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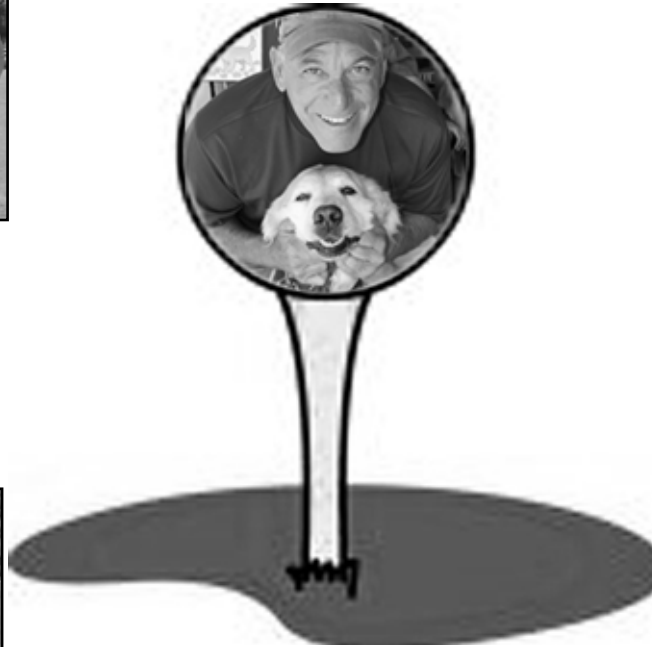
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Do you have a good command of English language grammar? Would you be willing to spend 3-4 hours on a Saturday or Sunday proofreading future issues of this newsletter? If so, please contact Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net and offer your services. Thanks!

Proofreading before publication is essential; for that daunting task, I thank Debbie Ball, Teri Guilbault, Connie McCabe and Larry Orwig

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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Dolly, Vin, Duffy and Mufasa Orwig

We are so excited about the upcoming activity season for *Arizona Golden Rescue*! We take the summer off from all outdoor functions because in Arizona it is just too hot to do anything outside except swim in the pool. But come fall, we are right back to meeting-and-greeting, supporting *PACC 911* events, and getting involved in all the holiday-related fun: the fabulous *Holiday Pet Festival* at *WestWorld*, the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade* – we LOVE parades! – and the gift wrapping at *Barnes & Noble Booksellers*! The holiday season is a wonderful time of year! We get to wear spiffy red or green donation vests and help collect money that will benefit new rescued dogs. We also get to reunite with many Golden friends that we see only during this time of year.

We have heard that it might not be possible for our group to do gift wrapping at the Tempe Marketplace *Barnes & Noble* this year – a change in corporate policy may dictate that this store may not have any groups there which are not education or family-oriented organizations. In late October, we will find out for sure whether we can be there or not. We have tried to impress upon them that *Arizona Golden Rescue* is indeed into educating the public – about the benefits of Rescue, about the Golden Retriever breed, and about responsible dog ownership. We have also told them that our goal of finding the best new homes for Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes in need benefits families in a huge way – we help surrendering owners who can no longer keep a dog, we help the shelters by reducing the population of dogs that might have to be euthanized if the public does not adopt them, and we help the families who adopt a dog from *AGR* be more complete and have better lives. It is well known that having a dog around to pet and love reduces stress, lowers blood pressure, and makes everyone more relaxed and happier. The presence of a dog also helps teach young family members responsibility and about selfless giving. All these benefits of rescuing dogs are provided directly and indirectly to many people by *AGR*. However, an animal rescue organization is not viewed by many in these ways. We try to educate, and that is all we can do until they want to hear what we have to say.

In addition to meeting new friends both human and canine, we also love to eat, so we hope you join us at the *Paws & Pasta Dinner* on Sunday, November 13th – maybe we can catch some spaghetti that you inadvertently let slip off your fork.



Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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First, I would like to thank Sue Vallie, *AGR's* Director of Dog Care, for preparing the *Magic Moments* section of this issue. Sue has more than enough to do in her Director's position, so having to write this column was an extra burden she does not need. However, no one came forward to offer their service after I made a plea in the August issue for a new writer. Consequently, we are still looking for a writer for future issues for this most important newsletter column. One thing I did not make clear in my plea in August is that you will not have to work with photos. If a new adopter sends you a recent photo of their dog, all you need to do is forward that photo to me, as I know what the publisher's requirements are for photo processing. If you agree to write this column, you will need to sign a Confidentiality Agreement. We will then give you access to our database, from which you will get information about a dog's intake, medical issues, and placement, as well as contact information for the new owner(s). You will be included on the notification each time an adoption is finalized. Then, you would contact the adopter(s) and request an update on how the dog is doing in its new environment and ask for a recent photo to be sent. Putting all the information together into a paragraph for the column is not difficult, and if you prepare the paragraphs as adoptions are finalized (and not wait until two days before the newsletter copy deadline), it will not take a huge amount of time. Will someone please volunteer to do this very important job?

There is no "I" in TEAM. I am sure you have heard that statement before, but it is really the case with the volunteers who help *Arizona Golden Rescue*. No one acts alone. The organization functions well because of the assistance our volunteers give each other. Our Golf Tournament Committee is a great example of one of our tremendous team efforts. I would like to thank all the hard-working members of that Committee – Rich Calta, Dana Haywood, Larry Hevner, Connie McCabe, Christine Spiel and Hillary Wilson – as well as those who helped solicit items for the raffle and silent auction, especially Jolene Schlichter and Sherry Landwehr, and those who were there during the day of the tournament, for their assistance in raising **\$25,518** to help our rescued dogs! Christine Spiel, *AGR's* Director of Activities, did an exemplary job in recruiting and organizing all the volunteers for this event. Please read the wrap-up article on pages 21 - 26 and consider helping in

some way with this most important fundraising activity next year.

Please consider joining one of our Teams – Home Evaluations and Transport could especially use more help. Becoming a participating member on either of these teams requires training, which will be provided by an experienced Team member.

To become an active Home Evaluator, you must attend at least two home visits conducted by a current Team member. There is a Home Evaluation Form which lists everything that must be surveyed to determine if there is anything that might pose a hazard to a new dog being moved into that home. There are also questions on the form which will help you assess the potential of the family for being an **AGR** dog adopter. A little computer work is necessary after a home evaluation has been completed – you will be shown how to access the online form to fill out.

To help with transports, you must go on at least two ride-alongs with an experienced transporter. Such transports must be done from start to finish and have to include at least one pick-up from a surrendering owner and at least one delivery to a new adopter, preferably one with resident animals to which introduction of the new dog must be done. There are actually five different transport scenarios (Shelter to Vet, Vet to Foster, Vet to Foster-With-Intent-To-Adopt (FWITA), Surrendering Owner to Vet, and Surrendering Owner to Foster or FWITA). We will give you guidance for each type, but you must be familiar with the procedure and the forms required for all of these specific transports. When a dog is picked up from a surrendering owner (SO), the SO must sign a Surrender of Ownership form and a Vet Records Release form (even if the dog has never been to a vet or has not seen one for a long time). When a dog is delivered to a new family, all adults in the household must sign the dog's adoption contract, and you must collect the fee specified on the contract. You will also give the family a copy of our *Your New Dog* manual and a copy of the most recent issue of *The Golden Paw* newsletter. These documents, as well as leashes and collars with **AGR** tags, will be provided for you.

Our volunteers who interact with the public during home evaluations, transports and at **AGR** events are expected to appear "professional" as representatives of **Arizona Golden Rescue**, so we will provide an **AGR** name tag for you, and we encourage you to purchase an **AGR**-logo shirt. At my house in Glendale, I keep a supply of T-shirts in sizes ranging from Small through 2XL and in 5 different colors (light blue, navy blue, red, purple, and Texas orange). The T's are \$16 for S-XL and \$18 for 2X. If you prefer the more formal look of a polo shirt, such are available by ordering from the Embroidered Clothing link on the **AGR** Shopping tab of our website. The polos are available in men's and women's sizes in short sleeve and long sleeve and in numerous colors. They are \$18 for S – XL and \$24 for 2X or larger. You can wear any color that suits you. I do not usually bring T-shirts to **AGR** events,

but if you know you are coming and will tell me in advance what color and size you want, I will bring a shirt that you can purchase at the event.



It's a Ruff Life!

By Christine Spiel,
Director of Activities

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The *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* was again a success for **AGR**. This year's Tournament brought in over \$25,000! Even though we had quite a few less golfers than last year, your hard work and long hours volunteering contributed immensely to the success. I personally want to thank each and every one of you for every second you contributed. From early morning set-up to late evening clean-up and all hours in between, your dedication to **AGR** is very much appreciated more than you will ever know. It was a long day, a very fun day, and I can't thank enough those of you who spent your Saturday helping to raise money for our Golden Retrievers. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars

It's that time of the year again when **AGR** events start to ramp up after the summer lull. Many events are scheduled for November, December and January, so please check the events/calendar link on the **AGR** website (www.arizonagoldenrescue.org) for easy planning on which events you can attend. Plan ahead so you don't miss out on these events!

Paws & Pasta

Sunday, November 13th
Serving from

11:00 AM- 3:45 PM

Little Bite of Italy

15456 N 99th Ave,

Sun City

Hosted by Bryan Foley
and Nancy Wheeler

This is one of my favorite events of the year to help raise money for our rescued Golden Retrievers. If you have never attended this event, please do try to make it this year. It is a great day to come out and relax on **Little Bite of Italy's** patio with your Golden and en-

PAWS & PASTA

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

Hosted by Bryan Foley & Nancy Wheeler of
Little Bite of Italy
15456 N 99th Ave • Sun City, AZ
(corner of 99th Ave & Greenway)

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

Serving from 11:00am-3:45pm
Sunday, November 13, 2016

No host bar will be open
Item raffle and 50/50 raffle
AGR Merchandise available for sale
Performances by various trained guest dogs

Walk-ins welcomed
No advance tickets, pay at the door
Volunteers please contact Chris Spiel at cmspiel@gmail.com



joy a delicious spaghetti dinner with salad, garlic bread and dessert. Soda and water are included in the \$12.00 price. All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to the medical costs of our rescued Golden. So if you have a rescued Golden that received

medical care before adoption, this is your chance to give back and “paw it forward” to help with our future Golden in need. The **AGR** merchandise booth will be set up so you can stock up on **AGR** T-shirts, hats, etc., or purchase holiday gifts (2017 calendars will be available, among many other items), and we will once again have a fabulous raffle! Be on the lookout for an e-mail requesting volunteers to help with set-up and take-down of the event, serve meals, sell raffle tickets and work the merchandise booth. If you have not yet volunteered for an event, please consider doing so soon!

Holiday Gift Wrapping

Barnes & Noble Happy Valley Towne Center

2501 W Happy Valley Road, Phoenix

Saturday November 19th
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Sunday November 20th
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday November 25th 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday November 27th 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

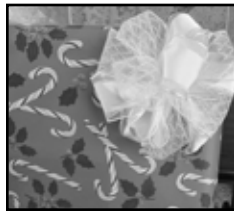
Sunday December 11th 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday December 16th 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday December 18th 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday December 20th 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday December 23rd 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Barnes & Noble Arrowhead Crossing

7685 W Bell Road, Peoria

Saturday December 24th 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Holiday Pet Festival, WestWorld, Scottsdale

Saturday December 3rd 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



FREE Admission; pets are welcome; Pet Registration Forms will be available at the event entrance.

Join us for an exciting day of interactive activities, demonstrations, exhibitions and animals galore!

