has become a special member of our family. As a rescued senior Golden, she gives back more loving affection than we can ever give her. This is truly a happy ending for a special senior girl. We wish everyone the best!*

17-005 Cayenne, now **Autumn**, is a beautiful 4-year-old AKC Golden. **Autumn** unfortunately had a myriad of health issues, which included a seizure disorder, valley fever and hypothyroidism. Her family had a new baby on the way, plus the added cost of **Autumn's** medications made them make the difficult decision to surrender **Autumn** to Rescue. **AGR** knew a family willing to make the commitment to **Autumn's** lifelong medical conditions would be needed. Mary, Bert and **Skye**, an Australian Cattle Dog, of Litchfield Park, welcomed **Autumn** into their home. Mary and Bert related, ***Autumn** is a true ray of sunshine and brings continuous smiles and joy to our lives every day! She loves to chase rabbits, birds and butterflies in our backyard and is such a happy-go-lucky*



*girl! We had just adopted **Skye**, an 11-year-old, before **Autumn** joined us, and she has shown him how to play fetch and act like a puppy. **Autumn** was in need of the green bean diet when she arrived at our home and has lost almost nine pounds! **Autumn** has an exuberance for life, and she sees every day as a new adventure. She loves life and we truly love having her in our lives!"* It sounds like **Autumn** has found her happily ever after!



17-006 Coco, now **Hetty**, is a 5-year-old Golden mix who was happily sprung from the Tucson shelter! When the **AGR** angels saved **Hetty** from the shelter, she had a wound to her right flank that was secured with staples. She was transported to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale for evaluation before being placed in her forever home. **Hetty** needed to have her staples removed, and the laceration

cleaned and restapled, as the area was not up to par. Also, a round of antibiotics was prescribed before discharge. Now **Hetty** is ready to go home. She was lucky to be calling home in Sun Lakes with Molly, Van and resident Golden **Katie**. We wish everyone all the best!

17-007 Deena, now **Riley**, is a 3-year-old Golden mix who is a sweetie. She started her journey sadly at the Eastside **MCACCS** shelter. However, the future would start to look brighter as soon as the wonderful volunteers from **AGR** came to the rescue! **Riley** was whisked off to the vet where she was brought up to date on her vaccines and received a thorough exam before it was time to search for her forever home. During the discovery process, it was deemed that **Riley** was the type of girl who would do best in a household where she was the only canine in the home, as she had had been reactive towards other dogs. **Riley** found her new home with Char and Jack in Gilbert. Sharon McKenzie, a wonderful and talented behaviorist, worked with **Riley** and her family extensively to have **Riley** become more social – firmly controlled exposure to other dogs has seemingly done the trick. She is now well on her way to becoming a canine good citizen. We couldn't be happier for this family!



17-008 Sprinkles, now **Shelby**, is a beautiful three-year-old blond Golden. **Sprinkles'** family was sad to see her go. However, a child in the family had allergies and they felt **Sprinkles** deserved a family that could provide her with the time and attention she deserved. **Shelby** received the usual vet-



erinary checkup and was off to her forever home. **Shelby** hit the jackpot with Betty and Steve of Phoenix, where she would be the center of attention as the only pet. An addendum was granted for treatment of a yeast infection and leptospirosis vaccine. **Shelby** has settled in wonderfully and is enjoying her new life!



17-009 Minnie, now **Nina**, is a 2-month-old Golden mix who is just adorable. A Good Samaritan found her running in the road with her sister in Black Canyon City. This kind person spoke with everyone in the area and no one knew the puppies. She brought them to her house and provided them with a temporary home as she attempted to find their owner. No one claimed these two bundles of del-

iciousness, so she reached out to **AGR** to find them the perfect home. Since **Nina** did not have any vetting history, **AGR's** vet team scheduled **Nina's** puppy vaccines and examination plus extended an addendum to the new family for the remaining puppy shots and spay surgery. **Nina** found her new home with Helaine and Andrew in Phoenix who stated: *We are very thankful to have Nina. She is such a wonderful puppy and a great addition to our family.* Thank heaven for Good Samaritans, and thank heaven for **AGR!**

17-010 Pearl, now **Casey**, is a 2-month-old Golden mix who is the adorable sister of **17-009 Nina**. She also received all the vetting a new puppy would need. Her new family would receive an addendum for puppy shots and spay surgery also. **Casey** is now living with Susan, Brad and their resident dogs and cat in Chino Valley. Susan and Brad stated:



*Our current family consists of a 12-year-old Border Collie, **Dillon**, a 7-year-old Whippet mix, **Cody**, and a 6-year-old Rottie/Lab mix, **Jake**, and a 15-year old cat, **Bailey**. We had read about Golden Retrievers and their gentle nature and felt perhaps our next family member should be a Golden. We decided it was time to welcome a new addition to our family. We applied to **Arizona Golden Rescue** and were very impressed by how seriously they took the placement of their dogs and the rigorous screening process. Once approved as an adoptive family, we anxiously awaited the call to let us know we had been selected as the perfect home for a Golden. We finally got the call we had been waiting for! **Casey** is a Golden Retriever and Aussie mix. She is so precious, so much fun and so smart. She was house trained in 10 days! She loves her brothers and sisters and has fit into our family perfectly, filling the hole in our hearts! Every day is a new adventure, and I'm not sure who's having more fun, **Casey** or us! Thank you, **Arizona Golden Rescue**, for completing our family. We will be forever grateful!*

17-011 Reeses, now **Abby**, is a sweet 2-year-old Golden whose family was having financial difficulties and made the difficult decision to surrender her. **Reeses** is a happy-go-lucky girl who could benefit from the green bean diet. She did receive the usual check-up from the vet and it was discovered she had an ear infection, which was treated with antibiotics. As usual, she was tested for that awful valley fever and she was negative. **Abby**, who used to like the water hose, was lucky to score a new home with a pool! She was off to live with Rachel, Scott and their family that includes another dog, **Ollie**. Rachel and Scott relayed: *We love her so much! She was quite timid when she first came to live with us. It was so much fun to see her come more and more out of her shell each day. We are gearing up for her first road/ camping trip. Thank you so much for placing this sweet girl with our family!* Looks like **Abby** has many happy adventures ahead!



17-012 Burt is a Golden mix about 10 years old whose owner turned him into the Westside **MCACCS** shelter. It is unknown why, because he is a sweet-natured boy. Perhaps it was because the owner said he had the dreaded valley fever? This awful disease can be treated with medication (and of course, love and attention). **AGR** came to the rescue of this senior



lad, and sent him to **Academy West Animal Hospital** to check out his health status. **Burt** received the usual exam, valley fever, heartworm tests; **MCCACS** had brought **Burt** up to date on his vaccinations. Next, **Burt** was off to his new home. However, as he was settling in he started to have episodes of vomiting and not eating. He was taken to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** for an x-ray and was diagnosed with bacterial pneumonia. **Burt** was treated with IV fluids, antibiotics and then was finally able to begin his new life with Shirley and Robert in Scottsdale. **Burt** has a health addendum for valley fever retesting and medications, as well as for follow-up on his pneumonia. We hope **Burt** will have a happily ever after!



17-013 Sadie is an 8-month-old Golden-doodle. **Sadie's** family did not have the time to contend with the nonstop, boundless energy that a puppy does possess, so they felt it was best to place **Sadie** in a home that could provide her needs. **Sadie** was in good health and had already had spay surgery. Now it was time to find a family who was up for the puppy energy! The perfect match was found with Kris-

tine and Eric of Mesa, who are in love with their "Sadie Doodle".

17-014 Autumn, now **Maggie**, is a 1 1/2-year old Golden whose owner surrendered her to Rescue due to having a new baby on the way. This little angel had never been to the vet or ridden in a car. She had never been on a leash to go for a walk. **Autumn** was taken to **Academy West** for an exam, vaccinations, heartworm, and valley fever testing. She also received a microchip and had spay surgery. **Autumn** was in excellent health and off to meet her forever family: Tia, Curtis and a Sheltie brother in Gilbert. **AGR** also authorized a basic training class at **Master's University Kennels** to assist everyone as **Maggie** transitions to a new life. **Maggie** will be enjoying a whole new world. We wish her many years of happiness!



play fetch, tug and take walks. With three teenagers in our house, we are now able to keep her busy and active and spoiled with attention. There are days where we will play ball with her for hours and she still does not want to stop. She has made herself right at home, roaming the house, sleeping where she pleases and always nuzzling a free hand. **Mazy** is extremely well behaved and on the rare occasion where she has strayed from her perfect behavior, she hangs her head, hating to disappoint. **Mazy** is an amazing dog. We love her dearly. She is the perfect fit for our family. It seems like she's been with us forever. Another happily ever after!



17-017 Ziji, now named **Copper**, is a handsome 3½-year-old male Golden whose original owner, who loved him dearly, passed away. He found his next home at the **Arizona Humane Society** where he was adopted. The female of the family thought he shed too much, so he ended up on Craig's List. Needless to say, a beautiful Golden would be snatched up! The lady who acquired

him thought he was wonderful; however, he was too large and strong for her. She decided to contact **AGR** knowing they would find this boy the perfect forever home! The perfect home would be with Carla, Joe and their canine companions in Chandler. **Copper** is fitting in nicely in his new home. He also has an addendum for his remaining initial vaccines. We are glad to hear that three times were finally the charm for **Copper**!



17-019 Maisy, now **Mazy**, is a darling 3-year-old Golden girl. Her previous owners felt she would benefit from a home with a larger yard and family members who could keep up with her nonstop activity level. As for the larger yard? **Mazy** is a "fetchaholic"! She loves to run and

play fetch continually. **Mazy** did receive the standard **AGR** veterinary check-up and everything was brought up to date. **Mazy** was to find her forever home with Dawn, John and their three active teenagers in Glendale. Dawn and John reported: **Mazy**, *respelled because she is tennis ball crazy, is an active girl who loves to*



Diamonds in the Ruff

By Deb Orwig

Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on whom **AGR** has had to spend at least \$1,000. In this column in the February issue of *The Golden Paw*, we featured **15-069 Shaggy** and **16-043 Sandy**. **Shaggy** is currently in a holding pattern with his cancer; treatment did not cost us over \$1,000 during the first quarter of 2017. **Sandy's** story continues below.

