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

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Cover Design by Connie McCabe of **Faith's** and **Ford's** puppies

Masthead photo is also of **one of Faith's** and **Ford's** puppies

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## Editor's Assistants' Notes



Dolly, Mufasa and Duffy Orwig

As many of you know, we lost our “brother” **Troy** at the beginning of March. Sadly, he didn’t quite make it to his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Last year just after Labor Day weekend when we had **Duffy’s** brother, **Barklay**, as a guest, **Troy** developed a limp in his front left leg. Our mom thought it was probably the result of a soft-tissue injury from **Troy** cavorting around the back yard with **Duffy** and **Barklay**. Our regular vet thought so, too, and put him on a course of prednisone, which helped for about a month. A couple weeks after **Troy** finished the prednisone, the limp returned, so he was referred to an orthopedic specialist, Dr. Stephanie Foote (yes, that is really her name) at **VetMed**. After extensive tests, manipulations and a biopsy of **Troy’s** elbow joint fluid, Dr. Foote concurred that the limp was probably a result of a soft tissue injury. She put him on a strong antibiotic (in case of an undetectable infection) and a much higher dose of prednisone for a much longer time. The limp went away within a couple days. In late January after **Troy** had been on this protocol for a couple months, he had a nosebleed one morning. A blood test revealed a high white cell count. More tests showed what the vets had probably suspected for some time but couldn’t prove – cancer. We then worked with a canine oncologist, Dr. Kim Hillers, who prescribed the chemo drug Palladia, among other drugs. **Troy’s** mother, **Ladybird**, had done well on this drug, which bought her an extra 10½ months with the family. Unfortunately, it gave us **Troy** for only another month.

The point of us relating this story is, if you suspect your dog has a disease, to encourage you to get him or her to your vet, but don’t expect the vet to always be able to tell what’s wrong. Even with every test available, sometimes vets cannot render an accurate diagnosis. And that’s when we know they wish we canines could talk!

The other thing we’d like to emphasize is to take your dog to your vet as soon as you think there is something amiss. Mom told us about **Teddy**, who is now a member of Connie and Nick’s household. **Teddy** was first adopted from **AGR** five years ago. When he started limping on one of his rear legs, his owners took him to a vet, who thought it was a torn ligament. They let it go for 2½ years and then gave him back to **AGR**. Only after the leg was amputated

was it discovered that he also had developed synovial myxoma, a cancer of the connective tissue. Had the family surrendered him when they first noticed the limp, his leg might have been able to be saved. But he is doing well now as a tripod, no worse for the wear and, thankfully, no cancer detectable anywhere else in his system (read his adoption story on page 15).

We now have a new little pack member in our household, **Vin**. He was one of **Faith’s** puppies who were born at our house on January 13<sup>th</sup>. You can read their story on pages 21-24. Our mom has told us it is our job to help train **Vin** in the do’s and don’t’s of being a house dog. Even though **Duffy** is three years old now, we still have to remind him occasionally that some behaviors are a no-no, so we have a long road ahead of us with **Vin**! We are good teachers, though, and it will be fun. You can expect to start seeing **Vin** at **AGR** events soon.



## Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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Spring is a time for new beginnings (Puppies! – see the story about ours on pages 21-24) and wonderful outdoor activities (read about *Parada Del Sol/Trail’s End*, *Paws At The Park*, **PACC 911** Adopt-a-thons, the *Phoenix Pet Expo* and regularly-scheduled Meet-and-Greets on pages 32-44). The weather in Arizona is usually spectacular; it’s great to work outside in a garden (my roses are gorgeous); flowers are blooming everywhere in the desert; and walking and hiking with your dog can be done without too much worry about overheating, dehydration, or getting feet burned.

Precautions still need to be taken even so. If you are going to add some new plants to your yard, please be sure they are not among those that can be harmful to dogs. In this issue, we have included a list (pages 25-26) published by the **ASPCA** of nontoxic plants and another list of toxic plants (pages 26-31). Some plant derivatives, such as cocoa mulch are also toxic. Even though it smells wonderful (like chocolate) and the dark brown color looks good on the ground around plants, such mulch is highly toxic to dogs, so please do not use it.

Our Home Evaluation Team members are charged with recognizing plants that may be harmful to dogs. If an evaluator finds any such plants during a home visit, the plants are pointed out to the homeowner; the family is told they must fence off the plants or remove them in order to be approved as potential adopters, as our number one priority is the dog’s safety.

Spring is also a terrific time to start obedience training with your dog. There are some good training facilities in the Valley to help

you learn – or refresh – your skills in how to train your dog to walk nicely on leash (“heel”), and to obey such simple commands as sit, down, stay and come, all behaviors a well-mannered dog must know.

Those of you who live in the less suburban areas of the Valley where you might encounter rattlesnakes in your yard, or if you like to hike with your dog, would be well-advised to get your dog snake-avoidance trained. **Partners Dog Training School** in Cave Creek (4640 E Forest Pleasant Place; 480-595-6700; [www.partnersdogtraining.com](http://www.partnersdogtraining.com)) and **Viper Voidance** in New River (43226 N 7th Ave; 480-215-1776; [www.vipervoidance.com](http://www.vipervoidance.com)) are two facilities in the North Valley area that are recommended. In Gilbert, there is **Master’s Kennels Dog University**, 17309 S 144th St (480-917-DOGS; [www.doguniversity.com](http://www.doguniversity.com)). Based in Queen Creek, Louis Robinson, a veteran K-9 handler and trainer, offers snake aversion training at your home (there is an extra cost for mileage; 602-400-2799; [www.robinsondogtraining.com](http://www.robinsondogtraining.com)). If your dog gets bitten, the antivenin can cost upwards of \$2,000 or even more depending on the quantity it takes to counteract the venom. The couple hundred dollars that snake-avoidance training costs is nothing compared to that, nor to the pain, possible disfigurement, or death that a snake bite might cause.

One last thing I want to mention... At the March Board Meeting, the Board discussed a situation that is a nationwide trend: there are far more applicants who want to rescue a Golden now than there are Golden retrievers available to rescue. We are certainly seeing this trend manifesting locally: in the first 4 months of 2016, we have taken in only 24 dogs, and 8 of those were born into Rescue – we lost 3 of the puppies, as well as a 4<sup>th</sup> dog who was surrendered to us in such decrepit condition we could not save her, so we really have had only 20 dogs available for adoption. In that same amount of time, we have received, by my count, 136 adoption applications, a huge load for our home evaluators (anyone want to join the Home Evaluation Team to help?! Recognizing that many of the applicants are probably “impulse buyers” and considering the small number of available dogs vs the large number of applicants, the Board has decided that beginning on July 1, **Arizona Golden Rescue** is going to charge a \$25 application fee. This fee, which will be nonrefundable (but which will never go into the pockets of our home evaluation volunteers), must be paid before a home evaluation is scheduled. If the home does not pass inspection, then the applicant will lose the \$25. If the home is approved, the \$25 will be subtracted from the adoption fee of whatever dog is eventually placed with the family, so there will not be a monetary loss by those families that really want to rescue a Golden, have a home environment suitable and safe for a Golden, and eventually get a dog from our organization. We hope this new policy will help weed out families that are not really serious about rescuing a Golden and will prevent wasting the valuable time of our home evaluators.

Those of you who are Facebook subscribers are probably aware

that some Golden Retriever Rescue groups in the US have obtained Golden retrievers from foreign locations like Turkey, the Caribbean, Mexico, Taiwan and Beijing. Considering that so few Golden retrievers are available to rescue locally, you may wonder why **AGR** has not made an effort to acquire some Golden retrievers from elsewhere. The primary reason is that 98% of our donors are local, and we believe their money should stay local.

**Golden Bond Golden Retriever Rescue** in Oregon is a group that has taken in dogs from Beijing. Their President, Jill Groves, recently posted a message to the GR Presidents’ e-list of which I am a member. She detailed the process of acquiring such Golden retrievers and enumerated the major problems with that process and with the health conditions of the dogs they have received. It is not an inexpensive proposition. Jill details the two main problems: (1) finding a safe and economical way to transport the dogs to the US and (2) convincing the Chinese shelter owners to release the dogs to Rescue instead of using them in the dog meat business. The cost for air cargo transport for one Golden retriever from Beijing to San Francisco, Los Angeles or Seattle is \$3,300 to \$4,300; and because air cargo gets involved, the Chinese government requires government employees to process the shipping, so the cost escalates. The most cost-effective means of getting the dogs here would be to send a volunteer to Beijing to accompany the dogs as an escort, which would still mean a trip cost of over \$2,000 (and at least a 16-hour flight one way) just for the person and one dog. And then, of course, there is the vet work that has to be done on the dogs once they get here – the dogs have only had a rabies vaccination and are intact; four of the five dogs brought over by **Golden Bond** have had skin issues which required antibiotics and medicated baths. **Golden Bond** also basically kept the dogs in quarantine for 2-3 weeks (boarding charges in the Phoenix area could range from \$20 per day and up) before vaccinating and sterilizing them. If you are interested in reading about the dog meat trade in China, visit **Golden Bond’s** website: [www.goldenbondrescue.com](http://www.goldenbondrescue.com) Suffice it say that for now, we will just wait for feedback from you, our members, about the possibility of acquiring some Golden retrievers from out of the country.



*It's a Ruff Life!*

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Director of Activities**

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I have been an active member of AGR since October 24, 2012. Early on I went to a couple of Meet-and-Greets with **Nash** and **Jack** and progressed through the years to attending almost every **AGR** event. I know such activity is very unrealistic for most members. But, the one thing that really stands out to me at these events is seeing the same members volunteering over and over again. I often think to myself at these events... It sure would be nice if others participated once in a while to help with loading up

the merchandise at Deb Orwig's house, set-up and/or take-down. Where are all the new faces?

**AGR** adopted out 100 Golden retrievers and Golden mixes in 2015. That means there were close to 100 new members (a few households adopted pairs or adopted a second dog from us) who became part of the **AGR** family. But yet, I see the same volunteers at **AGR** events setting up the tents, tables, merchandise, etc. When your Golden or Golden mix came into our Rescue, his or her medical and/or behavioral needs were met or are continuing to be met. Medical and/or behavioral costs totaled \$148,000 in 2015. This was an average of \$1,480 per dog. The adoption fees (highest is \$350) and membership dues (\$40 for a Household) don't even come close to covering these costs. By attending and volunteering at **AGR** events with your dog you can help pay it forward and make sure there are funds for Golden retrievers or Golden mixes needing to be rescued just like there were when your Golden needed financial support.