- * 3rd Annual *Reindeer Run Flyball Tournament* by the K9 Outlaws
- * Health and Wellness Seminars
- * Free Nail Trims by *Chaparral Veterinary Hospital*
- * Huge Silent Auction
- * Activity Zone
- * Animal Angel Trees
- * Pet Food/Supply Drive
- * Rescue Pet Fashion Show
 - * Agility Course
 - * Best Holiday Pet Attire Contest
 - * Best Holiday Pet Trick Contest
 - * TONS of Shopping!
 - * Free Samples

Services offered by *Maricopa County Animal Care and Control* at the *Holiday Pet Festival*

- * Rabies vaccine - \$20
- * Canine 4-in-1 vaccine (DHPP) - \$23
- * Bordetella vaccine - \$14
- * Feline 3-in-1 vaccine (RCP) - \$27
- * Microchips - \$10

Volunteers will be needed to help with set-up of our merchandise booth on Friday, December 2nd at 1 PM. Please contact Deb Orwig if you can help: dorwigaz@cox.net, 623-693-0589

More volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help with take-down of the merchandise booth, to wander around the event with your dog wearing a donation vest, as well as to help sell our merchandise. Please contact Christine Spiel if you would like to volunteer during the day of the event. Look for an upcoming e-mail requesting volunteers in the near future from cmspiel@gmail.com, 602-881-8615; our volunteers will get parking passes for free parking.

PACC 911 Events, November 2016 - January 2017

Petco Avondale Pet Adopt-A-Thon

10190 W McDowell Rd, Avondale

Saturday November 19th 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Doggie Street Festival

Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Rd, Phoenix

Saturday January 28, 2017 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The **PACC 911** events are always a great day to educate the public about **AGR**, chill with your Golden, and help sell **AGR** merchandise. Volunteers will be needed to help with booth set-up and take-down of the pop-up tents and the merchandise. Please contact Christine Spiel at cmspiel@gmail.com, 602-881-8615, if you would like to volunteer for these events.

City of Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade

Downtown Glendale

Saturday December 10th 11:00 AM

Staging at 9:30 AM



The *Hometown Christmas Parade* is an old-fashioned community event for the whole family to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and all its glory. **AGR** members and their rescued Golden Retrievers will walk as a group in this parade, dressed in their best holiday attire to kick off the holiday season. **AGR** had a great time walking in this parade last year, and this year, Jordin Sparks, a Glendale native and winner of *American Idol*, will be the Grand Marshall. Please mark your calendars and join us this year to support **AGR**. Please look for an upcoming e-mail requesting members to sign up to participate in this parade.

Paws Forward

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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On July 1st of this year, **AGR** instituted a \$25 nonrefundable adoption application fee. That fee is applied to the adoption of a dog or, lacking a suitable match within a year, becomes a tax deductible donation. The application fee must be paid before a home visit will be scheduled. All of this is explained on our website when you go there to fill out an application.

Why was this change made? Has the fee resulted in fewer applications?

The change was made because we had so many applications being submitted apparently on a whim, some not involving all key family members. People would even go through the process of a home visit, which is very labor-intensive for our volunteers, only to decide either that they didn't really want a dog, or couldn't be bothered making the sometimes very minor adjustments to fence off or remove dangerous plants from their backyard. Others get impatient and get a dog (often buying one) from another source.

We can't possibly promise someone a dog and certainly not with-

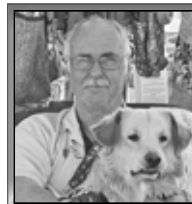
in a defined period of time, but our volunteers were making major investments in time and effort, while the applicants had no stake in the process whatsoever. People will still get impatient and get dogs elsewhere, but at least we have their donation for our efforts. We also seem to have curtailed cases of one family member, sometimes a minor, completing an application on their own.

As for whether this fee has resulted in fewer applications, we do not know yet. As of October 1st, there have been 128 applications completed and submitted online since July 1st. Seventy-eight of those included a payment and proceeded further in the process. That seems to be a healthy number. In addition, we feel that those applicants who were interested enough in adopting a rescue to pursue the process may be more qualified to have one of our dogs than those who applied but did not pay the fee. Therefore, our volunteers are not spending as much time interviewing families that truly are not committed to adopting a rescue.

The summer season usually results in an influx of dogs, and this summer was no exception. Our Intake Team has expanded and their enthusiasm and networking with shelters have resulted in some very special finds. As a result, the qualified applicants on record have recently been in a much better position for being contacted and offered a dog.

Credit for the application fee is shown on the adoption contract. The \$25 is taken off the standard adoption fee based on the age of the dog being adopted. If the adopters are not yet members of **AGR**, the membership dues of either \$40 (for families with two or more adults) or \$25 for a single adult are added to the adoption fee.

Everything we do circles back to the dogs. The application fees collected have brought in \$2,000 (two applicants who paid the fee got a dog from elsewhere, thus their fee became a donation) that we have been able to invest in the veterinary costs associated with getting our new intakes up to date on vaccinations and rehabilitating those dogs needing it before they are even placed.

*The Information Highway*By Dana Haywood,
Director of Information Management

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I was auditing our database one night to make sure everything was up to date, and one of the biggest items I saw repeatedly was that many of our adopters became members because of the requirement to do so in order to adopt from us, but then have not continued their membership after the first year is over. It is much appreciated that you renew your membership when you get the renewal request in the mail. Besides continuing to be part of the Rescue and keep abreast of what is going on with **AGR**, you are

continuing to help out the Rescue financially. You also continue to get the quarterly newsletter so that you can keep up with what is going on with the Rescue. Please consider keeping your membership active when you get that renewal in the mail.

The one statement that I hear so many times is, “I believe in Rescue and wanted to go through a Rescue this time to get a dog.” The one item that gets lost is that Rescue would not exist without people working and supporting the organization in addition to saving a dog through Rescue.

Many of our members who used to help with the Rescue have left due to family obligations, age or physical capabilities. Unfortunately, as life goes on, we have lost quite a few members who have moved away. With as many adoptions as we do each year, we would hope to get new blood into the organization to help with our various needs.

Beyond the needs of members to work on the different Teams such as Home Evaluations and Transport, we need help at our monthly Meet-and-Greets around the Valley and help when we do a **PACC 911** Adopt-a-thon or participate at various Pet Expos. We don't expect others to be able to put in as much time as some of us do with the organization, but even a small commitment of time is always appreciated. Our Meet-and-Greets are usually either 3 or 4 hours, but having you with us even part of that time is much appreciated. We have different locations during the month that are on our website calendar and generally also promoted via e-mail reminders that I send out each month. Please consider helping us if you can, as that is the only way that the Rescue can continue to exist.



There are other ways that you can help support **AGR** doing nothing more than you do on an everyday basis. One of the easiest ways to help is by connecting **Arizona Golden Rescue** with your **Fry's** VIP Card. It does not cost you anything to do so, and connecting to us does not affect your points on the VIP card for gas

purchases. It is one way to help **AGR** by doing nothing more than shopping at a **Fry's Food and Drugs** or **Fry's Marketplace**. We get a check quarterly from **Kroger** as a result of participants who have connected us to their cards. However, Kroger resets their program every year on August 1st. Unfortunately, many who sign up one year have not remembered to renew, so they are no longer helping out the Rescue. If you have not renewed this year, or if you have not ever signed up, please go to the link on the home page of our website and sign up. The Rescue has received amounts anywhere from \$400 a quarter to over \$900 a quarter – all that without our members and friends of our Rescue doing nothing more than grocery shopping. Even people who are not members can sign up and connect to **Arizona Golden Rescue**, so ask your friends and family to sign up and help the Rescue.

Did you know that you can help **Arizona Golden Rescue** when you shop



at Amazon.com by using our unique link of <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-4433734>. If you use this link and specify **Arizona Golden Rescue** as your charity of choice, **AGR** will receive 0.5% of all eligible purchases. Bookmark and use this link so you don't accidentally go to Amazon.com instead of smile.amazon.com. The shopping experience is exactly the same, except **AGR** gets the 0.5% donation. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Arizona Golden Rescue has an amazing group of volunteers and we appreciate all the hard work and donations which make **AGR** such a success. We realize that it may be difficult for some to donate time or resources to our Rescue. Now we have a new, easy way for members, their families and friends to help our cause. **ResQwalk** is a free app, available on Android and iPhone, which tracks your distance-related activities – walking, running or biking. It is easy and straightforward to use. After you download the app on your mobile device, select **Arizona Golden Rescue** as your preferred organization. Before starting your walk, run or bike ride, turn the app on and GPS will track your distance. **ResQwalk** will map your activity and keep track of your total distance over time. Each mile turns into \$\$ for **AGR**. For more information go to www.resqwalk.com. Download the app for Android on Google Play store or for iPhone on the App Store. Just search for **ResQwalk**.



The Human Connection

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

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

Since this is the “Human Connection” column, in every issue I am going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and stories about some of the people you think you know. Hopefully, you will learn something new about them and gain more insight into how they got here. If you are interested in getting to know some of the members I have featured in this column and you have not received previous issues of this newsletter, you can download them from the Information tab on our website.

In August, we met Michele Meyer, Peter Wong, and Dana and Gail Haywood. In the May 2016 issue, we featured Linda Gage, Rich and Tricia Calta, and Joy and Todd Slagowski. In the February 2016 issue, we learned a little about Pat Morgan, Carrie Foust and Greg Korycki, and Tom and Sally Fetherston. In the November 2015 issue, we learned something about Sandy and Gary Fullington, Beverly Farrar-Host, Ruth Pulliam and the Philip and Sharon Wieser family. We met Kathy Blue, Beth and Jon Chaffee, John and Mary Jo Courtney and Denise Padavano in the August 2015 magazine. In the May 2015 issue, we heard from Cricket Forstrum, Cindy and Gary Tigges, and Teri and Rob Turner. In the February 2015 issue, I highlighted Jack Craven and Cara Holland, Judy Petitto, Bill and Linda Atkinson along with Mike Lane and Cynthia Wenström. In the November 2014 issue, we were introduced to Angela Palumbo, Don and Carol Thompson, Bob and Kathi Youhas, and Katie Donahue. In August 2014, I covered Larry Jessup, Joyce Johnston, Sheila Joyce and Dave and Nancy Kimmel; in May 2014, we learned some things about Anne Kowalski, Tony Cotner, and Teri and Jeff Guilbault. In February 2014, I featured Susan Parker, Michele Wehry and Mark Hill, and Teryl Hall and daughter Trystan Schuff. Previous issues have featured Deb and Larry Orwig, Debbe Begley and Patrick Doyle, and Liz Tataseo (August 2013); Debbie and Rick Ball, Nick Dodson and Connie McCabe, and Joyce Hubler (November 2013). If you did not get these issues and you want to learn about these members, you can download the issues from our website if you use Firefox or Google Chrome as your browser.

This quarter, first let's meet Diane and Jim Henkel, sharing member number 95.



The Henkels are eastern transplants, Jim being from Cleveland while Diane is from Pittsburgh. They met in 1995 while working in the same office building and were married in 1997. After working in the corporate world for many years, Jim transitioned his career to financial advisor and has worked in that capacity for the past 25 years. Diane is a retired

paralegal after a 30-year career. Despite their competitive football allegiance, they share the love of Golden Retrievers. Diane had Golden Retrievers prior to meeting Jim and when she found herself without the love of a Golden by her side, at her feet, or on her lap, she asked Jim if they could get a Golden. Although Jim had never had a Golden and at that time had a German Shorthair named **Coco**, he gave the okay to bring a Golden into their home. Jim didn't understand what was special about a Golden but would soon find out! They rescued **Dallas**, a 2-year-old Golden, through Petfinders. **Dallas** lived to be 14 and when he crossed over the Rainbow Bridge, they



knew the void of his presence in their home needed to be filled. So, they adopted 2-year-old **Mojo** through **AGR**. That was 7 years ago and since that time Jim has been an instrumental volunteer for **AGR**, both in conducting home evaluations and transports in the East Valley, and working on the Placement Team. In addition to **Mojo**, they have Golden littermates, **Bella** and **Winnie**.