During the first quarter of 2017, we took in several dogs on whom we have had to spend over \$1,000. In fact, our total expense for just the following eight dogs was \$31,573.29! That is more than the annual expenditure for all rescues by many Valley rescue groups! Fortunately, we are healthy financially right now, and we can afford to do whatever we feel we need to do for our rescued dogs. However, without income from a golf tournament in September, our current good financial status will be in jeopardy. So, please consider making a donation in the coming months to help offset that loss of income. You can designate a donation to help with the expenses of a specific dog, or just earmark it for *Diamonds in the Ruff*. All donations are tax deductible, of course, and will be acknowledged by the end of January 2018.

16-043 Sandy, now spelled **Sandi** by her adopters, continues to cost **AGR** some money, as she is one of the dogs in our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program. You have read her backstory in this column before, so I will just detail what we have done for her since January. She had a growth on her lip which Dr. Ferguson at **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** thought should be removed because it was "starting to look messy." The growth turned out to be a melanoma, so it was a good thing Dr. Ferguson suggested excision. **Sandi** was referred to an oncologist who thought she should have a second surgery to get clear margins around where the tumor had been; the lymph nodes were clear, which indicated that the cancer had not spread. **Sandi** was given some melanoma vaccines



AHI staff had a party for Sandi the day she was released from their care

at *Animal Health Institute at Midwestern University* and has now been declared cancer-free. **Sandi's** surgeries and treatment have cost **\$5,602.51**.

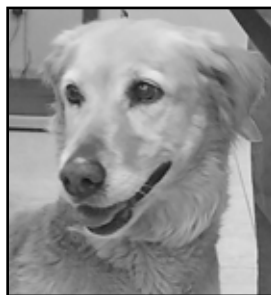


16-079 Molly, a lovely 8-year-old pure-bred Golden, was surrendered to us because the 4-year-old son in the family had developed allergies. **Molly** came in with a large, obstructive epulis in her mouth that started on the outside of a lower molar then wrapped up and around to the inside of the molar. Fortunately, the mass had not grown into the jawbone, so it was a relatively easy procedure to remove it; the

vet also removed several small growths on **Molly's** eyelids and a sizable lipoma on her flank. All of the growths were benign. **Molly** was also diagnosed with early kidney disease, for which she is now being fed a special kidney-support dog food. Her vet expenses were **\$2,286.19**.

17-002 Mariah was living with her owner in a geriatric/psychiatric facility. The owner has dementia and was not caring for **Mariah**. She is a 14-year-old beauty who was quite ill when she was surrendered to us by the person who had power of attorney. **Mariah** was diagnosed with a rather severe heart murmur (4 on a scale of 6) and had bladder stones with a bad bladder and urinary tract infection. Strong antibiotics did not resolve the infection, so the vet felt surgery was needed to remove the stones, one of which was imbedded in the bladder. The stones had a high magnesium content, so **Mariah** is now being fed a special prescription dog food that will help avoid the formation of more such stones in the future. **Mariah** has been renamed **Belle** by her adopters (yes, we have a family who wanted to adopt a 14-year-old!), who reported:

***Mariah** is so happy now. Before the surgery she would constantly pace and go out to pee every couple of minutes. She did this 24 hours a day! She would only sleep in the kitchen away from our other dog, **Gracie**. Now, she sleeps in her own bed, which she prefers to be in the living/family room in front of the fireplace. Every morning **Gracie** goes to get **Mariah** up and they go outside together to pee. During the day, they nap together. **Mariah** loves her walks, as do the kids in the neighborhood, and she loves them. She's eating very well now but has to be on a special diet from the vet so the stones don't come back. Apparently she produces a higher amount than normal of magnesium and zinc, which causes stones to form. She recently had a dental done, but no extractions were necessary. **Belle's** adopters have made a couple of donations to **AGR** to help offset her vet expenses, which have amounted to **\$3,463.49**. We definitely appreciate their contributions!*



In this photo taken before surgery, you can see how crooked Juggy's left front leg is; she would have been lame for the rest of her life had **AGR** not had the surgery done

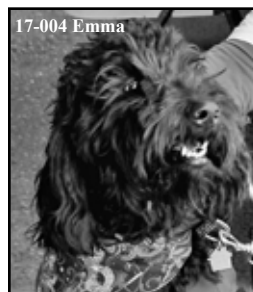
17-003 Juggy (rhymes with chewy) is a Golden mix puppy who was about 5 months old when she came to us in January. She was surrendered by an owner who said the son in the family was allergic to the dog. That may have been true, but the owner had to have realized there was something drastically wrong with **Juggy's** left front leg, which may have been the real reason she wanted to turn her over to Rescue. The owner had had **Juggy** evaluated at the *Animal Health Institute at Midwestern University*. The vet there diagnosed her with an angular limb deformity called a varis deformity and said it would only get worse as the dog matured, resulting in joint

incongruity and osteoarthritis. We had **Juggy** further evaluated by Dr. Jha, the orthopedic surgeon at *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* in north Scottsdale. He said the deformity was most likely caused by trauma which resulted in the growth plate fusing on one side but not the other – one bone but not the other continued to grow, which was causing the leg to bow. Dr. Jha consulted several expert orthopedic surgeons around the country for advice. The goal of the surgery was to correct the bow and make the leg straight. Although he had done this type of surgery before, the procedure was still daunting because the curvature was in three planes. He had a 3-D model of the leg made so that he could plan where to cut the bone and install a plate, and he practiced the surgery on the model before doing it on the dog. The surgery, which was finally done on March 17th, was a success! **Juggy** was placed with a family that vowed to do whatever was necessary to help her recover from the surgery. They have renamed her **Jessie** and reported on April 9th: ***Jessie** is healing as expected. No swelling as of last Tuesday's check-up. She will get the soft cast/splint off on the 18th and begin going for walks! She wants to play, but her activity is still quite limited. Other than that, she is doing great. The total cost for **Jessie's** leg reconstruction was **\$6,581.10**.*



Above: X-ray of **Juggy's** left front leg before corrective surgery

Below: After surgery showing leg bone straightened



Two dogs that came in during the first quarter required femoral head ostectomies (FHO) due to hip dysplasia. They are **17-004 Emma** and **17-023 Paddy**. **Emma's** expenses have been higher than **Paddy's** because the orthopedist first thought her leg problem might be fixed by just inserting some pins into the femur to stabilize the leg – she had a fracture

of the femoral head. A month after this surgery was done, it became apparent that it was not successful, so a full FHO was done. **Emma**, a 13-month-old black Goldendoodle, is now recovering from this second surgery, for which we were charged only for the anesthesia. Three-and-a-half weeks post surgery, **Emma's** adopter is walking her up and down hills and stairs, and **Emma** is starting to put weight on her left hind leg. The total cost for both surgeries was **\$4,534.59**.



17-005 Cayenne, now called **Autumn**, is a lovely 4 1/2-year-old purebred female who suffers from seizures which her owners were treating only irregularly. **Autumn** also had valley fever and low thyroid function, the latter resulting in significant overweight. For her seizure problem, **Autumn** was seen at both *Animal Health Institute* and the *Veterinary*

Neurological Center. The vet at the latter facility did an MRI and diagnosed **Autumn** with idiopathic epilepsy, a condition she will have for the rest of her life. Her medications have been adjusted, and **Autumn's** adopters are keeping a seizure diary, just in case the meds need further adjusting. **Autumn** is a happy girl who loves to chase bunnies and quail in the adopters' large back yard. **Autumn's** new mom has brought her to a couple of Meet-and-Greets and she has done well. The adopters have made some donations to help with **Autumn's** medical expenses, which to date have amounted to **\$3,054.13**. We appreciate their financial assistance.

17-012 Burt was a shelter save who was estimated to be about 10 years old. His owner had taken **Burt** to the shelter because he was getting nippy with the bothersome children in the family. He tested positive for valley fever so was started on fluconazole, and he has age-related arthritis. Only a couple of days after being placed with a Foster-With-Intent-To-Adopt, **Burt** started vomiting and generally acting sick. He was diagnosed with possible pneumonia. He could not keep food or medication down, so the vet put him on IV antibiotics and kept him for a couple of days. He is much better now and is greatly loved by his adopters.



Burt's treatment cost *AGR* **\$2,827.24**.



17-023 Paddy, now called **Axel** by his adopters, was a 4-year-old Golden mix rescued from the shelter. While a stray, he had most likely been hit by a car. When we got him from the shelter, he was diagnosed with hip luxation with various abrasions and also had pneumothorax; in addition, he was not neutered. The steril-

ization surgery was done during the same time that he had a standard FHO. Two weeks after the surgery, **Axel's** adopters reported: *Axel is doing great! He got his staples out last week and they said he is healing up very well! He is getting along great with his new friends and wants to play a bit more than we let him. He uses his leg most of the time, but when he wants to speed things up he only uses 3 legs (which is normal). He really is a great boy and we are so happy to have him in our lives! Axel's surgery cost \$3,598.16.*

Homemade Liverwurst Pill Pockets

These "pill pocket" treats are really simple to make. When it's time for your dog to take his medicine, simply take a "dough" ball and hide the pill in the center. Then offer it to your dog like a treat.

3/4 cup plain shredded wheat cereal
3 ounces liverwurst (room temperature)
2 ounces cream cheese (room temperature)

Place shredded wheat in a bag and crush using a rolling pin. Mix liverwurst and cream cheese together until smooth. Mix with shredded wheat. Roll into small balls the size of gum drops. Store in the refrigerator in a resealable plastic bag or container. Will last 7 to 10 days.

Treats for Allergy Dogs or Dogs on Special-Food Diets

Recommended by a vet tech at Academy West Animal Hospital: Take dry kibble, add water and stir it up into a dough, shape into balls, flatten and bake for 15 minutes at 350° to make treats out of whatever special food your dog is on.