Volunteering at our events is not only about collecting donations, it is so much more than that. It is a great opportunity to educate the public about **AGR** and what rescued Golden retrievers are really like. It is a great way to feel accomplished and rewarded. Every time I leave an event, no matter if it's a short Meet-and-Greet or a long day at the *Phoenix Pet Expo*, *Parada del Sol* or the *Paws At The Park Picnic*, I always leave with an uplifted spirit and know that yes, I was a part of something really good today! Not only does volunteering benefit the Golden retrievers, but also studies have shown that people who volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who do not and have fewer symptoms of chronic pain or heart disease. Sounds good to me!

With crazy, busy, hectic lives with families, work and other obligations, attending **AGR** events is probably down low on your list of "to-do's" and is difficult to fit into your schedule. **AGR's** schedule is always on our website calendar, and each issue of the newsletter alerts our members about upcoming activities, so you can plan usually months in advance. If you can make the commitment to **AGR** and attend at least a few events during the year, it would really be a GREAT BIG HELP to those of us who attend frequently and will benefit the Golden retrievers immensely.

PLEASE help pay it forward!!! Thank you!

If you would like more information about **AGR** events and volunteer opportunities please do not hesitate to contact me.

*The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too. ~ Samuel Butler*

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

Our Largest Fundraiser of the Year is Coming Up!

## **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fore! Paws Golf Tournament**

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

Camelback Golf Club

1 PM Shotgun Start, 4-Person Scramble Format

Help will be needed:

*Donations Solicitation Committee*

*Basket Creation Committee*

(baskets will be assembled at

Deb Orwig's house in Glendale)

*Loading the Trailer on Friday, September 16*

Set-Up at Golf Club on Saturday Morning, September 17

*Help during day at Golf Club on September 17*

*from set-up at 6:30 AM to clean-up at end of evening  
(about 8 until 9:30 PM)*

Please plan to attend

If you golf, please register to play

If you don't golf, come for dinner (*Fiesta Buffet!*) and to participate in the raffle and silent auction

If you can't attend at all, please consider providing a cash sponsorship (any amount)

or donate an item or items for the raffle or silent auction  
Contact Chris Spiel ([cmspiel@gmail.com](mailto:cmspiel@gmail.com)) to volunteer

Contact Deb Orwig ([dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net)) to help with solicitation and/or basket creation

### *Paws Forward*

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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Keeping our canine friends out of trouble, whether it be ingesting a toxic plant or snooping too close to a legless reptile, can be a never-ending challenge. Trying to minimize these problems is why our Home Evaluation Team members frequently find themselves in sometimes awkward conversations with prospective adopters about their landscaping, particularly in the backyard where presumably the new family member would be allowed to roam at will. It really doesn't help if they already have a dog who "has never had a problem." The opportunities for injuries multiply when two or more dogs start playing together. Also, some dogs don't taste vegetation while others tend to graze.

It seems that most of the plants that survive our extreme heat “bite”, are toxic, or both. Even roses “bite” but at least they don’t leave spines to work into or through a limb. The tension between being water conserving and safe is on-going. One of our experienced members was recently considering adding to her backyard landscaping only to be confronted with this dilemma. Sometimes it is the plant that is toxic. Sometimes it is the root or seeds. Please research any plants you are considering adding to your yard.

As large active dogs, our Goldens need exercise beyond just hanging out in a back yard. This exposes them to the native flora and fauna. Probably the most forbidding cacti are the many varieties of cholla, the so-called jumping cactus. For the protection of both humans and canines, one would be wise to always carry a comb and tweezers along with water for everyone on the excursion. Eventually, most dogs will learn to avoid cacti if they see them. Whenever you return from a trek in the desert, check all paws for thorns and cuts and treat accordingly before they become infected.

Keeping your dogs safe on hikes presents a whole array of concerns. Dogs have disappeared chasing rabbits, deer, javelina and other wildlife. A friend’s young dog found himself being chased by a javelina (a mean beast), so he came back to his family for protection. Now the people and dog were confronted with the problem. Fortunately, all escaped injury.

Unless you are absolutely secure that your dogs will not chase, get spooked, or otherwise leave your sight, it is best to keep them on leash. Several years ago a group of us were hiking in the mountains. As we were walking along a nature trail going up a mountain, there seemed little area for the dogs to wander away. One of the group had a fairly new dog which she let off leash as others of us had. Suddenly, a riderless horse came flying around the bend running straight for us. The new dog panicked, running frantically ahead of the horse. Two days later, the dog was found in a campground in the area and returned. She was lucky!

There are wonderful ways to enjoy our canine friends but to keep them safe, we need to be alert and informed.



### *The Information Highway*

By Dana Haywood,  
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GREAT NEWS! **Arizona Golden Rescue** is now mobile! *I’m in!*, one of our newer valued sponsors, has designed and developed an Android mobile app for us which is now available for download from Google Play. *I’m in!* approached **AGR** to create the app earlier this year. For every company for whom they create an app, they donate one to a nonprofit and we were one of the nonprofits

they offered it to. At this time the app content is limited, but I will be adding more content to it as I get more comfortable with the software. The app will have some of the same content as the website but in a more concise form and will have some content that is only available from the app. One way I plan on using the app is to list events that are upcoming in the near future, as I do with e-mails that go out as reminders. When you access our website with a mobile device not using the app, you will be redirected to this form of the app with the option to “Switch to Desktop Site” available at any time. We were not able to get an iPhone app created, as Apple charges \$90 per month to list the app in their App Store, whereas Google Play does not charge to list the app. There is a link to our app on Google Play with a link available on the home page of our website. One of the most important responsibilities I have is to make sure that the website stays current. As with anything that has to do with the information field these days, the only constant we deal with is change itself. We hope this app helps to bridge the change into viewing the website on mobile devices.

One donation adventure we tried in the past was the donation of unwanted vehicles to us that would be picked up for free, and working through a process that the Rescue would get a fair amount of the value of the vehicle. Unfortunately, the company that we were dealing with went out of business when their business ethics came into question, and the nonprofit organizations would not receive anywhere near the amount of the value of the vehicle that they were promised. I have been approached by a new company, **Cars Inc.**, which has been in business since 2004 (see [www.cardonatingiseasy.org/](http://www.cardonatingiseasy.org/)). According to information provided to me, the nonprofit **Cars Inc.** has been the leader in the vehicle donation industry with its innovative approach to shared marketing, visionary fundraising and processing of vehicle donations, all focused on maximizing proceeds for nonprofit organizations. They actively work with over 2,220 nonprofit organizations nationwide such as **Autism Speaks Inc.**, **KQED** of San Francisco and **The Arizona Humane Society**. According to the person I am communicating with at **Cars**, the nonprofit receives about 80% of the donation value. So, if you have a vehicle you no longer use or want, please consider donating it to **AGR** via **Cars**. There will be a tax deduction in it for you for the money we receive.

I send out e-mails to the primary member of the household’s address several times a month listing events that are happening on both sides of the Valley. We look for members to join us at these events so that we can distribute information about our organization and collect donations to help with our vet costs. We encourage you as members, especially new members with recently-adopted dogs, to join us even if you can only stay a portion of the time that we are at a location. We especially need help at big events, such as **PACC 911** Adopt-a-thons and other events we attend for either an entire day or sometimes a two-day weekend. Over the years, we have lost members who once could come on a regular basis. Setting up and taking down our booth, especially when we have a lot

of merchandise, is quite time-consuming; with the loss of some of our help this has become difficult at times. Luckily we have now been able to purchase a 6' x 12' cargo trailer to bring our tents and other items to event locations. We thank all those who donated to this special fundraising request (see article on pages 12-13), which allowed us to purchase the trailer without using any monies that had been raised otherwise for the vet care of our incoming dogs. Please consider volunteering your time. Many of our dogs have been "paying it forward" for many years to help new dogs that come into Rescue, and now it is time for new rescued dogs to help out by doing the same.

We like to issue a reminder on a regular basis to members who shop at the *Fry's* supermarket chain of stores. Did you know you can help support *Arizona Golden Rescue* just by shopping at *Fry's*? It is easy when you enroll in *Fry's Community Rewards*®. By using your *Fry's* VIP Shopping Card when doing your shopping at any *Fry's Food and Drug*, *Fry's Marketplace*, or a *Fry's Signature Store*, you will earn rewards for *Arizona Golden Rescue* every time you shop and use your VIP Card! *AGR* receives a check every quarter. Participating in this program does not cost you anything, nor does it affect the points that you earn on your card. It is a win-win for both you and *AGR* when you register your card and designate *AGR* as your charity of choice. For information on how to sign up, check out the home page of our website for the *Fry's Community Rewards*® link. A note to all: your VIP card link to *AGR* has to be renewed every August/September for *AGR* to continue receiving the donation for the next year. We will remind you again in the August issue.





*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 gotten

previous issues of this newsletter, you can download them from the Information tab on our website.

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 Linda Gage, founding member number 74F.



Linda Gage (formerly Knight) grew up in Watertown, CT, where her family enjoyed the love and companionship of **Beechnut**, her childhood Lab mix, as well as many other beloved family dogs. Her family raised Beagles and this is where Linda found her calling of caring for dogs and loving them unconditionally. Although Linda worked

successfully in sales in the corporate world before relocating to Scottsdale in 1991, canines were always her first love.

In 1995, Linda opened **Desert Knight Grooming**, where she outgrew her new digs in no time and expanded 3 times within 16 years. She volunteered for the Golden rescue groups in several capacities while growing her grooming business in leaps and bounds. Many of her loyal clientele included rescues and she quickly became known as "The Golden Groomer in Scottsdale".

In 1996 Linda adopted **Bubba** from Pet Finders, and he is the reason Golden Retrievers are still her breed of choice. His typical Golden antics, love for swimming in the backyard pool, sweet demeanor, and beautiful coat and handsome face captured her heart immediately! Linda adopted **Finley** from **RAGofAZ** in 1999 and

fostered seven Golden Retrievers during the following year. **Finley** quickly became her “heart dog” and was faithfully by her side for 12 years. While fostering, it was incredibly heartwarming to watch a frightened or unloved Golden come into Rescue and find their forever home! Linda believes fostering provides an unmatched feeling of mutual unconditional love.

In 2011, two shoulder surgeries forced her into temporary retirement, and Linda sold **Desert Knight**. Thankfully she healed, and in 2013 she opened a brand new state-of-the-art grooming shop which she named **All-Star Grooming**, a tribute to her love of dogs and baseball, and where she can be found 12 hours a day Tuesdays through Saturdays ([www.All-StarGrooming.com](http://www.All-StarGrooming.com)). **All-Star** today employs a dedicated and loving staff of a dozen groomers and bathers with over 105 combined years of experience and always offers grooming for adopted and fostered **AGR** Golden Retrievers at a reduced rate. Linda has continued to own, love and champion the causes of Golden Retrievers her entire adult life.