You may have met Jay and Jodi Koblick, sharing number 145, at many of our events and Meet-and-Greets. They have quite an interesting story of how they became such active members.



In Jodi's own words, *We are from the East Coast originally and are now enjoying our retirement in Arizona. We are both dog lovers but have never owned a Golden. We seem to gravitate to little white dogs that don't shed. In fact, all the dogs we now have are small res-*

cues. We totally believe in that concept and passed it on to our two daughters. We ended up joining AGR through a big mix-up. Originally, I was helping out RAGofAZ with gift wrapping but arrived at the Happy Valley Barnes & Noble early to do my own shopping. Deb told me that they are packing up to go to the one in Arrowhead. I got into my car and went there. At the end of the day, Deb and Debbe figured out I didn't belong there. I didn't know there was more than one Golden Retriever Rescue, because I hadn't really known anyone from either group. Feeling comfortable, I returned the next day to help again. I told Jay that I just met a really nice group of people and he started to join me at events. Looks like I was at the right place but at the wrong time and met a wonderful group. It shows how mistakes sometimes work out for the best.

We have certainly enjoyed the company of Jodi and Jay and their numerous little small white dogs! Jodi is a good gift-wrapper and an even better hawker, standing at the door of a **Barnes & Noble** asking each customer who walks out the door if they need their purchase wrapped. Jay helps sometimes as a big-dog wrangler and knows how to get booth visitors to play our *Wheel of Golden*s game.



Finally, let's meet Karin and Jon Forsythe, who share number 129.

In Karin's words, *I was born and raised in Phoenix. Jon and I were actually born in the same hospital. We grew up on different sides of town, but met through a mutual friend in high school. We celebrated our 20th anniversary earlier this year. Even though*



Forsythe family at our 2010 Paws At The Park Adoption Ceremony

my parents have multiple degrees from ASU, I graduated from the UofA. My degree is in Family Studies, and I worked in child welfare/advocacy for six years before having my own children. I stayed home to raise them and only returned to the work force to help the family business of golf cars that my father-in-law started in 1971. Jon and I own two stores in Palm Springs, CA. Jon and my brother-in-law own two stores near Sun City, AZ. We have two children. Jake is 16 and a junior at **Liberty High School**, where he plays football. Rachel is 14 and is a freshman at **Liberty**. She plays competitive softball, which is why I cannot be at as many **AGR** events as I'd like to. I have always loved dogs. My parents had two dogs when I was born, and we always had one or two dogs of various breeds as I grew up. My in-laws introduced me to Golden Retrievers and their unique personality traits. Jon and I brought home **Kirby**, our first Golden, two months after we got married. He was with us for 13 years. We then joined **AGR**, rescued **Bailey**, now age 8, through other avenues, and then **AGR** matched us with **Penny**. We loved **Penny** for five years until she was diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma and went to the Rainbow Bridge last spring. **Charley** and her sister were purchased by a family who quickly realized that two Golden puppies were too much so we rescued her last summer. Our family would not be complete without our Golden. Karin serves as **AGR's** Organization Secretary.



Karin and daughter Rachel with Troy and Dolly Orwig



Health and Safety

By Liz Tataseo,
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Myasthenia Gravis

We sadly became more aware of Myasthenia Gravis (MG) when one of our great dogs, young and apparently healthy for months, succumbed to the effects of this rare, neurological disease. There are two forms of the disease: a congenital form in which symptoms can occur at 6-8 weeks, and an acquired form in which symptoms can occur between 1-4 years or 9-13 years. The acquired form is an immune-mediated disease. The congenital or inherited form is most often seen in Jack Russell Terriers, Springer Spaniels and Smooth Fox Terriers. The acquired form can occur in all breeds

but is most often seen in Golden Retrievers, German Shepherds, Labrador Retrievers, Dachshunds and Scottish Terriers.

Symptoms of MG are exercise-related muscle weakness that improves with rest, regurgitation of food, and megaesophagus (dilated esophagus). Megaesophagus is common with the acquired form of the disease and can lead to aspiration pneumonia from the inhalation of regurgitated food. Hypothyroidism can occur at the same time as acquired MG.

In order for impulses to travel through nerves and from nerves to muscles, a chemical called acetylcholine (ACh) must be present in the nerve endings to transmit the signals. The disease results from the ACh receptors being destroyed by antibodies produced by an immune-mediated response of the dog's own immune system. There are blood tests for the diagnosis of acquired MG that can determine the presence of anti-ACh antibodies.

Dogs with acquired MG and resulting megaesophagus need specific supportive care, since dehydration and lack of nutrients are major factors in the declining health of the dog. Aspiration pneumonia is a primary complication of this disease. Having a dog eat and drink water from chest-high bowls and remain stand for a time following feeding can help prevent regurgitation and aspiration. Special structures called Bailey chairs are available or can be built to allow elevated eating and drinking.

Treatment often involves a drug that prevents the breakdown of ACh and allows more time for transmission of nerve impulses to occur. Dosages and frequency of drugs must be carefully monitored and evaluated. New treatments are being researched especially for extreme levels of this disease.

There are different levels of acquired MG: mild, moderate and severe. Treatment and management depend on the level of the disease and on owners working closely with their veterinarians for optimum results. One enigma with this disease is that many dogs spontaneously go into remission about 4 months after diagnosis.

Although 19-month-old **15-096 Ford** has passed away as a result of acquired myasthenia gravis, keep in mind that this is a very rare disease and is seldom seen in anyone's lifetime with dogs. All the adopters of **Ford's** offspring have been notified about his condition and passing, as has the vet who has overseen the care of all five surviving puppies. Hopefully, if any of the puppies develops acquired MG, it will be detected early enough for them to respond to treatment.

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Service Paws

By Wendy Enos

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*Editor's Note: Wendy is no longer able to write this very important column, so in this and future issues I will be reprising some of the columns she wrote for us in years past. The article below was originally published in November 2011. As several people apply to **Arizona Golden Rescue** each year looking for a service dog (already trained, or not), I feel this column is a good one to reprint.*

Many in the dog world, particularly the assistance dog world, are infuriated over the recent [2011] news story regarding a young lady with cerebral palsy attempting to acquire a service dog. She raised over \$20,000, turned the money over directly to **Arizona Goldens LLC**, and then was ultimately denied a dog with no refund of the donated tens of thousands. The organization offered her four thousand dollars back if she'd keep her story off the local news. Thankfully, she refused.

In the wake of this tragedy, I would like to explore the different options one would have in obtaining a service dog, so others can avoid this horrendous outcome.

There are a number of service dog training facilities in Arizona. Most organizations pretrain their dogs and send them out to their recipients. Their prices can range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and can carry a waiting period of 3-5 years. Some certify their dogs according to standards set by **Assistance Dogs International (ADI)** or **International Association of Assistance Dog Partners (IAADP)** and some do not.

One option is training your own service dog through an individual program like **Happy Tails Service Dogs**, where [my dog] and I trained. The handler attends a weekly class for about fifteen months and is then given a certification test. There is no cost to the handler other than basic equipment, such as a harness if one is needed.

No matter which organization one chooses, be sure to look for red flags such as:

- If a contract is involved, read and understand every word of it and keep a copy. If there are contract discrepancies, or you don't feel comfortable with every detail, don't sign it!
- Will the facility allow you to visit, check out the dogs, and observe a training class or two? If not, ask yourself, "What are they hiding?"

- While no one can give a written guarantee of success, the prospective handler should be extensively evaluated before being accepted into any program to assure the best chance for completion.
- If money is demanded up front, be sure to secure a contract stating that, if for any reason you fail to qualify for a dog, the money will be refunded within a reasonable period of time.

Amber Steenbock's heartrending story went viral over the news, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube; still, it hasn't and may never be resolved. For more on the story, Google "Amber Steenbock service dog" keeping in mind that, despite the similar name, the organization in question is in no way connected with **Arizona Golden Rescue**.

*Editor's Follow-up: In November of 2011, **Arizona Goldens LLC** began sending refund checks to all who had donated to Amber Steenbock's fund. After receiving their money back, many said they would turn around and donate it to Amber again to help her get a service dog. Amber did, indeed, get a dog and started training with **Happy Tails Service Dogs**. Unfortunately, Amber passed away in 2014. Since our inception in 2009, **Arizona Golden Rescue** has placed several rescued dogs in homes with people who have disabilities. We have never claimed that the dogs were already-trained service dogs nor that they could be trained as service dogs, although several have been.*



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.



Notes on The Financial Picture on page 11:

- ¹ Donations made in support of *Paws At The Park* and the Golf Tournament before and during the event are included here
- ² We spent \$2,961 on the cargo trailer and license fees; the trailer became a fixed asset, so we do not count that amount among the expenses
- ³ Booth fee for 2017 *Phoenix Pet Expo*
- ⁴ Income for an event does not include merchandise sales – that income is included in Merchandise; nor does it include donations in support of the event before or during the event

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Reporting period: January 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016

Total Assets as of October 15, 2016: \$211,491.15

	Income	Expenses
Adoption Application Fee	\$ 2,000.00	
Adoptions	17,666.50	
Adoption Fee Refunds	- 1,400.00	
Bank Charges (Intuit, PayPal)		456.33
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	2,820.00	1,500.00
Credit Card Expense		215.16
Donations ¹	18,999.14	
<i>Debbe Begley Memorial Fund</i>	4,680.00	
Honorary	8,609.62	
Memorial	6,563.50	
Cargo Trailer Fund ²	4,285.00	531.86
Dues & Subscriptions		263.93
Event Expense ³		375.00
Gift Wrap Events (Valentine's Day)	298.70	
Golf Tournament ⁴		8,662.58
Donation from 2015 paid in 2016	162.00	
Donations for 2016 Tournament	6,696.03	
Golf Prizes	2,553.00	
Golfers	8,160.00	
Hole Sponsorships	3,500.00	
Meals	2,605.00	
Silent Auction	11,110.00	
Grants	12,400.00	500.00
Insurance		566.00
Interest	60.10	
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Memberships	18,650.00	
Merchandise	3,066.75	2,861.25
<i>Paws At The Park 2016⁴</i>	2,323.75	965.19
Office Expenses & Supplies		353.65
Postage		1,095.48
Promotional		281.34
Rent or Lease		1,772.83
Repair and Maintenance		66.53
Stationery & Printing		3,771.67
Telephone & Website		178.14
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		387.00
Boarding		810.98
Microchip & Heartgard® Expenses		700.94
Miscellaneous		52.15
Veterinary Services		106,175.03
TOTAL	\$135,809.09	\$132,244.04
NET INCOME: \$3,565.05		
Checking Account on 10-15-16:	\$102,436.93	
Savings Account on 10-15-16 :	\$100,153.01	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 10-15-16:	\$ 8,901.21	
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-15-16:	\$ 22,293.66	

TAX DEDUCTIBILITY

By Deb Orwig

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

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

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

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

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

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

Membership and you do not want the calendar, then \$60 of the Amber fee, \$210 of the Topaz fee, \$460 of the Pearl fee, and \$960 of the Gold fee are tax deductible. If you do want the calendar, then the deductible part of these levels is: Amber, \$50; Topaz, \$200; Pearl, \$450; Gold, \$950. At the end of the year when we send out thank you letters for all donations made during the year and you have purchased one of these higher support level memberships, the letter will state what part of your membership fee is tax deductible.