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

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

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

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Lola Bogardus
(12-030)



Sparky Day
(12-130)



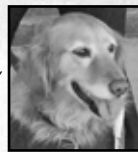
Andie Harrington
(12-143)



Shadow Lincoln
(15-016)



Baxter Mackay
(15-081)



Sammie Merideth
(09-007)



Bella Shirey
(13-104)



Kodi Charbonneau



Lizzgi Charbonneau



Molly Fetherston



Mikko Holland/Craven



Roxy Janes
(16-063)

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!

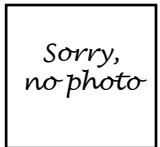
You have been seen, and when you and your special friend meet, you take him or her in your arms and embrace.

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.



Miles Morrocco



Bella Cinnamon Rivers



Sienna Sable



Kandee Smith



Sagan Willits

And

Rosemary Barker, beloved mother of AGR Member Pat Morgan

Mary Jo Courtney, AGR Member

John Dant, beloved significant other of AGR Member Linda Kearns

Ray Hill, beloved father of AGR Member Mark Hill

More Than 100%

What makes 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been to meetings where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 103%? What makes up 100% in life? Here's a little mathematical formula that may help you answer these questions:

If A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q
R S T U V W X Y Z

are represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then:

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E
11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 =
96%

H-A-R-D-W-O-R- K
8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E
1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100%

But,

V+O+L+U+N+T+E+E+R
22+15+12+21+17+20+5+5+18 =
135%

**The
search
is on,
and
we
need
your
help!**



Since we are not able to hold the Fore!Paws Golf Tournament this year, we are sniffing around for some good fund raising activities to help offset the lack of proceeds that the tournament would have made. Our dogs need your support AND your ideas!

**Please contact Cindy Pavero at mscindyp1@yahoo.com
if you have some good ideas or contacts!**

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 of our 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 on 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. Consider offering to serve in a Board position.
7. Support the Rescue's events, either by coming to help (with or without a dog) or by making a donation.
8. Respond promptly to an event invitation.
9. 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 can no longer keep the dog, or if the dog accidentally gets away, contact the Rescue right away.
10. Send stories and pictures about your dogs to **AGR** so we know how the family is doing.
11. Upgrade your membership level and/or make a cash donation. All donations are tax deductible.



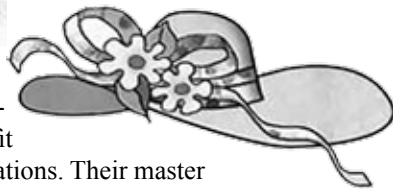
Co-sponsored by **Scott Foundation** and **Arizona Golden Rescue**
 To help fund programs and activities for
 Arizona teenagers in foster care
 and medical expenses of rescued Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes

DATE: Saturday, July 15, 2017
 TIME: 11:00 AM to 2 PM
 PLACE: **Monterra at WestWorld**
 Cost: \$45 reserved by July 1, 2017; after that, \$60
 Gourmet buffet lunch included
 ACTIVITIES: Fashion show by teenagers committed to
 improving their lives and those of others
 Fashion show by rescued dogs
 Raffle
 Silent Auction
 Live Auction featuring commentator from
NBC TV Channel 12 as MC



Fabulous, incredible door prize drawing among all who wear fancy and/or decorated hats

Scott Foundation is invested in the future of Arizona foster kids, and we in **Arizona Golden Rescue**



have the opportunity to make an important contribution as a partnering nonprofit to serve both of our organizations. Their master plan has detailed eight challenges, and we are part of the one they call *Practice of Compassion* (feeling selfless and promoting acts of kindness).



We believe in rescue. There are 807 rehomed dogs that prove that statement. Now, we have the opportunity to participate in a different kind of rescue and have our rescued dogs help. On

July 15 from 11:00 AM to 2 PM at Monterra at WestWorld, AGR members and dogs will partner with 36

young people – teenagers – who are currently in foster care in Arizona. These kids hope to be rescued. They hope for either the resolution of family difficulties so that they can return to a functional family, or they hope to be adopted by a family that will love them and help them resolve their personal issues. They can relate to our rescued dogs in a way that other more fortunate kids cannot. We want to help these 36 teenagers have fun and feel good about themselves for one day and to provide them with the experience of unconditional love from our dogs. I have been lucky to interact with most of the teens who will be joining us at the *Fashion Paw-Tea*. I have seen how they respond to my dogs and how the unconditional love from the dogs has touched them, made them open up in conversation, and given them hope for the future.



I wish every one of our adopters could experience the connection these kids make with the dogs, but we can have only one dog and handler per teen at this event, so if you are dogless or do not have a dog that is good with other dogs and/or with people, you can offer to help those of us who have multiple dogs. Adult handlers only, please, although children are welcome to attend with a responsible adult. Working together, we would like 10 to 12 dogs and their handlers to walk the fashion walkway with the 14- to-17-year-olds (both female and male) who will be modeling new clothes they have chosen; dogs will be modeling doggie fashions from **Fancy Paw Boutique**. Another 10 to 12 dogs and handlers will be “table hosts” and an additional 10 to 12 will be guest-greeters. I already have 21 members and 23 dogs committed to coming; I need only 15 more members and 13 dogs, and those will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Members who volunteer to attend the event will be given a new red polo shirt (if you already have a red one, we will order another color of your choice for you, but we will be wearing the red ones at the event) and a free lunch for which others who attend will pay \$45. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in and willing to help. As Colleen Walski says, “Fashion walkways will never be the same!”

We hope this event, which will bring together foster kids and **AGR** dogs, will be a huge success. In order to get shirts ordered, Deb Orwig needs to finalize the list of volunteers **no later than June 15th**. If you are interested in participating in any way, please



contact Deb at dorwigaz@cox.net or call 623-693-0589. If you cannot help with a dog, please consider attending the lunch.

Let your imaginations go! Wear a fancy and/or decorated hat to the event, and you will be entered into a drawing for a fabulous door prize!

This event will be a fundraiser, and the profits from the event will be divided between **Scott Foundation** and **Arizona Golden Rescue**. In addition to a raffle and silent auction, a celebrity host from **NBC TV Channel 12** will be there to work the crowd in a live auction. **AGR** is responsible for obtaining raffle and auction items. Donations of items or gift cards of all types will be welcome.

Sponsorship opportunities available to support this event are listed below. If you cannot attend as a volunteer or as a paying guest, please consider making a donation to help with the event expenses.

Title Sponsor	\$36,000	Top priority investment of \$1,000 in each pair of foster kids and dogs
Premier Sponsor	\$30,000	Sponsorship funding the cost of the event
Gold Sponsor	\$10,000	Funds the cost of the venue and food
Silver Sponsor	\$ 5,000	Funds the cost of the foster kids and dogs participating in the event
Bronze Sponsor	\$ 2,500	Funds the cost of event beverages
Champion Sponsor	\$ 1,000	Helps with the cost of the Auction and Swag Bags
Pioneer Sponsor	\$ 400	Sponsors a table top of 8 guests with special recognition in the event program and at the table
Woofin' Sponsor	\$ 350	Sponsors the cost of a standard intake for a rescued dog including head-to-toe exam, spay/neuter, vaccines, and heartworm, valley fever and fecal tests
Barkin' Sponsor	\$ 250	Sponsors the cost of leashes, collars, microchips and Heartgard© (two chews per dog) for a month of new intakes
Waggin' Sponsor	\$ 150	Sponsors cost of grooming of two new intakes so they can go to their new families smelling good and looking their best
Paws-up Sponsor	\$ Any amount up to \$150	General dog care because you care!
Event Attendee	\$ 45	No later than July 1; after that, \$60

Kids and dogs – what cause could be better to help than that? Would the business you work for support this event by purchasing one of the sponsorships? Please ask. Do you work for a business that offers matching funds for donations to nonprofit organizations? Be sure to apply for those funds if you personally make a donation. Please help in whatever way you can. All donations will be acknowledged.

Please RSVP to Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net – pay with any major credit card (a 3% fee will be added) or, preferably, by sending a check to **Arizona Golden Rescue**, 5350 W. Bell Rd., Ste. C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308. Be sure to write *Fashion Paw-Tea* reservation on the Memo line. Deadline for payment for the \$45 early-bird price is **July 1, 2017**.

A Disturbing Situation

Recently we got a call on our WAGSline phone from a man who had found a dog wearing an **AGR** collar with an **AGR** red heart tag on it. The man said it was a Pit Bull – no way if it was an **AGR** dog, as we do not ever rescue dogs of that breed or even take in Golden/Pit Bull mixes! Sharon Flores asked the man to take the dog to the nearest one of our regular vets (**Kennel Care**) to get it scanned for a chip; he could not do that, so Sharon went to his house and picked up the dog and took it to the vet. They scanned it and did not find a microchip – no real surprise, because the dog was, indeed, a Pit Bull. One of our member's son has a Pit Bull, but it is a male and this found dog was a female and, from obvious signs, one that had probably had puppies recently. **Kennel Care** could not keep the dog there because they require strays to be placed in isolation, and they did not have an isolation kennel available. So, the only advice we could give Sharon was to take the dog to the eastside **MCACCS** shelter, which she did.

The really disturbing element here is that a dog that did not come from **AGR** or be adopted out by us was wearing one of our collars with an **AGR** heart tag on it. How that dog got that collar with the tag is a mystery that we will probably never solve. Sharon kept the collar and tag when she turned the dog over to the shelter. Oh, and by the way, the dog did get adopted from the shelter.

Caution: If you have a dog in your household that is not an **AGR** rescue, please do NOT use the **AGR** collar with the red heart tag on that dog; get a tag with your own phone number on it made for the dog at one of the pet supply stores. You were given our collar with tag to use on your **AGR** rescue dog. If you prefer not to use it (i.e., if you want to use a different color or type of collar), please return the collar we gave you (they cost us money) after you remove the red heart tag and place it on the collar you will be using on your **AGR** rescue.