Once **AGR's** Health Care Manager, Linda continues to volunteer for Golden Retrievers and the **AGR** Health Care Team when grooming is needed. She and her new husband, Gordon, are currently owned by **Fenway Frank**, her ninth “Golden Child”! As a founding member of **AGR**, Linda is very proud to be part of this group of amazing people that are incredibly dedicated to doing what is best for Golden Retrievers in need. The countless hours spent helping these precious souls by **AGR's** selfless volunteers are indeed a tribute to these loving and magnificent dogs. Come and visit **All-Star**, bring your Golden, mention that you are an **AGR** member, and Linda and her staff will trim and grind their nails for half price!

Next up are founding members Rich and Tricia Calta, number 79F.

You may know Rich from his wonderful work as our annual Golf Tournament Committee Chairman and major sponsor. Because of Rich and his many golfing contacts, we have been able to have a profitable and rewarding tournament every year.



Rich grew up in New York and moved to Tucson as a teenager, where he met his future wife, Tricia, while attending the **University of Arizona**. At **U of A** he studied finance and economics. They moved to Denver in 1984, then to Phoenix in 1989. Rich served for a decade on the **U of A Business School** Board of Advisors and is now a professional securities speculator. The rest of their free time is spent with their 8-year-old Pomeranian, Bentley. At one time they had a handsome Golden, **Mr. Peanut**, and **Coleman**, a Black Lab, and also little **Bentley**. At one vet visit their weights came in

at 106, 96 and 6 lbs! Rich and Tricia also have three grandchildren living with them, which keeps everyone on their toes.

The Calta family came to be involved with Rescue in 2001, two years after their first dog, **Mr. Peanut**, who was a blessing for Rich and his family, came into their lives. In 2001 they were at a Rescue fundraiser when Rich mentioned to the president that a golf tournament would be a good way to raise money. So here we are 15 years and probably \$600K-ish later! **AGR** sincerely thanks the Caltas for their involvement!

Let's meet Joy and Todd Slagowski, sharing number 84F:



When Todd and Joy Slagowski first got together in 2001, their combined household resembled The Brady Bunch, but with animals: Todd had two dogs and one cat, while Joy had two cats and one dog.

Within that original group of dogs was **Shasta**, Todd's rescued Golden that moved to Arizona with him from Utah. She and **Chili**, a Corgi/Doxie mix, joined Joy's rescued Shepherd/Husky mix, **Princess**, and were the foundation of the couple's dedication to the rescue of all breeds of dogs, with a special focus on Golden Retrievers and Cattle Dogs.

The Slagowskis adopted their second Golden Retriever, one-year-old **Kahuna**, from a Craigslist ad, shortly before adopting **Amber**, who was part of **RAGofAZ's Operation Golden Springtime II** in 2007. The former puppy mill breeder dog whelped her final litter of seven puppies at foster mom Michele Wehry's home, and Michele named the litter after the Seven Dwarfs. The Slagowskis planned to adopt **Amber** but ended up adopting puppy **Happy**, as well. The couple's Golden headcount went from zero to three within about a month!

**Happy** became one of the best known puppy mill rescue puppies and had a following all over the Internet, as he helped his mommy **Amber** overcome so many of the fears that haunted her from her puppy mill days. Sadly, **Happy** passed suddenly from spindle cell carcinoma just weeks shy of his fifth birthday.

In the year following **Happy's** death, **Amber** assumed the role of surrogate mom to the couple's deaf Cattle Dog mix, **Gnomeo** (yes, spelled correctly), whom she adored playing with and doting on. And she helped start the rehabilitation for the couple's foster, **Rosie**, a Cattle Dog, whom they rescued from the euthanasia list for extreme fear. **Amber** passed unexpectedly in her sleep on the couple's bed, where she slept from the first night she arrived at



their home, 15 months after **Happy** went to the Rainbow Bridge.

Before **Amber** passed, the couple promised her they would always try to have a Golden puppy mill rescue in their home as a tribute to all they had learned from her. They were able to keep that promise when they adopted **Katy** from **AGR** in June 2014. Her resemblance to **Amber** is uncanny, but her personality is so much more bold and brave. The Slagowskis truly appreciate this sweet girl's fun personality and never-ending curiosity.

The Slagowski home currently has nine canine residents! Three Golden: **Katy**, **Kahuna** and **Bella** (a feral Golden mix, who was adopted from **RAGofAZ**); three cattle dogs: **CoJack** (a tripod), **Gnomeo** (who is deaf) and **Sweetie** (who was rescued from a parking lot where she was dumped on Thanksgiving day and who is now a certified therapy dog); and three "littles": **Ziggy** (a Lhasa Apso/Brussels Griffon mix), **Leo** (a Terrier/Chihuahua mix who came to them after **Leo's** mom, Claudia Sherrill, who supported **AGR's** fundraisers, passed from cancer) and teeny **Baby**, a 6-pound Chihuahua mix.

Though the large pack keeps them busy, the Slagowskis feel fortunate to have such a loving, diverse group with whom to share their love and lives.

### Health and Safety

By Liz Tataseo, Health Care Manager

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### A Great Smile!

It is spring time, which usually means spring cleaning. But cleaning your dog's teeth should go on all the time, including a good dental cleaning from your vet. Plaque is the beginning of dental disease. Bacteria and calcium in saliva form plaque, which then forms more of a substance that vets call calculus (not the math kind) and, if nothing is done, more plaque continues to form. Too much plaque can cause gingivitis of the gums: inflammation that is red and swollen. If your dog eats hard food or chews on toys like Kongs® or Nylabones®, this initial soft plaque can be dislodged, keeping your dog's teeth clean, but there are still places in a dog's mouth where this chewing action doesn't reach.

Here are the signs of trouble in your dog's mouth:

- Bad breath
- Excessive drooling
- Inflamed gums
- Tumors in the gums
- Cysts under the tongue
- Loose teeth

Those last three points are really not good! As with humans, dental disease can lead to other illnesses: heart problems, kidney issues and major infections.

Recently, **AGR** had to send two of our dogs to veterinary dentists who specialize in treating severe canine dental issues. A vet usually refers a dog to one of these dental vets if the scope of the issue is beyond what a regular dental cleaning/extraction/treatment can do. Dental vets also specialize in doing regular dental cleaning for dogs that have chronic health issues and need special care for their dental cleaning.

Your regular vet is quite adept at doing regular dental cleaning and extractions, and at treating gum issues. Often vets will want to do X-rays so they can see if there are any hidden issues that need to be treated. Usually, they will want to do blood work prior to a dental, if that hasn't been done before or for a year or more, to make sure your dog is healthy enough for the anesthesia.

You can help your dog keep good dental health by brushing his or her teeth regularly. Some dogs enjoy it and others need to gradually work up to that. You can start by using a piece of gauze wrapped around your finger and rub in a circular motion in one area of the mouth at a time. Most of the buildup occurs on the surface of the outer portion of a tooth because those teeth touch the cheek. The inside surface of a dog's tooth gets little buildup, so if your dog doesn't want you to clean the backside of his teeth, it's not something to worry about. Only use toothpaste made for dogs, not the human kind, or use baking soda and water to make your own paste.

Again, here are some of the mouth problems that can occur without good dental care:

- **Periodontal disease** is a painful infection between the tooth and the gum that can result in tooth loss and spread infection to the rest of the body. Signs are loose teeth, bad breath, tooth pain, sneezing and nasal discharge.
- **Gingivitis** is an inflammation of the gums caused mainly by accumulation of plaque, tartar and disease-producing bacteria above and below the gum line. Signs include bleeding, red, swollen gums and bad breath. It is reversible with regular teeth cleanings.
- **Halitosis**, or bad breath, can be the first sign of a mouth problem when it is caused by bacteria growing from food particles caught between the teeth or by gum infection. Regular tooth-brushings are a great solution.
- **Swollen gums** develop when tartar builds up and food gets stuck between the teeth. Regularly brushing your dog's teeth at home and getting annual cleanings at the vet can prevent tartar and gingivitis.

- **Proliferating gum disease** occurs when the gum grows over the teeth and must be treated to avoid gum infection. An inherited condition common to boxers and bull terriers, it can be treated with antibiotics.
- **Mouth tumors** appear as lumps in the gums. Some are malignant and must be surgically removed.
- **Salivary cysts** look like large, fluid-filled blisters under the tongue, but can also develop near the corners of the jaw. They require drainage, and the damaged saliva gland must be removed.
- **Canine distemper teeth** can occur if a dog had distemper as a puppy. Adult teeth can appear eroded and may decay. As damage is permanent, decayed teeth should be removed by a vet.

So, when you brush your teeth, remember to brush your dog's teeth also. It will help your Golden live a healthier life.

List of dental problems from <http://pets.webmd.com>



### **Medical Alert Dogs**

Medical alert dog, or medical response dog, might be a general title but there are several specific health needs warranting the use of these specialized canines. By detecting odors, respiratory changes, and behavioral changes of their handlers, these super-sniffers can detect seizures up to half an hour before they actually occur, and diabetic crises long before glucometers can.

In the event of a detected seizure, the dog generally nudges the handler to get him to sit or lie down and is on hand to brace or to block him from falling and injuring himself. To the average John Q. Public it may not seem like the dog is doing anything out of the ordinary, and the handler likely appears completely normal. This is just another example of the dangers of jumping to conclusions, because so many disabilities are invisible.

A dog that has detected a diabetic crisis is trained to fetch equipment, medication, juice, and a telephone or, even better, to call 911 himself on a special K-9 phone.

Specially-trained alert dogs are also proficient at sniffing out chemicals and specific scents for those with sensitivities or life-threatening allergies. The dog may be sent into a room ahead of the handler to sniff for peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, or any

perfumes or cleaning products, and tug the handler away from the danger.

It seems every trainer who works in the field has his own training method for turning out quality alert dogs. There are so many methods by so many people that it would take a year to try to cover them all.

It is important to keep in mind that dogs, particularly alert dogs, are not robots. They are not perfect. Even the most highly-trained dog can miss things; therefore, they should not bear the entire burden of keeping someone safe and alive.

And the final caveat, especially when you are seeking out a medical alert dog, is to thoroughly research who you are getting your dog from. A fully-trained alert dog can cost between 15 and 20 thousand dollars, so be sure before you invest that the dog will do his job, and do it well. Do your homework. Ask questions. Get references. If it is a reputable service, they will not mind answering all the questions you care to ask about the specifics of the dog's training and the length thereof.

*Editor's Note: In my 18 years of Rescue experience in Arizona, I have had the pleasure and thrill of discovering that two "ordinary" rescued dogs turned out to be natural seizure-alert dogs that had never been trained to do such alerting. It was truly amazing that their talent manifested once they had been placed in the homes of seizure-experiencing people who had just wanted a companion dog!*

Next issue: *Psychiatric Service Dogs*

### **State of the Organization, April 20, 2016**

By Deb Orwig, President

When Debbie Begley and I stood before a group of 30 of you on March 14, 2009, what we were able to tell you was this:

- We had incorporated a new rescue group on March 11, 2009.
- Thanks to Nick Dodson, we had a name: **Arizona Golden Rescue.**
- We had an address, which had to be changed after a year because the mail box facility closed down.
- We had a phone number with a catchy name: 623-566-WAGS (9247).
- Connie McCabe had designed a gorgeous logo and had chosen our colors of rust, gold and cream to symbolize the spectrum of colors of Golden Retrievers.
- We had written By-laws and were working on a Policies and Procedures Handbook.

