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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Dolly, Mufasa and Duffy Orwig



Vin Orwig

We feel safe in our adoptive home – do your dogs in yours? When our mom has to leave the house, she makes sure that the “trouble-makers” among us – **Mufasa**, **Duffy** and **Vin** – are in big crates. **Dolly** and our 10 ½-year-old house guest, **Sky**, are such good girls they are left loose in the kitchen/laundry room area, because neither of them ever gets into anything.

More safety features in our home are that Mom keeps all medicines in high cabinets and all cleaning products on high shelves; paints are high up on the laundry room shelves, and items such as flower and grass weed and/or feed chemicals are stored in an inaccessible storeroom section of the garage. She also makes sure not to leave any food items, like bread or cookies, on the kitchen counters, because even **Dolly** or **Sky** might get into those!

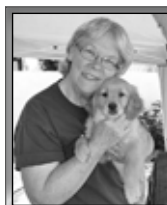
We have lever-handle doors on all our interior closets, as well as on the doors into the garage and from the garage into the backyard. **Dolly** knew how to open such doors before she moved into our home (and **Duffy** has since learned how to do it by watching **Dolly**), so Mom went to *The Home Depot* and bought some gadgets specifically designed to prevent opening doors with lever handles. She keeps the ones on the dog food closet and the pantry closet locked and locks the others when she leaves the house so that **Dolly** cannot let herself into the garage.

Mom lobbied our next-door neighbors to get rid of the oleanders that used to grow very tall on their side of our common block wall. She used to get up on a ladder and trim those bushes herself so that their leaves, twigs and flowers could not drop onto our side of the wall. But she can't climb ladders any more, so she educated the neighbors about the fact that all parts of oleanders are extremely toxic to dogs and they were nice enough to remove all the plants. Mom also has the many rose bushes in the back yard cordoned off with attractive but unobtrusive green garden fencing that keeps us away from those thorny plants but does not obscure the view of the beautiful flowers. We really cannot get into anything dangerous!

When Vin was only 3 months old, we all went swimming in our pool one day. Even though he is a Golden Retriever like the rest

of us, Mom put a little life jacket on him to make sure he would be OK in the water – he had fallen into our unfenced pool once without it on and kind of panicked. He seems to like the pool now if he is wearing the life jacket, but he has not been in without it on yet. Mom says it's kind of like a human learning to ride a bike with training wheels on it first – gives one confidence to manage the bike without the wheels. We think that one day he will be a fine swimmer like the rest of us. When we see the pool toys she keeps in the backyard storeroom, we know it's OK for us to go into the pool – we wish she would bring out those toys more often!

To keep our feet from getting burned during these hot summer days, we go for a walk very early in the morning (like 5 AM – ugh!), or Mom puts booties on our feet so we can go a little later. The first time we experienced wearing booties was a hoot! One of us just froze and refused to move – a treat offered from across the room fixed that! Others of us walked like we had some kind of spastic condition or were drunk, throwing our legs out to the sides and walking with a crazy dance-like motion. However, we all got used to having the booties on very quickly, and now we think they are quite stylish and there's nothing to wearing them. When people see us wearing the booties, they always comment about what a smart Mom we have and usually ask her where to get booties for their own dogs. She tells them there are many places to buy them online. She usually recommends they get them by setting up a smile.amazon.com account with *Arizona Golden Rescue* as beneficiary, that way both the other person's dog and *AGR* benefit!



Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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During the last couple months, several of our active members have left the jobs they have held in our organization. A couple have moved. Others have had opportunities arise for doing something different. Whatever the reason, we are now without the services of the following:

Sherry and Gary Landwehr moved to California to be near their adult sons and their new grandchild. Sherry will continue to help us by sending out solicitation letters for golf tournament donations and for writing thank you letters for donations that actually come in. We appreciate all you both did for *AGR* while in AZ (Gary golfed with us and also was a cook at our annual *Paws At The Park* BBQ), and we are glad for your continued support. We will surely miss Sherry's services during our Holiday Gift Wrapping events!

Pam and Jerry Spicer moved north to the Prescott Valley area to get out of the heat of the Phoenix Valley. Pam has been an

important member of our Photography Team, and we will miss her, especially at the monthly Meet-and-Greet at the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart**. Thank you for always being there to take those wonderful photos, Pam.

After 16 years of handling Intake and Placement for two different Golden Retriever Rescue organizations, first for **RAGofAZ** and then for **AGR**, Michele Wehry decided she'd had enough. Intake is an especially tough position, because some callers will yell at you, cry, call you names, and sometimes are just plain disagreeable ("Why WON'T you take my parrot – it's gold-colored and your name says Arizona GOLDEN Rescue!"). It is a difficult job, at best. Michele also was our Shelter Coordinator, another job where the Manager gets dumped on a lot and has the very frustrating task of trying to deal with Shelters that are understaffed and whose left hand often doesn't know what the right hand is doing. We thank Michele for sticking it out in these jobs for so long, providing her guidance and expertise, and we wish her well in whatever she decides to do now.

Jude Fulghum, a long-time **AGR** member even though she is a resident of Oregon, has been the writer of our newsletter's *Magic Moments* section since May 2013. Jude, who is also an active member of **Golden Bond Golden Retriever Rescue** in Oregon, has retired and wants to pursue some other interests. In the past three years, Jude has done a wonderful job presenting the adoption stories of 340 rescued dogs, not quite half of the dogs (730) we have adopted out since we began in 2009. She has been one of the newsletter-draft proofreaders, as well. In addition, she is an avid reader, and she has written numerous reviews of books (mostly dog-related in some way) that she thought our readership would enjoy. We will miss your contributions, Jude!

Help! A new writer is needed for our Magic Moments section! Could you handle this task every three months? Contact Deb if interested.

When one door closes, another usually opens, at least for **AGR**. Dana Haywood was having some difficulty working full time and handling the duties of Director of Information Management (all our database and website stuff), as well as being Transport Manager. So, Sharon McKenzie offered to take on the latter position. Sharon hopes to get more members enthusiastic about and trained to do transports. Sharon also serves as our Behavior Consultant and has offered behavior modification tips to numerous adoptive families, either over the phone or in person at their home. We value your service, Sharon!

Another Sharon – Sharon Flores – and Judy Petitto have stepped into the position of Co-Managers of our Intake Team. Sharon,

who has compiled a wonderful Intake Training Manual, will coordinate the training of new volunteers, and Judy will handle Shelter matters. Both will serve a week on rotation as the Intake person "on call". Nancy Luchi has joined the Intake Team, and in August, Stephanie Fischer, a new member/adopter, will be helping, as well. Beth Lansdowne continues to serve as an Intake volunteer, and Lori Prancevicus acts as the Team's secretary, preparing the weekly Intake Summary that goes out to the Board and all the other Teams. Thank you all for your support of **AGR**!

Sheila Joyce has been our fantastic Home Evaluations Coordinator since we formed in 2009. Members of her Team have come and gone, more now on the gone side, so she could use more volunteers. People are needed to do home evaluations in every area of the Valley. Training will be provided and you will be required to ride along with an experienced evaluator at least twice before being asked to do an evaluation by yourself.

Debbie Mikol is (thankfully) still admirably handling our Placement Team and has recently brought Leslie Carson onto the Team. All the Team members (see the list on page 2) do a great job in the very careful selection of appropriate families for our rescued dogs.

Our Health Care Team has been well managed by Liz Tataseo since the fall of 2014. Teri Guilbault, who held the position once before and is on the Team now as our liaison to Kennel Care, has offered to give Liz the two-month break she has requested. Thanks to both of you for keeping the Team functioning without a hitch.

We hope some more of you will consider actively participating in some way to help **AGR** rescue more dogs. There are jobs where all you need is a phone and/or a computer, and you don't even need to live in Arizona to help out. Please contact Connie McCabe, our Human Resources Director, with your interest. You can reach her at photocraf@aol.com or by calling and leaving a message on our WAGSline (623-566-9247) and she will get back to you.

One more person I want to mention who is doing good things for Golden Retrievers, albeit not directly for **AGR**, is Anne Kowalski. Anne and husband Dan were founding members of **AGR** and have been very supportive over the last seven years since our incorporation. Last year, they moved to North Carolina where they already had a summer home, because Dan had retired and they decided they did not want to commute between Litchfield and NC any more. They have remained supportive members of **AGR**. Anne, who has a purebred, papered Golden she got as a puppy three years ago from a reputable breeder in Connecticut, has accepted the position of Director of Donor Relations for the **Golden Retriever Foundation**, a tax exempt, charitable organization formed by the **Golden Retriever Club of America, Inc.** Anne is responsible for keeping track of all donations made to six different funds supported by the **GRF** that serve the health and well-being of the Golden population. Their *General Fund* supports the

full range of Foundation grants and operating expenses; the *Zeke Cancer Research Fund* finances canine cancer research at major universities and cancer centers; the *Rescue Fund* assists volunteer Golden Retriever rescue organizations to care for and find homes for displaced Golden Retrievers; the *April Fund* defrays extraordinary veterinary expenses incurred by individual rescued dogs (over the past seven years, **AGR** has received thousands of dollars in grant money from this Fund); the *Cotton Fund* assists with transportation costs to move Golden Retrievers with special needs to another area of the country; and the *Rachel Page Elliott Educational Fund* underwrites public education projects concerning Golden Retrievers and responsible pet ownership. We congratulate Anne on this new position of great responsibility!

As with *Arizona Golden Rescue*, the **GRF** is staffed entirely by volunteers, so all the money donated to either organization goes to help Golden Retrievers in need. All donations are tax deductible. You can donate to **AGR** (www.arizonagoldenrescue.org) and/or the **GRF** (<http://goldenretrieverfoundation.org/>) from their respective websites.



It's a Ruff Life!

By Christine Spiel,
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During the hot summer months when **AGR** events seem to come to a halt, we might forget a few safety reminders when events are back in full swing come fall. Please keep these important safety tips in mind when attending **AGR** events.

Proper Collar – It is required at all **PACC911** events that your Golden is properly fitted with a Martingale collar or a harness. Martingale collars provide more control over your dog without the choking effect of a chain choke collar. When properly fitted, the Martingale collar will be comfortably loose. Martingale collars provide the extra security of a Golden not being able to “Houdini” their way out of a buckle collar. I have seen so many dogs at the *Pet Expo* and inside *Petco* and *PetSmart* during our Meet-and-Greets easily slide their head right out of a buckle collar. If you volunteer with your dog when **AGR** is attending a **PACC911** event, we will give you a Martingale collar to keep at no charge. While **PACC911** events have such collars as a mandatory rule, Martingale collars are best for everyday and every event use. **AGR** has Martingale collars for sale for \$15 if you would like to purchase one for your dog. Our Martingales are made from the same fabric webbing as our regular collars and leashes. If you would prefer to use a harness, **AGR** also sells those in three sizes, medium, large and XL (\$22, \$25, and \$28 each, respectively). However if you prefer, you can use a harness instead of a Martingale collar if you bring your dog to a **PACC911** event.

Hot Asphalt Rule – Here is an easy and simple method for testing the asphalt to make sure it is not too hot for your Golden. Place the back of your hand on the pavement; if you cannot hold it on the pavement for a count of 5 seconds, then it is too hot for your Golden to walk on! If the air temperature is 87 degrees, the asphalt temperature may be as high as 143 degrees. At 125 degrees, skin destruction can happen in 60 seconds. If you would like to attend an event during the hot months, please drop your Golden off at the store entrance, then go park your car. There are always plenty of **AGR** members at events who can assist with the drop-off and reloading of your dogs at the entrance. Better yet, get a set of thick-leather-soled or heavy-rubber-soled booties for your dog. The better brands include *Aussie Naturals Dog Boots*, *Mutluks*, *Woof Walkers*, and *Ultra Paws*. There are lots of styles and colors available online. Don't forget to access Amazon through Smile.amazon.com and choose *Arizona Golden Rescue* as your charity of choice!

Courtesy Warning – Please alert other Golden owners that you are approaching from behind! So many times I have been whipped around by **Nash** and **Jack** because they spotted a Golden friend prancing up behind me. For common courtesy and to prevent shoulder dislocations, please give a courtesy shout out that you are approaching from behind. A few seconds of warning will provide a safer environment for everyone at events.

Public Water Bowls – Do not let your Golden drink out of community water bowls. Dogs can pick up viruses from other dogs just by sharing water. These highly-used water bowls can be a breeding ground for many diseases. Please bring your own water and bowl to the *Holiday Pet Festival*, *Spring Pet Expo* at *West-World* and especially to a dog park. We always have water bowls reserved for **AGR** dogs behind our booth tables at such events.

Upcoming Events:

Never Too Early to Mark Your Calendars

Just as in years past, time is flying! As I write this article, there are only 173 days until Christmas! **AGR** has many events that will be here before you know it, so please mark your calendars today so you will not miss out! These **AGR** events are a time to give back to **AGR** and a time to help “paw” it forward to the new Golden Retrievers that will be coming in to our Rescue and need medical and/or behavioral help. I hope to see a LOT of new **AGR** member faces at the upcoming events.

2016 **PACC911** Adoption Events

PACC911 events are spread throughout the Valley, so they offer a great way to get all **AGR** members involved. At these events we need help with set-up and take-down of the tents and merchandise. During the event, it's a great time to chill, relax and spend time meeting and greeting with the public. **PACC911** events usually go

from 10 AM to 3 PM. We will let you know if one or more of them ends up being on a different time table.

Saturday, October 29th **All Saints Episcopal Church**
6300 N Central Ave, Phoenix
Time – TBD

Saturday, November 19th **Petco Avondale**
10190 W McDowell Rd, Avondale
Time - TBD

Sunday, December 11th **Petco Scottsdale**
8910 E Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale
Time – TBD

Paws & Pasta Dinner

This annual event, which will be on the second Sunday of November (the 13th), is hosted by Bryan Foley and Nancy Wheeler, owners of **Little Bite of Italy** in Sun City. It is a special fundraising event for the **Debbe Begley Memorial Fund**. For \$12, attendees get a delicious spaghetti dinner with salad, bread, dessert and beverage (soda or water). All \$12 from the purchase of each meal is donated to **AGR**. The **DBMF** is reserved to help dogs who come into Rescue with cancer or dogs whose overall medical expenses exceed \$5,000 – the excess is taken from this Fund. As we usually have at least one intake during the year that we must treat for cancer, it is imperative to keep this Fund healthy! Please plan to attend.

7th Annual Holiday Pet Festival at WestWorld of Scottsdale
Saturday, December 3rd, 10 AM - 5 PM

This is truly an amazing event not to be missed! **AGR** again will be hosting a booth selling our merchandise and educating the public about **AGR**. The Golden will be dressed in their best green and red holiday Donation Vests meeting and greeting with the public. Many volunteers will be needed to make this event a success for **AGR**. Please watch your e-mail for information regarding how you can volunteer for this event. Attractions include numerous shopping opportunities, photos with Santa, agility and lure course, discounted vaccinations, microchipping, free nail trims, silent auction, coolest pet trick, best holiday pet attire contest and on-stage entertainment. It's a great event for the whole family! Deb Orwig will need help with the booth set-up on Friday, December 2nd starting at noon. Please contact her if you can be there.

Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 10th

Parade start time 11:00 AM; staging between 9 AM - 9:30 AM

AGR participated in this parade for the first time last year, and this parade turned out to be a surprisingly generous fundraising day. It was a blast! Kids were running alongside the Golden chasing them down to give them donations and pets! This parade was a great way to get into the holiday spirit and a fun day to dress up our Golden in their best holiday attire, Santa hats and reindeer ears. Look for



Cindy Tigges with Charm wearing a green boa, Ducey wearing a Santa hat and Koso wearing reindeer ears

more upcoming information about this parade in your e-mail and on the **AGR** website event calendar.

Holiday Gift Wrapping Schedule

Any hours that you, your family and your Golden can participate in these gift wrapping events will be greatly appreciated. It is not necessary to attend from start to finish but a few-hour block of your time will be time well spent, guaranteed. **AGR** always needs volunteers to help with gift wrapping for donations and if you are gift wrapping-challenged like me, then meeting and greeting with the public is just right for you. The Golden are a hit during the holiday season and a great way to help give back to **AGR**.