Another caution: If you have a dog in your household that is not an **AGR** rescue, please get that dog microchipped for its safety and protection. Although there will be a fee, any vet can do it.

A third caution: All **AGR** dogs are microchipped. If you adopted an **AGR** rescue dog, you were given the microchip information when your adoption was finalized. If you have moved since getting the dog, please do not forget to contact the microchip company and give them your new address and phone number.

A request: If your **AGR** dog has passed away or when s/he does, please do not use the **AGR** collar and red heart tag for another dog unless that dog is also an **AGR** rescue (i.e., you adopt another dog from **AGR**). We would appreciate it if you would return even a well-used collar with the tag to us. You can give it to any Board member, Team Manager or Transport Volunteer, or send it to our mailbox: 5350 W. Bell Rd., Ste. C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308.

Heat and Your Dog

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National Humane Education Society

If you are thinking about running errands on a hot day – or even a warm day – and you are thinking of taking your pet along, THINK AGAIN!

Pets need three elements in order to help them beat the heat... air, water, and shade. Pets need air circulating in order to breathe, and, therefore, that means absolutely NO TIME CLOSED UP IN A PARKED CAR, GARAGE, OR ATTIC.

Animals CANNOT tolerate heat as well as humans. Imagine yourself, in a heavy winter coat, seated stationary in a nonoperational vehicle. Not much circulating air helping to cool you even with the windows slightly down, is there?

Police and animal control officers confirm that leaving your window down an inch or two IS NOT ENOUGH to provide a safe environment for your pet. Even if the air outside feels cool, the temperature inside a parked vehicle can heat up to a deadly level in just minutes. On an 85-degree day, temperatures in a parked car (even in the shade) can reach 102 degrees in just ten minutes, and the temperature could escalate to 120 degrees and higher after thirty minutes.

Every year, many pets suffer irreversible brain damage or death after being left in the car.

If you see an animal in a parked car that appears to be in distress, or could soon be in distress, call 911 immediately. Then, the following actions are recommended:

- If the car is in a retail or business parking lot, get a full description of the car.
- Go to the store or business's manager and have the car owner paged.
- If possible, stay at the scene until the police arrive so you can help them identify the vehicle.
- If the animal acts despondent, weak, or extremely overheated, a

Summer Is Coming - Be Prepared!

Compiled by Deb Orwig

veterinarian should be consulted immediately.

BE AWARE! Leaving your pet in a parked car can be a deadly mistake. Report pets in hot cars!

NOTE: Arizona law allows for a car window to be broken in order to remove a pet that has been left in a hot vehicle. Arizona Revised Statute 13-2910 A7 says: *A person commits cruelty to animals if the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly leaves an animal unattended and confined in a motor vehicle and physical injury to or death of the animal is likely to result.* Subsection D of this Statute provides that: *A peace officer, animal control enforcement agent or animal control enforcement deputy may use reasonable force to open a vehicle to rescue an animal if the animal is left in the vehicle as prescribed in subsection A, paragraph 7 of this section.*

Walking Your Dog

Should you and your dog do without the beneficial effects of walking during the summer? No! Very early in the morning is the best time to walk. Even after dark, asphalt pavement and concrete sidewalks will retain heat for hours. The rule of thumb is if you, yourself, find the ground uncomfortably warm to walk on with bare feet, you should not allow your dog to walk without some foot protection. Booties for canines can be purchased from several online sites. Search on "dog booties". Most Golden Retrievers will wear size large. If you buy booties, label each one of the four with the foot that will wear it: RF for right front, LR for left rear, etc. Put the booties on the dog and immediately start walking. The dog will probably balk, so have some treats handy, but don't give in to the balk, just walk. The dog will get used to the feel of the booties

fairly quickly. If you hike with your dog, booties can be useful for protecting your dog's feet from rocks and cactus spines. Booties can also be used in winter if you visit snow country.

In 2010, Jimmy wore booties during an afternoon in July when he had to walk from the parking



garage to Chase Field to help AGR at the Diamondbacks Community Corner. It was amazing how many people stopped to ask what was wrong with his feet or why he was wearing the booties. The response was, "Would you have walked here from the parking garage with bare feet this afternoon?" Once informed, many wanted to know where to purchase booties for their dog.

Heat Stroke in Dogs

Dogs don't have skin like humans do and they can't perspire. We have sweat glands all over our bodies, so we can cool ourselves down much more quickly. Dogs don't have the luxury of overall cooling because their bodies have very few sweat glands, and most of these are in the footpads. A dog's body can easily be overwhelmed by heat, often causing the dog to suffer from heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke. The main way dogs cool themselves is by panting and breathing, so the moist lining of their lungs serves as the evaporative surface (much like our skin). Many people believe that a dog's tongue contains sweat glands, but this is not true. Dogs also dissipate heat by dilating (expanding) blood vessels in their face and ears. This helps to cool the dog's blood by causing it to flow closer to the surface of the skin. Excessive play on a hot day can lead to overheating (hyperthermia) and eventually to heat stroke. A dog that is overheated will seem sluggish or perhaps confused. His gums and tongue may appear bright red, and he will be panting hard. The dog may vomit,

collapse, have a seizure or go into a coma. Do not treat an overheated dog with ice or ice water – these can cause cramps and actually make the dog worse. Offer tepid water to drink and put cool water on the dog's belly, feet and ears. When a dog becomes overheated, it is a real emergency situation. If this happens to your dog, get him to a veterinarian immediately.

Critters and Beasties

If you live anywhere except in a strictly residential area in Arizona, we strongly encourage you to get your dog “snake trained.” Actually, it is more accurate to call the procedure “snake avoidance training.” Most trainers use a shock collar and train the dog to avoid the odor of a rattlesnake and a Sonoran Desert Toad, rather than to avoid one by sight.

Snake avoidance training is offered by the following: **Partners Animal Training** in Cave Creek, <http://www.partnersdogtraining.com/snakeproofing.html> 480-595-6700

Southwest Snake Avoidance Experts serves southern Arizona, including Tucson, Oro Valley, Green Valley, Marana, Avra Valley, Sierra Vista, Catalina, Oracle, Bisbee, Tubac, Rio Rico, Arivaca and other communities. Also will serve Chandler, Mesa, the Greater Phoenix area and most western states if class sizes are large enough. <http://snake-avoidance.com/> 520-449-4200

Master's Kennels Dog University, 17309 S 144th St, Gilbert, <http://www.doguniversity.com/> 480-917-DOGS

Ticks

Ticks abound in Arizona, unfortunately. They carry diseases such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, tick fever and Lyme disease (the latter does not occur in AZ). Many dogs that come into Rescue have tick fever. Usually a 30-day course of the antibiotic doxycycline will be enough to cure tick fever, but there can be short-term and long-term side effects of the disease, so it's best to help your dog avoid getting it. We recommend regular use of *Frontline*. This

medication is applied on the dog's coat between the shoulder blades once a month and is available at most pet supply stores. If your dog goes hiking with you or you take him out in the country or even to a dog park to romp, check him carefully for ticks once you are home – you want to avoid introducing ticks to your yard and home, because it can be very expensive to eradicate them, as a professional pest control service will most likely need to be hired.

Heartworm Disease

Heartworm is a very nasty disease that, once contracted by a dog, will be fatal if not treated. It is transmitted from one infected dog to another by mosquitoes. So, as the mosquito season arrives, the incidence of heartworm increases. Although not common in Arizona, heartworm does exist. The arsenic-based treatment is very expensive – up to \$1000 – and can be very risky to your dog. Following treatment, the dog must be kept as inactive as possible (i.e. crated) for a month and taken out only to go potty. Preventative medicine is best – use Heartgard® or another ivermectin-containing medication monthly year round in Arizona and have your dog tested for the disease once a year.

West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus is another disease carried by mosquitoes. It causes encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain. No treatment is currently available. You can decrease the chances of your dog being exposed to the virus by decreasing her exposure to adult mosquitoes. The best way to do this is by removing any potential sources of water in which mosquitoes can breed. Dispose of any water-holding containers, including discarded tires. Drill holes in the bottom of containers that are left outside. Clean clogged roof gutters on an annual basis. Turn over plastic wading pools or wheelbarrows when not in use, and do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths. Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not in use, and be aware that mosquitoes can breed in the water that collects on swimming pool covers. Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that

collects on your property; mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that lasts more than 4 days. Thoroughly clean livestock-watering troughs on a monthly basis. Local mosquito-control authorities can help in assessing the mosquito breeding risks associated with your property. If your dog is elderly, weak, or has a compromised immune system, he or she will be more susceptible to all illnesses, including West Nile Virus. Fever and weakness are two warning signs that may present in a case of canine West Nile Virus. Muscle spasms and a loss of muscle coordination may also occur. A number of neurological signs can also be indicative of West Nile Virus, including behaviors such as head tilting, circling, and trouble with walking. Depression, a loss of appetite, and other neurological disorders including seizures or an apparent personality change can also occur when a dog is suffering from this mosquito-transmitted disease.

Thunderstorms and Fireworks

Noises of summer will terrify some dogs. If your dog exhibits “noise anxiety” there are several things you can try. One remedy is suggested on page 24. If peppermint oil on the footpads doesn't work, you may want to try a prescription medication known as Clomicalm® (clomipramine), a tricyclic antidepressant used to treat obsessive-compulsive disorder and other anxiety-related behaviors. The effectiveness of Clomicalm® must build up in the dog's system, so it is usually recommended to start the medication a month before thunderstorm season. Some have found that an anxiety wrap is very effective in treating noise anxiety: <https://anxietywrap.com>

Avoid exposing your dog to fireworks. On July 4th, keep the dog at home and in a safe place where he cannot hurt himself if he gets scared. If he is crate trained, be sure to crate him if you go out, even if he has not been in a crate for a while. Some dogs find comfort in lying in an empty bathtub. We have good information on thunder phobia on our website: <http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/information/education/fear-of-thunder-and-lightning.html>

Possible Remedy for Storm Anxiety

Pat Hastings, a respected AKC dog show judge, breeder and handler, swears by this remedy for dogs with storm anxiety. Get a bottle of peppermint oil from the health food store. When a storm is approaching, put a drop or two of the oil on the bottom of each foot of the dog, right on the pad. While no one knows why this works, once the oil is on for a bit, the dog may no longer care about the thunderstorm. And she'll smell very nice! Others besides Ms. Hastings have testified that this home remedy works. Surely, it is worth a try!