On March 14, 2009, those in attendance at our first member-

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ship meeting paid dues and elected officers: a President; a Director of Operations (now called Director of Activities); a Director of Dog Care; a Director of Information Management; and a Human Resources Director. The only title that was familiar then was President; the rest sounded kind of weird. No Secretary on the Board? No Treasurer on the Board? No, but the Board then appointed Teri Guilbault as Secretary; a short time later, Cindy Tigges offered to be our Organization Accountant and her appointment was made by the Board. We have found this arrangement to work extremely well.

So, we were off and running. Only about two weeks later by the end of March 2009, we had 121 members in 77 families; we had an Intake and Placement Manager (this position has now been divided into two with separate Managers and Teams), a Home Evaluations Manager, a Health Care Manager, a Membership Manager, a Merchandise Manager, a Transport Manager and a member checking our telephone voicemail calls; we had an operational website; we had taken in \$4,189; we had even rescued our first dog, thanks to a connection made by Cynthia Wenström.

NOW, as of April 18, 2016...

- We have 644 members.
- We have raised \$1,133,722 in 85 months of operation and currently have \$213,529 in our bank accounts!
- In seven years, we have rescued 704 dogs and we have spent a total of \$753,410 vetting those dogs, an average of about \$1,070 per dog.
- We have teams of volunteers working on Intake, Placement, Health Care, Home Evaluations and Transport.
- Our website is terrific and getting better all the time.
- Our database is incredible.
- We have a live person answering our WAGSline from 8 AM – 8 PM Monday through Friday and voice-mail messages that go out automatically after 8 PM on weekdays and on Saturdays and Sundays.
- We are on Facebook, Twitter, GoodSearch, PetFinder and have numerous other Internet connections.

In the past 7 years...

We have done 260 Meet-and-Greets at 5 different **PetSmart** stores (Arrowhead in Glendale, Chandler, Peoria, Mayo Blvd in Scottsdale, and Tempe Marketplace), 60 at 4 **Choice Pet Market** locations, 24 at **Trendy Pet & Rescue** in Scottsdale Fashion Square, three at **The Pet Shop** in Mesa, one at **The Pet Club** in Glendale and 6 at **The Pet Club** in Desert Ridge Marketplace, 29 at **Petco** in Glendale and 27 at four different **Pet Planet** stores (Chandler, Paradise Valley, Tempe and Via Linda in Scottsdale). We have attended 35 **PACC 911** events; we had

a booth at the Glendale Fire Prevention Parade and walked in that parade in 2009 and 2011, as well as in the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade* in December 2015; we walked in the *Parada del Sol* every year from 2010 through 2016 and had a booth at their *Trail's End* event all seven years. During the holidays for five years, we took Photos with Santa at 5 different **PetSmart** stores and one **Petco** (in 2013), and did gift wrapping at 3 different **Barnes & Noble Booksellers**; we also have done gift wrapping before Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day. We took part in the *Sun Valley Animal Shelter's Pet Expo* for two years and in the *Tolleson Pet Health Expo* in 2015. **Chico's**, Mesa, hosted a Meet-and-Greet and fundraiser for us in 2015. We have participated in the *Holiday Pet Festival* at **WestWorld** for seven years. We have provided stress-relief furapy several times during mid-term or finals weeks for the students at **Grand Canyon University** and at **ASU West** in Glendale and **ASU Tempe**. We have sponsored five *Paws & Pasta Dinners* at **Little Bite of Italy** in Sun City (Thank you to our hosts Bryan Foley and Nancy Wheeler!) and seven *Fore! Paws Golf Tournaments*, participated in the **PetSmart Charities PetWalk** in February for three years, and have held three *Golden Paw Casino* events. We have also had a booth at the spectacular *Phoenix Pet Expo* for seven years and will do so again on April 8-9, 2017.

We are Adoption Partners with **PetSmart** and **Petco** and Community Partners with **PACC 911**; we have rewards programs set up with numerous businesses, including **Amazon Smile**, **Fry's Grocery**, **GoodShop**, **Great American Title Agency**, and **Hale Pet Doors (HSPD Enterprises)**, whereby if one of our members uses the business or makes a purchase from it, **AGR** gets what amounts to a commission; we are an accepted beneficiary of donations through *American Express Employee Giving Program*, *Bank of America Employee Giving Program*, *Benevity Community Impact Fund*, *United Health Care Employee Giving Program* and *Valley of the Sun United Way*.

I would like to thank all 251 of you who volunteered for one thing or another during 2015, many of you for many things, and I would like to encourage the rest of you to get involved. In particular, I would like to thank the 2015-2016 Board Members: Christine Spiel as Director of Activities, Sue Valie as Director of Dog Care, Dana Haywood as Director of Information Management, and Connie McCabe as Human Resources Director. Also, the Team Managers were most helpful in keeping our day-to day operations going smoothly: Michele Wehry, Intake; Debbie Mikol, Placement; Liz Tataseo, Health Care; Sheila Joyce, Home Evaluations; Connie McCabe, Photography; and Dana Haywood, Transport. Karin Forsythe is our Organization Secretary and Cindy Tigges is our Organization Accountant. We have a fabulous team of home evaluators

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and a very active team of transport volunteers, but we could use more of both. Kathy Blue handles all our social media communications. All current Team members and other auxiliary volunteers are listed on the inside cover of every newsletter. Thank you all!

Does this sound like we have all our bases covered? Yes, we do, but we can always use more help especially with home evaluations and transports. We need help with planning and executing future fundraising events. In other words, if you want to get involved, we can find something for you to do! We hope you will.

## The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

### Cargo Trailer Acquisition

At the **AGR** Board meeting in March, one of the topics of discussion was acquisition of a cargo trailer. Over the years when we have needed a trailer to haul equipment and merchandise to big events, we have been able to borrow an open trailer from Larry Jessup (thank you, Larry!). The trailer was stored at the home of Larry's son, Shawn, in Phoenix. Since it did not belong to **AGR**, Nick Dodson, who hauled the trailer, would have to go get it and bring it to our storage facility for the initial loading. Then, he would bring it to my house to load up whatever I had in my garage (mostly merchandise that we sell), and do it all in reverse order after the event was over.

So, we considered getting an enclosed cargo trailer in which we could permanently store such items as tents and tables. Nick and Connie have a side yard that they offered for storage of the trailer. Dana Haywood had already gone to a local trailer sales facility and priced the one we decided we wanted: it would cost us \$2,961 including the license. We did not feel right about making that kind of purchase using General Fund money. When people donate to **AGR**, they do so with the desire to help the dogs and don't expect their money to be used for a trailer. So, we felt a dedicated fundraiser was needed to raise money specifically for the trailer acquisition.

Dana released a message to **AGR** members by e-mail. We had an astonishing response! Within 48 hours, we had either money in the bank via PayPal or Intuit, or promises to send money by check that more than amounted to the base cost of the trailer!

Since the trailer we purchased has both a side door and a back door that folds down to make a loading ramp, Nick bought locks for the doors and one for the hitch itself, adding another \$68 to the cost. I have bought numerous clear plastic storage bins in which to store



and transport the merchandise we sell. In addition, we have had to increase our insurance to cover the trailer and contents, adding another \$135 to our annual premium. Eventually, we will get our logo put on the sides and back of the trailer; we are pricing that now.

My boy **Troy** had passed away just before we bought the trailer. Kathy Blue wanted to donate something "permanent" to **AGR** in **Troy's** memory, so we suggested she purchase a good-quality hand truck which can be used as a flatbed transport or as an upright dolly; she also bought some ratchet tie-downs and flat bungee cords to help hold equipment in place inside the trailer—Thanks, Kathy!

To all of you who contributed to the cost of the trailer and items for transport and storage, we thank you so much – you have certainly helped to make easier the lives of the volunteers who haul our equipment and merchandise to events! Speaking of hauling the trailer... Nick Dodson is willing to continue in this role. However, upon occasion Nick may not be able to do it due to illness or being on vacation, so we would really like to have a backup who could haul the trailer should Nick not be available for one or more of the eight to ten events during the year when we will need the trailer. Your vehicle needs to be at least a medium-sized SUV or a pickup truck. We will even pay for a hitch to be installed on your vehicle if you do not currently have one. If you would be willing to help in this way, please contact me by e-mail at [dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net) or by phone at 623-693-0589. Most likely you will not be called upon, but we would like to have a list of substitute haulers should one become necessary.

I am keeping track of all money used to pay for necessary trailer expenses. Any money left over will be maintained in the "Cargo Trailer Fund" and pay for the extra insurance or anything else associated with the trailer that may need to be replaced in the future. Individual donations to the "Cargo Trailer Fund" ranged from \$10 to \$500; as of April 20, 2016, \$4,485 had been donated to this Fund! You are all most generous and certainly have our best interests at heart!

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,

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By Jolene Schlichter, **AGR** Grant Writer



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ResQwalk is a free app, available on Android and iPhone, which tracks your distance-related activities – walking, running or biking. It is easy and straightforward to use. And did I say that it is free? After you download the app on your mobile device, select **Arizona Golden Rescue** as your preferred organization.