Happy Valley Barnes & Noble Booksellers

2501 W Happy Valley Rd, Phoenix
at I-17 and Happy Valley Rd

DATE	TIME
Saturday, November 19 th	1 PM - 5 PM
Sunday, November 20 th	10 AM - 5 PM
Black Friday, November 25 th	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, November 27 th	10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, December 11 th	10 AM - 5 PM
Friday, December 16 th	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, December 18 th	10 AM - 5 PM
Tuesday, December 20 th	9 AM - 4 PM
Friday, December 23 rd	9 AM - 4 PM

Arrowhead Barnes & Noble Booksellers

7685 W Bell Rd, Peoria

DATE	TIME
Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 th	9 AM - 6 PM

We also hope to be at the Tempe Marketplace **Barnes & Noble** on Saturday, December 17th from 9 AM to 6 PM, but the store manager will not confirm our presence there until mid-September.

You may note that there is a **PACC911** event on the same date as one of our gift wrapping activities. We will be doing both, so please plan to come to one or the other.

AGR Leashes and Collars

If you adopted an **AGR** dog and you have chosen not to use the leash and collar we gave you when we brought you the dog, please transfer the red heart ID tag to the collar you use and make arrangements to return **AGR's** equipment. The leash and collar together cost **AGR** about \$12, so we would like to use them for another dog, if possible.

Paws Forward

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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Hot enough for you? This is a fairly common greeting this time of year for those of us who are dyed-in-the-wool, full-time Valley residents. Truth? It's more than hot enough for both man and beast. It is hot enough to be hazardous to the health of all living creatures.

Dealing with heat for our Golden friends goes way beyond not leaving them in a car – even for just a moment. It is also thinking about how it would feel to go cruising down the sidewalk barefoot. That is what we expect of our furry friends when we take them for a walk too late in the morning or too early in the evening without paw protection. My dear and otherwise generally intelligent husband thought it would be fine to make the few steps from the garage door to the recycling bin at 10 AM barefoot. He put in an uncomfortable afternoon for his oversight. **Penny** and **Oliver** were savvy enough to watch his exercise from the shade at the other end of the walkway. Basic rule, if it is too hot for your hand, it is too hot for their paws.

Solution: booties. They come in all sizes and a variety of materials. Keep in mind, if you need insulation and/or toughness, thin cloth won't be worth the money and effort. Booties are also strongly recommended for any hiking, even in the cooler high country, because the rough trails can wreak havoc on paws that have been spending most of recent time on backyard grass. I learned this the hard way while traveling with a Golden in Colorado. It felt like I had just started a short hike when my furry friend stopped, looked at me and begged me to carry her back to the car. The path had worn her pads down to sensitive flesh. I have seen dogs slung over someone's shoulder while their bleeding paws left a grim trail behind them. These were dogs so focused on pleasing their masters and staying with them that they seriously hurt themselves.

Pleasing their humans can also create life threatening conditions for dogs in other ways. A game as innocuous as fetch can result in severe overheating very quickly in our current high-heat conditions. Remember, dogs don't dissipate heat as well as animals that sweat. Even a few minutes of high activity in our current temperature and humidity combination is more than enough to be dangerous. Several summers ago while I was waiting in an Animal Emergency Clinic, a beautiful young German Shepherd was carried in. His 20-something master and friends had been playing fetch with him in the park. They wanted to know how long he would go before he quit. He collapsed and ultimately did not survive. So sad. We have to be the smart ones.

Pools are a great way for both people and dogs to get exercise

without overheating. But dogs need to know how to get out of the pool. Even if they do not like to swim, they still need to know how to get out in case they fall or are bumped in. They need to go in several times from different parts of the pool so they can find the steps from wherever they start.

Controlling your dog is also key to keeping it safe. The safest place for your dog when you are away from home is at the end of a six-foot leash. It may be tempting when on remote trails to have them off leash, but unless your dog is always solid on "come", it is best to keep them leashed. You may think you are alone and can tell there is nothing else around but that can change in a second. I was hiking in the high country with several other hikers and dogs that were off leash. Suddenly, a riderless horse came galloping around the corner, stirrups and reins flapping and ran right through our group. One dog panicked, thinking the horse was chasing her specifically, and took off. Fortunately, she was found the next day hanging around a campground.

Another scary off-leash incident occurred when a young dog took off from his humans, only to return a few minutes later running full blast to the safety of his family with a very angry javelina hot on his tail. The incident did not end well for the javelina, but both dog and people were unharmed. The whole incident could have been avoided by having had the dog on leash.

Notice I designated a six-foot lead above. Many city ordinances mandate a six-footer. This does not include the retractable leashes. Extendable or retractable leashes are the kind that reel out from a container like a fishing rod reel – anathema! The handler has no control over a dog that is at the end of a thin, 16- or 20-foot line. The dog could get into too much trouble before the handler could reel him in. In addition, the handler could not protect a dog from attack by another dog, a wild or feral animal, or a rattlesnake, if his own dog were that far away from him. I cringe every time I see someone walking a dog with one of those. It is even worse when someone is walking two or more dogs on them. The dogs get tangled, the people get tangled and are focused on getting things unsnarled and not seeing what is going on around them. Passing them becomes a dicey operation. Because people are simply holding a plastic handle, not a loop, the dogs can get away too easily. Even very small dogs seem to get loose regularly. Think of the challenge with an exuberant Golden. Bottom line... if you have an extendable leash, throw it away. If you don't have one, don't waste your money buying one.

Safety is always a matter of awareness and understanding your surroundings. Especially this time of year, the hazards are greater. Our desert is beautiful but can be very unforgiving if you do not take precautions. We love our dogs and have an obligation to keep them as safe as possible.





The Information Highway

By Dana Haywood,
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This month's theme is safety, and the subject is all too common with the online information world. We are constantly updating the firewall and virus software on our website to try to prevent unauthorized access and virus penetration by those who wish to do malicious harm to our website. Since the hacking of our website last November, we have gone to even more extreme measures to protect the website from unauthorized access.

We recently sent out an e-mail to all active members of **AGR** advising of a change that has been made to our adoption application process. Over the last couple of years, there has been a nationwide trend of fewer Golden Retrievers coming into Rescue. With the improvement of the economy and the reduction of home foreclosures, fewer Goldens have had to be surrendered because of people losing their homes and having to move into another place that does not allow them to bring their pets with them. Although the intake of dogs has been reduced, the number of applications coming in has not. One consideration was to put a freeze on applications coming in, but we rejected that idea, since we did not want to limit our search for the right home for one of our Goldens to applicants already available, as that does not always provide the perfect home.

After a lot of discussion, we decided to implement a nonrefundable \$25 Adoption Application Fee. The fee will have to be received by **AGR** prior to a home evaluation being scheduled. Any application for which we do not receive the fee will be deleted after 30 days, and the applicant will need to resubmit an application if they wish to be considered again. The \$25 fee will be applied to the adoption fee if we are able to place a dog with the applicant within one year. If we are not able to place a dog, the applicant would receive a letter of donation to use for tax purposes. What we are hoping is that the implementation of this fee will reduce the number of not-so-serious, spur-of-the moment applicants who apply and then do not respond to the home evaluators' calls or do not respond to Placement when they call with an offer of a dog. It will also serve to reduce the number of home evaluations that need to be done, as each one takes a considerable amount of time in preparation and the actual home visit. We don't mind doing the home visits, but it will be nice to know that we are doing evaluations on applicants who are truly serious about adopting. Anyone, including continuing **AGR** members and/or past adopters, will need to fill out a new application and pay the fee if they wish to adopt a dog from **AGR**.

We have a shopping service that was introduced about two years ago and never had the chance to really take root, as we had so many other issues presented to the Rescue group. The site is Shop.com/arizonagoldenrescue. We are reintroducing this shopping service that helps **AGR** out with any purchase that you make through them online. The site has many products that are unique to this site and also offers access to everyday items for which you would shop online – you can shop at many stores online and **AGR** (as your designated beneficiary) will receive a percentage of the sale; in addition, you will qualify for cash back on your purchase. The price you pay to the online stores is the same as if you went directly to them without going through the shop.com website.

For the last couple of years, **AGR** has participated in **Fry's Food Stores Community Rewards** program. At one time, we had around 110 families and at this time we have 79 families signed up. During August of each year, you need to re-sign up to keep participation in the program with your **Fry's** VIP Card active. Each quarter, **AGR** gets a donation from **Fry's** to reflect what the participants have spent shopping at **Fry's Food Stores**. It costs you nothing to participate in the rewards program and your points and rewards are not affected at all, so it is a win-win for both you and **AGR**. Sign-up information is on the home page of our website.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, **Arizona Golden Rescue** has partnered with **CARS** to accept vehicles as donations. Donating a car is easy! And so is donating other vehicles. **CARS** accepts all types of vehicles nationwide – cars, trucks, SUVs, motorcycles, ATVs, and even boats. **AGR** has had two vehicles donated and has received donations for both. You can access the link from the home page of our website to donate a vehicle or call 855-500-7433 and mention **Arizona Golden Rescue**. There is no cost to you to have the vehicle removed, and it doesn't even need to be operational.



The Human Connection

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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 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, let's meet Michele Meyer, member number 91.



Michele Meyer was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. Michele is the second of six children, 4 girls and 2 boys. She grew up learning valuable skills by working in her parents' grocery store at a very early age. Today, Michele works in Sales/Account Management for a Pharmacy Benefit Management Company with Corporate Headquarters located in St. Louis, Missouri. The company opened their first satellite office in Phoenix,

AZ back in the mid 1990's. Michele was transferred to the Phoenix office with the commitment of only staying a year. After the first year ended, she bought a house in Tempe and the rest is history.

Six months after moving into her house, while out bike riding, she ran across a sign out in front of the house of one of her neighbors that read "Golden Retriever Puppies for Sale." Her neighbor had a brother up in Prescott Valley who brought the puppies down to Phoenix to sell. There was a litter of 13 puppies and they were just too cute to pass up. This is where **Lester** entered into her life. After **Lester** had been with her only one week, he was diagnosed

with parvo. That was a rough start, but as the vet caught the disease early and gave very good vet care, he survived and turned out to be the best Golden Retriever, Canine Citizen and all.

One Sunday, Michele was reading an article in the *AZ Republic* that talked about a Golden Retriever Rescue group in Phoenix that invited anyone to attend an annual event to learn more about the organization. Michele thought this might be a great idea to find **Lester** a companion, so they went and met a wonderful group of Golden Retriever lovers. This is when Michele was introduced to Golden Retriever Rescue. She volunteered to be a foster family and the first foster she took in, **Cedar**, became a permanent new addition to the household. **Cedar** had been found in the cedar pines of Flagstaff. Many more fosters came through the Meyer household in the following years, each with a great ending. In this group, Michele met the potential leadership of *Arizona Golden Rescue* – they were part of this other group at that time. Michele was impressed with the compassionate group of wonderful, caring people who worked tirelessly for the cause. She really admired these smart, successful leaders and wanted to be part of their new group, *AGR*.

While Michele's job duties keep her on the road much of the time, these days she tries to help when and where she can. Today, Michele and **Sweet Abigail**, her 10-year-old Golden Retriever, enjoy daily walks, car rides, play dates and NO water activity, since **Abby** does not like water of any kind. **Abby** lives and loves the good life that every Golden Retriever deserves.



If you have come to one of our outdoor events, you have probably seen Peter Wong (member #111) with one of his trained dogs performing great tricks for the crowd.

In Peter's own words, *My passion for dog training began in 1971 after I was honorably discharged from the army after having served a tour in Vietnam; at that time, I had a dog named Frisky that was a Beagle mix. I enrolled Frisky in an obedience class at Phoenix College. Frisky had a repertoire of tricks and did well in the class. Two years later, I acquired a German Shepherd puppy that I named Zonnac. I did my best to give this puppy the greatest environment and training possible, however he didn't turn out the way I wanted; he wasn't dog friendly. It was a big challenge to work Zonnac, however he did earn his CDX [Companion Dog Excellent]. Soon after, I learned that he had hip dysplasia, so I retired him from competitions.*

The instructor at Phoenix College, Alice Morgan, was active in obedience competitions; her dog, a Weimaraner named Kelley, was working on obtaining her UD [Utility Dog] title. Alice encouraged everyone to compete in obedience trials with the goal of obtaining a CD [Companion Dog] title. At that time, I had no interest in obtaining obedience titles with my dog; however, since

nearly everyone in class had an interest and was willing to do this, I decided I must too, since I didn't want to be left out. We went out to nearly all the fun matches that were available to prepare us for AKC shows.

After **Zonnac's** retirement due to his bad hips, I acquired two German Shepherd puppies; **Gyzak**, a black and tan puppy and **Scorpa**, a sable-colored puppy. Both dogs earned their UD titles. **Gyzak** and **Scorpa** both went over the Bridge when they were only seven years old. **Gyzak** ingested a poisonous plant and **Scorpa** had terminal tick fever; it was a very low point in my life. Soon after, I adopted a three-month-old sable-colored German Shepherd puppy that I named **Tonka**. Like my other dogs before him, **Tonka** was worked every single day until he earned his UD titles and once he did, he was retired from competitions. **Tonka**, like my other dogs, was taught various tricks. We have put on shows for many groups: nursing homes, dog clubs, schools, children's hospitals, etc. My current dogs are **Billie**, a six year old Border Collie that I adopted from Fed Well Farm in Scottsdale, and **Nikko**, a two-year-old solid black German Shepherd. With 11 months of training, **Nikko** has mastered around three dozen behaviors. I also have an 11-year-old dog-friendly cat.

As for myself, I graduated from **Phoenix College** in 1973, worked as an oil lab technician for **ALS Laboratories** and have been married for 27 years to my wife, Anna. We have a son, Jason, who is 23 years old and daughter, Catherine, who is 26 years old; both are ASU graduates.

My days start at 1 AM. At that time, I work the dogs by exercising them and then we eat breakfast. Depending on the workload at work, I show up at work at 3 AM or 5 AM. Anna and I are both born-again Christians; we rely upon Jesus Christ for our salvation; we attend **Vineyard Church North Phoenix**.



Next, meet Dana and Gail Haywood (sharing # 113). If you have ever attended any event, then you likely have met them both. Dana is a Board member – the **AGR** Director of Information Management. He maintains the website, along with the database and sends out the

various e-mails that you have received. Dana and Gail host many meet-and-greet events in the East Valley. They have been very active in transporting activities and until recently, Dana was the acting Transport Manager. Gail personally answers the phone calls that come into our WAGSline number. She relays the caller's information to the appropriate person.

Gail and Dana met at a college picnic in April of 1971. Gail needed a ride home, as her date was not able to drive. Dana came to the

rescue and that started their relationship. Gail originally came from a small fishing town, Marblehead, Massachusetts, which is outside of Salem, before moving to Connecticut and then finally to Wilbraham, MA. Dana had lived his whole life in Springfield, MA, which is right next door to Wilbraham. While attending high school in Wilbraham, Gail's older sister had a Golden Retriever left in her care for a week. The owner never came back. This Golden fathered 13 puppies, and unfortunately, the mother was hit by a car two weeks later and died. Gail and her sisters had to take the puppies to school every day so they could be fed and cared for. Luckily, Wilbraham was a farming town with a 4-H Club that allowed for this care to happen. This was Gail's first initiation into life with Golden Retrievers.

Dana graduated that year from an Engineering course at the college where they met, but Gail had one more year remaining in her Respiratory Therapy course. They were engaged shortly thereafter but had to wait until after Gail graduated the following June to get married. Gail and Dana were married June 24th, 1972. Over the next few years, they had two children, Dawn and Dana Craig.

Dana went on to get his electronics degree and eventually started working for a copier company named **A-Copy** that eventually, through buyouts, became part of **Ricoh Corporation**, where Dana still works on high volume copiers and networking systems.

Gail worked as a respiratory therapist at a large hospital in Western Massachusetts for 21 years until she was hit by a drunk driver and injured to the point she could not continue working. The doctor recommended that she move to Arizona where she would be more comfortable, as the New England winters were hard on her. As soon as Dana Craig graduated from high school, Gail, Dana and Dana Craig moved to Arizona. Dawn was married prior to Gail and Dana moving to AZ, but joined them with her son, Dakota, a few years later. Dana was able to transfer with his job to Arizona. During the years that Gail and Dana were married and lived in MA, they had several Golden Retrievers, with one going to the Bridge just before they moved out to AZ. This Golden had been trained to be Dana Craig's hearing assistance dog, as Dana Craig is hearing impaired. Then, when Dawn was hit by a van as a pedestrian and couldn't walk, this Golden would not leave her side unless she needed help, at which time she would go get someone.