Common Dog Myths

By Dr. Debra Primovic

1. Dogs should have a litter before they are spayed.

This is not true. Dogs that have a litter before they are spayed are not better for it in any way. In fact, spayed dogs are at lower risk for breast cancer and uterine infections.

2. Dogs are sick when their noses are warm.

The temperature of a dog's nose does not indicate health or illness. It also does not indicate if they have a fever. There is an "old wives tale" that cold wet noses indicate good health and that warm or dry noses indicate a fever or illness. The only accurate method to assess a dog's temperature is to take it [anally] with a thermometer. Normal dog temperature is 100.5 to 102.5 degrees F.

3. Mutts are always healthier than purebred dogs.

This is not true. Both mutts and purebred dogs can be either healthy or unhealthy. However, mutts generally do not have many of the genetic diseases that may be common in purebred lines.

4. All dogs like to be petted on their heads.

Some dogs do like to be petted on their heads but many do NOT.

5. Happy dogs wag their tails.

This may be true, but aggressive dogs often wag their tails too. There are several physical body motions and cues that help dogs communicate their intent. A wagging tail can mean either agitation or excitement. A dog that wags his tail slowly and moves his entire rear end or crouches down in the classic "play bow" position is usually demonstrating a friendly wag. Tails that are wagged when held higher, tails that "twitch" or a wagging tail held over the back may be associated with aggression.

6. Only male dogs will "hump" or lift their leg to urinate.

This is not true. Female dogs, especially dominant female dogs, will lift their leg to urinate and "hump" other dogs or objects. This can be true even in spayed female dogs.

7. Table scraps are good for dogs.

Some table scraps such as bones and pieces of fat can be dangerous to some pets. Dogs may not digest the bones, and the fat may cause gastrointestinal problems such as pancreatitis.

8. Garlic prevents fleas.

Garlic has NOT been proven helpful for flea control. Large amounts of garlic can even be harmful.

9. Household "pet dogs" don't need to be trained.

This is not true. Every dog should be trained.

10. Dogs eat grass when they are sick.

Dogs descended from wild wolves and foxes that ate all parts of their "kill." This included the stomach contents of many animals that ate berries and grass. Many scientists believe grass was once part of dogs' normal diet and eating small amounts of grass is normal.

11. Dogs like tasty food.

Dogs have very poor taste buds and eat primarily based on their sense of smell.

12. Licking is healing.

It is natural for a dog to lick its wound but this is not necessarily always "healing." Too much licking can actually prohibit healing.

13. Dogs will let you know when they are sick.

This is not true. Dogs generally are very good at hiding that they are sick due to survival instinct, thus not to appear vulnerable to "prey." Often by the time they show you they are sick, their disease or condition is quite advanced.

14. Dogs that are mostly indoors don't need heartworm prevention.

This is not true. Indoor pets are also at risk for heartworm disease. Heartworm disease is spread by mosquitoes, which can come inside. [And all dogs have to go outside to do their business!]

15. Dogs eat rocks, lick concrete or eat their own or another animal's stools because of nutrient imbalances.

No one knows why dogs eat "stuff" that they should not eat. Some veterinarians believe that some dogs that eat "things" may be trying to get attention or acting out of boredom. It is important for dogs to eat a well-balanced diet that will fulfill their dietary and nutrient requirements and have plenty of opportunities for play and exercise.

16. Dogs don't need to be housebroken – they naturally know where to go.

Oh... if only this were true. You need to train your dog where to go. This preferably happens when you start at a young age and give your dog positive encouragement for jobs well done.

Training Tool – The Newspaper

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

I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY

Author Unknown

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.

As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

The following was found posted very low on a refrigerator door...

Dear Dogs and Cats:

The dishes on the floor with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Placing a paw print in the middle of my plate does not mean it is suddenly your food, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a race-track. Racing me to the top of the stairs is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out on the other end to maximize space that you are taking up, is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is no secret exit from the bathroom! If, by some miracle, I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge in an attempt to open the door. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years – canine/feline attendance is not required.

The proper order for kissing is: Kiss me first, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough.

Finally, in fairness, dear pets, I have posted the following message on the front door:

TO ALL NON-PET OWNERS WHO VISIT AND
LIKE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR PETS:

- (1) They live here. You don't.
- (2) If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. That's why they call it 'fur'-niture.
- (3) I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
- (4) To you, they are animals. To me, they are adopted sons/daughters who are short, hairy, walk on all fours and don't speak clearly.

Considering the Purchase of a Pet Door?

If you are interested in getting a pet door, **Hale Pet Door** has added **Arizona Golden Rescue** to their Pet Rescue Program. Anyone who has adopted from **AGR** will get 10% off the retail price of a pet door, PLUS 10% of the retail price of the purchase will be donated back to **AGR**. So if you are interested in a pet door and contact **Hale Pet Door**, don't forget to mention that you are an **AGR** member and adopter and would like to be sure to have your purchase apply to this program.

Hale Pet Doors are energy efficient, secure, attractive and come in 11 standard sizes. They can be installed in doors, walls, French doors, patio doors and screen doors.

To contact **Hale Pet Door**, call 623-463-6700 or 800-636-4773.

HERE and THERE

Events from January 1 through April 15, 2017

The first quarter of every year is very busy for *Arizona Golden Rescue*, primarily because the weather is conducive to having outdoor events. We participated in several this year. I would like to thank Connie McCabe and Liz Tataseo for taking most of the photos at these events. I apologize if any of you who attended are not mentioned in the event wrap-up article – it would be because we missed getting a photo of you and/or your dog. Please know that your presence was appreciated.



Doggie Street Festival

By Deb Orwig

The *Doggie Street Festival* was not a *PACC 911*-sponsored event, but we did get credit with them for participating. It was held from 10 AM to 4 PM at *Steele Indian School Park* in central Phoenix on Saturday, January 28. This event was advertised as an Adopt-a-thon and Pet Celebration. The *Doggie Street Festival* website describes the event as “an adoption event bringing together the rescue community with adoptable dogs and cats, a platform to increase adoption and educate on spay/neuter options, alongside veterinarians, pet professionals, trainers, health and nutrition experts to provide information and improved care – all wrapped in a festive public celebration for our deserving companion animals.” It was a first-time event for *Arizona Golden Rescue*, fun and well-attended, with quite a few vendors selling interesting and unique items – barring schedule conflicts, we will definitely participate again.

Pets join us on our life journey, they adapt to our routines, they capture our hearts, they stir our humanity, they help us deal with our tragedies and if we are lucky they inspire us to reach beyond our grasp and become better humans.

~ Jude Arntstein, Founder/Organizer of *Doggie Street Festivals*



Attending this event as *AGR* volunteers were: Patrick Doyle; Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with **Murphy**; Donna and Berek Novak with **Annie** and **Jackson** (photo at left); Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Vin**; Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer with **Joie** and **Sucy**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; and Liz Tataseo with **Reba**.



Chris Spiel talked with people interested in possibly adopting while Jack and Nash schmoozed



Dennis Janes with Roxy

New members Christine and Sue Kinsman-Barnes came all the way from Avondale to meet those of us “regulars”. We also enjoyed seeing lovely 10-year-old **16-063 Roxy**, who was recently adopted by Dennis and Rebecca Janes. Diane McGuire, who had read about *AGR* in the *Phoenix Dog Magazine*, joined *AGR* because she wants to help with the *Sir Bark A. Lot* program and *Fashion Paw-Tea*. We collected \$213 from merchandise sales and donations. Thanks to all who attended.



Brothers Vin and Murphy



PARADA DEL SOL and Trails End

By Deb Orwig



This event, which is always scheduled for the second Saturday of February (this year it was on the 11th), is one of our favorite events of the year. First, we get to strut our stuff – and show off our beautiful dogs – in the parade. Then, we can relax in our booth for the rest of the day. While we walk down Scottsdale Road, the dogs get admired by thousands of spectators, many of whom come to visit us in our booth after the parade. *AGR* is always a crowd favorite – even the commentator said over the loudspeaker that we are his favorite parade group! It is always a great feeling to walk in this parade and see the delight of huge smiles on children’s and adults’ faces alike! The loud cheers with the standing ovation from the crowd are addicting! All our human volunteers looked terrific wearing red or white shirts, and the dogs all had bandannas



Deb had made from fabrics with hearts.

Putting up the booth dark-and-early (6:30 AM) on parade day is always a challenge. Thanks to

help from Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Celeste Adele Carter, Deanna Green, Dana Haywood, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, Dee Dee Smith, and Chris Spiel, our two tents and all our merchandise got set up relatively quickly. Don Krause with **Stormy**, Don's sister-in-law Joy Demler and Nick Dodson stayed with me in the booth while the rest of the volunteers headed to the staging area.