Did you attend the golf tournament or the tournament dinner? Even though our tournament is classified as a charity-benefit event, only a part – but not all – of the golfing fee of \$120 is legally tax deductible. If you golfed, the actual golf fee (i.e., what **AGR** paid for you) was \$42.96, the dinner fee was \$39.24, so the total of \$82.20 out of that \$120 is not tax deductible (because you got something in return, the opportunity to play golf and a meal); only the \$37.80 above and beyond the actual golf and dinner fees is legally tax deductible. If you purchased a foursome and paid the entire amount of \$480, then all but the \$82.20 for yourself if you golfed in that foursome, i.e. a total of \$397.80, would be tax deductible. Those who paid \$40 to attend only the dinner, can legally deduct only \$0.76., the amount over and above what **AGR** actually paid for your meal.

What about Mulligan purchases? Do mulligans have a value? Not really, so you could deduct the \$5 you paid for one or \$10 for two. Raffle tickets? If you did not win anything at all, then you could deduct the amount you paid for such tickets. If you won something, you legally should deduct the value of the item(s) from the amount you paid for the tickets. In most cases, though, the item you won had a value of more than you paid for the tickets, so no deductibility. No part of what you paid for Silent Auction items is deductible, as no items sold for more than their value.

All donations given in support of the golf tournament are tax deductible for their full value, whether the donation was in the form of money or item(s). The entire amount paid for all sponsorships, including Tail Waggin' Sponsorships, Hole Sponsorships and European Cream Sponsorships, is tax deductible.

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

Goodwill or Savers.

If you are an **AGR** member and volunteer at any of our events, or if you do dog transports, or if you go running around soliciting for and/or collecting donations, you can deduct your mileage from your **IRS** tax return. You must keep track of said mileage, however. We recommend that you keep a notebook in your vehicle and write down the date, your destination, your starting mileage and your ending mileage. At 14 ½ cents per mile, it adds up! In 2015, I accumulated 9,923.6 miles due to volunteer activities, most of which were for **AGR** and some for **Therapy Dogs International, Inc.**, another 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization – that's \$1,438.92 that was deductible!

Please be advised that it is ultimately up to each member, in consultation with his or her tax advisor, to decide how much can be deducted for charitable donations. If you use the standard deduction instead of itemizing, charitable donations may not apply.

Note on credit card processing fees: If you use a credit card or PayPal in order to pay for anything – an adoption application fee, an adoption fee, merchandise, membership, dinner reservation, golf outing – we charge a 3% convenience fee for processing. This fee is not sales tax. We charge it because it is what **AGR** is charged for the credit card or PayPal processing. All signs advertising that we take AMEX, Discover, Master Card and Visa state that we charge 3% for the use of such cards. Our accountant considers this “convenience fee” to be a donation, so that 3% can be considered tax deductible. In 2015, all such charges amounted to \$1,364.95, but this money was recovered by the convenience fee people paid **AGR** for using their credit cards. Aren't you glad we had that money to help the dogs? We are.

CareCredit®

Most of us live on a budget; some even live paycheck to paycheck with little in reserve. So, what options do you have if your pet becomes seriously ill or has to have emergency surgery? Look into CareCredit®. It is basically a no-interest credit card; the amount that you charge determines how long you are given to pay off the bill interest free: 3, 6, 12 or 18 months. CareCredit® can really help – you won't have to take the entire amount you owe out of your bank account or put it on an interest-bearing credit card. Most of the vets who cooperate with **AGR** offer CareCredit®. Many specialists, such as canine dentists, ophthalmologists and oncologists also offer it. If you go to the CareCredit® website, you can determine if the vet or specialist you intend to consult is a participating vet. CareCredit® is also available for some human medical needs. Check out their website and keep it handy – you never know when you might need it: <http://www.carecredit.com/vetmed/>

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from July 6, 2016 through September 30, 2016. All adoptions finalized after September 30th will be in the next issue.



16-028 Brody now Cody

16-028 Brody came in with brother **16-029 Zach**. The surrendering owner's mother had adopted these two as puppies. With the mother going into assisted living and the daughter mov-



16-029 Zach now Zack

ing to an apartment, a new home was needed for these affectionate, exuberant boys. The boys were in need of training and had a few extra pounds to lose. That changed quickly when they went to

live with Vicki and Pat in Scottsdale. Renamed **Cody** and **Zack**, this thoroughly bonded pair explored their surroundings shoulder-to-shoulder (or head-to-tail), reassured by touching one another. It is



Zack in front, Cody following

not easy telling these two apart – **Cody** is a little blonder with slightly fluffier ears; **Zack** is a little darker red. After a session with the **AGR** behaviorist on establishing control over these boys and coming to agreement with the resident cat, they were lucky enough to head for San Diego for the summer. Playing with tennis balls in the surf, chasing butterflies and watching squirrels, combined with careful nutrition, is resulting in shedding the extra weight. As Vicki wrote: *Two big Golden brothers bounded into our lives earlier this year, and it's been wonderful. It was very apparent that these two had to be placed together – they were so attached, always watching to see where the other was, and were visibly agitated when the other was out of sight. They love falling asleep in the two large armchairs in the family room. And they seem to have decided that the cat belongs there, too. They are great Goldies, each with his own different personality. Zack is smart,*

New Writer Needed

Editor's Note: In my opinion, this section is the most important part of our newsletter, and I thank Sue Vallie tremendously for doing such a good job on it for this issue, as no one else has yet offered. We are in need of a new writer. If you are willing to take on this job, you will be sent the details for all the dogs whose adoptions are finalized during a quarter. We will also give you access to our database so that you can get information about the dog's intake, medical status, and placement. You will also have access to contact information about the dog's new family so that you can request "a little paragraph" about how the dog has fit into the household and ask for an up-to-date photo. You will just need to write the column; you will not have to do anything with photos except forward them on to Deb. We are willing to train you and will give you tips for a successful job. If you are fairly good with English grammar and keeping track of details, then perhaps this important job would be a good fit for you. Please contact Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net or call 623-693-0589 if you are interested.

laid back and self-assured. He is proficient at opening doors of all types. Cody is more of a drama queen. He has two levels of bark: the deep guard dog one and a high pitched nervous one. Both dogs love each other beyond belief, never wanting the other to be out of each other's sight. They are such a wonderful part of our family and we are so glad they came to us. Thank you, Vicki and Pat, for giving these two such a wonderful forever home.



Cody and Zack got the sofa first; Vicki had to take the floor!

16-031 Kan Kan came into Rescue with her 5-year-old sister, **Missy 16-032**. **AGR** makes every effort to keep pairs together, but



when it was discovered that **Missy** had a serious problem requiring surgery and considerable rehabilitation, we knew that placing them together was not possible. It takes special people willing to adopt two new dogs at a time. During the spring, we had six pairs come to Rescue in rapid succession, so we depleted the approved-applicant pool of those willing to take a

pair. To additionally accept responsibility for rehabilitating one of those dogs exceeded even our supply of courageous applicants. Dave in Tucson was happy to get **Kan Kan**, a lovely red girl. Despite his intention to change her name, she expressed her preference by only responding to the original one. Dave conceded by simply changing the spelling to **Can Can**. Dave's resident Golden, **Joey**, greeted her happily with a toy in his mouth and an invitation to play. While **Can Can** may have missed her sister for a while, it certainly helped to have a new brother. Thank you, Dave, for taking this girl and helping her with a new forever home. UPDATE: Unfortunately, **Can Can** passed away only a month after adoption.

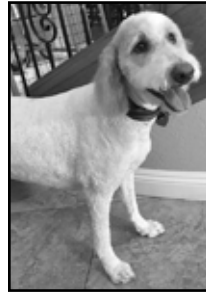


16-033 Zelda was a return to Rescue. In 2013, she originally came in with a group of British Creams relinquished from a breeder. At 11 years old, she is now a senior, and as her owners had been dealing with their own health concerns, they were unable to maintain the cost and care of her health problems. She came in with numerous medications and health issues requiring an immediate evaluation at one

of our participating veterinary clinics. She was finally cleared medically, although she still had possible incontinence. Bridget and Richard of Scottsdale became her angels by stepping in to take **Zelda** as the fourth member of their pack. While the new home has only tile, minimizing the concern over incontinence, none was manifested. **Zelda's** incontinence in her former home may have been the result of a urinary tract infection that our vet discovered, and this was treatable with antibiotics. Bridget wrote: *Zelda is the sweetest, most mellow dog, and we are so happy to have her in our family. She fits right in with our crazy pack – now we have Zelda (who turned 11 on October 1), Zoe-13, Marlo-1, and Maizy-6. Zelda is happy to relax most of the day but loves her stuffies and usually has a tennis ball in her mouth. She loves to fetch, but we haven't been able to get her fetching into the pool yet, hopefully someday. My husband works from home, and she hangs out behind his chair most of the day. She loves just to be by your side and loves our son as much as he loves her. Thanks AGR, she is an absolute sweetheart. Have a great life, Zelda!*

16-036 Zoey is a two-year-old, white-and-tan Goldendoodle. She and her brother were living in an apartment and being far too vocal

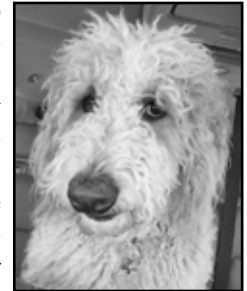
while their owner was at a work. Thanks to their barking, the owner was facing eviction if she did not address the issue quickly. Rachel and Joseph of Phoenix promptly gave **Zoey** a new home. While many Doodles don't shed or only shed minimally, they do need regular grooming – many like



Zoey have hair instead of fur, and their hair grows just like

ours does. **Zoey** came in pretty shaggy. With a good grooming, she looked like a different dog (photo at left). The resident dog wasn't enthusiastic about the prospect of a sibling, but **Zoey** is the kind of dog that gets along with everyone. As Joseph wrote later: *Zoey and Charlie (our original pup) have become*

pals and play without issue. We've taken her to the dog park a couple of times and she's done well there around other dogs and people. She is also eating regularly and is clearly food motivated. Treats have helped refresh her memory on coming when called and sitting." It is relatively easy to train (or retrain) a food-motivated dog, and we are happy that **Zoey** has responded.



16-040 Daisy is a cute little Golden mix and definitely a senior at 12½. With her diminutive size and semi-pricked ears, she looks like a pale fox. Her former owner and his daughter were moving out of the country, so they had to relinquish her. **Daisy** had been living mostly outside, only allowed in the house during the middle of the hottest summer days. While



with a foster, she may have had a minor stroke. Penny in Peoria spotted her on our website and knew **Daisy** was the dog for her. No more outside living for **Daisy**! Thank you, Penny, for making this little girl's final days more comfortable. Penny volunteered at our recent golf tournament, and spent much time exclaiming about what a wonderful companion **Daisy** has become for her. We are sure **Daisy** feels the same way about Penny!