Once they arrived in Arizona, they got another Golden and started training her to be a hearing impaired assistance dog also. When this Golden went to the Bridge, Gail and Dana searched out a rescue organization to get their next Golden and adopted **Riley** from **AGR** in October 2009. So impressed by the organization's efforts and success, Dana and Gail wanted to become more active. Gail took on the Transport Manager position, and just a little over a year later, Dana accepted the position of Director of Information Management. Shortly thereafter, Gail relinquished the Transport Manager position to take on the position of WAGSline Manag-

er. Gail has been instrumental in helping to bring in a number of Golden Retrievers that needed immediate assistance to save their lives. Dana has been very active along with his son at rebuilding the Rescue's website and working with the programmers to build a specialized database for the Rescue's usage.

Gail and Dana also participate in almost all **AGR** events and host numerous Meet-and-Greets each month in the East Valley.

Gail and Dana, along with their two children and grandson Dakota, have the following **AGR** Dogs: **Riley**, **Keegan**, and most recently **Bilbo Baggins**. Besides being a hearing impaired assistance dog for Dana Craig, **Riley** also works as an assistance dog with Gail, who generally is in a mobility cart. **Bilbo** is in training to be a stability dog for Dawn, and is also often seen with Gail.

Health and Safety

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I am currently giving Liz Tataseo, **AGR's** Health Care Manager, a break from her regular duties in this area, and have been asked to write the health care article for this quarter's *Golden Paw*.

As "mom" to five Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes, four of whom were adopted from **AGR**, and who range from 4 to 10 years of age, I am constantly on the watch to keep them healthy and happy and make sure they receive proper vetting either by way of their annual checkups and preventative health measures, or by taking them to the vet when something is amiss. Needless to say, there are times when it seems like I am a regular in our vet's office.

Keeping our fur kids in good health is just as important as making sure they are fed, have fresh water in their bowls and are let outside regularly to get fresh air, run around and do their business. When we adopted each of our dogs, **AGR** made sure that they were as healthy as they could be, or that whatever issues they had when they were rescued were well on their way to being resolved. However, that doesn't end there by any stretch. At least annually, each of our pack gets a thorough checkup, including any vaccinations that may have expired, blood work, and for three of my pack who are now considered "seniors", we do a senior blood panel including a thyroid check, which could pick up the start of something that might need to be fixed. Our dogs also receive their heartworm and valley fever tests to make sure that they have not contracted either disease, or that if they do test positive for either, that we get it under control and fixed as soon as possible. Heartworm test... really, you might say? Yes! Even though we live in sunny Arizona, we still get rain, pools go green from lack of attention, or stagnant water develops – that means mosquitos can

find a breeding area where they reproduce and carry parasites and other things that might be harmful to our dogs if bitten, including heartworm disease. Dogs can also get valley fever since their noses are so close to the ground and they breathe in fungal spores from the dirt and in the air, which cause this disease. Both valley fever and heartworm initially do not show any symptoms, so unless you include tests for these with your annual wellness exam, chances are you might not even know that your dog has either until symptoms start to show up. By that time, a valley fever titer may have become quite high and your dog has flu-like symptoms or has lost weight, or heartworm may have caused your dog shortness of breath and other serious issues affecting their heart. Both valley fever and heartworm can be deadly when left untreated.

I recently had my 4-year-old boy, Jackson, in for his annual exam. My vet took one look in his mouth and discovered that he had a fractured pre-molar that needed to be removed. When I took him in for his dental, he ended up having two pre-molars removed since another was also cracked. Both teeth, if left untreated, could have caused infections, abscesses, or other problems which would have been much more costly to treat than a dental with extractions. Even though I regularly check my dogs' mouths for signs of bad teeth, growths, etc., I am not a vet so I am unable to detect some of those things like she did. Another of my boys, **Fresno**, who we think is about 10 years old, recently started not acting like his normal self. He became isolated from the pack and his appetite went downhill. I took him in and after bloodwork and urinalysis, found that he had a urinary tract infection and the start of elevated liver values. Putting him on antibiotics did the trick for his UTI, and we have him on liver supplements (SAM-E and milk thistle) to get that back on track. He's now feeling much better and has his normal "smile" back.

Each of us loves our fur kids, and if you are like we are, they are indeed, a major part of our family. Keeping them in the best health that they can be in will, hopefully, give us more time to love and enjoy them.

Service Paws

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Psychiatric Service Dogs (PSDs) and Emotional Support Animals (ESAs)

Admittedly, this is a wide-open subject that includes dogs for persons with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, anxiety, and depression, just to name a few. For the disorder to be considered a qualifying disability, it must limit the person's day-to-day functioning even after medical or psychi-

atric intervention and medication.

The criteria listed for psychiatric service dogs are the same as for mobility, hearing, and guide dogs – dogs that are individually trained to perform tasks to mitigate a person’s disability. Tasks for PSDs might include interruption of destructive behavior such as pulling the hair or picking at the skin, waking the handler in the event of nightmares or hallucinations, or blocking the wandering handler in the middle of a dissociative episode. Such dogs can be trained to perform deep-pressure therapy, such as leaning on the handler’s body or standing on his foot, as a disruption of severe anxiety or panic. Many psychiatric medications are extremely sedating, so much so that the PSD might need to alert the handler to alarm clocks, telephone, or smoke alarms. In short, the tasks consist of things the handler cannot do for himself.

Persons otherwise in need of a ‘comfort’ animal, a companion, or one that makes them feel safe, may benefit from an emotional support animal (ESA). It is important to note, however, that an ESA does not have the same public access privileges as a PSD. A dog who licks one’s face, snuggles, and provides a feeling of security performs these behaviors naturally with no training, and they are not task-trained to mitigate a person’s disability.

While the ADA does not cover the access of an emotional support animal, the Fair Housing Act does. An ESA is not limited to only dogs, and a landlord may not require a pet deposit or proof that the animal is trained. He may, however, require a recent letter (on letterhead stationery, dated less than one year) from a mental health professional stating the need for the animal.

Likewise, coverage of the Air Carriers Access Act (ACAA) will permit an appropriately-behaved ESA on an airplane in the cabin with the passenger. As above, the carrier may require documentation from a licensed mental health professional, as well as 48 hours advance notice that the passenger will be showing up with the animal. If the airline’s specific requirements are not met, the ESA may be kenneled, stowed in the baggage compartment, and pet transportation fees applied. Since different airlines have different policies relating to ESAs, it is in one’s best interest to research and understand the carrier he/she will be flying.

Important side notes: 1 – While the ACAA may grant access to the ESA on the actual flight, the shops and restaurants in the airport don’t have to. 2 – The captain has the final word on who flies on his/her airplane and can dismiss anyone for any reason without consequence, so best behavior is most important for people and dogs.

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The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Cargo Trailer



In June, we finally managed to get the logos put on our new cargo trailer. Connie McCabe designed the logos so that they would fit between the panels on the trailer, and they look terrific! We had the logos applied on all four sides of the trailer.

I would again like to acknowledge and thank all **AGR** members who collectively donated \$4,285 to our Cargo Trailer Fund. The trailer itself cost us \$2,691, thanks to a significant discount offered by **Little Dealer, Little Prices** in Mesa. We



had to buy some trailer locks and other accessories for a total of \$238.64; the bill for the logos was \$293.22. Insurance coverage for the trailer and its usual contents (tables, tents, sale merchandise, hand truck, etc.) added \$135 per year to our insurance premium. We spent a total of \$3357.86. So, we have about \$927 extra, which should keep our insurance paid up for years and from which we can draw monies when anything needs to be repaired, replaced or added to the trailer.

Following are the donors – thank you all, again: Debbie and Rick Ball, **Bed Drs Distributions LLC** (Wes and Arden Harrington), Melissa Beceiro, Kathy Blue in memory of **Troy Orwig**, Brenda and Bruce Bochner, Teresa and Michael Bossone, Adam Cardinal, Melissa Carter, Mary Jo and John Courtney, Katie Donahue, Mary and Bert Engstrom in memory of **Troy Orwig** and a second donation in memory of **Liberty Engstrom**, Sharon Flores, Patty Forte, Tracie and Rick Freeland, Carol Gora, Candy and Neal Greff, **Zoey** Gross and the Gross Family, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Anne and Rick Gutekunst, Sandra Hansen, Liz and Mike Harman, Dana and Gail Haywood, Sherry and Bob Hunkler “for the love of Goldens”, Sheila Joyce, Susan Kemper and Cam Warren, Barbara and JR Kleven, Greg Korycki, Julie and Kory Kosier, Don Krause, Ellen and Philip Leavitt, Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson, Michele Meyer, Colleen and Bruce Miller, Marlene and Dean Mortimore, Valerie Mylowe, Michelle Nicholas, Deb and Larry Orwig in honor of **Duffy’s** Gotcha Day (March 17), Angela

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

Total Assets as of July 15, 2016: \$199,649.14

	Income	Expenses
Adoptions	\$11,764.50	\$ 350.00
Bank Charges (Intuit, PayPal)		276.49
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	1,280.00	
Credit Card Expense		138.30
Donations ¹	15,828.60	
Honorary	3,623.62	
<i>Debbe Begley Memorial Fund</i>	50.00	
Memorial	5,124.50	
Cargo Trailer Fund	4,285.00	3,222.86
Dues & Subscriptions		122.51
Event Expense ²		350.00
Gift Wrap Events (Valentine's Day)	298.70	
Golf Tournament		
Donation from 2015 paid in 2016	162.00	
Grants	10,000.00	500.00
Insurance		591.00
Interest	39.92	
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Memberships	11,455.00	
Merchandise	2,841.75	1,462.91
<i>Paws At The Park 2016</i> ³	2,323.75	965.19
Office Expenses & Supplies		121.37
Postage		483.29
Rent or Lease		1,153.92
Repair and Maintenance		66.53
Stationery & Printing		2,372.91
Telephone & Website		94.86
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		387.00
Boarding		810.98
Microchip & Heartgard® Expenses		621.10
Miscellaneous		10.90
Veterinary Services		50,565.76
TOTAL	\$69,077.34	\$64,677.88

NET INCOME: \$4,399.46

Checking Account on 7-15-16:	\$ 90,715.10
Savings Account on 7-15-16 :	\$ 8,801.21
The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 7-15-16:	\$100,132.83
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 7-15-16:	\$ 12,442.39

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

² Booth fee for 2017 *Phoenix Pet Expo*

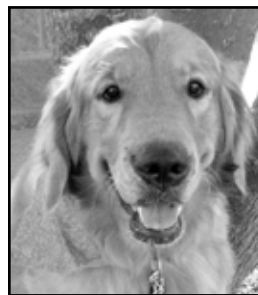
³ Income does not include merchandise sales – that income is under Merchandise; nor does it include donations in support of the event before or during the event

Please be advised that unless a month is very busy financially, bank deposits are made only twice a month, on or around the 15th and on the last banking day of the month.

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Jude Fulghum

*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 April 11, 2016 through July 5, 2016. All adoptions finalized after July 5th will be in the next issue.*



15-064 Broly was relinquished to us last year by his owner because one-year-old **Broly** had epilepsy and required medication. The owner felt **Broly's** medical condition was just too much to handle. However, **Broly** was described as a happy guy, loving life, other dogs, and people. The secret to controlling epilepsy is getting the right dosage of medication nailed down, and this is often a difficult and lengthy process, which was the case with **Broly**. He spent a

New Writer Needed

Editor's Note: In my opinion, this section is the most important part of our newsletter, and I thank Jude Fulghum tremendously for doing such a good job on it for so long. 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. Then, it will be up to you to put it all together. Jude is also willing to "train" you by speaking with you on the phone and giving you her 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 if you are interested.

while at one of our vet clinics, and even was fostered by the vet for a period of time. Lucky boy to escape the vet clinic for the home of a vet who could watch out for him! Once he was more stabilized, he was lucky again to find Jo and Rod in Scottsdale, who took him in as a foster and patiently worked with him getting his medication dosages under control. Even with their TLC, he was in and out of the vet clinic on several occasions. After going through so much with this boy and falling in love with him along the way, Jo and Rod found they could not bear to part with this dear boy (nor could their fur pack of dogs). We are grateful to them for seeing **Broly** through a difficult time with grace and love.



15-097 Faith and her brother, **15-096 Ford**, came to us as a pair in late December. They had been kenneled together in a backyard run their whole lives. Neither had been sterilized, and both were about 10 months old. When they came into Rescue, **Faith** did not appear to be pregnant, but on the off chance that she was she went to Deb's house in case puppies were on the

horizon. Lo and behold, **Faith** was pregnant and delivered eight puppies much sooner than Deb had thought possible. But Deb is set up for puppies and took on the task of taking care of these kids (with help from many volunteers). Unfortunately, three of the pups died within the first couple of weeks. Kay and Michelle of Maricopa were anxious to adopt **Faith** once the pups had been weaned, and finally took her home at the end of February and renamed her **Casey**. Needless to say, a spay was in **Faith's** future once the pups had left! **Faith** and her brother, **Ford**, even had a reunion with their kids and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Rescue, **Faith** and her puppies were born into a world where they will know only love. Had they been born in the back yard of their previous home, the pups certainly would have perished in the cold weather. We were so excited to get an update on **Faith**. **Faith** (now **Casey**) has been a source of amusement and sometimes distress since joining our family. She loves to play with her Nylabones®, balls, the cat's tennis balls... in short, all toys belong to **Casey**. **Casey** and **Chance** [our first rescue from AGR, their fourth rescue in 2009] have become the best of friends and play nonstop until they both have to call a time out and take a nap, and then it's back to vigorous play. **Casey** and the cats (2) have reached a truce and now tolerate each other. We continue to be amazed by how adept **Casey** is with her front paws. She takes toys and maneuvers them with her front paws to where she wants them and if she should drop the toy she picks it up with her front paws and places it in her mouth the way she wants it. Hard to explain – you have to see to appreciate. **Casey** went through a period of losing all of her fur when she first joined us. We figured out that she may be allergic to chicken and moved her over to Solid Gold food. Her fur has grown back in very nicely and now she is a gorgeous girl. We love her to pieces and are very happy to have her in her

forever home. Hurray – no more puppies and a great forever home that isn't in a back yard for this very deserving dog!



15-098 Dakota is a handsome 6- or 7-year-old boy whose owner was extremely ill and could provide him with no care at all. A neighbor had been taking care of **Dakota** and called us for help. He came to us with an eye infection, valley fever and some other medical issues – we suspected that he had megaesophagus, as he had difficulty swallowing water, but that condition was ruled out after testing. He is just as sweet as

could be and gets along with both dogs and cats. After just a short time, **Dakota** started coming out of his shell and began playing with foster Rebecca's dogs. Jeff and Carla in Chandler committed to his adoption and seeing him through eye surgery, which was a complete success. Carla refers to **Dakota** as "Mr. Adorable", so we can assume that all is well and he has become a much-loved member of the family.



Adam, now Brody Boy,
at 7 months

16-002 Adam is one of **15-097 Faith's** puppies and was born into Rescue in mid January along with his six male siblings (the one female died just a few hours after



Adam at 2 months

she was whelped). He was given the name **Adam**, as that was alphabetically the first of *The Magnificent Seven* movie characters' names and he was the first to be taken out of the laundry basket for an exam at the vet's office. After spending 12 weeks growing up in Deb's laundry room, he and his brothers were ready for adoption. He was the first to try being the Alpha dog of the pack, but that changed as the puppies matured and he became one of the milder-mannered pups. **Adam** went to Scottsdale to live with Nancy and Ralph, where he has been renamed **Brody Boy**. Best of luck in your new life, BB!