Joy Demler and Don Krause with Stormy



Escorted by Vin Orwig, Celeste Adele Carter and Patrick Doyle carried our banner

For the first time ever, I could not walk in the parade this year, as I had injured my back. So instead, I actually got to watch much of the parade from the curb near our booth. It was really a grand parade, especially when our fantastic Golden group appeared! Walking in the parade were: Cassie and Lily Bar-

nett; Celeste Adele Carter and Patrick Doyle, who carried our banner; Diane and Tom Ghezzi with **Mia**; Deanna Green; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley** – our beautiful *Goldens Are All Heart* banner that Connie McCabe designed



Cassie and Lily Barnett with Jack and Nash Spiel

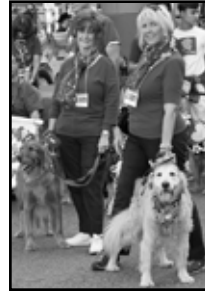
two years ago was affixed to the front of Gail's scooter; Larry Hevner with **Layla** and his fiancée Marie Franco with **Buddy**; Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with **Murphy**; Ellen Lagerman with **Rosie**;



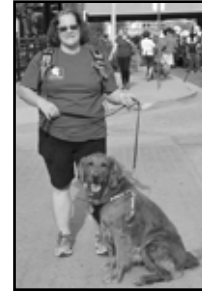
Tom and Diane Ghezzi with Mia



Larry Hevner with Layla and Marie Franco with Buddy



Deanna Green with Gage and Dee Dee Smith with Shaggy



Ellen Lagerman with Rosie



Nancy Luchi with Jaxon and Ella

Nancy Luchi with **Jaxon** and **Ella**; Debbie Mikol with **Hogan**; Connie McCabe with **Shaggy** and **Winnie**; Marlene and Dean Mortimore with **Missy**; Larry Orwig with **Mufasa**; Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Joie** and **Sucy**; Lauren Rudin with **Bryxx**; Mora, Dan, Luke and Shaylee Silver with **Barnie**; Dee Dee Smith with **Gage**; Cindy Tigges with **Casey** and **Koso**; Tom Valente with **Augie**, **Lola** and friend Doug Hartman, who came down all the way from Sedona; Michele Wehry



Occasionally, someone gets a picture of Connie McCabe – she's here with Shaggy



Debbie Mikol with Hogan

and Mark Hill with **NinAnnie** and **Cassie**;



Dean and Marlene Mortimore with Missy



Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with Joie and Sucy



Lauren Rudin with Bryxx



Silver family with Barnie

helped with **Vin** and **Duffy Orwig** (**Dolly** rode in the wagon that was pulled behind Gail Haywood's scooter); and Dave Williams with **Bella**.

The *Trail's End* celebration never disappoints – so many vendors, street performers, and food trucks – it's just fabulous! After the



Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash

Sharon, Ilan and Marcus Wieser with **Nala** also



Cindy Tigges with Casey and Koso



Doug Hartman with Lola and Tom Valente with Augie came from Sedona

parade, Sheila Joyce joined us in the booth with **Willow**. **AGR** had a great turnout of members in our booth after the parade, with many staying well into the afternoon. The Goldenens were exhausted and couldn't wait to chill in the shade and receive well-deserved

pets from the public who applauded them during the parade. The



Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with Cassie and NinAnnie



Dave Williams and Bella



Ilan, Sharon and Marcus Wieser with Vin, Nala and Duffy

public was also very generous, donating \$655.24 and purchasing \$774.86 in **AGR** merchandise, for a total income of \$1,429.52. Our cost for the entire day: \$50 for the parade entry fee and \$0 for the booth! We thank the *Trail's End* hosts for their generosity!



The Orwig gang: Dolly in wagon, Vin, Duffy and Mufasa

To those members who have never participated in the *Parada del Sol* and *Trail's End Celebration*, as well as to those who have, please mark your calendars now for **Saturday, February 10, 2018**. We want you to join us!



Dean Mortimore with Missy, Deb Orwig with Vin, Patrick Doyle, Sharon Flores with Duffy, Cindy Pavero and daughter Kayla Hopkins with Winnie and Honey, Dolly, and Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack

Patrick Doyle; Sharon Flores; Connie McCabe with her camera and **Winnie**; Dean Mortimore with **Missy**; Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer with **Joie**, **Sucy** and **Joie's** visiting brother **Tucker**;



Winnie checking out the toys we had for sale



Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; and myself with **Dolly**, **Duffy** and **Vin**. Brand new member Cindy Pavero also came with her daughter, Kayla, and Golden, **Honey**. The **Lucky Dog Rescue** banner has a sentiment with which we, and probably most other rescue groups, are, unfortunately, very familiar. I'm sure it made at least a few people stop and think.



Lucky Dog Rescue had a banner on display that we really liked. It says: *I am a Forever dog, not an Until dog! I am not an until you... find a girlfriend dog; an until you ... have a baby dog; an until you... have to move dog; an until you... have no time dog; an until... I get old dog. Can you give me forever? xo Hunter and Nicki JH*



PACC 911 at Earnhardt Ford Pet Adopt-a-thon

By Deb Orwig

The **PACC 911** Adopt-a-thon held at **Earnhardt Ford** in Chandler on February 25th from 10 AM to 3 PM was fairly typical of such events: lots of different rescue groups and fairly well attended by the public. At our booth, we had the following volunteers:



*Boulder Creek High School
Health Fair*

By Deb Orwig

In early March, I received an invitation to attend the **Boulder Creek High School's** Health Fair, which was scheduled for March 16th. This school is located in Anthem, which is not far from my house, so I agreed to come and represent **Arizona Golden Rescue**. The freshmen taking health classes had been



given an assignment to produce a trifold display showcasing an organization that is some kind of health-services provider. The teenagers who chose **Arizona Golden Rescue** knew that dogs can have a positive effect on a person's health by helping to reduce stress, lower blood pressure, encourage their people to exercise and provide companionship. The young men who invited **AGR**

and produced a most excellent display (in my opinion, it was the most attractive and well done of all the 50+ displays) were Larry Mazikowski, Connor Parsons and Tony Reimer (photo at left). Tony was the one who made the contact with me. Larry did most of the work on the display – he had pulled a lot of information and photos off our website. They even got permis-



sion for me to bring a Golden. I was sure to confirm that there would be no other dogs there, so I took my people-loving boy **Mufasa**, who is currently banned from attending any **AGR** events where there are other dogs due to misbehavior around other dogs at the **Parada del Sol**. **Mufasa** was, of course, the hit of the day with the many high school students who came to look at the displays (all students were required to come through the area during their lunch period). I even recognized son Luke from one of our adoptive families, the Silvers.



Paws At The Park

By Deb Orwig

Organizing our annual meeting/BBQ picnic was a challenge this year. It was originally scheduled for March 12th, or at least we thought so, as that was the date Director of Activities Chris Spiel gave to Scottsdale Parks & Rec in January when she made the reservation for the East Ramada at Eldorado Park. However, on March



West Ramada in Eldorado Park, Scottsdale – nine days after this photo was taken, the trees had leafed out and the venue was lovely

9th when Chris printed out the permit and took a good look at it, she saw that the date Scottsdale Parks & Rec had put on the permit was February 12. Chris contacted the Parks & Rec office right away

and found out that no other ramadas in that park were available on March 12th, but the West Ramada would be open on March 19th. Chris was no longer allowed to deal with **AGR** business at work, but fortunately I was able to reschedule the park and make the necessary notifications to members and to the Boy Scouts who had been planning to come on the original date.

As it turns out, the change of date was a fortuitous one – the West Ramada was a nicer venue than the East Ramada would have been. Although a few members who had signed up to come on March 12th could not attend on the 19th, a greater number were



There is a good-sized, man-made lake just to the south of the West Ramada; we are glad none of the dogs tried to go swimming, because the lake water did not look clean

able to come on the 19th who would not have on the 12th. So, all in all, we ended up with a slightly larger attendance on the 19th. Every year, we try to schedule this annual meeting on the Sunday closest to March 11th, which was our official day of incorporation in 2009. The weather is good then, but the date usually falls just before Spring Break starts in many local schools, which prevents some of our member families from attending. Members who had paid the fee to come on March 12th but were unable to attend on March 19th will be given donation credit for their payment.



Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with Teddy are always ready to help when help is needed

Although the temperature got a little toasty in the afternoon when it reached 95°, we had a good day on March 19th. There were 171 paws (**Teddy McCabe / Dodson** is a tripod) with



Karin Forsythe handled check-in



Jane Triplett was our raffle-ticket sales person and Sharon Flores helped at the merchandise tables

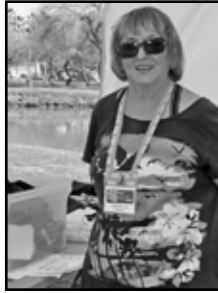
us, eighty members and six children under age 10; we also had two walk-ins that day who paid the higher lunch fee (\$15). In addition, all

but one of the members who had paid in advance but could not come on the 19th told us to keep their lunch payment as a donation – thank you all!



Jeff Guilbault was our cook

Here is the breakdown of expenses and income: we paid \$210 to rent the ramada and a total of \$280.97 for the food and ice. Registration fees paid in ad-



Connie Wozniak sold merchandise all day

vance amounted to \$928, with an additional \$230 donated by members who had paid but could not attend; there were also \$146 in pre-event donations and a \$25 donation at the event. Raffle ticket sales brought in \$520, and we sold \$330 in merchandise including four sweatshirts! Our total income was \$2,209.

Abrazo West Campus hospital donated bottled water; **Albertsons Grocery** at 83rd Ave/Deer Valley Rd donated a \$25 gift card, which was used to purchase buns (Karin For-



Rick Reid and April Crow with 12-024 Ciara



Paws At The Park is such a nice family event! The extended family here includes Jeff and Teri Guilbault and Jared and Michelle (Guilbault) Miller with their kids Lucas, Nora and three-week-old Sawyer



Our most active non-Golden-owning family includes Ali and Garrett Smith, Jay Koblick, Jamie Koblick Smith and Jodi Koblick



Adam Cardinal, AGR's new Director of Information Management, with Rhys and friend Bo Stith with his dog Matilda

rolls; Deb Orwig made her popular potato salad and donated the soda and juice; Cindy Pavero provided the condiments; Liz Tataseo donated the veggie burgers; and Sue Vallie made a donation to help with the cost of food that had to be purchased. Due to everyone's generosity, we profited \$1,718.03.

We ended up not doing the



The Cheke family adopted Golden Evelyn (14-091) from AGR in 2014

doggie games for two reasons. First, neither of the two members who had chaired them last year were able to attend this year. Second, it was just too hot. During lunch, I introduced Colleen Walski, founder and president of **Scott Foundation**. She gave an overview of the history of **Scott Foundation** and presented the plan for the upcoming *Fashion Paw-Tea* that **AGR** will be co-sponsoring with **Scott Foundation** on July 15th. After her presentation, several **AGR** members came to me to volunteer to help at that event. However, we still need more help – please read the article on page 19.