16-041 Luna, now **Stella**, at seven years of age has had a major transformation in her life. The surrendering owner bought this lovely British Cream out of state from a breeding operation. He brought her home to join his resident dogs, but the pit bull didn't want **Luna** invading his house. The next day, the surrendering owner contacted us to re-home her. Her first stop was the vet's to get caught up on vaccinations and be spayed. Once finished with

the vetting, she was delivered, complete with the dreaded cone, to Kelly and Jeff in Goodyear. This made three homes, a vet clinic, and surgery all in a matter of days. It seems that besides not being enthusiastic to eat, possibly a result of both the surgery and pain medication, nerves and wondering what happened to life as she knew it, this little girl did not understand the potty rules required for living in a house. Further, a home remodeling project following a thunderstorm just about wrapped **Stella** into knots. A date with Sharon McKenzie, **AGR's** Behavior Consultant, got everyone on track with some soothers, crating at night and getting her potty breaks organized. **Stella** now enjoys life as a family dog with all of the benefits. Jeff recently wrote: *After **Stella** arrived at the end of June, she became an instant family member. She enjoys hanging out with our two boys, joining them on walks and trips to the dog park. She has excellent manners, and if all dogs were like her we'd have about 5 of them. I can't wait to bring her to one of the Meet-and-Greet events so she can get a chance to say hello to everyone. She'll take all the rubs she can get.*" Welcome home, **Stella**.



Mia 16-042 got her new lease on life at six years of age. Her surrendering owner was required to chain her outside, as the landlord would not allow her to bring the dog into the house. As is often the case, veterinary costs were prohibitive for this owner. In order to find a better home, the owner listed **Mia** on Craig's list. A savvy dog lover spotted the ad and knew that was not the responsible

way to rehome a dog. The owner was talked into surrendering her to **AGR**. **Mia** came in with skin infections, ticks with resultant tick fever, and food allergies. The tick fever raised possible clotting complications and the possibility of a heart murmur had to be assessed before spaying. Once all of that was sorted out, **Mia** was spayed and put on a skin improvement protocol. Christine and Ron in Peoria brought **Mia** into their home. This lovely red girl was already beginning to bloom into the great-looking dog she is. Christine reports: *Jumping on the couch, **Mia** made herself right at home in our house. Since that initial meeting, she has opened up even more. Often, first thing in the morning, we hear a thumping tail on the ground when she realizes we are awake. Whenever excited, she speaks to us with her various levels of barks and woofs that inspire us to talk back. She has become quite an adventurer, and our family walks and vacations have taken on a new dimension with her. Most importantly, just the way she runs around the house and flops on the floor is definitely a sight to behold. It is not uncommon to find my entire family on the floor snuggling her. We often comment, "She was meant to be ours" as we watch her sleep peacefully, which is something she does best of all. Clearly, **Mia** is loving her life and her family is loving her.*

16-044 Riley and **16-045 Chassis** (now **Cassie**) are a pair of eight-year-old, purebred, red Golden girls. They needed rehoming



16-045 Chassis, now Cassie, and 16-044 Riley

because of a divorce and were not getting the attention and exercise they deserve. Having been together all of their lives, they had to be placed together. Fortunately, Natalie of Phoenix had fallen in love with them, expressing interest at her home evaluation. A follow-up call

revealed that **Chassis's** name had been changed to **Cassie**. They both love to swim, with **Cassie** leaping high off the pool deck to get into the pool (photo at right). They've spent the summer



swimming three times a day. With only one accident soon after arriving, probably due to nerves, all is going very well. **Cassie** may have shortened the resident bird's life by putting her paws up on the table where the birdcage was. The bird went hysterical, squawking and fluttering. Having satisfied their curiosity, the girls have since left the bird alone. Natalie had doubts that these two could bark, having heard nothing from them for over a month. All it took was having workers on the roof behind their yard for the two to tell the men what they thought of the "alien invasion". **Riley** and **Cassie** are loving life in their new home.

A conscientious dog lover in the Florence area found **16-046 Harley** as a stray. He initially looked quite Golden but was very matted. Fortunately, the finder took a picture of him, matted as he was. She then took him to a vet to check for a chip and have him divested of all those uncomfortable mats. Voila! What appeared was an almost-white dog with gold speckles. His short tail



confirms considerable Cattle Dog mixed in there. Despite the distinct variation on the Golden theme, Maureen and Jeff in Gilbert agreed to have him join their family. Upon his arrival, there were grins all around and welcoming behavior from the resident Golden, **Binkley**. **Harley** has been renamed **Oliver/Ollie**. Maureen wrote: ***Oliver** and his brother **Binkley** are getting along great. **Ollie** is such an easy going, chill member of the family! Picked up on the routines (like when breakfast is) and using the dog door (seemed SO excited to be able to go out and come back in whenever!) like he'd grown up here. He loves belly rubs, playing ball, chasing around after **Binkley**, but most of all, he loves lying by*

his humans with a paw stretched out to rest on our legs. We had him over to meet our vet, and they fell in love with him as well. She did make the joke that the only thing Golden about **Oliver** are his freckles! We are thankful to **Arizona Golden Rescue** for taking in **Oliver**, our “golden” Australian Shepherd. **Oliver** is not the only dog **AGR** has rescued that someone thought was more Golden than just his spots. In fact, the fourth dog we ever took in, **09-004 Chance**, was just like that!

16-048 Rainy, now **Rainey**, was saved by a vet. The former owner brought her in and requested that she be put down. It seems the family was being evicted from their home, and this was what they thought they had to do with this 8-year-old Golden girl. The dog was not a regular client at the clinic, so the vet tried to get as much medical history on her as possible. The only reported problem was “incontinence issues.” The vet asked if the owner would relinquish **Rainey** to her, which he did. That is when **AGR** was contacted. The vet donated a complete blood panel and observed her for two days. She seemed quite healthy, though very overweight. One of our valued fosters took her home to assess her personality and the possibility of incontinence. It seems that extra weight on her bottom created folds that trapped urine, later being released. Lisa and Mike of Gilbert met **Rainey** and thought she would be a good friend for their resident Golden. **Rainey** even met the resident cat equitably. Mike and Lisa later reported: ***Rainey** is doing great. It took her about a month to relax a little, but she’s fitting right in around here. She’s even lost 9 pounds! She had her first vet visit to meet our vet and to discuss her diet. She’s a really smart dog, too. In the beginning she was constantly testing us to see how much she could get away with. Rainey is our third Golden Rescue and lives with **Rollie**, our 13-year-old **AZGRC** rescue and **Maya** the cat. **Rainey** came to us mostly pre-trained and has made a quick transition. She greets us every morning with a whole-body tail wag, and we’re happy we have her in our lives. For **Rainey**, each new day is truly a gift.*



16-049 Jed is a gentleman about 10 years old with a full sugar face. He is purportedly part cocker spaniel, though the transporter noted that except for his cocker-like “slipper feet” (think bunny slippers) he appears pure Golden. He was first spotted on Craig’s list, as his owner was having to move and couldn’t take him with her. She received a phone call outlining the hazards of placing

through online ads. The preference for going through a Rescue to find a truly wonderful home for him encouraged the owner to relinquish him to us. Bobbi and Mike of Surprise thought **Jed** just fit the bill for them. He needed some veterinary work, including

the usual vaccinations and blood work along with cyst and lump removal, as well as the removal of a couple of abscessed teeth. An improved diet along with TLC has **Jed** losing weight and basking in the affection of his new family. Mike wrote: ***Jed** is doing great, getting healthier by the day and is enjoying his freedom to roam around the whole house and his area outside whenever he wants. He loves traveling with us – no trip is too short or too long, as he seems happy just to be around us. The whole family loves **Jed** and he knows it, as he goes from person to person for scratches and attention! We couldn’t be happier having **Jed** as our newest family member!*” These are certainly happy days for **Jed**.



16-050 Bertha was the larger of two blond puppies retrieved from neglectful conditions in Tucson (see also **16-052 Blondie**). Though at least three months old, she had had no vetting and had been living outside. Deb and Larry picked up the girls in Casa Grande and immediately took them to one of our participating vet clinics for a complete exam. Vaccinations were delayed because **Blondie** was

coughing. The vet did not want to compromise their systems with the addition of immediate vaccinations. Both pups had some internal and external parasites that were quickly eliminated. The pups were loaded with ticks – they were crawling all over the crate floor in the transport van, and many dropped off on the floor in the vet’s exam room. Yuk! It is no surprise that one of the pups tested positive for tick fever! Although she required deworming as well as a tick-elimination bath, **Bertha** was otherwise basically healthy. Tiffany in Chandler picked up her new friend, renamed her **Chloe**, and took her home to meet her two residents dogs. Tiffany reported: ***Chloe** is settling in nicely and she’s an absolute doll. A spitfire for sure but so adorable you can’t help but love her. She is an energizer bunny, a real ball of non-stop energy. But she loves playing with toys and listens pretty well. She slept in the crate last night with no issues. She whines and barks for about a minute but then settles in. I was prepared not to get any sleep and I got a lot, so that was a pleasant surprise. **Chloe** has landed in a much better place, one where she can thrive and become the wonderful companion she was meant to be.*

16-051 Astra is a return to Rescue. Her surrendering owner was going into an assisted living facility that had a 25-pound limit to pet size. While with that family, she put on a few extra pounds, along with developing the senior white face even though she is only six years old. She needs to be the only dog in the household, but loves children. This lovely girl was perfect for Skip in Chandler, whose two young children visit him regularly. Once **Astra** settled in, Skip re-



ported that they were thoroughly enjoying her. He said: *Our family had gone nearly two years since our last Golden passed away. So on the morning of August 20, we stood at the end of our driveway waiting in great anticipation of meeting Astra for the first time. When we met her, she came right up to us with her tail wagging and ready to be engaged. We knew we had three weeks to decide if we wanted to keep Astra, but we were sold on her in less than three hours. We invited her into our house and showed her all of the rooms upstairs and downstairs, then showed her the backyard and the pool. She seemed very happy to be with us, even on that first day. Ever since then, we have enjoyed our new family friend. Astra has provided a new dimension to our family. She makes coming home a very happy occasion. She also makes us smile and laugh, especially when she does "nose dives" into her bed or licks our faces to show she cares. And when one of us cries, she comes to provide comfort. In return, she gets a lot of love. We take her on walks and to meet the other kids in the neighborhood. We also take her swimming on the hot days of summer. We love Astra! Even though we have only had her in our family for less than two months, it seems like we have known her for years. The kids love her and she loves the kids. She is an awesome dog! She seems to love all kids and has met many of our neighbors' kids. This weekend was a lot quieter as I didn't have my kids, so it was just Astra and me. I've got her on a diet and she gets walked every day, which seems to be new to her. This tires her out significantly. There are times when she seems a little lethargic, and I can't tell if she is missing her previous owner or if she is just tired from walking/swimming/playing with the kids. The added activity will undoubtedly knock off the extra pounds and get her in much better condition.*



16-052 Blondie was one of two 3-4 month-old female puppies retrieved by a third party from a casual breeder in Tucson (see **16-050 Bertha** now **Chloe**). In Tucson, the puppies had been living outside under a trailer with a brother and both of their parents. None of the puppies had been to a vet for any assessment or vaccinations. Needless to say, they were

whisked to one of our vets for immediate assessment and care. **Blondie** was the smaller pup and came in with wheezes and lung congestion, along with internal and external parasites. While her sister was able to go to her new home fairly quickly, it was nine days before **Blondie** could safely be released to go home to John and David in Phoenix. Even then, they had a fairly complex collection of medications to administer before she could be considered healthy. They renamed her **Nala**. It was the new family's task to get her healthy so she would have more energy. As they were successful, **Nala** wanted to play with two resident cats, much to their consternation. Because she came in too sick get her vaccinations started, she still has some to get before she will be fully protected. Thank you, John and David, for taking on the challenge

of a recovering puppy. John reported: *When Nala arrived at our home, she was recovering from valley fever and pneumonia, so she was pretty lethargic. Over the last couple of months she has recovered nicely and is now acting like a typical puppy, making lots of new friends and learning new tricks. Nala loves dogs, cats and children, and was quickly house broken. We are extremely grateful to Arizona Golden Rescue for the new addition to our family, and are proud to be members.*



16-054 Electra was one of three Goldendoodles in the home. The family was moving and the deposit for more than two dogs was prohibitive, so the family opted to relinquish **Electra**. Nancy and Terry in Gilbert were glad to have this pretty young girl, now named **Ella**, join their pair that included a Golden and a smaller mixed-breed dog. After **Ella** had settled in, Nancy wrote: *We*

aren't sure who is happier... us or Ella! She came to us timid, shy, and overweight, and while she loved the idea of walks, she was panting before we made it around the block. She is now down 5 pounds with just a few more to go, races her brother to the park and will chase a ball as long as we will throw it. She has discovered sprinklers in the park and is still trying to master catching the water that sprays from them. Ella has stolen the hearts of the entire family, including Jaxson, her 2-year-old brother. She is a classic little sister, pestering him to play all of the time. Most of the time he will accommodate her. When he won't, she has learned that sitting on someone's lap is a good alternative. They are the best of friends, and we could not imagine our home without her. Ella may have been the one moved out of her former home, but clearly, she is a winner now!