Britt, now Murphy, at 2 months

16-004 Britt was the third born of **Faith's** puppies. He was always easy to spot among the puppy group because he



Murphy now at 7 months



Britt in front, Vin in back

was the darkest red and had the waviest fur. He was so excited when he felt grass for the first time, that he threw up! It did not take him long to realize grass is really good stuff! Along with his siblings, he played long and hard in the puppy pool filled with plastic balls. After twelve weeks, **Britt** trotted off with

Rebecca and Bob to Laveen, where he has been renamed **Murphy**. We have an update on him. *We feel so lucky to have **Murphy** in our lives. I made a few trips to Deb's to play with him before we knew for sure that we were going to be chosen to adopt him. We bonded the very first time we met. I love his beautiful wavy hair! He is a very sweet, smart boy. He quickly learned "sit, shake, down, wait, and come" because he is very treat-motivated. He loves to play fetch. He is a true Velcro dog, as he follows me throughout the day! The poor little guy does get carsick, though, so we do not leave home very often. We are hoping that using Dramamine will help, and over time he will outgrow this. Thank you, **AGR**, for our sweet boy, **Murphy**. We just love him!"* Congratulations to **Murphy** and his new family!



Pluto now at 7 months

16-007 Harry Luck is one of the puppies who spent 12 weeks lounging in Deb's laundry room as he grew up with his siblings as one of **Faith's** puppies. **Harry Luck** was the most energetic of all the puppies, a rascal and an instigator, but he was certainly the puppy-visitor favorite – he was very blond and had such curly fur he looked like he had had a perm! Tara and her sons, Sam and Oliver,

were one of the lucky families chosen to adopt one of the puppies and have taken **Harry Luck** to their home in Phoenix, and, because they all love Disney characters, have renamed him **Pluto**. Happy landings, **Pluto**! You have found a forever family that just adores you!



Harry Luck, now Pluto, at 2 months

16-008 Lee is one of **Faith's** surviving five pups who were born into Rescue in January. He was the largest puppy at birth, weighing in at slightly over 14 ounces. He is still the largest of the puppies, now weighing a whopping 53 pounds at 7 months! After cavorting with his siblings at Deb's house for twelve weeks, he was lucky to be placed with Tracie and Richard in Scottsdale who have renamed him **JasperLee** (yes, no space). Tracie went to



Lee at 2 months

Deb's to play with the puppies when they were only three weeks old. **Lee** immediately climbed in her lap and stayed there – guess he knew who his "mom" would be even at that young age! Tracie recently sent us an update on him. ***JasperLee** came home with us on Thursday, April 7th and was enthusiastically greeted by our other Goldens, 9-year-old **Gus** and 3-year-old **Murphy**. It was instant energy!*

***JasperLee** explored everything, tried to put everything in his mouth and took advantage of running around our backyard with **Gus** and **Murphy**. **JasperLee** and **Murphy** bonded right away and they play, run and wrestle with each other. While they play, **Gus** gets more one-on-one time with us. He has a dark, golden ridge of fur down the middle of his back where his puppy fur used to be. **JasperLee** is a very happy puppy and we are fortunate to have him in our home! **JasperLee** is also a fortunate one in this adoption!*



JasperLee now at 7 months



Vin now at 7 months

16-009 Vin was the smallest of **Faith's** five surviving puppies, weighing only 11.3 ounces at birth. On his 7-month



Vin at 2 months

birthday, he weighed 47.6 pounds and is still gaining about 2 pounds per week, so he's no longer small! He was also the only puppy in the litter who had a smooth coat, but now that he has matured some, the fur on his back has become wavy. He loves everyone and every other dog, thanks to the incredible socialization he got during his first 12 formative weeks. So many people came to visit the puppies, handle them and play with them, and, of course, the puppies interacted with the four resident adult dogs at the Orwigs' home. The Orwigs just had to adopt him! Deb started taking **Vin** to **AGR** events when he was just 3 months old. He spent most of the day at the 2-day *Phoenix Pet Expo* lying in a crate on top of a table at the back of our booth; the rest of the time he was in someone's arms being cuddled. He loves to go to Meet-and-Greets and play with the other dogs who come. At home he is constantly trying to play with any of the resident dogs who will accommodate his puppiness – 10 ½-year-old **Dolly** doesn't tolerate him for very long; almost-7-year-old **Mufasa** will play with him occasionally, but his best bud

is 3-year-old **Duffy**. In early June, **Vin** very much enjoyed a 4-day visit with brother **Murphy** when **Murphy's** adopters had to go out of town. He is a very loving, playful little rascal who is learning what NO means. The Orwigs kept his *Magnificent Seven* name.

16-015 Layla is a beautiful, red, older girl, about 8½, who was surrendered to us because her owner was ill and could no longer take proper care of her. She had lived her entire life in her owner's apartment and arrived with some serious allergies which were hoped to be food related and had plagued her probably all her life. She also had



a couple of masses which were removed and diagnosed as non-cancerous, fortunately. A full allergy panel was run, and she was found to be allergic not only to grasses and other outdoor plants, but also to peas. Although legumes are not grains, peas are often added to dog foods and can be the culprit for allergies even when owners feel they are doing the right thing by feeding a grain-free product. Be wary of peas in a food formula if your dog continues allergy symptoms even after being on a quality grain-free food. After treatment for her ear allergies and eye issues, she was ready to be adopted by her fosters, long time **AGR** volunteers Teri and Jeff in Sun City. You could not have found a better home, **Layla**! Even Teri thinks so. *Layla came into our home and our hearts in March. She was a sweet girl who was just miserable with ear infections, allergies and a horrible yeasty smell. Since working with one of AGR's amazing vets to get to the bottom of her issues, she is now feeling like a new girl! She loves to be part of our family and pack of four other Golden Retrievers, enjoys her stuffed toys and Nylabones®, and loves, loves, loves to swim in our pool. She's a very quiet girl who does not bark, but has other ways to get our attention and loves to nose her way into any activity she decides to be a part of. We are so happy to have her as part of our family.*



16-016 Valentina is a lovely girl who came to the surrendering owner from a couple who were no longer able to care for her because of their own medical issues. Unfortunately, the surrendering owner already had two Golden Retrievers, and when **Valentina** arrived as the third dog, a nosy neighbor reported in to the landlord since there was a

two-dog limit in the housing area. So, **Valentina** was relinquished to **AGR**. She was immediately placed with Patty in Chandler and the resident dogs, **Dante** and **Princess**. **Valentina** had a mass removed from her mouth; fortunately it was benign, so she is off to a wonderful life. Patty fell hard for this dear girl and sent us an update. *Sweet Valentina came home with Dante, Princess, and*

myself after the Paws at the Park event on March 13, 2016. She has the distinction of being the 700th AGR rescue! Meeting her was nothing less than love at first sight! This quiet gentle soul settled into our home quickly and has loved birdwatching, walks, playing with toys, but NOT getting into the pool! She prefers lying in the shade supervising pool activities. Her "fierce" side appeared when she and Dante chased a coyote away from Princess – both were heroes on that day! Since being adopted, Valentina lost her new sibling, Dante, but she and Princess get along well.

16-017 Tia was found as a stray. After fliers were posted and all available avenues exhausted, her finder surrendered her to us. In addition to having a poor coat, it appeared **Tia** had recently had puppies. Upon examination by our vets, the poor girl was found to have severe teeth issues probably as the result of having distemper as a pup. She also had an eye-



lid issue and needed spaying. Diane and Mike in Phoenix were up to the task of taking **Tia** and nursing her back to health, knowing at once that she was a real diamond in the rough. After not having a dog for twenty years, Diane and Mike certainly picked the right girl and have renamed her **Katy**. They declared she immediately became an important part of their family and reported: *Katy fits perfectly into our retired lifestyle. She loves her walks, naps and meal time. She is sweet, mellow and has tail wags for everyone she meets. We couldn't be happier and thank AGR for giving us the opportunity to give Katy a forever home.*

16-018 Daisy is a beautiful approximately 5-year-old red girl who somehow came into Poodle Rescue along with four other dogs. That Rescue contacted us, as **Daisy** is quite obviously a Golden. She was not spayed and needed some other basic vetting. She is also very shy and timid, which leads us to believe that she was a puppy mill dog. However, given time and love, these dogs come around to be loving family dogs. Charles and Jennifer in Gilbert are very patient folks and are committed to giving this girl a bright and hopeful future. Congratulations, **Daisy**! You've found your forever home!



Editor's Note: Since the beginning of 2016, AGR has taken in seven pairs! We try very hard to keep pairs together, and so far this year we have been successful. Although we give a 50% discount on the adoption fee of the second dog, it is still difficult to find families who will take two at a time. We thank them all for their generosity and caring. Three of those pairs are featured in this issue: Brandie and Pumba, Max and Ruby, and Apollo

and **Luna**, who all came into Rescue within a two-week period in April. Our Intake, Transport and Placement Teams were very busy, but they rose to the challenge. Thanks, all! They are working on three other pairs now. Hopefully all three pairs will have been adopted by the time our November issue comes out. Stay tuned!



16-019 Brandie and her 8-year-old brother, **16-020 Pumba**, came to us when their owner reported that allergies and the wife's new business left them no time for the dogs that they had adopted when the dogs were very young. To top it all off, **Brandie** had never been spayed, so this was the first order of business along with the removal of some lumps which were benign. We

were anxious to place the two dogs together, and Ted in Scottsdale was happy to take them. Soon after he got them, he reported that they had settled in nicely and were absolutely a blessing to him. They enjoy their walks on the greenbelt and sleeping with Ted in his bed. They have really adjusted well, and all are very happy. We are always grateful to adopters who will keep a bonded pair together and thank Ted for taking in these kids for the rest of their life. We know he will be rewarded many times over!



Pumba and Brandie



16-020 Pumba came to us along with his 8-year-old sister, **16-019 Brandie**. **Pumba** was more of an English Cream, whereas **Brandie** was golden in color. Although they were littermates, **Pumba** had not been adopted to his surrendering family until he was one. Both of them were terrific with kids and other dogs. As we always want to place bonded siblings

together, we were excited when Ted in Scottsdale was equally as excited to take the pair. He has let us know that both dogs are doing beautifully and are very loving and sweet along with being obedient. He says the previous owners sure gave both a lot of love and it shows! A happy ending for a very deserving pair of dogs!

16-021 Zona is a beautiful, 2-year-old red dog returned to Rescue when her owner sadly concluded that **Zona** really wanted to be the Princess of her home and not share her space with the resident small dogs. This sometimes happens when a bigger dog cannot handle the usual high energy of a very small dog. **Zona** had always been a bit timid and shy, which led us to believe she pos-

sibly might have been on her own for a while before the owner who originally surrendered her found her. **Zona** spent four days at **Academy West Animal Hospital** before she went to Ryan and Sam's house in Gilbert. We hope with some gentle guidance and invested time she will blossom. They have renamed her **Kota** (which is Japanese for "extreme happiness") and believe she is in her forever home. We know with some time **Kota** will be a great family dog for this very outdoorsy and committed couple.



16-022 Max and his sister, **16-025 Ruby**, were relinquished by their owner after the dogs had been kept in their back yard due to allergies of one of the children. **Max** was reported to be playful, and he loved balls and people. He needed a basic vetting and some dental work done, but was otherwise ready to go. We were so hoping to place these two eight-year-old

sweethearts together and were pleased when Cristi and Steve in Peoria opened their hearts and home to them. Cristi told us: **Max and Ruby are everything people love about Golden Retrievers. They are just the nicest, most loving dogs. My boys are coming home this afternoon from college and I am so excited for them to meet Max and Ruby. They have already given us a lifetime of JOY! They are amazing dogs and they will have a great retirement.**



Max and Ruby



16-025 Ruby came to us along with her brother, **16-022 Max**. [Ed. Note: You may be wondering why two dogs that came in as a pair like **Max and Ruby** have ID numbers that are not consecutive. It is because our database automatically assigns numbers for dogs for which Intake enters a profile, and sometimes a dog or two we thought would be coming in actually does not. When

such a dog is taken out of the database, the ID number returns to use.] Both **Max and Ruby** had been relegated to their back yard because of the allergies of a child in the household. **Ruby** was in fine medical shape with the exception of some ear infections which needed to be resolved. She weighed in at 90 pounds, so the Green Bean Diet was ordered. Cristi and Steve in Peoria were

so happy to take on this pair, and at last check the two dogs were doing wonderfully. We love to place a bonded pair together and thank Cristi and Steve for making it happen.



16-023 Apollo and his half-sister, **16-024 Luna**, bounced into Rescue as a pair. Their family had two young children and decided they did not have time to deal with two young dogs, too. **Apollo** is a 4 ½-year-old Goldendoodle but has more of the Golden Retriever look. He was originally intended to be a service dog and went through a formal program for five months before the handler found out that being around wheeled objects did not appeal to him. Probably as a result of that training, he is very people-oriented. **Apollo** is very confident and very friendly and assumes everyone wants to be his best friend. At the dog park, rather than play with other dogs, he runs from person to person, sitting on his/her feet offering to be petted. Everybody LOVES **Apollo**! His relinquishing owner told us that his confidence sometimes can border on “independent thinking” (a nicer word than naughty). His medical needs were minimal, so he and **Luna** were quickly snatched up by David in Mesa.

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Apollo and Luna



16-024 Luna is the 4 ½-year-old half-sister of **16-023 Apollo**, but she has more of the curly Goldendoodle look, and she is a beautiful grey/silver. The owner had originally planned to use **Luna** for breeding but decided not to because of a couple of genetic traits the breeder felt might be problems. **Luna** was adopted out at 8 months old and was completely non-socialized

and virtually afraid of everything and everyone. Before coming to **AGR**, both **Luna** and **Apollo** completed intermediate level dog training classes, so they are well behaved. **Luna** turned out to be a lovely companion with a compassion for people. She and **Apollo** were adopted by David in Mesa where they are doing very well.

16-026 Molly is a very pretty, approximately 5-year-old Golden/Great Pyrenees mix who came in from the Shelter. She had previously been sold on craigslist. However, she chewed through the new owner’s fence, escaped, and was picked up by the shelter. The owner decided not to reclaim her, as she feared **Molly** needed more training than the owner could provide. **Molly** told us she had a very tough week and was looking for a “forever” home instead of



a “never my home” and had heard that Rescue always looked for just the right home for a dog like her. It appeared, upon further research, that **Molly** had been re-homed three different times in just three weeks! She was just totally exhausted and wiped out. She was placed in one of our foster homes but returned quickly because she chewed through some blinds. Fortunately,

Wendy and John in Paradise Valley thought that **Molly** was just the dog for them and took on the chore of teaching **Molly** her boundaries. Pyr mixes are known for their somewhat destructive traits when left to their own devices, so our Behavior Consultant, Sharon McKenzie, was able to give Wendy and John some excellent advice. **Molly’s** new owners are just madly in love with her and willing to work out her “kinks”. Wendy tells us, *Molly first caught my eye on the AGR website and it was love at first sight, so I rushed to email Deb Orwig and put in a request to adopt her. We had previously adopted Jake many years before, but his valley fever caught up with him about 2½ years ago—he was a young dog, his numbers were low—a terrible shock and loss. I was told there was a waiting list of almost 100 people! But I was lucky, although maybe Molly wasn’t. She ran away from her last home and they probably hadn’t worked with her deep separation issues and other anxieties I’ve noticed. I received a call from AGR on a Friday and we had Molly the next day. I’m home almost all the time, as I have a home-based business—a perfect fit. Molly is doing better every day, especially thanks to AGR and Sharon McKenzie, who has been more than wonderful in helping with ways to overcome Molly’s fears. It’s such a joy to see Molly play with our Golden, Max, a 1½-year-old, mostly deaf, rambunctious boy, and watch her run the length of our yard just for joy. She’s really perked up and is our lady love. Thank you for bringing her into our lives!” Molly, you can settle down now. No more craigslist!*

16-027 Doc is a very handsome 1-year-old who was surrendered because the owner had no time to train him and he was “very high energy”. Gee, no surprise – he is still a puppy Golden, albeit a full-grown one! The owner described him as great with people and kids, absolutely nuts for his toys and very high energy. He had not been neutered, and he had an eye



problem which would require surgery to correct. Stephanie, Brett, and their very active family were ready to take on a youngster, so off he went to his new home in Tempe. Stephanie sent us this report. *Doc has been such a great addition to our family. We have four boys and two other dogs, Cali, our 4-year-old English Cream Golden, and Princess, our 10-year-old Malti-Poo. Doc was so timid that when he came to us he wouldn’t get out of the van when*

Connie brought him. He had to be carried out and he plopped to the ground and lay there. Each day since then has been equivalent to a week's worth of progress. Daily he improves and comes more out of his shell. He enjoys going to our Physical Therapy Clinic to meet patients and has learned to swim in our pool. He loves it! He is so sweet and affectionate. We have a trainer working with him, and each session he passes with flying colors! My goal is to have Doc become a therapy dog to visit kids at the children's hospital or go to senior care homes. Doc had eye surgery recently to repair some issues he had, but is healing great! The end of June we took him and Cali to San Diego for a few weeks. He visited Dog Beach and enjoyed the nice ocean breezes. Doc has been such a great addition to our family and everyone loves him! We are so grateful to AGR for placing Doc with us. We look forward to a long happy life with him! Life is truly good for this young boy!