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**Reporting period: January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016**

**Total Assets as of April 20, 2016: \$213,528.78**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoptions	\$ 4,376.00	\$ 350.00
Bank Charges (Intuit, PayPal)		23.59
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	380.00	
Credit Card Expense		53.98
Donations <sup>1</sup>	7,821.15	
Honorary	1,994.32	
Memorial	2,927.00	
Cargo Trailer Fund <sup>2</sup>	3,685.00	
Dues & Subscriptions		80.09
Gift Wrap Events (Valentine’s Day)	298.70	
Golf Tournament		
Donation from 2015 paid in 2016	162.00	
Grants	10,000.00	179.40
Insurance		12.00
Interest	13.16	
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Memberships	7,550.00	
Merchandise	1,852.25	989.54
<i>Paws At The Park</i> 2016 <sup>3</sup>	2,313.75	742.89
Postage		44.13
Rent or Lease		576.96
Stationery & Printing		1,176.14
Telephone & Website		47.46
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		187.00
Boarding		744.18
Microchip & Heartgard® Expenses		541.26
Miscellaneous		10.90
Veterinary Services		18,635.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,373.33</b>	<b>\$24,225.47</b>

**NET INCOME: \$19,147.86**

<b>Checking Account on 4-20-16:</b>	<b>\$104,289.30</b>
<b>Savings Account on 4-20-16</b>	<b>\$100,112.87</b>
<b>The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 4-20-16:</b>	<b>\$ 9,126.61</b>
<b>Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 4-20-16:</b>	<b>\$ 13,504.85</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Additional donations amounting to \$800 were received in April

<sup>3</sup> 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

## 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 January 16, 2016 through April 10, 2016. All adoptions finalized after April 10 will be in the next issue.*



**15-043 Falkor** is a 4-year-old boy who was reluctantly surrendered to us by his owner who was moving in with his fiancée. **Falkor** apparently never met any food he did not like, and invented various creative ways to get it. He was even a wizard at opening cupboards and freezer doors, so it was not hard to believe that he weighed 95 pounds! Since the owner and fiancée both worked long hours, they didn't feel it

would be in **Falkor's** best interest to leave him at home (especially their NEW home). He was great with kids and other dogs, and the owner felt perhaps with someone home more often, **Falkor's** creativeness for food acquisition could be tamed. In addition to his food issues, **Falkor** came with a seizure history, which, understandably, made him more difficult to place. We spent several months trying to get his seizure medications stabilized to the point that Leslie and Michael in Phoenix felt comfortable in taking him. They have renamed him **Kory**. Leslie has updated us. *I adopted **Falkor**, now named **Kory**. (I wanted a new name, but close to his old one.) He is a character and also SO lovable that it's hard for me to stop hugging, petting, and talking to him constantly. But in respect to him, he DOES need his own space, please, and a little alone time. He's a laid-back guy, very easy-going – in fact, nothing seems to bother him at all, even when my other dogs act loud and loony, which they do sometimes. He is very polite at feeding time, always finishes first, then patiently waits until the others finish so he can lick their empty bowls! **The Kor** takes his medicine like a gentleman, as he's a seizure dog, and likes to visit his veterinarian for checkups. **Kory** is a rather large Golden and shows off his size by stretching out on the floor and not moving for anyone or anything, which means we all walk over and around him to get anywhere in the house and, if he happens to be lying by a door, forget opening it! I have yet to hear him bark, but when sleeping he "sings" in a low voice for our entertainment. I have found on Meet-and-Greets that he adores little kids, and I think he would make a great comfort dog at a children's hospital, (I have to get on that...) especially since he has a lifetime illness himself that perhaps they could relate to. He is a wonderful boy! And, one of the best pieces of news is that he has dropped his weight down to*

less than 80 pounds! He has come a long way, and we wish a very happy and healthy life for him.



**15-053 Percy** is a young, 6-month-old pup relinquished to us because of an unstable housing situation. He loves cats (he likes to stand over them), dogs, kids, and pretty much anyone he meets. Upon examination by our vet, he was found to have a deformation of his toes causing the toes to turn inward. His hips were also diagnosed as problematic. The vet hopes that he may grow out of some of

his problems with the joints tightening up, but said he may require surgery in a couple of years. Luckily, Tina and Conner in Phoenix were happy to take **Percy** and give him the long happy life he deserves. Here is their update on him. *Our family was blessed to have **Percy** join us in August. Our son spent last summer researching what would be the best dog for our family, after we had lost our other family dog earlier that year. And he also wanted to have his 1<sup>st</sup> dog, using his own money. He set his heart on a Golden! **Percy** adapted quickly to our family and has become a true companion for our son. The two boys love to go on hikes, long walks and snuggle on the couch together. He is a great traveler and loves our weekend trips to our cabin. This winter, we discovered he loves romping through the snow and chasing and eating snow balls. This spring, he loves our hikes by the streams up along the Rim. In fact, there is nothing that keeps **Percy** out of water; be it the pool, a stream or lake! These two boys are so happy to be forever friends and companions. Thank you, **Arizona Golden Rescue!*** The absolutely perfect "A Boy and His Dog" story. Congratulations!

**15-068 Teddy** (on right in photo) and his brother **15-069 Shaggy** (left in photo) had lived with at least two families before they were originally relinquished to **AGR** in 2009. Then



they were fostered and adopted but returned due to the family's health problems. They were fostered again and then were adopted to a Tucson family, where they lived for almost six years until circumstances made it necessary for the adopters to return the boys to **AGR** in September 2015. Connie and Nick in Glendale became their seventh home but had no intention of adopting again, as they were committed to only fostering. They fostered the boys for seven months, hoping to find a very special home for two very special needs guys, but as it turned out they found that they could not bear to see them moved again at eleven years old, even if that home could be found. They were already in their forever home, it just took Connie and Nick a while to recognize that!



**15-068 Teddy** came back to **AGR** with a severely painful hind leg injury that had been untreated for the prior 2½ years. We hoped that it could be fixed but the damage was too extensive, so the leg was amputated to make him comfortable. It was a good thing, because after the leg was removed it was found to be cancerous. In this case, the amputation should be curative, and he

is free of pain. He loves to fetch and swim and is faster in the water than any of the other dogs. He does have trouble with tile and wood floors, so Connie and Nick have covered their tile areas with non-slip rugs and he does great on those. Watching his transformation has been incredible! At first he was very careful to keep away from their other dogs, probably to avoid getting his bad leg banged up. But his brother **Shaggy** kept close to him, and they often shared the big dog bed. After his surgery, they kept **Teddy** confined to a play yard with an e-collar, and **Shaggy** often went in to keep him company when he was feeling better. Now he no longer has that nasty leg to cause him pain and he plays with the other dogs and all of the numerous visiting dogs too, not just with **Shaggy**. **Teddy** loves to ride in the car and really loves attending Meet-and-Greets.



As a tripod, Teddy has no trouble swimming or getting out of the pool



**15-069 Shaggy**, one of the sweetest boys in the whole world, has his own troubles. He has thyroid cancer which has spread to his lungs. We started him on chemotherapy immediately, as surgery was impossible, according to his oncologist. The first drug, carboplatin, did not work well but the second drug, palladia, reduced the size of the tumor

considerably for five months. It also reduced and eliminated some of the nodules on his lungs. However, last month it was discovered that the palladia was no longer working, so we have started him on a third protocol using mitoxantrone, which has been effective so far in keeping the tumor growth down. His monthly chemo treatments and necessary blood tests and X-rays have been very expensive (the cost is being covered with monies from the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*), but he is tolerating them well and we will continue as long



Shaggy sealed his adoption deal when he allowed Connie to put a costume on him!

as we can keep him comfortable. Like **Teddy**, **Shaggy** loves to swim, ride in cars and attend events. He also runs around the yard as if he were five years old instead of eleven, and to watch him you would never know he has cancer. Connie commented, *We are so grateful that AGR has the resources to take care of these guys who need our help – they are certainly worth every cent.* Due to **Shaggy's** cancer, which is expensive to treat, and to his uncertain future, the **AGR** Board voted to make his a Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption.



**15-085 Fluffy** is a terrific, 5-year-old boy who lived in a backyard and slept in a crate on the back porch. His owner noticed a worsening back leg issue and, with the neighbors complaining about his whining, decided to turn him over to us. He had never been to a vet. Upon examination, he was found to be loaded with ticks, had some cracked teeth, and had a major, though healed, back leg injury,

possibly the result of being hit by a car. After consultation, it was determined that a femoral head ostectomy (FHO) was the best option for **Fluffy**. Malcolm in Scottsdale was up for the task of fostering **Fluffy** through the operation and the follow-up care. After a couple of minor setbacks, **Fluffy** (now renamed, thank goodness, **Sage**) has made a great recovery and is on to a much better, pain-free life. Malcolm wrote to give us a report on **Sage**. *To all the members of Arizona Golden Rescue, I thank you. I had another Sage for almost 15 years, and she gave me and my family great joy and love. Several years passed after Sage passed away, and I did not replace her with any other dog. When I read about your organization, I hesitated only because I didn't feel that I could accept another person's loving pet but I had no great idea of what really happens in your organization and what you go through to place a dog. From the very beginning with the visit to my home by your [home evaluations] member, I could see that a great deal of work was being done to really make an adoption that takes in not only the dog itself, but also the new "parent"*

and makes the process as comfortable as possible. When I first met **Sage** he was very thin and shy, he had a right hind leg that really didn't work and he had this name called "**Fluffy**", which made me laugh, as I would never have given that name to such a great breed and a male on top of that. But one look at him and I said I'd take him. That began an almost 6-month effort to not only correct his leg problem, but also to bring him back to the health he deserved. Your organization stepped up and gave him the best medical care I could imagine, and the results are the proof of that care. **Sage** is not a beautiful representative of his breed, but is a comfort to his new "Daddy" and a joy in my life. Your goal was reached in this case, as I believe in all of your adoptions. So I thank all of you for your work and your love of these unique dogs. Looks like a great future for **Sage**!



**15-096 Ford**, a young, 11-month-old red pup, came into Rescue with his blond sister, **15-097 Faith**, who was not yet adopted when this issue went to press. Both had spent their lives ken-



Ford sitting up, Faith (now Casey) lying down

neled outside. **Ford** had a malocclusion of his jaw which the vet found to be not serious, but **Ford** had not been neutered. After the neutering, **Ford** headed off to the dentist for work on his jaw. While **Ford** was under anesthesia, the vet found a mass at the back of **Ford's** jaw which was probably the issue causing his pain. While the mass is not cancerous, the vet feels it must be watched. **Ford** tested positive for valley fever (titer 1:32), no surprise since he had always been an outside dog. The mass in his mouth may well be a result of the valley fever. **Ford** is now being treated with daily fluconazole. Dan and Mora of Anthem have welcomed **Ford** into their home, and we are hopeful for a great outcome for him!

**15-099 Oakley** is a 1-year-old blond wild child who was surrendered to us by an owner working on a graduate degree. She loved the dog but had no time for this young, active, big pup. Although good with kids and other dogs, **Oakley** had absolutely no manners and was all over everything and everyone. Being overweight to boot, he needed some good training and a committed owner.



Anita and Bryan in Cave Creek took on the challenge. Part of his fostering included an 8-week training class at **Partners Dog Training School**, and he did so well that the instructors recommended he skip the Intermediate level of Obedience and go straight to Advanced! Anita is hoping to get him into agility train-

ing, as well. That is one smart boy! We knew he could blossom into a handsome, spirited but well-behaved Golden!