16-055 Abbey was initially a stray about two years old. The shelter called her **Bella** but a potential adopter changed it to **Abbey** – for the one day she had her. Poor **Abbey** arrived at her new home with a fresh spay, no meds, no cone and a resident dog that wanted to show dominance by humping her. Her growling and barking in response weren't acceptable, so we were called to rehome her. The exchange was made at one of our participating vet's offices where she was given our full check-up and some pain meds. Once checked out, she went to live with Cobie and David in Peoria. With no other dogs to pester her, she is queen of her surroundings. David and Cobie liked the original name, so now she is **Bella** again, reflecting the pretty girl she is.



16-057 Cubby is a 7-month-old black Goldendoodle. His family had just moved to southern Arizona and discovered they would be traveling a lot and could not keep **Cubby**. The owner met our



transporter in Casa Grande who took **Cubby** directly to his new home with Marianne and Jeff in Litchfield Park. He enthusiastically met the resident Golden, **Dakota**, and they played like they were long-time pals, while the smaller older dog ignored them. **Cubby** initially was a bit too curious about one of the cats; he has learned to largely

ignore them. This is a happy, high-energy pup, playing with his canine buddy for a couple of hours and still happily going for a walk later. Jeff and Marianne conceded that **Dakota** had some extra weight, so our transporter suggested the green bean diet. **Cubby** is also going to help **Dakota** slim down as they continue to play.



Light-colored Dakota and black Cubby make a striking pair!

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 August issue of *The Golden Paw*, we featured **15-069 Shaggy**, **15-097 Faith** now **Casey**, **16-016 Valentina**, **16-017 Katy**, **16-027 Doc**, **16-028 Brody** now **Cody** and **16-029 Zack**. Following up on these dogs... All medical issues except for those **Shaggy** is experiencing have been treated and resolved.



15-069 Shaggy continues to need **AGR's** help with medical expenses. Last year, shortly after he was returned to **AGR** by previous adopters, we discovered he had a thyroid tumor that is inoperable. The vet started **Shaggy** on chemo last September but has had to change the type of chemo drug a couple of times, as one will work for a while to keep the tumor from growing

and then loses its effectiveness. **Shaggy** has needed to have changes to his chemo not only because of tumor growth but also because he has lung lesions that have increased periodically, not enough to cause breathing issues yet, but without chemo changes they would have multiplied quickly. To see **Shaggy** swim or otherwise enjoy life, you would never know he has cancer, so our treatment has been worth every penny. Last year through December, we spent **\$3,201**; from January through September 2016, his treatment has cost **AGR** an additional **\$7,498**, **\$2,067** just in the third quarter. When we got his original diagnosis, we knew his treatment would

be expensive – cancer treatment always is – which is why **AGR** chose to put **Shaggy** in our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program – he has been adopted, but **AGR** continues to pay his bills. Thanks to an anonymous donor who has sent us a significant donation every month for months because one of his own dogs passed away from cancer, we have had to take only about a quarter of **Shaggy's** expenses out of the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. Even so, the amount of money in this Fund continues to decrease. Our *Special Needs Dogs Summer Fund Drive* in August bolstered up this Fund, as will the *Paws & Pasta* event in November. Please consider contributing.



16-032 Missy, **\$4,592**. Five-year-old, seriously overweight (97 lbs) **Missy** came to us in June with her sister **16-031 Kan Kan**. Having been gone for a year, the owner had basically abandoned the girls with a friend, but the friend did not take good care of the dogs, and she was planning a move to a place where she could not take them. They had not been to a vet in a long time and their coats were very

matted. When the vet determined that **Missy** was going to need leg surgery and 10 weeks of rehabilitation, we knew we had to place them separately. We had **Missy** evaluated by Dr. Jha, the new orthopedic surgeon at *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* in Scottsdale. He decided that she needed a TPLO, or tibial plateau leveling osteotomy. This is a surgery performed on dogs to stabilize the stifle joint after ruptures of the cranial cruciate ligament (analogous to the anterior cruciate ligament [ACL] in humans, and sometimes colloquially called the same). A relatively long rehab period follows such surgery. In the past, Liz Tataseo, **AGR's** Health Care Manager, had dealt with the type of rehab **Missy** needed, so she offered to foster **Missy**. In addition to the leg repair, **Missy** also needed a large sebaceous cyst removed. She has completed her rehab now, and she swims and walks well. She has also lost almost 20 pounds thanks to the green bean diet. We found her forever home just before this issue went to press.

16-039 Kenna, **\$3,370**. Beautiful **Kenna**, about 6 years old, has had a rough time. She was originally picked up as a stray by the county. Amazingly enough, we were able to get her from the Westside *MCACCS* facility, probably because she was limping due to an unknown cause. She was loaded with ticks and tested positive for tick fever, so she was started on doxycycline. Maybe



because she was in pain or maybe because of her stray history, **Kenna** proved not to like other dogs – she even tried to attack the bronze sculpture of a dog and boy in the lobby of *Animal Medical & Surgical Center*. It was reported by one of the fosters she had

that she had a “weird gait” and occasionally her front legs would collapse. In addition to all this, when examining **Kenna** to determine if she had gone into heat, our vet discovered that she had a foxtail in her vagina! After moving her from one home to another to another and after having had her treated for a urinary tract infection, we finally placed her in a no-other-dog home. After a couple days, the homeowner reported that **Kenna** had had a seizure and had a raspy cough that seemed to be getting worse. So, we picked her up and took her to **AMSC**. The vet took many x-rays and did a CT scan. These revealed that **Kenna** had aspiration pneumonia and mild to moderate elbow dysplasia with tiny bone fragments in the joints. After the pneumonia cleared up, which took about 3 weeks on antibiotics, Dr. Jha did a debridement procedure on both of **Kenna’s** elbows, removing small bone pieces and smoothing out the bones. **Kenna’s** rehab has gone well, and she has now been placed in what we hope is her forever home. In December, she will need a recheck for tick fever and to be spayed.

or \$1,000 or more for an old dog? Most likely not. We want the sweet seniors to find their forever homes, so we accept the expense burden of necessary medical treatments. Ten-year-old **Sedona** really did not need much except our standard exam with senior chem panel and urinalysis and attention to her teeth, which were awful. During her dental cleaning, the vet discovered a cracked tooth that needed extraction.

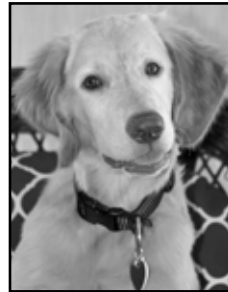


16-043 Sandy, \$4,272. We have a lengthy history with **Sandy**. She originally came to us in March of 2015. Long story short, this lovely 8-year-old was a mess with many health issues, including horrible allergies and terrible ear infections that required our vet to do complete ear canal reconstructions. During 2015, **Sandy’s** medical care cost us over **\$8,568**; the total above is the amount we have spent on her in 2016, so

altogether she has cost **AGR \$12,840!** We had her allergy tested, started her on a high-quality food which had none of her no-nos in it, and started her on Apoquel, a relatively new allergy-treatment medication that has been shown to be very effective with some other **AGR** dogs. **Sandy** was adopted with a contract addendum that provided for **AGR** to cover the cost of her medication for 6 months. However, in June of this year, the adopters surrendered her back to **AGR** complaining that they could no longer handle her continuing medical expenses. Unfortunately, they had not taken good care of her, perhaps because of their financial problems. When she came back into Rescue, she was severely underweight, again had bad ear infections, and was scratching incessantly from untreated allergies. She also had a UTI that required antibiotic treatment. **Sandy** was placed as a *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* with a wonderful family who had adopted another one of our dogs. She will be well cared for, and **AGR** will pay for all medical bills for the remainder of her life.



16-047 Sedona, \$1,152. Many times we have been asked why we do not raise our adoption fees, especially for senior dogs, which often cost us significantly more than younger dogs. Our response has always been, *Would you pay \$500*



16-052 Blondie/Nala, \$5,286. One of two female 3-month-old littermates that were surrendered to us in August, **Nala** was the smaller one and a very sick little girl. She had already developed valley fever, having been kept outside in Tucson her entire young life. To treat the VF, the vet has her taking liquid fluconazole, the dosage of which can easily be increased as she grows.

She was loaded with ticks and had tapeworm. She also had a raging respiratory infection that required nebulizer treatments and antibiotics. After a week in the vet’s intensive care unit, **Nala** was able to go to her new family. She has had to be returned to the vet once a week for rechecks and has now been started on the vaccine series. She will be spayed when the vet recommends it, probably not until she is 10-11 months old, and, of course, the rechecks with more x-rays and the spay yet to come will add to her expense total.

16-060 Chase, \$4,169. **Chase** is a wonderful 7-year-old extremely overweight gentleman. He needed complete vetting and some tumors removed, one of which was the size of a football! This tumor, which turned out to be subcutaneous and not internal in the abdomen as originally thought, was a benign lipoma. Lipomas are fatty tumors that are quite common in older Golden Retrievers. Lipomas are usually not removed unless they hamper mobility or they make the dog extremely uncomfortable, which was the case with **Chase**. Unfortunately, **Chase** chewed into his sutures, opened his wound, and his surgical area became infected, so another trip to the vet was warranted. He has now healed up nicely and will be scheduled for a dental soon.



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

~ Anon.

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Abby Agnew
(12-002)

Buddy Erickson
(12-117)



Clifford Esch
(10-011)

Keegan Flynn
(11-047)



Jasmine Hansen
(10-056)

Liberty Jaap
(10-035)



Toby Johnston
(12-070)

Gracie Prose
(14-008)



Ford Silver
(15-096)

Bailey Spiel
(15-050)



Can Can Tedlock
(16-031)

Penny Vallie
(12-013)



Liberty Engstrom

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.



Misty Engstrom

Yoda Fry



Comet Hall

Kody Hedrich



Carmen Holland / Craven

Charm Tigges



And...

Mitch Selznick, AGR Member

George G. Schlichter, beloved father of AGR Member Art Schlichter



Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

By Deb Orwig



Despite significantly fewer golfers attending this year than ever before, we had a very successful golf tournament thanks to many volunteers, generous donations, and the great golfers and dinner guests who attended. Our 8th Annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* was held on September 17th at **Camelback Golf Club**, with excellent weather out on the course, followed by a fantastic Fiesta Buffet in the evening. The income derived from the tournament is what pays for our ever-increasing vet bills during the last quarter of the year.