16-035 Fitzgerald (yes, named after the Arizona Cardinals' football star) is a handsome and goofy 5-year-old Goldendoodle who was relinquished to us because his owner did not have time for him. Does he look like a **Fitzgerald** or not? Actually, he was called **Fitz** and had spent most of his time either outside or crated. He was great with kids and other dogs, and other than the need for neutering, he was ready

to go. Rita and Ned in Paulden were excited to take this crazy guy into their home. We hear all is well and that everyone has fallen in love with him. Happy forever life, **Fitz**!

16-038 Einstein is a Goberian, only the second one we have ever rescued (**Bilbo**, who was adopted by the Haywoods' daughter but comes with Gail and Dana to many of our Meet-and-Greets, was the first) – that mix, advertised as a new “designer breed”, is a cross between a Golden Retriever and a Siberian Husky. **Einstein** is about 3 years old and had landed in the MCACCS Shelter twice! A year ago, his owner bailed him



out; this year, the owner decided he was too much of an escape artist – and probably too expensive to reclaim (the second infraction costs in the hundreds of dollars). His teeth were rather bad so he had a dental done, but he did not need any extractions. He was infested with ticks, which necessitated a thorough grooming. He also had a raw spot on his nose that was diagnosed as possible discoid lupus erythematosus. He was sent to his adopter, Cris in Scottsdale, with Betagen topical spray, which Cris was instructed to use any time **Einstein** goes outside in the daytime to prevent sunburn. Cris told us that **Einstein** is a very sweet dog, mild-mannered with no behavioral issues and is doing well. Sounds like **Einstein** has found just the right home with an owner who will love and care for him – we think he will stay home this time!

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Liz Tataseo and Deb Orwig

Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on whom **AGR** has had to spend at least \$1,000. In this column in the May issue of *The Golden Paw*, we featured **15-096 Ford**, **15-098 Dakota** and **16-015 Layla**. Following up on these dogs... **Ford** has had a valley fever retest and is still taking fluconazole, but otherwise he is doing very well. **Dakota** has recovered well from entropion surgery in both eyes, and his adopters are managing his water-swallowing problem. **Layla** has had all her growths removed (all were benign) and is now tolerating injections with serum for her allergies, which have, consequently, greatly lessened in severity.

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 grow-



ing 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 June 2016, his treatment cost **AGR** an additional **\$5,249**. 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 has decreased, so we will be asking for all adopters and members to help with our *Special Needs Dogs Summer Fund Drive* in August to bolster up this Fund. Please consider contributing.

15-097 Faith, now **Casey**. It took **AGR** a while to finalize the adoption of **Casey** even after the puppies she had in mid-January were weaned. Due to the whelping, she was quite underweight, her coat was terrible, and her blood work showed some abnormally low protein levels, which we wanted to be sure were connected to the pregnancy and/or whelping and not to some other condition

like diabetes or Cushing's disease – apparently she has neither, but it took some specialized and costly tests to confirm, so her condition was all due to the pregnancy as we first suspected. When she came into Rescue last December, she tested positive for valley fever, but we could not treat her for that disease until the puppies were weaned, as fluconazole is known to cause harm to unborn fetuses and very young pups. By that time, her titer had gone up from 1:16 to 1:64, so she is now taking fluconazole and in three months her titer dropped to 1:32. Her cost to **AGR** has been **\$1,014** so far, but she still needs to be spayed, the cost of which **AGR** will cover. We hope her valley fever titer continues to decrease even more in the next couple of months so that she can safely have this surgery before she goes into heat again.



15-097 Faith, now Casey



16-016 Valentina was an owner-surrender for whom there were no vet records even though she was about 4 years old. The surrendering owner claimed the dog was given to her by someone who was ill and could no longer care for the dog, but the SO couldn't either, since she had two other dogs and her landlord said she could have only two. So, although she was already spayed, **Valen-**

tina needed all our standard vet work, and she had a mass in her mouth on her lower front jaw that needed a vet's attention. Due to the apparent nature and location of the mouth mass, our regular vet referred **Valentina** to a canine dental specialist. He ended up removing the tumor as well as a small section of her lower mandible (but not enough to affect her ability to eat). The tumor was sent out for biopsy and was found to be a non-malignant oral tumor. It was very fast-growing and would have eventually caused some real problems, so we had to have it removed. She is now doing very well. **Valentina's** expenses amounted to **\$2,719**.

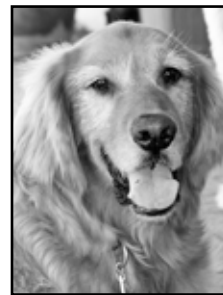


16-017 Katy needed some teeth extractions and tested positive for tick fever and anaplasmosis, both tick-borne diseases. She also had some kidney issues that were detected in her blood chemistry. For her poor coat and pyoderma, she was given a medicated shampoo to be used twice weekly, and doxycycline, the usual drug of choice for treating tick fever. This poor dog

had apparently had distemper as a puppy, which rendered her teeth really bad – she had multiple crown fractures as well as enamel loss as a result. In addition, **Katy** needed to be spayed

and to have a couple of small growths removed from her eyelids. As her generous FWITA, Diane, paid for her medications and prescription food, **Katy's** expenses for **AGR** amounted to **\$963**. Without Diane's contribution, **Katy** would easily have cost **AGR** over \$1,000. The amount Diane paid for **Katy's** treatment will be tax deductible, as she paid for those items while **Katy** was still officially in foster care. Thank you, Diane!

16-027 Doc came into Rescue with entropion in both eyes and a lump in his throat area. Lumps anywhere on a Golden can be a concern since many lumps can be cancerous, so we had the lump biopsied – it was a lymph node that had enlarged because of infections in **Doc's** eyes. He has recovered well from the entropion surgery, but the lymph node is being watched as it is still obviously enlarged. **Doc** still needs to be neutered, which should be done sometime in July. His expenses thus far have amounted to **\$1865**.



16-028 Zach came to **AGR** with his brother **16-029 Brody**. **Brody** needed basic vetting and a dental. **Zach**, however, required basic vetting, a dental, removal of five masses which were fortunately all benign, and X-rays to check his hips and legs because he was limping occasionally. The X-rays showed only mild degenerative changes in the synovial joints of the lumbar spine and in the left femoral head. These changes are

most likely due to his age (8) and the vet said nothing should be done now except a "comprehensive health care effort." Such would entail the addition of glucosamine/chondroitin to the dog's diet, as well as exercise to strengthen the musculature. The total for the two dogs who came in as a pair was **\$2,888**.

Deb Orwig's Fortuitous Encounter

On July 15th, which was, ironically, *Pet Safety Day*, I was on my way to the vet's office when I passed by a Markham truck on the freeway. On the side of the truck was their company motto:

Safety isn't just a word it's a life!

I thought about that saying until I got back home and decided I had to reprint it in this issue, which is all about safety precautions for your pet. I truly hope you find this issue of *The Golden Paw* educational, and that you will make sure your own pets stay as safe as possible so they can have long and healthy lives as your wonderful companions.

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Chaucer Courtney (14-085)



Abbie Engelhardt (13-077)



Dante Forte (15-030)



Goldie McHugh (13-033)



Dallas Blue



Sugar Curtis-Mardon/Sberna (14-061)



Honey Flores (13-044)



Roxy Raught (15-027)



Maura Youhas (12-083)



Honeybear Jessup

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.



McKenna Joyce



Bogart McDowell



Gonzo Tataseo



Jack Turner

And...

Kathy Villegas, AGR Member

and

Carol Allen,
Organizer and First Chairman of the
Golden Retriever Club of America's
National Rescue Committee

Safety - First and Foremost

By Deb Orwig

Many of you who are reading this newsletter are adopters of **AGR** dogs. Consequently, you are somewhat familiar with our adoption process. But do you know the one thing that is paramount for us in every aspect of an adoption? **Safety**. In everything we do and how we do it, we try to ensure maximum safety for the dogs that come into our Rescue. Safety is our primary concern from intake through adoption and beyond.

Intake

Here is how the process works. Someone who wants to surrender a dog calls our WAGSline phone number, 623-566-WAGS (9247), or sends an e-mail to info@arizonagoldenrescue.org. The phone is answered by Gail Haywood between 8 AM – 8 PM M-F, and she monitors the voice-mails when she personally does not answer. If a call seems like it needs the attention of Intake right away, she will call whoever is on duty and they will contact the caller immediately. If it is not a “911” call, she will send an e-mail to the Intake Team. If a request for surrendering a dog comes into info@arizonagoldenrescue.org, I forward the message to the entire Intake Team and whoever is on duty responds to the person.



AGR does not often get purebred Golden Retrievers from one of the Shelters, but we do take in some nice-looking Golden mixes like 16-046 Harley

Shelter Dogs. With shelter dogs, Judy Pettito, now Co-Manager of the Intake Team, reviews the dailies sent out by e-mail from Maricopa, Pima and Pinal Counties. If any shelter advertises a Golden or Golden mix, she monitors the dog until we have confirmation that it is a dog **AGR** would accept. She then tracks the dog to its “due out day” and sends a request for transport to the Transport Team. Right now, we have only seven **AGR** members who are authorized by the county shelters to pick up a dog under their New Hope program – we would like to have more! Their requirement is that the potential New

Hoper must go through their training program. We attempt to bring in a shelter dog as soon as possible after it is released for adoption so that the dog is not exposed to kennel cough and other diseases any longer than is absolutely necessary (3 days for an unknown-owner stray, 7 days for a known-owner stray). Sometimes our diligence doesn’t work, though. Two cases in point recently: first, we had our name on a 10-year-old purebred Golden, but he was euthanized at the shelter because he started having seizures and was rapidly going downhill; second, I went to pick up a dog, actually got the dog, and had driven back towards home about 10 miles when I got a call to return the dog to the shelter – he had supposedly been

Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever.

~ Karen Davison

committed to a member of the public before the shelter handed him over to me, which they should not have done. On a dog’s release day, the public is allowed to adopt between 11 AM and noon; if a dog has not been chosen by noon, then a Rescue can New Hope the dog. (Of course, the shelter wants dogs to be adopted by the public, because the public has to pay for them and Rescue gets them for free under the New Hope program.) So, I took the dog back and handed him over. It was a good thing, though – the lady told me her family had been to visit the dog every day he had been incarcerated, had played with him in the play yard, and had decided they really wanted him. Good for them – one dog that will most likely have a good forever home.

Owner Surrenders. What happens with an owner-surrender? The Intake Team does an in-depth phone interview with the owner to learn as much as possible about the dog. The dog’s profile is then sent to Placement and stored in our database. Our Transport Manager, Sharon McKenzie, sends out a Request for Transport to Team members. Whoever accepts the transport then contacts the owner to make pick-up arrangements. Sometimes it is what Intake deems a “911” situation – either the dog is in danger or the owner is leaving town and will abandon the dog if it is not picked up “right now!” Fortunately, we have a couple of transporters who are willing to drop everything to go get a dog. And fortunately, we work



AGR’s Placement Team diligently attempts to place dogs that come in as pairs, like 16-044 Riley and 16-045 Chassis, together, and we also try to accommodate a surrendering owner’s requests – with this pair, the owner asked us to find them a home with a pool because they both love to swim

with three veterinarians who have boarding facilities and are usually willing to accept dogs from **AGR**.



The safest way to transport a new intake like 16-039 Kenna, a pretty purebred we picked up at the shelter, is in a crate. The transport volunteer gets the privilege of naming a shelter dog.

Once we have a dog, it is usually transported to one of our participating veterinarians. Many owner-surrendered dogs are not up to date on vaccinations and some have not been spayed or neutered. Few of them have been microchipped. Some are sick and need to be evaluated. Shelter dogs are at least vaccinated before they leave the shelter. However, we also test our intakes for valley fever and heartworm, and, if they come from a shelter, we have a fecal test

done, too. Our vets also will treat anything that is treatable, like ear infections or open wounds. Other tests may need to be done, as well. If the dog is 8 years or older, we have a senior blood panel done to determine how well all the dog's bodily functions are performing. All these tests are done to ensure that the dog is as healthy as possible when we transfer the dog to a new home.

Placement

Placement has the task of finding the best approved-to-adopt family for the dogs that come into our Rescue. For the safety and well-being of the dog, we match the family to the dog, not the other way around.

Adoption Application

How does a family get approved to adopt? First, anyone interested in adopting must submit an Adoption Application from our website. As of July 1, a nonrefundable \$25 application fee must also be paid. The \$25 will be subtracted from a dog's adoption fee if the family is approved and eventually gets an **AGR** dog. After we receive payment, either via PayPal or by a check sent in the mail, the Adoption Application is forwarded to our Home Evaluation Coordinator, Sheila Joyce. To help us match a dog with the best possible family, the Adoption Application is designed to find out as much as possible about the applicant and his/her home environment.

As of July 1, AGR has a nonrefundable \$25 Adoption Application Fee that must be paid before the application will be released to our Home Evaluations Coordinator for review. If the applicant is approved and gets an AGR dog, the fee will be deducted from the dog's adoption fee; if the family is not approved, or if they are and AGR is unable to place a dog with the applicant, the fee becomes a tax-deductible donation.

Home Evaluation

Sheila reviews the application, checks her list of trained evaluators, and contacts the one living closest to the applicant to ask that the evaluator make arrangements to go to the applicant's home. **We could use some more home evaluators!** To become a home evaluator for **AGR**, you must do a ride-along with a trained evaluator at least twice, as well as review the appropriate section of our Policies and Procedures Handbook. Using a 6-page form as a guide, the Home Evaluator thoroughly inspects the grounds and the home, noting anything that might pose a hazard to a Golden or Golden mix. The Evaluator then enters the information into our database. If there are any "red flags",

In Arizona, many homeowners landscape their yards with various species of Cacti, Lantana, Oleander or Sago Palm, all of which are dangerous to dogs; our Home Evaluators tell applicants such plants must be removed or a hardware cloth barrier installed a foot deep, a foot higher than and a foot away from all such plants



Decorative landscape plants common in Arizona back yards are Beavertail Cactus and Barrel Cactus; both have sharp spines that can hurt a dog



All parts of beautiful Oleanders are extremely toxic; they have lush dark-green foliage and lovely white, light pink or dark pink flowers that bloom year round in AZ

such as dangerous (e.g., cacti, yucca, aloe, etc.) or toxic plants (refer to the list we published in the May issue of this newsletter) accessible to a dog, or if there are extensive dirt areas or piles of debris in the yard or holes in the perimeter fence, notes are made.

The Coordinator will inform the applicant that these items need to be removed, fenced off or fixed before issuing an approval to adopt. Bottom line is our home evaluators are charged with making sure an applicant's home and yard are a safe environment for an **AGR** dog.



A Sago Palm, which looks like a dwarf palm tree but is in fact a cycad, is deadly to dogs if any part is ingested

Transport

After a placement has been made, Transport again goes into action and arrangements are made to take the dog to its new home – or what we hope will be its new home. As with Home Evaluators, Transport volunteers must do a ride-along at least twice with someone who is already trained. There are actually six different transport scenarios, and if you really want proper training, you should attend one of each type before you do any on your own. If there are resident animals in the home, great care is taken by the transporter in introducing the new dog. Most of the time, a placement is successful, even in homes that have resident animals. However, sometimes situations



Most Golden retrievers, like 16-031 Kan Kan, will get along fine with cats, as cats usually let the dog know quickly who is boss – and it isn't the dog! Kan Kan came into Rescue with her sister, who did NOT like the cat, so the pair had to be moved from their original placement to another home; getting along with resident pets is something Placement cannot predict.