**15-100 Marley** is an 8-year-old cream-colored Golden surrendered to us by an owner who had not had him very long and couldn't control him. It appeared that **Marley** had probably spent his life outside as a breeder dog and was not used to a leash or to being indoors. He was a very sweet dog, loved his tennis balls, and got along famously with

both cats and other dogs. Upon coming to us, all he needed was a dental and an exam and he was ready to go. Eileen quickly whisked him off to Peoria and sent us the following report. *One week after I was blessed with my perfect Golden Retriever, **Marley**, I rescued an 11-week-old named **Tucker**. I've had both dogs for about 3 months now and we are a very happy family. My two sweeties have a toy box that is overflowing with toys from family and friends. **Tucker**, the puppy, takes them out and scatters them all over the house, and I pick them up and put them back every day. **Marley** only likes to play catch and tug-of-war, but being perfectly behaved, he never takes the toys out of the box. **Marley** only plays with the toys when **Tucker** or I give him one. There is one bright orange stuffed toy fox that is a favorite for tug-of-war, and is now minus the squeakers (thanks to **Tucker**), but still well loved. This past Friday, it was time for **Tucker** to be neutered. **Marley** stood behind the gate in the kitchen and quietly wagged his tail as we left. He didn't understand why he was left behind, but he didn't make a sound. When I brought **Tucker** home, **Tucker** was very sore, and cried and cried. **Marley** didn't know what to do and just lay quietly near him, softly wagging his tail. **Marley** had to do something to help his little brother. Silently, and for the first time that I've ever seen it, **Marley** went to the toy box, dug through the toys, pulled out the little orange fox, and dropped it in front of **Tucker**. The little guy looked up, put the toy next to his head, and curled up and tried to sleep. **Marley** stood by silently wagging his tail, watching **Tucker**. Eventually **Marley** laid down across from **Tucker**, so he'd be right there, as needed. Now, that's a truly caring big brother!*

**16-001 Bandit** is a young, 2-year-old boy whose owner relocated, left him with his mom, and the mom just did not have the time for this busy boy. **Bandit** had lived with children and other dogs and did very well, plus he loved to play fetch! Being a big, pushy, and playful guy, it was important that any resident dog be willing to join in the fun. Vickie, Jeff, and their resident dog, **Nellie**, were anxious to bring the big





guy into their family. After a trip to the vet for an exam and a neutering, he was off to Scottsdale to enjoy the good life.

**16-002** through **16-009** are the puppies whose parents are **15-096 Ford** and **15-097 Faith**. The story about the puppies is on pages 21-24 and their adoption stories will be in the August issue.



**16-010 Talulabell**, also known as **LuLu**, was an emergency intake. We received a call from the owner that **LuLu** was in distress and the owners could not take care of any vet expenses for her. We rushed over and found her lying on an air mattress unable to get up and walk. **LuLu**, age 14, had been listless and unable to eat or walk for a day or so. After being at the vet

for a day with no encouraging signs, it was felt that the best outcome was to let **LuLu** go find her place at the Bridge. She was a dear dog, and we shall remember her courage.

**16-011 Buddy**, a small, 4-5-year-old Golden mix, was found about 8 months ago by some folks who tried hard to find his owner by putting up fliers, scanning for a chip, etc., but to no avail. They decided to keep him, but after a few months decided he needed a better home than theirs, as they wanted to travel. He was also being kept outside in a nonfenced area. At just about 25 pounds, he was a perfect fit for Susan and Cameron in Fountain Hills. With only needing basic vet work, he was ready to become an inside dog and live a life of leisure. Sue commented that when they had adopted puppies before, they always wished the pups would stay a small and cute size. Now their wish has come true!



**16-012 Charlie** is approximately 6 years old. He was given up by his original owners a year ago because of separation anxiety. His first adopters tried to work with him, but finally decided they could not deal with his severe separation issues. After a routine vetting, he was put on Prozac to help alleviate his fears of being alone. Diane and Richard in Phoenix have reported to us that

**Charlie** is a big love bug, is doing very well, and has fit right into their family. He has occasionally been left alone in the house without incident, and has been an all-around good boy. Sometimes, all it takes is the right environment for a dog to thrive, and we think **Charlie** has finally found his.



16-013 Chia now Molly and 16-014 Bear now Katy

**16-013 Chia** is a 5-year-old blonde who was turned in to us with her sibling sister, **16-014 Bear**. The owner had recently remarried, was moving, and no longer wanted the two girls. Both were reported

to be good with other dogs and loved to play tug-of-war with each other. **Chia** was also a destroyer of all things toy. Both dogs were in good health, although they had not seen the inside of a vet's office in several years. As neither of the dogs had been spayed, that was the first order of business. **Chia** was in heat, so it was a few days before she could be spayed. Both dogs romped off with Doug and Betty to Sun City West, where they are doing well. We are always so grateful to find adopters willing to take a bonded pair, so we thank Doug and Betty for their generosity! Happy trails to **Chia** (renamed **Molly** – photo above right) and **Bear** (now named **Katy**)!



Molly

**16-014 Bear** (photo at right) is the 5-year-old sister to **16-013 Chia** (now **Molly**). Both girls were relinquished from an owner who was getting married and moving. Neither dog had been spayed, so that was scheduled for when they were over being in heat. **Bear** was also a dog toy freak, so we are sure that Doug and Betty of Sun City West, who took in this active pair,



are having fun finding stuffing all over their house! **Bear**, who has been renamed **Katy**, we are so glad you were able to stay with your sister. Betty and Doug updated us. *We are proud to say that we are the adoptive parents of two beautiful sisters, **Katy** and **Molly**! They've been with us for about 2 months, and what a difference time makes! Unfortunately, both girls came to us in heat and very neglected and in need of care and love. In the short time they've been with us, they have been spayed, bathed and given lots of love. Little did we know that underneath all that dirt and grime were two beautiful girls with so much love to give us. They keep us on our toes with their different personalities, which also keeps us entertained. We are so grateful for the help and support of Arizona Golden Rescue for finding our girls so that we could give them their forever home. Best wishes to all of you for a long and happy life!*

## 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 February issue of *The Golden Paw*, we featured **15-064 Broly**, **15-069 Shaggy**, **15-082 Bandit** and his brother **15-083 Smoke**, **15-085 Fluffy** now **Sage**, and **15-093 Charlie**. **Broly** finally seems to be stabilized on his anti-seizure medications, with only an occasional break-through seizure. **Shaggy** is still being treated for cancer, albeit with a different drug (see his adoption story on page 15). **Sage**, **Bandit** and **Smoke** are doing very well after their respective surgeries. Unfortunately, we lost **Charlie** to cancer.

Because we have treated several dogs for cancer this year and the expense for such treatment is covered by *The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*, if you are able to make a donation to this *Fund* to help **AGR** with the expenses of one or more of these dogs, you will be listed in the August newsletter as a Diamond Donor. We would sincerely appreciate your consideration.



When 10½-month-old **15-096 Ford** came into Rescue near the end of December 2015, we noticed that he had a large underbite (the vet called it a malocclusion of the jaw). He was thin and did not seem to want to eat much. He cried when the vet tried to see what the problem might be with his jaw, so we had him evaluated by Veterinary Dental Specialists. They discovered a

mass way up in the back of his jaw. A biopsy was done, which determined that the mass was not cancerous but was most likely due to the valley fever (1:32) that **Ford** had or to an infection. The veterinary dentist advised us not to have surgery done on **Ford's** jaw. So, we have since left the jaw and the mass alone. The mass has shrunk, probably as a result of the fluconazole for valley fever and antibiotics **Ford** is taking. He is eating well now and, consequently put on some weight, and not in any apparent pain. His bill for the jaw work-up was **\$2,838**, and we will have on-going expenses for his fluconazole plus further valley fever testing.

We have been evaluating 6-7-year-old **15-098 Dakota** for several conditions since he came into Rescue in December 2015. He had obvious muscle atrophy in his head, had difficulty swallowing water (he would choke and cough), he tested positive for valley fever (1:64), and he had entropion in both eyes. We had him tested for masticatory muscle



myositis (MMM) but that test came back negative. Thinking his swallowing problem might be a result of megaesophagus, the vet did a barium esophagram with fluoroscopy, but nothing definitive showed up, so his swallowing difficulty is still a conundrum. He has had surgery to repair the entropion in both eyes, and he is now taking fluconazole for the valley fever. Hopefully, **Dakota** will feel better and see better in time. His vet expenses thus far have been **\$2,646**.



**16-015 Layla** is an 8½-year-old senior sweetie whose owner was ill and could no longer care for her. She came into Rescue with horrible ear infections which have required flushing under anesthesia – twice. She also had two suspicious masses that we had removed; fortunately, both turned out to be benign. Since these surgeries have been done, two more growths have been

detected, one on her eye and one in her anal area; both were removed when she returned to the vet for a second ear flush in late April, and both were, fortunately, benign. **Layla's** vet bills have amounted to **\$4,547**.

### The Original Frosty Paws

12 oz. vanilla yogurt  
1 mashed banana OR 1 large jar of baby fruit  
2 Tbsp peanut butter  
1 Tbsp honey

Blend together. Freeze in 3-oz paper cups or in ice cube trays. Microwave a few seconds to thaw slightly before serving.

### Five Frosty Homemade Treats

Compliments of *Goober Pet Direct*

*What could be more fun for Fido than chowing down on some delicious, frosty treats on a hot summer's day? Here are 5 paw-some, Fido-approved recipes you can serve all summer long. We promise these goodies will make you the bark of the neighborhood! Best to serve these treats outdoors!*

#### Chicken Pops

2 chicken breasts cooked and chopped  
2 cups water or low-sodium chicken broth  
1 Tbsp dried parsley  
4 or more disposable cups (cupcake holders or small Dixie® cups)

Divide cooked, chopped chicken into 4 disposable cups, about ¼ cup chicken in each. In small bowl, mix water or broth with dried parsley, and pour about ½ cup over each chicken cup. Freeze for about 8 hours. Briefly dip disposable cup up to rim in warm water, then pop out chicken popsicle.

**P B & J Pops**



First Layer: ¼ cup peanut butter and ¼ cup plain yogurt. Put in blender or food processor and blend until smooth.

Second Layer: 2 cups strawberries, chopped, and ¼ cup plain yogurt. Put in blender or food processor and blend until smooth.

Third Layer: ½ cup blueberries and ¼ cup plain yogurt. Mix together.

Bully sticks

Disposable cups like cupcake holders or small Dixie® cups

Pour an inch or so of first layer into bottom of each cup. Freeze for 30 minutes, then insert bully stick. Pour in second layer; freeze for 30 minutes. Pour in third layer, and freeze for 8 hours. Dip cups briefly in warm water then pop out popsicle.

**Frozen Banana Treats**

4 cups plain yogurt  
2 Tbsp peanut butter  
3 bananas, ripe, peeled and mashed  
Disposable cups like cupcake holders or small Dixie® cups



Blend all ingredients into a puree in a food processor. Pour into 4-oz plastic cups. Freeze until firm, about 8 hours. Briefly dip cup into warm water then pop out popsicle

**Cheeseburger Pops**



½ lb lean ground beef  
1 cup shredded cheese  
Low-sodium chicken broth

Brown meat and drain fat. Divide into ice cube trays. Top with shredded cheese and fill with broth. Freeze until firm, about 8 hours. Briefly dip tray in

warm water, then pop out ice cubes. Store in freezer.