AGR member Joyce Moser and daughter Colleen Walski, founder and president of **Scott Foundation**

After Colleen's presentation, I recognized two members for their contributions to **AGR**. Debbie Mikol, outgoing Placement Team Manager, will be moving to Minnesota in May due to hus-



New Director of Activities Cindy Pavero at left with daughter Kayla Hopkins, Kayla's friend Mark Stephens, daughter Nicole Hopkins and dogs Daisy and Honey



Moving from Arizona in May is Debbie Mikol, AGR's Placement Manager; she was presented with an AGR afghan crocheted by Gail Haywood



Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack has been AGR's Director of Activities



Gary and Cindy Tigges with Casey, Koso and Duey

ent with their dogs to receive the nice paw medallion we awarded to dogs that had been rescued during the last year. The adoption recognition ceremony was a chance for all of us to feel happy and smile, though.



Teddy told everyone he likes his adoption medallion

band Mark getting a new job there. For all her help with placements, fostering and transports over the last three years, we gave her an AGR-logo afghan that Gail Haywood had crocheted (thank you, Gail). Then I thanked Chris Spiel for her service as Director of Activities and gave her restaurant and movie gift cards, because now that she is out of that position she might actually have time to enjoy them!

After lunch, we had the Rainbow Bridge ceremony, the Adoption Recognition ceremony and the Parade of Rescue. The Rainbow Bridge service was attended by 13 members who wanted to recog-

Then, **Duffy, Vin** and I led the Parade of Rescue around the park. We had "Who Let the Dogs Out?" and "Rescue Me" playing on the boom



Jocelyn Raught with family members and dogs; on right, Bruce and Colleen Miller with 14-077 Jake



Michael and Lauren Rudin with Bryxx



AGR President Deb Orwig with 13-023 Duffy and 16-009 Vin leading the Parade of Rescue



Tiara and Paul Korpalski walked 14-034 Jaxx in the Parade

nize a dog that had passed away. This is always an emotional ceremony even for those who aren't participating, but we all got through it. Each family got a commemorative booklet I had compiled from stories and photos that had been submitted, and they also got a beautiful rainbow-colored rosette and a package of tissues in one of the attractive tissue holders Connie Wozniak had made to add to



Left photo: Keith and Dee Dee Smith with Gage and Kandee; Right photo: Mary Engstrom, Liz Tataseo with Reba, Bert Engstrom with Autumn and Sheila Joyce with Willow - all these members participated in the Bridge ceremony



our merchandise inventory.

Unfortunately, only a few new member/adopters were pres-

ent with their dogs to receive the nice paw medallion we awarded to dogs that had been rescued during the last year. The adoption recognition ceremony was a chance for all of us to feel happy and smile, though.

Several members of Boy Scout Troop 526 came at 8:30 AM to help unload the trailer and set up our tents and tables: Jennifer,



Patty Forte at right with 16-061 Tucker and 16-016 Valentina brought friend Rosemary Beckerman and her dog Zoe



Cynthia Wenström and Mike Lane with 12-133 Hannah

Jenessa and Keaton Rodems, Joe and Michael Johnson and Shawn Ross. I would like to especially

thank Jenessa Rodems, because she put together the very attractive sign I carried in the Parade of Rescue. The entire Rodems family including dad Jason also came back at 5 PM to load the trailer - by that time, the only AGR members left at the park were Nick Dodson,



Don Krause with 11-096 Stormy

Patrick Doyle, Karin Forsythe, Connie McCabe and me, and none



Jim Mitchell with 16-079 Molly

of us had the energy or strength to do the loading. We appreciate their assistance so much!

AGR members who helped with the set-up of the merchandise and raffle areas included: Sharon Flores, Karin For-



Mark Hill, NinAnnie, Cassie and Michele Wehry



Marlene Mortimore, Debbie Ball with Shelby, Rick Ball and Dean Mortimore with Missy behind Vin and Duffy

all day. Connie Wozniak managed the merchandise sales area all day. Jeff Guilbault battled the smoke and heat to be our cook, and Teri Guilbault organized the food area, making sure the beans were hot and the salads stayed cold. Connie McCabe took pictures all day. Everyone who attended was given a ticket for a "door prize" drawing of a fabulous Fourth of July Cel-

sythe, Jodi Koblick, Joyce Moser, Ali and Jamie Smith, Jane Triplett, Sue Vallie and her friend Janet Hobbs, Michele Wehry and Connie Wozniak. Karin Forsythe handled registration check-in, and Jane Triplett sold raffle tickets



Sheri, Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with Joie and Sucy; quite by accident the Rodeffers and Mortimores discovered they live around the corner from one another, so now they walk their dogs together several times a week



Patrick Doyle, Gene Carter, Tayler Killoren, and Celeste Adele Carter; the Carters came up from Coolidge for the event

mini spatulas, large spatula, 20 corn holders, 50 paper plates, 64 paper napkins, 4 dish towels, 1 large basket, and 1 small basket with red-white-and-blue fabric

bration package for up to 20 guests. The package included the following: chip & dip dish, covered round bowl, rectangular serving platter, 2 bag clips, 2 mini tongs, mini whisk, 2



Pat Morgan and son Mike with 10-030 Sunny

liner. I had originally created this package for last year's golf tournament silent auction but ended up not using it because we had too many items for too few attending golfers. Dawn Barnett, a new member/adopter won the drawing – we hope she has a wonderful Fourth of July party this summer!



Sue and Christina Kinsman-Barnes with Maya

We hope everyone had a good time and that more of you will be able to attend in 2018.

Editor's Note: Sorry we missed getting photos of some of the people who attended.



Dawn and Dave Barnett with 17-020 Cooper; Dawn won the door prize drawing



Phoenix Pet Expo

By Deb Orwig

The *Phoenix Pet Expo*, which was held at **WestWorld** on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15, was technically a second-quarter event, but since this publication is getting done later than usual, I am including it here.

This event was the first one Cindy Pavero, our new Director of Activities, was responsible for getting volunteers to attend. She did a great job!

The *Phoenix Pet Expo* is usually scheduled for Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend in April. Unfortunately, this year that Sunday was Easter, so the *Expo* hosts switched to a Friday-Saturday. Set-up was done in the afternoon on Thursday. We had a good crew helping with the booth set-up: Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Cindy Pavero, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo, Jane Triplett and Connie Wozniak. In addition to arranging our merchandise, we also deco-



Cindy Pavero with Honey





Above: table in back of booth -- the beautiful glass-topped Golden table was donated by Teryl Hall; it may show up as a silent auction item at an upcoming event; Right: Flower sign



rated the booth. This year for the first time in the eight years we have been participating in this event, the hosts of the Expo

held a booth decoration contest with a "Spring Fever" theme. The Grand Prize was tantalizing – a General Sponsorship package for next year – so I picked up some flower decorations we had in our storeroom that had been donated by our supporter Helen Hennessy a few years ago and purchased some others. Connie McCabe and I created a sign on matte board that showcased 11 of our rescued dogs' heads inside flowers (Connie produced the graphics) with the following verbiage in the middle:

Flowers are signs of spring.

Flowers are beautiful.

Flowers make us happy.

*Golden Retrievers
are the flowers of our lives.*

*Put some spring in your life -
Adopt a Golden!*



"Welcome Spring!" vest I had made for **Troy** several years ago.

We won the decorating contest! The Sponsorship package includes our logo on the *Phoenix Pet Expo* website, on promotions, on the back of the program, on the Sponsor banner, a half-page ad in the program, a clickable ad on the website and four social media promotions! They distribute 5,000 + copies of the program to attendees. We will get a LOT of great exposure next year! Special thanks to all who helped put up the decorations!

During the open hours of the Expo on Friday (3 PM to 8 PM), **Dolly, Duffy, Vin** and I were joined by the following volunteers: Dawn and Dave Barnett with **Cooper**; Celeste



There were numerous people walking around with "shoulder pets"; the lady on the left had a bearded dragon; on right is Chris Spiel with a sugar glider; we also saw a python wrapped around someone's neck and birds on shoulders



Vin in front of Celeste Adele Carter with daughters Meagan and Tayler

Adele Carter and her daughters Meagan and Tayler Killoren; Patrick Doyle; Jodi Koblack; Dean Mortimore with **Missy**; Cindy Pavero with **Daisy** and **Honey** and her daughters Kayla and Nicole Hopkins and Kayla's

friend Mark Stephens; Jill and Fred Prose with **Jasper**; Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Joie**; Jamie and Ali Smith; and Liz Tataseo with



Dawn Barnett with Cooper

Emma and **Reba**. Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson were doing a transport on Friday, so Liz kindly brought her good camera and took some photos.

A crowd was waiting at the entrance when the event opened at 3 PM. However, by around 6 PM, attendance was very light, and it remained so until the event closed at 8 PM. The Saturday-Sunday



Dean Mortimore with Missy

time frame of the past two years was much better for attendance, so we are glad the event will go back to those days next year.