We could use more trained Transport volunteers!

arise that we cannot anticipate, and the Transporter decides for the dog's safety or for the safety of the residents, the dog cannot be left at the home. So, Placement has to try again to find an appropriate and safe home.

Settling-In Period

Usually three weeks are allowed for the dog to settle into its new home. We have found that sometimes it takes that long for the



We think 15-044 Missy, 15-100 Marley and 15-091 Sunny settled into their new homes quite well!



dog to relax and for its true personality to manifest, and sometimes that "true personality" is an unpleasant surprise!



We have had potential adoptive families demand that we finalize the adoption after 24 hours, but we usually make them wait the three weeks anyway. For the safety of both the dog and the family, we want to be sure the

dog is going to work out. Depending on health or behavior issues that must be resolved, we may not finalize an adoption for a much longer period of time. We view behavior issues the same way we view health problems – if an undesirable behavior is fixable, we will find help to fix it. Sometimes our Behavior Consultant, Sharon McKenzie, can assist by providing tips to modify behavior. Sometimes, fixing a dog's behavior is beyond any of our skills, so we will hire a trainer or place the dog at a training facility – there are a couple of good ones in the Valley.

Beyond Adoption

Beyond adoption, we are still concerned with the dog's safety. We check in with adoptive families periodically to be sure everything is going well. For the safety of the dog, we encourage adoptive families to do the following:

- take the dog to a veterinarian for an annual check-up
- renew the dog's vaccinations when these are due
- annually test the dog for valley fever and heartworm

- give the dog monthly heartworm preventative
- have the dog's teeth checked annually and have a dental done if there is significant tartar buildup or cracked/broken teeth
- use a proper leash and collar with an ID tag (the **AGR** red heart tag if you have an **AGR** dog)
- train the dog how to walk nicely on leash
- license the dog
- bring the dog to **AGR** events to help with socialization
- get the dog snake-avoidance trained if there are plans to hike with the dog
- purchase booties to protect the dog's feet
- play with and exercise the dog (but avoid outdoor exercise on hot days)
- feed the dog a good-quality food
- never leave the dog in a vehicle at any time of year
- integrate the dog into the household (i.e. not keep the dog outside)

Providing for Your Dog if Something Happens to You

Do you have provisions for your dog(s) or other pets in your will? Upon your demise, the executor of your will must know what to do with your animals and, obviously, get the animals out of your home before the one-year probate period is up! Someone has to be informed about your pets. If you have an **AGR** dog and something happens to you to render you unable to care for the dog, the dog must come

back to **AGR** – this stipulation is in the Adoption Contract you signed.

Please be sure a

family member or a lawyer who handles your estate knows that the dog must be returned to **AGR**. If your dog is not an **AGR** dog, please have a plan in place that someone else knows about, so that your dogs are cared for (and not turned over to a shelter) in case of your incapacity or death.

*If you adopt an **AGR** dog and something happens to you – serious and/or chronic illness, physical impairment or death – so that you are unable to care for the dog, the dog must be returned to **AGR**!*

Does someone among your family or friends or in your neighborhood have a key to your home? Suppose you were seriously hurt or killed in a car accident or had to go to the hospital for a medical emergency, would anyone know you have dogs at home and how to get to them? Have you left written instructions regarding the care and feeding of your dog(s) someplace in your home where someone could find them? I recently had to pick up a Golden that belongs to a friend who had to go to the hospital for emergency surgery. I had never been to her home, but she left a key with a neighbor and had thorough instructions regarding the dog typed on a paper folded up to fit in an empty pill bottle and labeled **K-9 Vial of Life**. This pill bottle, which she had gotten from **Best Friends Dog Club** in Sun City, was inside the door of the refrigerator. On the paper folded up and enclosed in the pill bottle, she had filled

K-9 VIAL OF LIFE

Dog's Name

Dog's Birth Date or Approx. Age

License No.

Microchip No.

Brief instructions for disposition of dog in case of owner's incapacity or death

Veterinarian's Name and Contact Information

Practice Name

Veterinarian's Name

Address

Phone

Hours Open

Vaccination Expiration Dates

Rabies

DHPP

Bordatella

Food, Supplements and Medications

Location(s)

Brand(s)

Quantity and Frequency of Feeding

Supplements – type, quantity and frequency

Medications -- name, dosage and frequency

Supplies with specific location

Medical Records

Food and Water Dishes

Crate or kennel

Dog Bed

Leash

Collar if not already on dog

Grooming tools and shampoo

Toys -- favorite one?

Habits

Potty breaks

How often?

On leash or off?

Uses a dog door?

Prefers grass, gravel, other?

Feeding Time(s)

Walks -- how many and what time of day?

Likes to swim?

Other forms of exercise?

in all the information shown in the box to the left. It took me only a short time to collect the dog and all her necessities. Do yourself and your dog a favor and make your own **K-9 Vial of Life!**

Vehicle Safety

Suppose your dog is riding with you in your vehicle and you are in an accident. You are hurt and are unable to get to your dog; the dog may or may not be hurt. Are there instructions regarding your dog in your vehicle's glove box? That is most likely where First Responders would look. If you are going on a trip with your dog, make a copy of the form included with this newsletter on page 30, fill it out and put a copy in your glove box, in your wallet, and with the bag of your dog's food, or tape the form some place obvious.

Never leave your dog alone in your vehicle even for a minute and not even with the windows down or the air conditioning on. On a 90-degree day, the interior temperature can reach as high as 160 degrees in ten minutes. Animals can withstand brain damage or even die from heatstroke in as little as fifteen minutes. If you see a dog left alone in a hot car, write down the car's color, model, make, license plate number and specific location. Have the owner paged in the nearest buildings; call local humane authorities or police. Have someone keep an eye on the dog. In Arizona, it is legal to break a car window in order to remove a dog or a child left inside. However, it would be better if a police officer would do the breaking! Don't leave the scene until the situation has been resolved.

Secure the dog in the vehicle. If taking your dog for a ride, please be sure your dog is secured in the back part of your vehicle (but not in an open truck bed!). Use a crate if your dog is a nervous pacer – a pacer will distract you and his/her nervousness may cause you to have an accident. If your dog is a good rider, then secure the leash to a tie-down somewhere in the back or, if you have a sedan, on the back seat with a seat belt harness. Please do not allow the dog to ride in the front passenger seat, or, even worse, to ride in your lap between you and the steering wheel even if the dog is secured with a seat belt harness. If you had to stop suddenly and the air bag deployed, it would probably kill the dog.

Water on trips. On any length trip, carry water and a water bowl in your vehicle to make sure your dog stays hydrated. There are no-spill water bowls available from pet supply stores, or you can order one from smile.amazon.com. A good idea is to fill a large water bottle half full (an empty half-gallon or gallon juice bottle with a screw-on lid works well) and freeze it overnight, then top it off with cold water. Such water should stay cold for most of a day-long trip.

Windows up, please! When you are on a trip, your car windshield acts as a bug collector, doesn't it? Has your car windshield ever needed to be replaced because it was dinged or cracked by debris thrown back by vehicles traveling in front of you? Have you ever driven through a dust storm? In Arizona, it is common



15-096 Ford and 15-097 Faith just before transport to the vet from the surrendering owner's home; imagine what might have happened if a rabbit chanced to run by the vehicle when the dogs were hanging out the window like this!

to have blown stuff damage your windshield. Can you imagine what would happen to your dog's eyes if the same stuff hit them as what hits your windshield and causes it to crack? As much as he/she might enjoy it, please do not allow your dog to ride with his/her head hanging out the window! His/her eyes could be damaged by just about anything in the air, including dust,

rocks and bugs.

Also, with open car windows... If you have an impact or slam on the brakes suddenly, the dog can fly out the open window even if it is just sitting in the seat. This happened to Connie McCabe. She had to slam on the brakes and her Golden **Honey** literally flew out the window and rolled down the street. Fortunately, drivers managed to avoid her and she only had mild abrasions, but Connie said the incident gave her quite a scare. I, too, had a dog fall out of an open car window years ago (before I knew better). I was going only about 5 mph in a parking lot when the dog, who was balanced on the window ledge, went over, landed wrong and broke a leg.

More about vehicle safety... Do not ever let your dog ride in the open back of a pick-up truck, not even if the dog is in a crate, or not even if its leash is tied down to something in the truck bed. Also, even though they may enjoy tootling around town in a convertible, please allow them to sit in it only for photos!



A photo op with 09-014 Orion and 15-098 Dakota

Outdoor Safety

Pool Safety. Always be present by your pool and paying attention (no talking or texting on a cell phone or reading a book) when your dog is swimming. I have known a Golden who was a good swimmer but lost her balance and fell into her pool at an angle from which she could not recover. Fortunately, her owner knew CPR, but though the dog did not drown, she ended up with brain damage.

Be careful not to allow your dog to over-do in the length of time they play/swim in the pool – many of them don't know when to quit, so you must make them before they exhaust themselves. If your pool is not fenced, it is imperative that you teach your dogs

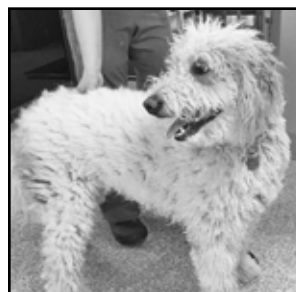
not to go into the water unless they are invited. The first time they go in without your permission, haul them out as quickly as possible and admonish them with a stern, "NO POOL!" You may have to do this more than once to get the message across. Have some toys that are only for pool use. Bring out these toys and throw them into the pool when you are available to watch the dog in the water. Whenever the dog sees those toys, he/she will know it is OK to go swimming.



16-009 Vin learning to swim wearing life jacket; notice he is carrying a bumper in his mouth – carrying a pool toy in the mouth helps the dog level out in the water and helps prevent trying to "swim into the sky"

Exposure and Heat Stroke. Limit your dog's exposure to the outdoors during the summer. If you have to leave the house, close your dog door. Do not leave your dog outside even if there is shade in your yard and you have a mister system on your patio – these are not enough to keep your dog from developing a heat-related condition. The *Humane Society of the United States* cautions dog owners to respect the heat. Dogs do not sweat as humans do. They lose heat only through their paw pads and by panting. Dogs can get heat stroke and/or become dehydrated. Always keep fresh, cool water available for your dog and limit outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day. A dog can even get overheated swimming in a pool if the pool water is quite warm, so be careful with the duration of pool play, also.

Extreme temperatures can cause heatstroke. Some signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness. Dogs that are very old, very young, overweight, not conditioned to prolonged exercise, or have heart or respiratory disease are more prone to developing heat stroke. If your dog does develop any of these symptoms, move the dog into an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to head, neck, and chest or run cool (not cold) water over him/her. Encourage the dog to drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Visit a veterinarian as soon as possible.



To shave or not to shave? Sometimes a new intake has a coat loaded with ticks or has horrible mats and has to be shaved for treatment or for its own comfort like our Goldendoodle, **16-036 Zoey**, in the photos here. **Zoey's** coat is like her poodle parent – she has hair instead of fur, and at intake she looked like



a “rastafarian sheep dog” (photo bottom of page 26) according to the transporter, so we had the vet’s groomer shave her down (photo at left) to get rid of all the unsightly, and most likely uncomfortable, mats. Goldendoodles that favor the poodle parent must have their hair trimmed on a regular basis. If you could see

the “shaved” photo of **Zoey** in color, you would notice that her skin is very pink, so to prevent the development of skin cancer, it will be extremely important for her adopters to limit her exposure to the sun until her hair grows out some.

If Golden were meant to be shaved, they would have short fur to begin with!

~ Anonymous

Arizona Golden Rescue does not recommend shaving a Golden, especially in the summer. A Golden’s coat actually insulates it from the heat as well as from cold – if you have your Golden shaved, he may get even hotter than if you had left the coat alone. If your dog is constantly in the pool and has a thick coat that never seems to dry out, that is not good either, as the dog can develop fungal infections of the skin. If your dog is an avid swimmer, consider having a reputable groomer give your dog a “summer cut” which will just shorten the fur, not take it down to the skin. In addition to possibly getting overheated, shaved Golden are susceptible to sunburn and, therefore, to skin cancer.



13-006 Sammy McCabe / Dodson is a happy boy with his summer cut

Insects and related critters. Bugs can be a problem in the summer. Biting flies, mosquitoes, bees, ticks and fleas are all more abundant at this time of year and can be more than just a nuisance. Good protection against ticks and fleas will be provided by Frontline Plus®; if you’re hiking in the woods with your dog, you might consider a tick collar as an extra protection.

Mosquitoes and ticks may carry diseases, in particular heartworm or West Nile virus, and tick fever, respectively. Be sure there are no areas on your property where water can collect and stagnate – that is the type of place in which mosquitoes will breed. If you have a lawn, keep the grass cut short to minimize the possibility of ticks and other insects. Do not use fertilizer or pesticides unless these specifically state on the label that they are safe for pets, and then allow your pets on the grass only after the spray has dried.

Thunder and other Loud Noises. In Arizona, our dogs may be

exposed to the loud noises of fireworks or occasional thunder-and-lightning storms, especially now during the summer monsoon season. Many dogs are fearful of thunder, lightning cracks and other loud noises. When she first detects the rumbling of thunder, my Golden **Dolly** climbs into the bathtub behind the shower curtain or burrows under some blankets that are on the floor in the back of my closet. I have a *Thundershirt*® which I put on her, too. It fits her snugly and helps her feel secure. As was recommended to me at one time, I have tried desensitizing her to the noise of thunder and lightning by playing a CD with nature sounds on it, but that did not help her very much. DAP diffusers have a reputation of working well to help some dogs calm down. However, unless you have a small room in which you can enclose both the diffuser and the dog, the concentration of the calming chemical in the air will be so low that it most likely won’t have much effect on the dog. If the dog’s behavior is truly terrible during a storm, please speak with your vet about getting some sedative medication. There is one that goes by the common name *Clomicalm*, and it usually works. However, the effect takes a while to develop, so the dog must be started on this drug a month before storm season and then kept on it every day until the season is over. Using a short-acting sedative, such as benedryl, acepromazine or valium might work better for your dog, but be sure to consult with your vet before starting any medication. Just about the worst thing you could do is to cuddle, hug and pet your dog and talk soothingly when he/she acts up during a storm, because those behaviors by you act as positive reinforcement for the undesirable behaviors your dog exhibits, thus encouraging them to continue. Good intentions – trying your best to help the dog calm down – may backfire and actually cause the dog to get worse.

If your dog experiences noise anxiety of any kind, please keep him/her indoors during storms and when fireworks are being used, and please do not take the dog with you to view any outdoor fireworks spectacles.

If you go out, try turning on the TV or a nice CD to provide soothing music or background noise as a buffer to outside noise. If you have a dog door, be sure it is closed when you leave. Dogs who normally don’t jump have been known to clear a 6-foot block wall if they get outside and get scared.

Fire Safety

In the event of fire, do you have an evacuation plan and an escape route for yourself and your dogs? The more important question is, *Have you practiced it?* Does your dog have a favorite or safe spot in your home? That is where he/she is likely to go in case of fire.

Pet Fire Safety Day is July 15

We missed acknowledging it this year, but why not resolve now to have all the fire safety tips described here in place by this date next year?

Do you have smoke detectors? If not, get some. When Daylight Saving Time ends (first Sunday in November), be sure to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms. Have a leash in the vicinity of your escape route, so you can grab it to ensure your dog cannot bolt, because the alarms and firetruck sirens can scare him/her. Also, it would be a good idea to put a Pet Safety Alert decal on ground-floor windows at the front and back of the house alerting first responders to look for a dog or other pet in the house. You can purchase a 2-pack of such decals on smile.amazon.com for \$4.99.