**Turkey Dinner Pops**

Turkey broth  
Sweet potato, softened and chunked  
Peas



Layer sweet potato and peas in ice cube tray; pour over broth to cover vegetables. Freeze until firm, about 8 hours. Briefly dip tray in warm water, then pop out ice cubes. Store in freezer.

**Golden Property Laws**

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

**The Dog Rules** by William Thomas

1. Dogs are never permitted in the house. The dog stays outside in a specially built wooden compartment named, for very good reason, the doghouse.
2. Okay, the dog can enter the house but only for short visits or if his own house is under renovation.
3. Okay, the dog can stay in the house on a permanent basis provided his doghouse can be sold in a lawn sale to a rookie dog owner.
4. Inside the house, the dog is not allowed to run free and is confined to a comfortable but secure metal cage.
5. Okay, the cage becomes part of a two-for-one deal in the yard sale, and the dog can go wherever the hell he pleases.
6. The dog is never allowed on the furniture.
7. Okay, the dog can get up on the old furniture but not the new furniture.
8. Okay, the dog can get up on the new furniture until it looks like the old furniture, and then we'll sell the whole works and buy new furniture on which the dog will most definitely not be allowed.
9. The dog never sleeps on the bed. Period.
10. Okay, the dog can sleep at the foot of the bed only.
11. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, but he's not allowed under the covers.
12. Okay, the dog can sleep under the covers but not with his head on the pillow.
13. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, under the covers with his head on the pillow, but if he snores, he's got to leave the room.
14. Okay, the dog can sleep and snore and have nightmares in your bed, but he's not to come in and sleep on the couch in the TV room where you're not sleeping. That's just not fair.
15. The dog never gets listed on the census questionnaire as "primary resident," even if it's true.

# OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Charlie Camilleri (15-093)



Stella Doseck (12-006)



Sandy Elliott (13-083)



Oliver Ensminger (13-087)



Bella Forte (15-032)



Rufus McFarlane (13-080)



Liberty Engstrom



Quazar Hall



Leo Leavitt



Ginger McDermott



Hunter McDermott

## 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.



Yogi McDermott



Troy Orwig



Shasta Wehry

And...

Marcia Baldigo,  
Beloved Mother of AGR Member Sally Fetherston

Tony Cotner, AGR Member

Jean Kraus, AGR Member and Adopter

Barney Novo, AGR Member and Adopter

## Puppies, We Had Puppies!

By Deb Orwig, President

In my 18 years of experience in rescuing dogs in the Phoenix area, it has been a rare occurrence to have puppies born into Rescue – I can remember it happening only about 6 times. But, that is what happened on January 13, 2016. Some of you know this story, so please forgive me if I repeat it for those who do not.



Ford and Faith  
in transport vehicle

In late December, 2015, *Arizona Golden Rescue* took in a 10½-month-old brother-sister pair of purebred Golden Retrievers, **15-096 Ford** and **15-097 Faith**. The pair had been kenneled together outside for their entire short lives, and neither had been sterilized. Originally, the man of an engaged couple owned the dogs. When the engagement was broken, the man took off and left the dogs with his ex-girlfriend. After some time, she realized she was not a “dog person” and contacted us to take the pair.

Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson, who do the majority of transports for *AGR*, picked up the dogs and took them to one of our vets for the standard work-up. Although **Faith** did not look pregnant, Connie was suspicious and mentioned the possibility to the vet. He did not think **Faith** was but decided not to administer the rabies vaccine just in case – were she pregnant, the vaccine might have damaged or killed any puppies *in utero*. For the same reason, although both **Faith** and **Ford** tested positive for valley fever, we did not start fluconazole treatment on **Faith** until after the puppies were weaned.

Since I had had a litter whelp at my house almost 11 years ago, I offered to foster **Faith** on the off-chance that she was pregnant and would need a long-term foster, as well as a suitable place to whelp the puppies (my large laundry room). The next day, I picked her up and brought her home.



**Faith** is a lovely, sweet dog and unusually calm for such a youngster. She immediately got along with my entire pack and quickly became “one of the gang” – at that time, I had four adult Golden Retrievers as members of my household. I did not see any particular signs of pregnancy – then. About a week later, we were watching TV one night. She was

belly up on the sofa next to me, and I noticed that her teats were enlarged. OK, first sign of pregnancy. I let everyone on the Board,

the Intake Team, the Placement Team and the Health Care Team know that we would eventually be having puppies. Judy Petitto, an Intake Team member, got on the Internet and found out that the teats usually start enlarging at about day 23 of a 63-day gestation period. So, I figured I had another 6-7 weeks before I would have to face the prospect of caring for puppies. Wrong.

About 1½ weeks later, **Faith** woke me up at 2:45 AM barking and carrying on in the crate I had in my kitchen area. I got up and took her out. She peed and pooped, so I figured that would be the end of it and we could all go back to sleep. Yes, for about 3 hours. At 5:45, **Faith** woke me up again. When I came out to the kitchen to let her out again, there were two puppies in the crate with her! Surprise! The first thing I did after seeing those puppies was to rush outside where **Faith** had “done her business” earlier to see if she had popped out any puppies then instead of doing what I thought she had done. No, she had not dropped any puppies outside, fortunately, because it was very cold and a pup born outside would have frozen to death in a short time.



After five puppies had whelped, **Faith** looked somewhat confused about what was happening, but instinctively she licked each puppy vigorously to start it breathing, chewed the umbilical cord, and ate each placenta, which stimulated milk production

Knowing she would be awake at that hour, I called Liz Tataseo, *AGR*'s Health Care Manager, and said, “We have puppies!” Liz lives only a couple miles from me. By the time she got herself and her dogs ready for the day and made it to my house about 7:45, **Faith** had produced two more puppies – all four puppies were males. After that, the whelping slowed down

significantly, and it took her until mid-afternoon to produce all 8 that she eventually had.

The fifth puppy was a female, and as it turned out the only girl, but it became apparent very soon after she was born that she was not in good shape. She could barely move and was gasping for air, as well as constantly crying, crying, crying, obviously in great distress. **Faith**, who had diligently cleaned each of the male puppies and allowed them



Petra, as we named her for the only female in the *Magnificent Seven* story, was so tiny and could not eat even from a syringe

to start nursing, basically ignored this little girl. Nick and Connie were over at the time. Nick drove me to **Petco** to get a puppy feeding kit and some puppy milk replacement formula so I could try to feed her. It didn't work. She would just choke even if I used a small syringe. I ended up rushing her over to Dr. Ferguson at **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital**. Dr. Ferguson examined her and noticed that there was a hole in her belly wall where the umbilical cord had been attached – **Faith** had chewed the cord off too close to the puppy's body. Dr. Ferguson put in a couple of very small stitches to close the hole, but she wasn't encouraging about the puppy's survival – sadly, the puppy died only a short time after I got her back home.

Puppies 6, 7 and 8 were all males. Number 6 was in good shape, but numbers 7 and 8 were not – they were both very much smaller than the other puppies. The next day, we took all seven to see Dr. Ferguson for their initial checkup. Since there were seven boys, we decided to name them after the seven male characters in *The Magnificent Seven* movie. As each puppy was taken out of the laundry basket to be examined, we bestowed a name: **Adam, Bernardo, Britt, Chico, Harry**

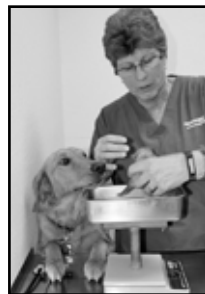


First puppy to be removed from the laundry basket to be weighed and examined looked like Yoda but was named Adam; he was one of the bigger puppies, weighing 10.6 ounces



Faith diligently watched Dr. Ferguson examine each puppy

**Luck, Lee and Vin.** (There had been one female character in the movie, **Petra**, so we had named the female puppy after her



Faith also watched carefully as each puppy was weighed

before she died.) We also shaved a small rectangle of fur on different areas of the puppies' bodies (left shoulder, right shoulder, left hip, right hip, back of neck, middle of back and top of tail) so that we could tell them apart and keep track of who was who.

Faith's puppies were all smaller than those in the previous litter that whelped at my house (**Troy's** in March 2005). At 14.1 ounces, which was the size of the smallest puppy in **Troy's** litter, **Lee** was the largest of **Faith's** puppies, and he remained the largest (22.6 pounds) until the day he left my house at 12 weeks of age. The others ranged from 11.6 ounces down to only 6.7 ounces. **Chico**, 7.7 ounces at birth, the first to go after **Petra**, passed away after 9 days. **Bernardo**, initially at 6.7 ounces, lasted until he was

16 days old. Both of these little boys were weak, and neither of them seemed like they knew how to suck. I would isolate them with **Faith**, but neither of them showed much interest in nursing. Despite my efforts, they both just failed to thrive.



Know how to get a newborn puppy like Britt to yawn? Stroke the check with your finger right next to the corner of the mouth!

**AGR** is so fortunate that we have a very excellent photographer, Connie McCabe! Connie visited the puppies at least once a week and took, literally, thousands of pictures over the course of the 12 weeks. She posted many photos to Facebook, helping to keep



Here are Adam, Lee, Vin, Britt and Harry Luck in one of the many fabulous photos taken by Connie McCabe; for this one, she spent about 2 hours at Deb's house trying to get the five 3½-week-old puppies in a group with all looking at the camera, no small feat!

our supporters up to date on the puppies.

The five puppies that survived all did very well over the next 12 weeks.

Even **Vin**, who was the smallest at that point, thrived, thankfully.

It was a joy – and no small amount of work – watching them grow and interact over the 12 weeks they were at my house. The “pack order” changed several times during the 12 weeks. Each of the puppies except **Vin** took a turn at being “Alpha”, but no real strong Alpha ever developed. We had so many visitors over that period that the pups were all extremely well socialized. Also, starting when the pups



Britt and Harry Luck playing Alpha game



Connie was one of several friends who kindly puppsat for me when I needed to do my regularly-scheduled read-to-the dog at Bicentennial South Elementary; of course, she spent the time taking many adorable photos – here are Lee, Britt, Harry Luck, Adam and Vin at 5½ weeks of age

were about 8 weeks old, we exposed them one at a time to my adult dogs every now and then, and they did well with them, too, so we had no worries about the two puppies who were going to be adopted by families that have other dogs.