Sue Vallie with Oliver



Jim Mitchell with Molly



Jill and Fred Prose with Jasper



Eric and Kristine Charbonneau with Sadie



Su Kemper with Buddy and Vin

On Saturday, the event was open from 10 AM - 6 PM. We were very busy in the booth all day – it was by far the better day for us financially. Joining me, **Dolly**, **Duffy**

and **Vin** were: Patrick Doyle; Jodi and Jay

Koblick with **Susie** and granddaughter Ali; Connie McCabe with **Winnie**; Jim Mitchell with **Molly**; Cindy Pavero with **Honey**; Carrie Peck with



Jane Triplett with Reba and Emma Tataseo



Winnie quickly discovered the dog treat basket we had on our booth table

Charlie; Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Sucy**; Lauren Rudin; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Sue Vallie with **Oli**ver; and Marc and Stephanie



Jay Koblick, granddaughter Ali Smith, and Jodi Koblick with Susie

Watkins with **Charles** and **Barkley**. In addition, Kristine and Eric Charbonneau brought **Sadie** by to say hello,



Lauren Rudin walked Duffy around the entire event at least twice

Wanda Vonich stopped by with **Tyson**, and Su Kemper and Cam Warren came by with **Buddy**. It was nice to see all of them! Help in the booth was a little light during the middle of the day, but we had a fantastic crew there to help with clean-up at 6 PM: Adam Cardinal and his friend Bo Stith, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Ellen Lagerman, Connie McCabe, Carrie Peck,



Every year, Nash Spiel loves to run the Lure Course sponsored by Brittany Rescue



Ellen Lagerman

and Cindy and Gary Tigges. In addition, we had a family of three from Boy Scout Troop 526: Pam and Brad Lingenfelter and Scout son Caleb. We finished the break-down and packing the trailer in only 36 minutes!



Pam, Caleb and Brad Lingenfelter from Boy Scout Troop 526

In addition to earning the General Sponsorship Grand Prize for the booth decor contest, we did well financially at this event. On Friday, we sold \$268 in



Bo Stith and Adam Cardinal



Gary and Cindy Tigges with Vin and Duffy Orwig

merchandise, collected \$117.37

in donations, and our *Wheel of Goldens* earned \$185, for a total income during the five hours of operation on Friday of \$549.37. Saturday was much better: \$538 in merchandise sales, \$305 from



the *Wheel of Goldens* and \$142.04 in donations for a total of \$985.04; the weekend total was \$1,534.41. Since the booth fee was \$350, our profit was \$1,185.41. This profit was about \$550 less than what we made last year, and I attribute that to two things: first, we did not set up in the Mega Adoption Area this year – last year's volunteers collected \$258 in donations there, but we did not have enough volunteers this year to station any in that

area; second, sales for Saturday this year were \$233 less and for Friday \$192 less than Sunday last year – Easter Weekend this year was probably to blame for that, plus the wrong dates had been published in the newspaper. Made me wonder just how many people showed up to attend the *Expo* on Sunday, only to find an empty building.



Meet-and-Greets at Petco

GILBERT PETCO, 1415 E. Warner Rd.

No Meet-and-Greets have been held at the Gilbert *Petco* since last year, and until a new volunteer offers to host the monthly meetings, there will be no more at this location.

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



Liz Tataseo with Emma and Reba

The weather was still cold but gradually warming up over the winter/spring quarter and we were able to be outside *Petco's* front door to meet and greet everyone. We had to move our event to Sunday twice because of *PACC 911* conflicts but did OK on donations.

Joining **Reba** and me on January 29th

were Patrick Doyle, Sheila Joyce with **Willow**, Don Krause and his sister-



Don Krause and Joy Demler with Stormy

in-law, Joy Demler, with **Stormy**, Jay and Jodi Koblick with family to help out with the dogs, Deb Orwig with **Mufasa**, and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. We had a great time outside the store; the weather was cold but nice. We collected \$70.26 in donations.



Sheila Joyce and Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack

February 26th saw foster girl **Emma** joining **Reba** and me for her first Meet-and-Greet. Also there to help out were Patrick Doyle who enjoyed keeping track of **Emma**, Debbie and Rick Ball with **Shelby**, Sheila Joyce with **Willow**, Jodi Koblick with her new pup **Susie** and grand-



Jodi Koblick with Susie



Rick and Debbie Ball with Shelby

daughter Ali and her friend Gabby, and Deb Orwig with **Vin** and **Duffy**. We did pretty well in donations for a Sunday: donations were \$108 and we also sold one calendar for \$10 and a bandanna for \$5. **Emma** was able to get in some rehab hill-walking while we were there.



Mary Engstrom with Autumn

On March 25th we were back on a Saturday with more traffic; in fact people drove up in their cars to hand out donations at the curb to members for the dogs! Joining **Reba**, **Emma** and me were Patrick Doyle, Cassie Barnett and daughter Lily, Mary Engstrom with **Autumn**, Sheila



Cassie and Lily Barnett

Joyce with **Willow**, Deb Orwig with **Vin** and **Duffy** and Cindy Pavero, our new Director of Activities. **Autumn's** mom, Mary, kindly sent us a \$20 donation in honor of her first Meet-and-Greet! We collected \$72 in donations that day.



Willow decked out for Mardi Gras

Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

CHANDLER, 2860 E Germann Rd – Dana Haywood, Host

Only one Meet-and-Greet was held at this location before Dana stopped hosting. It is a good location because there is a large space in which we



Gail Haywood with Bilbo, Sharon Flores with Jake, and Riley, Mary Gutowski with Sadie and Sedona, Kelley and Karey Rodeffer with Suey and Joie, Dean Mortimore with Missy, Tiara Korpalski with Jaxx, and Deb Orwig with Duffy and Vin

can set up inside the store if it is too hot to be outside. Also, we usually collect some nice donations here. However, unless someone else offers to chair this location, we will not be going there any more. We will provide all set-up materials (brochures, business cards, extra newsletters, calendars) and equipment (small table, tablecloth, banner); all you have to do is be there to set up and stay until the end of whatever time block you choose – Dana and Gail were there from 11 AM to 3 PM, but an hour different on either end of that time range or an hour less time total would be fine.

Attending on January 8, 2017 were Sharon Flores, Mary Gutowski with **Sedona** and **Sadie**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo**, **Jake** and **Riley**; Tiara Korpalski with **Jaxx**; Dean Mortimore with **Missy**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Vin**; and Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Joie** and **Sucy**. This great number of volunteers at one of the East Valley Meet-and-Greets was welcome but unusual, which is one reason Dana has opted not to continue hosting them – often it was just him and Gail who showed up with their dogs. We collected \$149.06 in donations and sold two calendars for another \$20.

PEORIA PETSMART, 9960 N. 91st Ave. – **Connie McCabe**,
Hostess

January 8, 2017



Chris Spiel and Patrick Doyle with Jack and Nash



Karen Davis with Star and Caesar and Pat Morgan with Sunny



Jasper Prose

I was unable to attend this Meet-and-Greet, and I want to thank everyone for stepping up to help make it a successful day. Nick helped set up and break



Sheila Joyce with Tessa; in back, Rebecca Kemak, Marlene Breton and Jill Prose. Meet-and-Greets are great places to socialize your dog and make new friends.

down and was joined by Marlene Breton; Patrick Doyle; Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Deanna Green; Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**; Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with **Murphy**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Susan Parker with **Ozzie**; Fred and



Bob Cain with Murphy



Gage and Kandee Smith

Jill Prose with **Jasper** (thanks for the photos, Fred); DeeDee Smith with **Gage** and **Kandee**; and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. Deb Orwig, who had been at the Chandler location with **Duffy** and **Vin**, came by Peoria briefly near the end to pick up the donations – \$100.28 was collected. Looked like it was a beautiful day.

February 12, 2017

Many thanks to Nick Dodson for going ahead and getting things



Nick with Sammy and Teddy

in place while I finished making the Chex Mix. Attending were Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Sheila Joyce with Birthday Boy **Charlie**; Jodi Koblick with her daughter, Jamie Smith, and granddaughter, Ali Smith; Susan Parker with **Ozzie**; Jill Prose with **Jasper**; DeeDee Smith with **Gage**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; and of course our Valentine



Dee Dee Smith with Gage

sweethearts, **Sammy** and **Teddy**. We had a quiet but very pleasant day and the rain held off until we were all packed up and ready to leave! Even though foot traffic was slow, the dogs still managed



Susan Parker with Ozzie, Connie McCabe with Sammy, Karen Davis with Caesar and Star, Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack, Jamie Smith, Ali Smith and Jodi Koblick with Teddy

to collect \$83 in donations.

We did not have a **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet in March, due to the **AGR** Annual picnic and other events.



Ozzie Parker





Golden Hearts



We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between January 1 and May 5, 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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*In Honor of the entire **AGR** Rescue team who delivered **Mariah/Belle**, called to check on her, and worked with us to adopt her*
Alice and David Courtney

*In Honor of Dr. Valerie Ferguson and staff at **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** for the quality care and love they gave to help **Belle** before, during and after her surgery to live a pain-free and healthy life*
Alice and David Courtney

*In Honor of **12-119 Sadie** and **12-120 Emma***
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*In Honor of **17-005 Autumn**'s first Meet-and-Greet*
Mary and Bert Engstrom

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*To help with medical expenses of **16-050 Chloe***
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Albertsons-Safeway-Vons Foundation to help with expenses for valley fever testing and treatment

Golden Retriever Foundatikon to help with medical expenses of **17-002 Mariah/Belle**

Phoenix Animal Care Coalition (PACC 911) to help with medical expenses of **17-005 Autumn**



Special and grateful thanks to **Phoenix Animal Care Coalition (PACC 911)**, for sending us **\$1,000** from their **Lulu's Angel Fund** to help with **16-082 Rudy**'s medical expenses. We rescued 5-year-old **Rudy** from the **MCACCS** shelter, so he qualified as a candidate for this grant. He was very sick with tick fever, valley fever and heartworm, but with this help from **PACC 911** we were able to save his life and give him a future. Since we rescued him on December 19, 2016, Rudy's vet bills have cost **AGR** \$2,691.07, so **PACC 911**'s assistance helped with over 1/3 of his expenses. Thanks so much, **PACC 911!**

Memorial Donations

In Memory of All 1st Quarter 2017 Bridge Dogs and People we have lost including the following:

09-007 Sammie Merideth	13-104 Bella Shirey	Lizzi Charbonneau	Bella Cinnamon Rivers	People: Rosemary Barker Mary Jo Courtney John Dant Ray Hill
12-030 Lola Bogardus	15-016 Shadow Lincoln	Molly Fetherston	Sienna Sable	
12-130 Sparky Day	15-081 Baxter Mackay	Mikko Holland / Craven	Kandee Smith	
12-143 Andie Harrington	Kodi Charbonneau	Miles Morrocco		

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