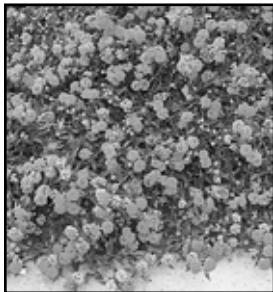
Your dog could inadvertently start a fire if left alone in your home. Don't allow the dog to be unattended even for one minute around open flames (BBQ or fireplace), range burners that are on, ovens, or even candles. If you want to use candles, get the kind where the wax and wick are enclosed in a glass container and keep the container high up where the dog cannot accidentally knock it over. Consider covering or removing stove knobs, as the dog could jump up on the stove and knock them into the ON position. Have you seen the commercial on TV where a pizza box containing a slice of pizza is pulled off the stove by a dog, the box catches fire, then the house catches fire? It could happen. Fortunately, the dog in the commercial gets out of the house safely, but your dog might not.

Be sure electrical cords are covered or otherwise secured so your dog cannot chew on them. Also, get plug covers to put in outlets that are not in use.

The *National Fire Prevention Association* has some great information and advice about fire safety on their website: <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/>

Toxic and Other Dangerous Substances

Plants. In the May issue of *The Golden Paw*, we covered the



Lantana (a.k.a. Shrub Verbena, Yellow Sage and Red Sage) is another plant that is very commonly used for decorative landscape; there are several color varieties including white, pink, lavender, gold, red and orange. Lantana contains pentacyclic triterpenoids, which cause vomiting, diarrhea, labored breathing and weakness. If you like the looks of lantana, please keep the plants in your front yard where your dog cannot get at them!

are shown on page 23 of the issue you are reading now. If you did not get the May issue, you can download it from our website or you can pick up a copy at one of our events – we usually have extra copies with us. The section from that issue on toxic and non-toxic plants is also available as a stand-alone on the Information tab on our website. Most of the information we included

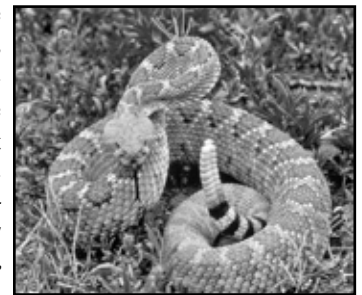
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came from the ASPCA.org website where they show all the plants in color. Educate yourself and remove or cordon off dangerous plants that are in your yard.

Antifreeze is extremely toxic to pets, and its sweet odor is tempting to dogs and cats. In the summer, if your car overheats, antifreeze may leak out of the radiator and form puddles on the floor of the garage. So check your garage floor often, clean up any spills and get your radiator repaired. When you are walking your dog, pay attention to your neighbors' cars and potential puddles of antifreeze on their driveways or in the street and avoid these at all costs.

Other toxic substances. You should take care to put away behind closed doors pool chemicals, citronella, insect repellents that contain DEET, charcoal-lighter fluid, glow jewelry (in use especially on the 4th of July), and avoid such pests as scorpions, spiders and rattlesnakes.

Poisonous snakes. If you live in an area where rattlesnakes are prevalent, please consider getting your dog "snake proofed." Three companies that offer snake avoidance training are *Partners Dog Training School* in Cave Creek (<http://snakeproofing.com/>), *Viper Avoidance* (www.vipervoidance.com) in New River, and *Southwest Snake Avoidance Experts* (<http://snake-avoidance.com/>).



Western diamondback rattlesnake is common in Arizona; photo by Gary Stolz, US Fish & Wildlife Service

Toxic Foods. Some foods should never be given to dogs. At the very least the dog will get sick and could die from ingesting even a little. Allow your dog to eat turkey only in small amounts.

DO NOT GIVE THESE FOODS/MEDS TO YOUR DOG
Chocolate, grapes, macadamia nuts, onions, or raisins, and do not allow your dog to have any product containing xylitol (like sugarless gum and some peanut butters) – these all have toxic effects. Also, do not give your dog aspirin, acetaminophen or ibuprofen. These drugs can cause gastrointestinal problems, respiratory difficulties, neurological problems, bleeding disorders and kidney failure. Always check with your vet regarding medications.

Speaking of Meds... Some prescription medications for dogs can be purchased from Internet sites. You may think you are saving money by using such sites, but the Internet sale of such drugs is not regulated by the FDA. The FDA has found companies that sell unapproved pet drugs and counterfeit pet products,

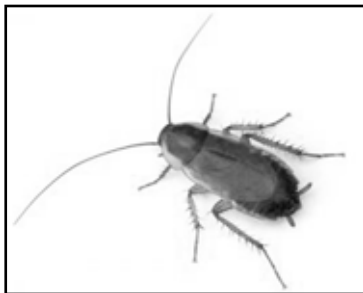
make fraudulent claims, dispense prescription drugs without requiring a prescription, and sell expired drugs. Even if there is an expiration date on the product, you cannot tell if the medication has been stored properly and is still effective. If you want to order from an Internet pharmacy, check to see that the company is a *Vet-VIPPS* accredited pharmacy, which has strict licensing standards and inspection requirements.

Ice cubes. Many dogs like to eat ice cubes, especially on hot summer days. Limit your dog's intake to only one or two, though, as eating too many can cause harm. Connie McCabe related to me that she once saw a dog start to have tremors after eating too much ice. Also, watch your dog very carefully if he/she is trying to eat an ice cube. I had to do the Heimlich maneuver on a Golden once because he swallowed a piece of ice that was too big to go down his throat – he choked on it and couldn't breathe. Fortunately, I had recently completed a human first aid and CPR course, so I knew how to do perform the Heimlich maneuver, but it scared the living daylights out of me!

Miscellaneous Safety Considerations

Food and Water Dishes Need to be Kept Clean. Do you wash your dog's food and water bowls by hand with soap or put them in the dishwasher? You should do this on a regular basis, preferably every day. Minute food particles that can grow bacteria will remain in bowls that look like they are licked clean; bacteria can develop in water bowls, even if the water is replaced several times a day. Would you eat off a plate or out of a bowl that had been used, or drink out of a used glass? Probably not. So, keep your dog safe and healthy by taking care to wash your dog's food and water bowls.

And so does your yard! Please "poop patrol" your yard every day. Either pick up the dog feces using the "Five Finger Pickup" method (put your hand in a plastic bag that has been turned inside out, grab the poop, then turn the bag right side out) or use a poop scooper and deposit the poop into a garbage can lined with a plastic bag, so that you can lift the bag out every week to put out for your household trash collection. If you use a poop scooper, it is a good idea to wash it off with the hose after use; consider rinsing it in a bucket of diluted bleach (but don't leave the bleach solution where the dog can get at it!). Dog poop left on the ground in your yard is not only unsightly, it is unsanitary. Some insects, like cockroaches and dung beetles like to eat or live in dog feces, and flies of many species will lay their eggs in feces, so you would be encouraging populations of all these critters if you leave the poop on the ground. Also, feces harbor bacteria. It is especially important to clean up the feces if your dog



Wood cockroaches can be up to twice the size shown here; the adults can fly; both immatures and adults can move very fast!



Adult dung beetle about life size

is coprophagic like my **Dolly** – she will eat poop if I don't pick it up as soon as one of the dogs deposits some, and sometimes it is a challenge to beat her to a pile! Yuck!

Trash Cans. Keep household trash cans in a cabinet or closet behind a closed door or get the kind with lids that lock on. A smart dog can get into trash cans with lids that are just set on top and have a movable flap like the one shown here with

Winnie McCabe / Dodson. Connie and Nick got an unpleasant surprise one day when they left **Winnie** loose in the house and



came home to find trash strewn from one

end of the house to the other! There may have been something enticingly smelly in the can, or maybe **Winnie** was just bored and decided she wanted to see what was in there!

I made a similar mistake years ago. My own Golden never disturbed the trash in the kitchen trash can. However, I had a boarder once who did. We had had BBQ ribs and corn on the cob for dinner. I wrapped all the bones and cobs in aluminum foil and without thinking dropped the package into the open kitchen garbage can. The boarder got into it and ate everything, foil and all. He passed blood in his stool for three days! I was lucky – he could have died.

Years ago when Connie and I were members of **RAGofAZ**, we brought in a Golden who had gotten into a bathroom garbage can like the small ones that people often keep by the toilet. When the dog started throwing up blood, the owner, not knowing what the dog had ingested, called the Rescue to surrender the dog, because he had a suspicion it would cost him a bundle if he took the dog to a vet. So, the rescue had to do it. The vet did a barium series and detected a blockage. The dog needed surgery to open up his gut; the vet removed a large wad of adhesive tape wrapped around gauze. Once he was adopted, the dog had to have gut-opening surgery two more times because he ate some things he shouldn't have (once it was a *TV Guide*). The adopter appropriately named him **Hoover**.

Please take our trash mistakes to heart and purchase some dog-proof trash cans or put your kitchen and bathroom trash cans in a closed cabinet!

EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET

Everyone who travels with their pets should carry a copy of this sheet in the glove compartment of their vehicle, one in their wallet or purse, and one attached to a crate if your pets travel in such – the latter copy should be laminated and visible to anyone who would have to go into your car/van in case you were in a wreck or have another emergency.

ATTENTION - IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!!!!

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Pet's Name: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Description: _____

Medical Information:

This animal is current on all vaccines and is of no threat to anyone with whom it may come into contact.

If dog is not wearing a collar when in its crate, this animal's leash is located: _____

and you will be in no danger should you try to open the crate to attach the lead.

This pet has the following medical conditions that must be treated: _____

This pet's regular veterinarian is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

What you should know about this individual animal:

SHOULD I BE UNABLE TO ATTEND TO MY ANIMAL DUE TO INJURY OR DEATH:

Please contact:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Animal should be boarded in the nearest animal boarding facility or veterinarian. PLEASE do not take my pet to an Animal Shelter or Humane Society. The above person has agreed to pay all fees to retrieve said animal and they have my permission to remove said animal from the boarding facility. Said person also agrees to pay any medical bills for said animal.

Should my first emergency contact be unavailable please contact:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Said individual has also agreed to the above.

Should one of my animals be on the loose following a car/van accident, please contact the above individual who will assist in the search should I be unable to participate. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. This animal is a member of my family and it is my wish that it receive the best care possible.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

HERE and THERE
 Events from April 18 through June 30, 2016

Since we covered our big spring events, *Paws At The Park* and *The Phoenix Pet Expo*, in the May issue, and because it was usually too hot to hold outdoor events in May and June, we do not have many activities to report in this issue.



Meet-and-Greets at Petco

By Liz Tataseo

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



Chris Spiel, Patrick Doyle and Don Krause

There was great weather in April and May for all of us to be outside; we get much better traffic that way. Joining **Reba** and me on April 30th were Patrick Doyle, Don Krause with **Stormy** (his last Meet-and-Greet before leaving for the summer – thanks Don), Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and puppy **Vin**, Chris Spiel



with **Jack** and **Nash** and Peter Wong with his new German Shepherd Dog trainee **Nikko** (photo at right). Treats were given out, not only from the **Petco** staff, but also by the customers. They really enjoy seeing and petting the dogs and want to reward them.



Liz, Connie, Jill, Fred, Hillary, Patrick and Chris with Teddy, Jasper, Reba, Barklay, Nash, Duffy and Jack

and **Vin** (**Murphy's** brother), Fred and Jill Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash** and new member Hillary Wilson, who helped with Deb's dogs. **Murphy** and **Vin** had a



Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with Murphy at his first Meet-and-Greet – he did great!

good reunion and were happy to play together again. All the dogs had a great time getting petted and also getting many treats from the **Petco** staff.

June was too hot for being outside, so we went inside, right up front thanks to the **Petco** staff. We did about half in terms of donations since we were inside and missed the traffic passing through the parking lot. Patrick was again there to help out with dogs and set up. Teri Guilbault came with her latest adoptee, the lovely **Layla**. She was a little apprehensive at first but soon her tail was wagging away in enjoyment. Also joining in the fun were Deb with **Duffy** and **Vin**, Chris with **Jack** and **Nash** and Liz with **Reba**, who always enjoys herself. This day, **Reba** and **Vin** had



Reunions are fun to watch at our Meet-and-Greets; here are brothers Duffy and Barklay in back and brothers Murphy and Vin in front

a short round of mouth wars, **Vin** cautiously approached a baby in her stroller, **Reba** wondered again if those small things walking around were really small dogs or toys, and **Jack** and **Nash** were their usual personable selves.



Patrick and Chris sharing a laugh; we all really do have a good time at these events!

We will be indoors at this **Petco** store on August 27th and September 24th. Please join us!



Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

CHANDLER, 2860 E Germann Rd – Dana Haywood, Host



On April 10th, we had an unusually low turnout at this busy store, only Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley** and **Bilbo**. We still managed to collect \$61 in donations, and as we all know, every dollar helps



Even though Sharon Flores lost her AGR Golden, Honey, in April, she still gives generously of her time to help at Meet-and-Greets and now to co-manage Intake; she is on the right in this photo, catching up with Deb Orwig

with our rescue of more dogs. We do invite members with their dogs in the southeast Valley to join us at this store on the second Saturday of each month. We are there from 11 AM - 3 PM. The store personnel always make sure we have a nice setup inside.

Our May meeting was on Mother's Day, the 8th. I am sorry, but I have neither notes on who came nor any pictures from this date. Deb has a record that we took in \$64 in donations, though.

June 12th was our last Meet-and-Greet for the second quarter. Joining us today were

Sharon Flores, Jeff and Amy Stevey (**Gideon** stayed home because of the heat), Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Sucy** and puppy **Joie**, Deb Orwig with **Dolly** and **Vin**, Dean Mortimore with **Missy** and



The group in Chandler on June 12th included: Gail Haywood with Riley; Dana Haywood with Jake and Bilbo; Sharon Flores, who handled Deb's Dolly for the day; Deb's Vin is right in front of Sharon and next to Gene Spiker and his daughter who is holding onto Tucker; Kelley and Karey Rodeffer in back with Suey and Joie (behind Dolly), and Dean Mortimore with Missy

Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, **Bilbo** and **Jake**. **Vin**, only a month older than **Joie**, had a good time playing with her. The larger contingent of volunteers with dogs this day, from what we had in April and May, collected over twice the donations: \$155.

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



Ozzie Parker, who used to be extremely timid, had a great time with us on April 9th

Please consider stopping by a Meet-and-Greet close to you to meet your fellow AGR members – everyone is welcome and it is a great way to socialize your dogs and meet the public, too! And the more people and dogs that are there, the more foot traffic is drawn to us for even more contacts and donations.

Most of the photos taken at AGR events are able to be viewed on the AGR website under the Events tab. Just select Gallery.

It was a beautiful day on Sunday, April 9th at the Peoria **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet. Joining **Grizzly** and me were Karen Davis with



Chris Spiel with Bailey, Susan Parker with Ozzie, Shotzie Workman with Penny and Ginger, Sheila Joyce with Charlie, Jill Prose with Grizzly, Fred Prose with Jasper and Gracie, Karen Davis with Star and Caesar and Don Krause with Stormy

Caesar and **Star**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Don Krause with **Stormy**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Susan Parker with **Ozzie**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**; Chris Spiel with **Bailey**; and

Shotzie Workman with **Ginger** and **Penny**. Although traffic was light, we met some nice people and potentially some new fosters. We also had a visit from Condi Edmonds, whom we had met on Facebook! We took in \$90.18 in donations.



Fred instantly becomes the center of attention when he distributes the grain-free treats Connie brings for the dogs; she also brings yummy Chex mix for the humans!

It was a beautiful Mother's Day Sunday, May 8th at the Peoria **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet. Joining **Grizzly** and me were Debbie Ball with **Shelby**; Carolyn Blean and Denise Padavano with **Jake**; Karen and Phil Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Vin**; Fred and



Pat Morgan with Grizzly and Sunny, Karen Davis with Star, Phil Davis with Caesar, Debbie Ball with Shelby, Deb Orwig with Vin and Duffy, Carolyn Blean, Liz Tatasco with Reba, Denise Padavano with Jake, and Peter Wong with Nikko

Jill Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**; Liz Tatasco with **Reba**; and Peter Wong with **Nikko**. As usual when he comes to AGR events, Peter put on a demonstration of some of the behaviors (he does not call

them "tricks") **Nikko** has learned. It's fun and impressive to watch them work! We met some great people and potentially some new fosters. Extra nice day and excellent company, plus we collected \$127.22 in donations. Thanks, of course, to Nick Dodson, who transported supplies and helped set up.