The tournament could not happen without countless hours and hard work from many volunteers. Chairing the event were Rich Calta and Deb Orwig. The auction, raffle and administration were handled by Deb, while Rich brought in the majority of the golfers and much of the financial support, as well as some of the items used for the silent auction and the prizes.



2016 Golf Tournament Committee:
Hillary Wilson, Deb Orwig, Connie McCabe, Rich Calta, Larry Hevner, Christine Spiel, and Dana Haywood

Dana Haywood created our online registration program, saving us the \$268 fee we have had to pay to rent such a package in the past. Connie McCabe used her amazing talent to produce all of the graphics, signage and photos. Larry Hevner, Chris Spiel and new member Hillary Wilson also served on the Golf Committee, all bringing in golfers and items for the raffle, silent auction and goodie bags. It was a pleasure working with all of you!



Chris Spiel and Shiloh Hagey

We thank our primary solicitors, Jolene Schlichter and Sherry Landwehr, who gave generously of their time and talents to help Deb Orwig find donations for the silent auction and raffle. Sherry moved to California earlier this year but offered to send out solicitation letters and followed up with phone calls to businesses that had donated in the past. Assistance with acquiring some items was also given by Debbie Ball, Kim Brown, Rand Drake, Candy

Greff, Shiloh Hagey, Connie McCabe, Fred Prose, Liz Tataseo, and Gail Walker.

Several volunteers helped to assemble our gorgeous baskets for the raffle and silent auction: April Crow, Martha McDowell, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Connie Wozniak. Others helped stuff the golfers' goodie bags: Patrick Doyle, Sandra Hansen, Sheila Joyce, Deb Orwig, Chris Spiel and Hillary Wilson. Liz Tataseo helped stuff the bags, too, and also paid for the nice burgundy-colored reusable shopping bags with **AGR's** logo on them.



We had many beautifully packaged items in the raffle and silent auction; this one from **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** is a full-size dog bed loaded with toys, treats and a certificate for \$100 off a visit! **AMSC** donated two of these!



Debbie Boshes, an **AGR** member/adopter who works for **Brown & Bigelow**, got us great prices and helped us acquire the shopping bags, as well as mini-cutting boards and can koozies that **AGR** contributed to the golfers' goodie bags. The saying from Roger A. Caras on the can koozie is, "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." We had these printed in white on burgundy and on royal blue. Those that

were left over from the tournament will be added to our merchandise inventory and sold at events for \$3 each or two for \$5.

All of the equipment for set-up and all the items for the raffle and silent auction were at Deb Orwig's house and had to be loaded into vehicles and our new trailer, transported to the Golf Club, unloaded and set up in the clubhouse. For packing up on Friday and transport on Saturday, we thank the following for their assistance: Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Karin Forsythe, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, Chris Spiel and



Set-up volunteers: Pattye Brown, Larry Orwig, Nick Dodson, Deb Orwig, Chris Spiel, Hillary Wilson, Jill Prose, Liz Tataseo, Ellen Lagerman, Patrick Doyle and Karin Forsythe; Reba Tataseo is in front of Liz

and Karin Forsythe, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, Chris Spiel and

Liz Tataseo, Pattye Brown, Dana Haywood, Ellen Lagerman and Hillary Wilson met us all at the Golf Club to help with unloading and set-up on Saturday morning at 6:30 AM.



Back standing are Penny Ferone and Nick Dodson; back to front, Teddi Axne, Ruth Pulliam, Karin Forsythe, Martha McDowell, Lauren Rudin, Michael Rudin and Teri Guilbault

Assistants at registration included Teddi Axne, Karin Forsythe, Teri Guilbault, Martha McDowell, Ruth Pulliam and Lauren and Michael

Rudin. Penny Ferone, Michele Meyer and Jane Triplett sold raffle tickets in the morning; Sandra Hansen and Deb and Larry Orwig did ticket sales during dinner. Sandra also helped with merchandise sales, as did Amy Maynard and Martha McDowell. Several volunteers including Teddi Axne, Pattye Brown, Patrick Doyle, Penny Ferone, Patty Forte,



Michele Meyer, Jane Triplett and Penny Ferone sold a lot of raffle tickets in the morning



Always helpful, Gail and Dana Haywood with Riley and Bilbo



Pattye Brown



Patty Forte



Janet Gottschalk

Janet Gottschalk, Sandra Hansen, Dana and Gail Haywood, Jill Prose, Ruth Pulliam, and Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer took shifts in the clubhouse during the day to watch over



Sandra Hansen

all the raffle and silent auction items while the golfers were out



Ellen Lagerman with Vin Orwig



Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with Joie and Sucy



Cindy Tigges with Koso and Duey



Chris Spiel and Connie McCabe



Sarah Martin with Bunny

on the course. Dinner guest check-in was handled by Gail Haywood. Sarah Martin and Hillary Wilson drove a golf cart around the course with cold water and raffle tickets. Chris Spiel and Connie McCabe rode together around the course carrying water and took photos of every foursome.



Jerry Cennamo and Jack Craven chose among the many Philosophy products we had for the golfers

Our 68 golfers began checking in around 11:00 AM to be greeted by some of our special dogs: **Palmer Axne** (with Teddi); **Riley Haywood** and **Bilbo Nomakeo** (with Dana and Gail Haywood); **Bunny Martin** (with Sarah); **Shaggy** and **Teddy McCabe / Dodson** (with Connie and Nick); the Orwig gang including **Dolly**, **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Vin** (with Deb and Larry); **Bryxx Rudin** (with Lauren and Michael); **Joie** and **Sucy Rodeffer** (with Karey, Kelley and Sheri); **Reba Tataseo** (with Liz); and **Koso** and **Duey Tigges** (with Cindy).

In addition to the above-listed volunteers, several other people helped with the tournament in various ways. *Arizona Golden Rescue* would especially like to thank Shiloh Hagey and the staff at **Camelback Golf Club** for their generous support and help; Mayra O'Harris-Sullivan, Event Manager at **Camelback Golf Club**; and the dining room staff and bar personnel, who did



Placement Team Manager Debbie Mikol, along with Cindy and Gary Tigges, came for dinner and stayed to help pack up

a fabulous job taking care of all the meal and beverage details on Saturday.



A nice group of dogs was present to send the golfers out onto the course

Extra special thanks to Shiloh Hagey, Director of Tournaments at **Camelback Golf Club**, who acquired a one-night-stay donation from **Camelback Inn**, a two-night stay with a foursome at **Starr Pass Resort** in Tucson and foursome donations from **Camelback Golf Club** and **Moon Valley Golf Club**. Shiloh also managed to get a signed **Arizona Coyotes** hockey stick for us from Max Domi and four lower-level-seat tickets to an **Arizona Coyotes** game, as well as a baseball signed by AJ Pollock and 4 infield box seats to a 2017 **Arizona Diamondbacks** game! These items all helped us raise money in our silent auction.



Seven Canyons Golf Club in Sedona and Starr Pass Resort & Spa in Tucson were the two golf outings that had the highest and the most bids

well received by the golfers. Tremendous thanks to pro golfer Kevin Strelman, who gave us five autographed hats and two autographed tee flags from two tournaments he had won. We added these items as a group to our silent auction. We also coupled a golf lesson offered by golf pro Scott Watkins with some golf items.

Our thanks to Elizabeth for representing **Dixon Golf** and setting up **The Dixon Challenge** on Hole 11. **The Dixon Challenge** consists of a gal from **Dixon** standing at a par 3. Each player is asked to participate by paying \$10 to hit his/her ball and a **Dixon** ball. If either ball lands on the green, the golfer gets a sleeve of **Dixon** balls. A portion is donated to the charity. This special



Jeff Campbell, Jon Snider, Jack Craven and Jerry Cennamo with Dixon girl Elizabeth

We had a total of 14 golf outings available in our raffle and silent auction, four nice golf shirts from **Antigua**, and some other golf-related items, all of which were

event on the course raised an additional \$78 for us!

Before the golfers take off for the course, we usually ask them to look through their goodie bags for the special **AGR** golf ball. We did not have time to do this this year, so, instead, we did a drawing among all the golfers who stayed for dinner. We had a very nice extra goodie bag with well over \$100 of items for the golfer who won the drawing, and this year that was Terry Friend, who has attended every one of our tournaments for 8 years. In another drawing, Bert Engstrom was the winner of a donation from **Dixon Golf**.



Terry Friend, Mike Friend, Justin Friend and Carl Annibale; Terry won the "door prize" drawing



A very colorful silent auction item that got several bids was a 4-piece place setting of Mexican theme dinnerware, serving pieces, utensils, margarita glasses, placemats, napkins and dish towels; this item also included salsa dishes, margarita mix, tequila and vodka

Dinner guests started arriving at 5:00 and were able to view the raffle and silent auction and buy raffle tickets or place their bids. After the golfers came in, everyone enjoyed a wonderful Fiesta Buffet consisting of Chicken Fajitas with all the trimmings, Cheese Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Caesar Salad, Red Potato Salad and Inn-baked cookies. The food was fantastic and the service impeccable!



First Place, Team Williams: James Russo, Matt Record, Greg Williams and Jeff Skubick

After dinner, prizes were awarded in various areas. By the time we distributed the prizes, some of the golfers had left, so Connie McCabe was not able to get full-foursome photos of all the winning teams. Winning 1st Place with a score of 53 was Team Williams with Greg Williams, Matt Record, James Russo and Jeff Skubick; each team member won a \$100 gift certificate to **Pomo Pizzeria Napoletana**. In 2nd Place with a score of 57 was Team Knight with Ralph Knight, Nancy Knight, Tyler Knight and Kyler Hopper; each golfer received a \$100 gift certificate to **Sushi Brokers** (thanks to owner RL Miller's very generous contribution). Receiving \$50 gift certificates to **Outback/Carrabba's/Fleming's** for 3rd place with a score of 58 was



Second Place, Team Knight:
Kyler Hopper, Ralph Knight, Nancy Knight and Tyler Knight

Team Radic with Tom Radic, Mike Bennan, Cort McElroy and Jonathan Harris.



Third Place, Team Radic
Jonathan Harris, Mike Bennan, Tom Radic and Cort McElroy



Longest Drive Winners
Kyler Hopper and Stacey Zoyiopoulos;
Stacey also won Closest to the Pin, Women, and Paul Wendling, who had to leave early, won for the men

Prizes were also awarded for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin for men and women. Each of the four winners got a \$50 gift certificate to *The Cheesecake Factory*, the *Outback Restaurant Group* or *Darden Restaurant Group*. Winning were Kyler Hopper for Longest Drive, Men; Stacey Zoyiopoulos, Longest Drive, Women. Stacey also won Closest to the Pin, Women (but donated the gift card back to *AGR*); and Paul Wendling, Closest to the Pin, Men. Congratulations to all!



The perennial favorite among all our silent auction items is Eat Out Once A Month For A Year; this is a collection of 12 restaurant gift cards ranging in value from \$50 to \$100 each. If you were careful about the meal you ordered at any one of them, it would be possible to eat out more than once a month! This year's collection was worth \$695!

Two of our more expensive silent auction items were not moving well, so Larry Hevner, who was a DJ with 98.7 THE PEAK for many years (used the call name "Joel Grey" on the radio) took the mic in hand and did a live promotion. Only one of the silent auction items we had available did not get any bids. Thank you, Larry!

At the end of the event, equipment, merchandise, leftover raffle and silent auction items, hole signs and water still needed to be packed up and brought to Deb's house. Thanks to the following for staying late and getting it all done: Patrick Doyle, Nick Dodson, Sandra Hansen, Sarah Martin, Connie McCabe, Debbie Mikol, Deb and Larry Orwig, Chris Spiel, Liz Tataseo, and Cindy and Gary Tigges.

Items collected for the golfers' goodie bags were fantastic this year! Please see the list of donors on page 25.

We had significant financial support from numerous donors this

year, as well as many Hole Sponsors. Tail Waggin' Sponsors donated a total of \$2,285 with an additional \$2,500 from European Cream Sponsors. There were twelve returning hole sponsors and eight new ones, for a total of \$3,500. Total revenue from all sponsorships was \$8,285.



The Arizona Cardinals Football Club has always donated a football autographed by one of their players; this year they gave us Drew Stanton! The winner was not one of our golfers – he had played golf with friends in the morning and was just wandering through the clubhouse when the photo of the Cardinals cheerleaders caught his eye; he bid on the package as a gift for his son's upcoming 12th birthday; the family has season tickets to the Cardinals games, so we're sure the gift was a hit!

Expenses for the tournament totaled \$8,662.58 and included: \$145.82 for advertising postcards; \$91.06 for postage; \$111.83 for the *AGR*-logo shopping bags (cost was donated by Liz Tataseo); \$64.00 for Can Koozies and \$170.40 for Mini Cutting Boards for goodie bags; \$197.50 for new hole signs; \$71.99 for golf prize gift cards; \$2,920.96 – fee for golf; \$4,826.52 – dinner fee for 123 diners; \$21.51 for ice; and \$40 (in addition to \$40 in Sprouts gift cards) for lunch for all-day volunteers.



Tom Seiter, at right in this photo with Marc Floyd and Tom Byrd, saw our advertising postcard at Raintree Pet Resort and decided our tournament was a cause he wanted to support; his friend Tom came from Georgia to play!

Proceeds from the tournament totaled \$34,180.83, including \$8,280 from golfers, \$2,695 collected from dinner-only guests, \$8,285 from all sponsorships, \$764.83 from outright donations at the tournament and before, \$453 from Mulligan sales, \$2,533 from raffle ticket sales, and \$11,110 from silent auction sales, making our total profit \$25,518.25. In addition, we sold \$118-worth of merchandise, which goes into our General Fund, not into our Golf Tournament revenue. Our sincere

thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this fundraiser!

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Nick Dodson and Connie McCabe, so instrumental in much of what AGR does

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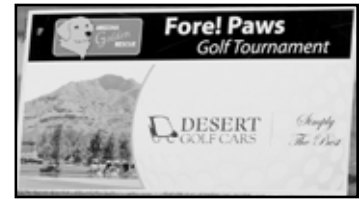
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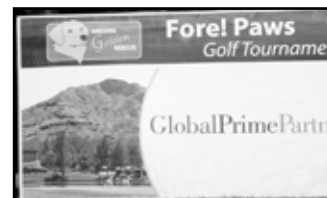
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 Gang: Dolly, Vin, Duffy and Mufasa



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HERE and THERE

Events from July 1 through September 30, 2016

It is too hot to hold outdoor events in the summer in Arizona, so we do not have many activities to report in this issue. Please join us at our fall and winter events.



Meet-and-Greets at Petco

By Liz Tataseo

Petco, 9980 W Northern Ave., Glendale – Liz Tataseo, Hostess



Gail, Dana, Patrick, Liz, Chris, Sheila, Fred and Jill with Riley, Vin, Sedona, Nash, Jack, Duffy, Tessa, Gracie and Jasper

We had a great time at **Petco** this quarter. Two Meet-and-Greets were inside the store with several drop-in visitors and the last one outside as the weather had cooled off. We set up at this lo-

cation on the last Saturday of each month from 12:30 - 3:30. Please join us!

Joining **Reba** and me on July 30th were Patrick Doyle; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, **Bilbo** and **Jake**; Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Vin**; Jill and Fred Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**; and Chris Spiel with **Jack**, **Nash** and foster **Sedona**. The dogs pulled



Jasper and Vin were transfixed by the cat in the kennel

in \$97.55 in donations plus a new single membership and a personal visit from Marianne Snider and Jeff Campbell to drop off a \$25 adoption application fee. They recently adopted **Cubby** from **AGR**! The **Petco** employees were glad to see us as always, and the dogs got lots of treats.

Once again we set up in-



August Group: Bob Cain, Rebecca Kemak, Patrick Doyle, Dana Haywood, Gail Haywood, Jocelyn Raught, Chris Spiel and Liz Tataseo; dogs clockwise are Duffy, Murphy, Dolly, Bilbo, Jake on Gail's lap, Riley, Nash, Jack and Vin



Rebecca with brothers Murphy and Vin



Dee Dee with Duffy

side the store during our August visit with Patrick Doyle; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, **Bilbo** and **Jake**; Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with **Murphy**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, **Dolly** and **Vin**; Jocelyn Raught with **Bubba**; and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. DeeDee Smith

came by to pay for a new Household membership and stayed for a while. This day only netted us \$51 in donations – not much traffic.

By the end of September, the weather had cooled off enough so that we were once again able to be outside. Even though we had fewer people and dogs, we collected \$202.80! Outside is much better, as drivebys stop to check out the dogs.



Dean with Missy, Liz with Reba, Chris with Jack and Nash, and Patrick with Vin and Duffy



Missy giving furapy

Also, we had very generous donations from our attending members! Joining **Reba** and me outside **Petco** were Patrick Doyle, Dean Mortimore with **Missy**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Vin**, and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. Dean had driven up from Chandler to be with us. His lovely girl **Missy** brought great comfort to a lady and her daughter who had come from Ahwatukee to see our dogs because they had just lost their Golden the week before. Thanks, all.

NEW MEET-and-GREET LOCATION

Beginning in October, we will be doing a monthly Meet-and-Greet on the third Saturday of most months through March from 11 AM - 3 PM at the Gilbert **Petco**, 1415 E. Warner Rd. Please come help make this new location a success for **AGR**.



Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

CHANDLER, 2860 E Germann Rd – Dana Haywood, Host

We set up at this location on the second Sunday of each month. Please stop by!

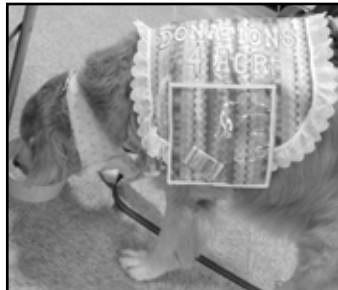


July group: Gail with Jake, Sharon behind Amy with Kaitlyn, Deb with Vin and Duffy and Dean with Missy; Dylan in Tony's chair

July 10, 2016

With the summer months upon us, we curtailed the majority of East Side Meet-and-Greets because of the heat and limited inside accommodations at various other lo-

cations. The Chandler **PetSmart** offers us a very generous area inside, so we continue to visit this store during the summer. Joining us this Sunday were Dean Mortimore with **Missy**, Sharon Flores with visiting daughter Amy Kobofski from Montana with her service Golden **Kaitlyn**, Deb Orwig with **Vin** and **Duffy**, and Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, **Bilbo** and **Jake**. Despite being inside, we collected \$68.



Since Missy is such a girly girl, Deb made her a frilly pink-striped Donation Vest and matching pink bandanna

August 14, 2016

Joining us on this rather warm Sunday were Patrick Doyle, Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Sucy** and **Joie**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Vin**, and Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, **Bilbo** and **Jake**. Although it was hot outside, we still had a generous amount of people come visit us and ask



August: Sucy and Joie on the floor near Kelley, Gail with Jake and Bilbo, Patrick with Riley and Deb with Vin and Duffy

about our organization and how to go about adopting from us. We took in \$110.

September 11, 2016

Since it was the weekend before the golf tournament, today was a really quiet Sunday with just a few of our members attending.



Joining us were Sharon with Jake, Gail, Jim and Riley in front ron Flores, Jim Henkel, and Gail and Dana Haywood with our traveling Meet-and-Greet team of **Riley**, **Bilbo** and **Jake**. We still were able to talk about our Rescue with quite a few people who dropped by and gave \$52 in donations to us.

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

There is no good place inside this store where we can hold a Meet-and-Greet in the summer. We will be here on the second Sunday of October from 1 PM to 5 PM and all other months through at least March, maybe April, 2017.

SCOTTSDALE, 7077 E Mayo Blvd

After the May 14, 2016 Mayo **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet, which was written up in the August newsletter, Denny Myrick retired from hosting this location. He did it for five years, and we thank him tremendously for his service to **AGR**. Pam Spicer, who was always there, too, to take fabulous photos of the dogs and people who attended, moved to Prescott this past summer, so she will no longer be there either. We appreciate the time that both Denny and Pam contributed to the success of these events. Of all the locations where we regularly hold Meet-and-Greets, this one is the most lucrative in terms of donations, so we will continue to be at this store on the second Saturday of each month between October and May, from 11 AM - 2 PM, and Deb Orwig will host until someone else offers, which, hopefully, will happen soon. All set-up materials will be provided. You will just have to arrive at about 10:45 to set up outside the front of the store. Anyone can do this, even a new member, so won't someone please volunteer? An experienced person will help you learn the ropes.



Denny Myrick with Molly

2017 A Touch of Gold Calendar



Our gorgeous 2017 Touch of Gold calendar is now available! Order with the Order Form available on our website or purchase from any of our regular veterinarians or at any **AGR** event. If you want your order mailed, please be sure to add postage cost; the postage schedule is on the Order Form.

NOTE: If you have an AMBER, TOPAZ, PEARL or GOLD membership, you will automatically receive one copy of this calendar, as it is your membership-level incentive. If you want more than one, you will have to pay for the additional copies.

Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

Those of you who are **AGR** adopters will notice that most of the descriptions in the *Diamonds in the Ruff* column are familiar. In July, all **AGR** adopters received a mailing with a plea for donations to support our 2015-16 Special Needs Dogs, including most of those mentioned in *Diamonds in the Ruff* columns in this and previous issues. In past years in August, **Arizona Golden Rescue** participated in **PACC 911's** annual *Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue*. Every dollar given to **AGR** as a pledge in support of our bowling team stayed with **AGR**. None of our volunteers ever gets paid for anything they do – all donations always go to support the dogs. All *Bowl-a-Rama* donations were deposited in the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. The money in this account has been used for dogs coming into Rescue with cancer (we have had several) or to help with medical bills that amount to over \$5,000 for any one dog (again, several dogs are in this category). **PACC 911** is no longer hosting the *Bowl-a-Rama*, so we no longer have that event as a source of revenue at this time of year.

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

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

The *Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs* generated **\$5,355** from 46 contributors. A few adopters also renewed their membership which had lapsed – nice to have you back! All donations received during August were initially deposited in the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. However, the funds came out almost as fast as they went in, which is why the actual amount now in the *DBMF* is not much more than it was in July. Our *Paws & Pasta* event coming up on November 13th will also benefit this fund, so please plan to attend. The entire cost of the meal, \$12, will be donated to **AGR** by Bryan Foley and Nancy Wheeler, the owners of *Little Bite of Italy* in Sun City where the event will be held.

The following supporters contributed to our summer fund drive:

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 Karen Novo in honor of **Blue**
 Deb and Larry Orwig
 Linda and George Penman
 Barbara and James Renshaw in memory of our sweet **Glory**,
 who was helped by the **DBMF** in 2013-2014 and in
 honor of our boy **Finn**, a beautiful healthy guy who
 brings us such joy!
 Debra Sable
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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 July 1 - September 30, 2016. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted. PLEASE NOTE: All donors who make donations during 2016 will receive an acknowledgment letter in January 2017, unless a receipt for taxes is requested sooner.

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Barbara Connoyer
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Ellen Lagerman
Stephen Lotz for my friend Tracy Hetrick
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