We did not do a Meet-and-Greet in June as it was too hot to be outside, and there is no good place inside this store to set up. We will be suspending any more Meets at this location until at least September. Please check the website calendar for upcoming Meet-and-Greets at all locations.

SCOTTSDALE, 7077 E Mayo Blvd – Denny Myrick, Host (photo at right with Molly)

On April 9, 2016, an absolutely beautiful spring day, the following *Arizona Golden Rescue* members contributed to another successful North Scottsdale Mayo Blvd *PetSmart* Meet-and-Greet: Tom and Sally Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocki**; Wes Harrington with



Spicer; Stephanie Watkins and her daughter Michelle with **Charles** and **Barkley**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Hannah**. This was Deb Orwig's 4½ -month-old **Vin**'s first Meet-and-Greet and he did beautifully... a well-socialized dog. We collected a total of \$164 in donations.



Michelle and Stephanie Watkins with Charles and Barkley



Wes with Sadie and Andie; Denny with Dolly, Deb with Duffy, Tom with Molly, Sally with Rocki and Nichola with Lucky

Sadie and **Andie**; Nichola Lubold with **Lucky** – this was Nichola's first Meet-and-Greet with wonder dog **Lucky**; Denny Myrick with Deb Orwig's **Dolly**; and president Deb Orwig with **Duffy**. Also attending was photographer Pam Spicer. We collected a total of \$200 in donations.

May 14, 2016 Mayo *PetSmart* Meet-&-Greet:



Pam Spicer took two group shots because some volunteers were not with us when one of the pictures was shot. In the left photo are Cynthia Wenström with **Hannah**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, Martha McDowell with **Vin**, and Denny Myrick; in the right photo are Dana Haywood with **Riley**, Gail Haywood with **Bilbo**, Dakota Nomakeo with **Jake**, Deb with **Vin**, Amy Maynard with **Bentley**, Denny with **Duffy**, and Cynthia with **Hannah**



Nichola Lubold with Lucky

We had a nice turnout for the May 14th Mayo *PetSmart* Meet-and-Greet. The following *AGR* members and their dogs participated: Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Bilbo**; Nichola Lubold with **Lucky**; Amy Maynard with **Bentley**; Martha "Gift Wrap" McDowell; Denny Myrick (host); Dakota Nomakeo with **Jake**; *AGR* president Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Vin**; photographer Pam

Meet-and-Greets at Pet Planet
By Dana Haywood, Host

Pet Planet, Village Plaza 12605 N Tatum Blvd, Phoenix



Although we had a quiet showing at *Pet Planet* Paradise Valley on April 2nd, we still collected \$60.55. In attendance were Gail and Dana Haywood and grandson Dakota Nomakeo with **Riley**, **Bilbo** and **Jake**. We come to Paradise Valley on the first Saturday of each month and hope to see other members at this location when we resume our Meet-and-Greets there in the fall.

We had a nice day on May 7th knowing that next month the weather would start getting hotter and that we would no longer be able to have Meet-and-Greets at this location because the inside of the store is so small. Today Gail and I brought **Riley**, **Bilbo** and **Jake** and were joined by Dean Mortimore with **Missy**, Malcolm Sherman with **Sage**, Deb Orwig with **Vin** and **Duffy**, Jolene Schlichter, and our daughter Dawn Nomakeo. This was the first Meet-and-Greet which Malcolm and **Sage** have attended. We hope they had an enjoyable time and will join us again in the future. Our good-sized group took in \$252 in donations, emphasizing again the fact that the more dogs that are present, the more donations we collect.



Sage with Malcolm Sherman



Although **Jake** and **Bilbo** were officially adopted by Dawn Nomakeo, Gail and Dana Haywood's daughter, both dogs usually come to Meet-and-Greets with just Gail and Dana. Looks like **Jake** knows who his mommy is, though!

Pet Planet, 8912 E. Via Linda in Scottsdale



Dylan wears a chartreuse green (Tony Cotner's favorite color) Donation Vest and sits in Tony's green chair with a pair of green flip-flops on the seat – we miss you, Tony!



We were at the **Pet Planet** on Via Linda in Scottsdale on April 23rd. Attending were only Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Bilbo** along with our stuffed Mascot Dylan. Monthly Meet-and- Greets are

posted on the website and advertised through e-mail reminders. Please help support us in our cause by coming to our Meet-and-Greets, even if you cannot stay for the whole time. Surprisingly enough, we collected \$180 in donations today!



Dean Mortimore with Missy and Gail Haywood with Jake, Bilbo and Riley and Dylan in the chair

On May 28th Dean Mortimore came with **Missy**; Jim Henkel brought **Winston**; and Dana and Gail Haywood had **Riley**, **Bilbo** and **Jake**. We started outside, but it got too hot to stay out for long, so we moved inside. With the small group we had, there was enough room for all. We collected \$100.



Jim Henkel stopped by with Winston

We did not meet at either Paradise Valley or Via Linda in June. It was too hot to be outside and both stores are quite small inside.

2017 A Touch of Gold Calendar



Connie McCabe, with her masterful artistic skill, is creating an absolutely spectacular 2017 calendar for **Arizona Golden Rescue!** The beautiful photo above of **15-068 Shaggy** and **15-069 Teddy** is on our cover in glorious color. Each feature photo is accompanied by the dog's story. As usual, there will be two pages of photos of volunteers at **AGR** activities (is your picture there?) and two centerfold pages showcasing our Gallery of Calendar Sponsors. In addition, every empty box you normally see on a calendar page will have a photo of one of our rescued dogs (is your dog pictured?). You will want one of these gorgeous calendars for yourself and others to give as gifts, so order early to be sure you get the number you want. We have kept the price at \$10, as it has been in previous years. You can order with the Order Form enclosed with this newsletter. Starting in October, calendars will be available for purchase from several of our regular veterinarians and at every **AGR** event. Calendars ordered in advance will be sent out in September. Please be sure to add postage costs to your order if you want your calendar(s) mailed. See Order Form for cost schedule.

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.

Words to Ponder

Safety Quotes from *The Quote Garden*

<http://www.quotegarden.com/safety.html>

Safety sayings, circa early 1900s, are just as true today...

Safety saves sickness, suffering, sadness.

Practice "Safety First" today: It may be too late tomorrow.

Do not depend on others for safety – help yourself.

Every accident is a notice that something is wrong with men, methods, or material – investigate – then act.

Safety brings first aid to the uninjured. ~F.S. Hughes, 1912

You don't need to know the whole alphabet of Safety. The a, b, c of it will save you if you follow it: Always Be Careful. ~ Colorado School of Mines Magazine, Golden, Colorado, August 1918

Do not think because an accident hasn't happened to you that it can't happen.

Carefulness costs you nothing. Carelessness may cost you your life.

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.

You do not have to be an adopter of an **AGR** dog to help us raise some needed funds at this time of year when nothing much is coming in and will not until the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* on September 17th.

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

Donations for Golf Tournament Raffle and Silent Auction

Do you have any new items (gifts or impulse buys?) which you do not use or have decided you don't want that you could donate for our golf tournament raffle or silent auction?

Do you work for or own a company that provides a service that the public might want: pest control, yard maintenance, pool cleaning, house cleaning, dry cleaning, car wash, furniture store, salon or spa, hotel/motel, airline, dinner theatre, art museum, restaurant, etc.? If so, would you or your company be willing to make a donation for our golf tournament? Do you think your company might purchase a hole sponsorship for the tournament? Why not ask? New sponsorships are only \$200. How about purchasing a hole sponsorship yourself in honor of your rescued dog(s) or in memory of a beloved pet you've lost? We will provide a beautiful hole sign designed by Connie McCabe and approved by you.

Do you have reward points accumulated on a credit card that you would be willing to use to purchase gift cards for **AGR**? Gas (any brand), **Walmart**, **Target**, **Home Depot**, **Lowe's**, **Barnes & Noble**, **Best Buy**, **Staples**, **Amazon.com**, any restaurant – anything like these would be wonderful, as we can use them either as is, or to purchase items at the appropriate store.

Would you be willing to approach your neighborhood **Fry's**, **Safeway**, **Albertson's**, **Basha's**, or **AJ's** and ask for a gift card for **AGR**? We can use these to "fill in the holes" of raffle baskets that are not quite complete. We will provide a donation letter and, if you need it, a copy of our 501 (c) (3) determination letter.

Do you spend a lot of time in a commercial airplane for business or pleasure? How about using some of your accumulated miles to purchase airline tickets for **AGR**?

Cash donations are, of course, also very welcome!

All donations are tax deductible for their full retail value. It doesn't matter whether you purchased the item or it was a gift. We will provide a Donation Receipt and a letter of acknowledgment for every donation.

Please contact Deb Orwig if you have anything you can donate or if you're willing to help solicit or to pick up items that are being donated by others.

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

~ Attributed to Carl Bard

How You Can Help Arizona Golden Rescue

Check the mailing label on the back cover for the expiration date of your membership and pay your dues promptly.

Make a tax-deductible donation to **AGR** to help us rescue more Golden Retrievers and mostly-Golden mixes in need.

Offer to organize and chair a fundraiser of some kind – we need the small ones as well as the big ones.

When raffle or silent auction items are needed, donate something, or send in a check and ask the event Chairman to purchase some needed item(s) for you.

Make a gift to **AGR** in honor or memory of someone dear to you, 2-legged or 4-legged.

If you would otherwise dispose of it, recycle your copy of *The Golden Paw*. Donate it to a vet's office, library or hospital.

Purchase gifts from the selection of merchandise we sell (we have lots of great stuff!), or make purchases online through our website from one of the many businesses that will give **AGR** a percentage of the sale.

Talk about **AGR**, our goals, efforts and activities to anyone and everyone.

Give a gift membership to someone special; it is only \$25 per year for a Single, \$40 for a Household.

Find out if your employer has a matching gift program – you may be able to double or triple your financial support of **AGR**.

Donate Forever postage stamps, a ream of copy paper, a box of #9 or #10 envelopes, or a box of 9" x 12" envelopes.

Patronize our supporting veterinarians and groomers with your non-Rescue pets.

Donate a small amount monthly to **AGR**; you may not miss \$5, \$10 or even \$20, and it will add up over the course of the year. You can set up an automatic donation with your bank or via PayPal.

Buy one or more of our calendars.

Include **AGR** in your estate plans and your will.

Ask anyone who normally gives you a gift for a birthday, anniversary or holiday occasion to donate to **AGR** the amount of money they would have spent on a present for you.

Get actively involved in the operation of **AGR** – volunteer for a Team, attend a public event, write an article for *The Golden Paw*, or consider fostering.

Let us know if you have special talents that might benefit **AGR**.



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



Other Ways to Help AGR

Donate a good-quality digital camera that is at least 12 megapixels.

If you get a new cell phone, save your old one and donate it to **AGR** – we recycle them for \$\$.

Our storage facility costs us \$192.32 per month. Become a Storage Sponsor for a month by donating that amount.

Encourage anyone you know who might be considering making a Golden Retriever part of their family to contact a Golden Retriever Rescue organization in their area instead of purchasing a puppy from a pet store. The **National Rescue Committee of the Golden Retriever Club of America** lists all such groups nationwide on their website: <http://www.grca-nrc.org/localrescues.html>

Tell us how we are doing – we constantly strive to improve, and we value your comments.



To Benefit
Arizona Golden Rescue
 4-Person Scramble Event at the Camelback Golf Club
Saturday, September 17, 2016

Silent Auction and Raffle during dinner following the tournament
 Please join us for the Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction even if you aren't golfing
 Dinner cost is only \$40 if you register early, \$50 if you wait!
Many Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Individual Entry Fee: \$150 • Foursome \$600
 Fee includes range balls, greens fees, cart and dinner


Early Registration Discount
 (by 9/7/16)
Individual \$120 • Foursome \$480


Register early. Limited entries accepted.
 Check-in: 11:30 am - 12:45 pm | Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm
 For more details and to register online:

www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/golf
 Contact: Deb Orwig 623-693-0589 or deb.orwig@arizonagoldenrescue.org

REGISTER NOW!

PRIZES!

Each member of winning team:

1st Place Team:
 \$100 Gift Card to
Veneto Trattoria

2nd Place Team:
 \$75 gift card to
Pomo Pizzeria Napoletana

3rd Place Team:
 \$50 Gift Card to
Sushi Brokers

\$50 Prizes also for
 Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive
 (man and woman)

Fun for everyone!

Our volunteers have just started to
 work on procuring items for our
 Raffle and Silent Auction, but here
 are some we have so far:

4 One-day Passes to **Disneyland**

2 Adult Passes on the
Verde Canyon Railroad

Ninja Coffee Bar

Two In-Home Wine Tasting Parties
 for 10 from **PRC Wines**

Two Gorgeous Hand-quilted
 Dog-theme Lap Quilts

Burgers, Galore! from
Five Guys

In-N-Out Burger
The Habit Burger

More items are arriving daily!

**FIESTA BUFFET
 DINNER MENU:**

- Chicken Fajitas
- Tortillas, Onions, Bell Peppers
- Cheese, Sour Cream, Pico de Gallo
- Cheese Enchiladas
- Spanish Rice
- Refried Beans
- Garden Salad
- Inn Baked Cookies



Golden Hearts



We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between April 10 and June 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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Mary Coumides	Denny and Debbie Myrick
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Marti Joyce	Malcolm Sherman
Tillie Kieffer-Smith	Rosalie and William Soares
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Honorary Donations

In Honor of 16-009 Vin's First Meet-and-Greet at Petco
Deb and Larry Orwig

In Honor of Friend Emily Raymer's Birthday
Alison Quill

In Honor of 15-094 Rosie
Nancy and Al Ward

In Honor of Dr. Valerie Ferguson and the staff at Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital for their love and caring
Alice and David Courtney

In Honor of Ilan Wieser's Bar Mitzvah
Mark Klink
Deb and Larry Orwig
Sharon and Philip Wieser

In Honor of 11-017 Bela Selznick
Hannah and Mitch Selznick

Memorial Donations

In Memory of All 2nd Quarter Bridge Dogs and people we have lost including 12-083 Maura Youhas, 13-077 Abbie Engelhardt, 13-033 Goldie McHugh, 13-044 Honey Flores, 14-061 Sugar Curtis-Mardon/Sberna, 14-085 Chaucer Courtney, 15-027 Roxy Raught, 15-030 Dante Forte, Dallas Blue, Honeybear Jessup, McKenna Joyce, Bogart McDowell, Gonzo Tataseo and Jack Turner; Carol Allen (GRCA NRC) and Kathy Villegas

Teri and Jeff Guilbault
Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson

Deb and Larry Orwig
Liz Tataseo

In Memory of 14-085 Chaucer Courtney in addition to those donors shown above for all 2nd Quarter Dogs and People
Alice and David Courtney

In Memory of McKenna Joyce in addition to those donors shown above for all 2nd Quarter Dogs and People
Debbie and Rick Ball
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In Memory of Golden Bailey belonging to Nancy and Ted Lewis
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Community Partners Program Activity during 1st Quarter

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Diamond Donor for 16-009 Vin
Deb and Larry Orwig

Diamond Donor for 15-021 Jasmine
Sandra Hansen

Memberships - New Advanced-Level Supporters

COPPER (\$50)

Megan and Trenton Bender
Stephanie and Brenton Fischer
Nancy and Jeff Harwin
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PEARL (\$500)

Julie and Kory Kosier

Thank You All for Your Continued Extra Support!

Special Donations
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund

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Thank You Donations

To Deb Orwig for vacation dog care for 13-022 Barklay
Chase Panosian

To Deb Orwig for vacation dog care for 16-004 Murphy
Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain

To Deb Orwig for vacation dog care for Shelby
Debbie and Rick Ball

To Deb Orwig for caring for Sky while I recover from surgery
Betty J. Thompson

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Leslie Carson

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To those supporters who have set up a regular monthly donation either through their bank or through PayPal
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Liz Tataseo In Memory of **Gonzo**

Intuit Is Now Unavailable

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, using Intuit from our website to make donations or payments for merchandise is no longer an option as of May 31. They wanted to start charging AGR \$90 per month for the service, and we said NO. PayPal is still available, and Deb Orwig can take your credit card information over the phone (623-693-0589), but the best way to get money to us is to send a check to our US Mail address: 5350 W. Bell Rd., Ste. C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308.



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