One really fun thing we did with the pups tested



Harry Luck, Vin, Britt, Adam and Lee at about 8 weeks old in back yard pen

During the day the puppies enjoyed playing in the large pen I had set up in the back yard, but they were never out there without me or my adult dogs. At night, I moved them into the pen in the laundry room. After week 8 there was no more poop in the indoor pen overnight and after week 10, no more pee either – during the night, one or more of them would bark if they had to go, so I would get up and let them out -- they had me well trained!

their curiosity. The Wieser family had donated a children’s play pool (thank you!) that I kept the pups in until they were able to climb out at about 4 weeks of age. Then the pool got stored in my tool room



First exposure to the pool with the balls -- they just looked...

until Connie brought over 100 colored plastic balls, which we dumped into the pool. The first time the pups were exposed to this situation, they did not want to have anything to do with it. So, Connie came back three days later and we tried again. This time, they loved it! They

jumped in and out and cavorted and played Alpha games (Britt wanted the entire pool and all the balls to himself) and had a grand time. I was laughing, and Connie was madly taking photos!



...or quickly climbed out if we put them in the pool

We had another hilarious afternoon when I took the puppies over to play in Connie’s and



Just three days later, all five pups had a grand time playing in the pool with the balls!

Nick’s big back yard. Faith’s and Ford’s adoptive families brought them, too. We had 7 adults and 2 kids helping to keep the puppies from going in their unfenced pool. At 8 weeks of age, it was the first time the puppies had been anywhere except my house and the vet’s office.

They had not been around Faith for two weeks, and it was the first time they met their daddy. They ran and ran and played and played and just had a wonderful time, especially when Connie let her 5 adult dogs out in the yard, too. Everybody got along well. Connie took hundreds of pictures that day! Two weeks later, we had another photo shoot there, and, again, the pups loved cavorting in the big yard.



Ford says, It won't be long before you're as big as I am!

Although the daily puppy chores fell to me, I would like to thank all those who came to see the pups – your handling of the puppies really helped them become acclimated to strangers and well-adjusted socially. Quite a few AGR members saved newspapers for me (Cindy Tigges even recruited pa-

pers from her inlaws) – every day, I used almost a week’s worth of papers to keep the large indoor pen in my laundry room clean. Several kind people brought me lunch or dinner or took me out for a brief meal, a nice respite. Connie and Nick lent



After 2 hours of romping, the puppies were all tuckered out

me two x-pens. The Wieser family – Sharon, Philip, Marcus, Ilan and Joel – came over every weekend, walked my adult dogs around the circle a couple times, played with the puppies, and helped me clean up. They also bought and donated the children’s wading pool, which I used to confine Faith with the puppies until the pups were big enough to climb out. And then there were those who puppysat for me so that I could continue taking one of my adult dogs to read with the kids at Bicentennial South Elementary or at the Desert Foothills Library in Cave Creek or go to an AGR event. These folks gave up five to eight hours of their day to



The terrific staff at Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital – Dr. Valerie Ferguson in the middle

help make my life as normal as possible. I am not naming names, because I don’t want to forget to mention anyone in particular and I shamefully did not keep a written list, but all of you who helped know who you are – I very much appreciated your assistance.

Debbie Mikol, Placement Team Manager, worked with me to choose the prospective families for the puppies. Using our database, she produced a list of 43 families who had specified that they wanted a dog up to 9 months of age. Using some criteria I had given her, she grouped these families into “clear”, “yellow” and “red” groups. Then, she called every family to determine if they were still interested in adopting a dog from AGR. Many of them had been on our approved-to-adopt list for months and



It is truly amazing how fast puppies grow! At far left is a newborn pup, then one at 3½ weeks old, then one at 5 weeks, then one at 8 weeks, then one at 9 weeks and two at 12 weeks

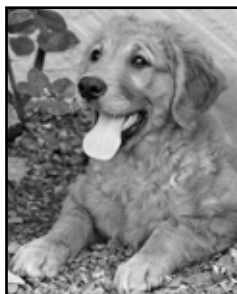
quite a few had gotten a dog from elsewhere, so these families were put into the “red” group and were dismissed from consideration. Most of the others had specified that they wanted a female, so they were dismissed. Several of the remaining applicants work full time and are away from home 8-10 hours a day. The families in the “yellow” group did not fit the criteria 100% but had something that was fixable. One family that was eventually approved had a Sago Palm and some cacti in their backyard. They agreed to have the Sago Palm (very toxic to dogs) removed and the cacti surrounded by hardware cloth with a 1-foot margin all around the plants and buried at least 8 inches into the ground. It was not an easy task to narrow that list down to only four families (as the foster, I had the choice of keeping a puppy or not, and I chose to do so) which we felt would provide the absolute best environment in which to raise a puppy.

The last visit to the vet the day the puppies were 12 weeks old was also highly amusing. The puppies were now big enough to almost see over the counter in the exam room and could almost reach the doorstop on the wall (see picture above)!

I have been asked numerous times if the original owners knew **Faith** was pregnant when they surrendered her and her brother, **Ford**, to **Arizona Golden Rescue**. No, I don’t think they had a clue, as these dogs had been kept outside and basically ignored. The dogs were lucky to have been taken into our Rescue before **Faith** whelped. The day she did, it was close to freezing outside. Had she still been in the owner’s yard, the puppies would have all died from exposure to the cold. We are so happy that the owners chose to give up these two beautiful dogs. **Ford** was adopted right away (read his adoption story on page 16), **Faith** after the puppies were weaned at about 6 weeks of age. You will read **Faith**’s adoption story and those of the puppies in the “Magic Moments” column of the August issue.



16-002 Adam now Brody Boy



16-004 Britt now Murphy



16-007 Harry Luck now Pluto



16-008 Lee now JasperLee



16-009 Vin

### Be Prepared for a Poison Emergency

In spite of your best efforts to secure your home, your animal may become poisoned, so you need to be prepared. Your animal companion should regularly be seen by a local veterinarian to maintain overall health. Know the veterinarian’s procedures for emergency situations, especially ones that occur after usual business hours. Keep the telephone numbers for the veterinarian, the **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** (888-426-4435), and a local emergency veterinary service in a convenient location.

#### Poison Safety Kit

Keep a pet safety kit on hand for emergencies. Such a kit should contain at least:

◆ A fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide 3% (USP)

- ◆ Can of soft dog or cat food, as appropriate
- ◆ Turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medical syringe
- ◆ Saline eye solution to flush out eye contaminants
- ◆ Artificial tear gel to lubricate eyes after flushing
- ◆ Mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid to wash animal after skin contamination
- ◆ Rubber gloves
- ◆ Forceps to remove stingers or plant thorns/spines
- ◆ Muzzle – an animal that is excited or in pain may unintentionally (or intentionally) try to harm you even if you are trying to help it
- ◆ Pet carrier or crate



## PLANTS THAT ARE NOT TOXIC TO DOGS

*Editor's Note: I had intended to present two fairly complete lists, one of plants not toxic to dogs and one of plants that are. However, both lists ended up being too long to publish in this newsletter. Most of the information you would ever need can be found on the ASPCA website: <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>. A caution, though – this website is not 100% accurate, so just use it as a guide to plants that will **probably** not cause an adverse reaction if eaten or even touched by your dog.*

*For example, several cacti are listed as NOT TOXIC by the ASPCA – this would be true if a dog could get past the spines and eat the cacti, but that does not mean these plants are not harmful! The same goes for poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac. The ASPCA website claims these plants are not toxic. Years ago, though, when I lived in CT, my two Golden retrievers got into poison ivy and both broke out in an awful allergic rash on their bellies. The rash was so bad, we had to give them prednisone treatment. So, please just use caution and common sense when selecting plants for your yard or for being watchful when you have your dog with you on hiking or camping trips.*

*On the ASPCA lists, various additional common names are shown in parentheses. Also, please note that a number of scientific Family names are out of date and not ones now used by taxonomic botanists – the old Family name, which is the one that usually appears on the ASPCA website, is shown in parentheses. If you want to know what a particular plant's characteristics are (toxic or nontoxic), put the **scientific name** in your Internet search engine and choose the Wikipedia description.*

*In the list below, I have included only those plants that would most commonly be used in an Arizona yard or home, so the list is far from exhaustive. If you have a question about the safety of using a particular plant, look it up on the ASPCA website or online in Wikipedia.*

**African Daisy** (Barberton Daisy, Veldt Daisy, Transvaal Daisy, Gerber Daisy) | Scientific Name: *Gerbera jamesonii* |

Family: Asteraceae (Compositae)

**African Violet** (Cape Marigold) | Scientific Names: *Saintpaulia species* | Family: Gesneriaceae

**Aluminum Plant** (Watermelon Plant) | Scientific Name: *Pilea cadieri* | Family: Urticaceae

**Alyssum** (Alyssum varieties) | Scientific Names: *Alyssum species* | Family: Brassicaceae (Cruciferae)

**American Rubber Plant** (Pepper Face, Baby Rubber Plant) | Scientific Name: *Peperomia obtusifolia* | Family: Piperaceae

**Areca Palm** (Golden Butterfly Palm, Cane Palm, Golden Feather Palm, Yellow Palm) | Scientific Name: *Dypsis lutescens* |

Family: Arecaceae

**Autumn Olive** (Silver Berry, Russian Olive) | Scientific Names: *Elaeagnus species* | Family: Elaeagnaceae

**Bamboo** (Golden Bamboo, Fishpole Bamboo) | Scientific Name: *Phyllostachys aurea* | Family: Poaceae (Gramineae)

**Basil** (Saint Joseph's Wort, Thai Basil, Sweet Basil) | Scientific Name: *Ocimum basilicum* | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae)

**Bottlebrush** (Weeping Bottlebrush, Prickly Bottlebrush, Crimson Bottlebrush) | Scientific Names: *Callistemon species* |

Family: Myrtaceae

**Camellia** (Common Camellia, Peony Camellia) | Scientific Name: *Camellia japonica* | Family: Theaceae

**Canada Hemlock** | Scientific Name: *Tsuga canadensis* | Family: Pinaceae

**Carob** (Sugar Pod, Locust Pods, Algaroba, Carob Tree, Kharoub, Beans) | Scientific Name: *Ceratonia siliqua* |

Family: Fabaceae (Leguminosae)

**Casaba Melon** (Honeydew Melon, True Cantaloupe, Muskmelon) | Scientific Name: *Cucumis melo* | Family: Cucurbitaceae

**Chaparral** (Creosote Bush, Greasewood) | Scientific Name: *Larrea tridentata* | Family: Zygophyllaceae

**Chervil** (Garden Chervil, French Parsley) | Scientific Name: *Anthriscus cerefolium* | Family: Apiaceae (Umbelliferae).

**Christmas Cactus** (Easter Cactus) | Scientific Name: *Schlumbergera bridgesii* | Family: Cactaceae

**Cilantro** (Coriander, Chinese Parsley, Dhania) | Scientific Name: *Coriandrum sativum* | Family: Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)

**Cinnamon** | Scientific Names: *Cinnamomum species* | Family: Lauraceae

**Cinquefoil** (Silver Cinquefoil, Shrubby Cinquefoil, Rough Cinquefoil, Sulfur Cinquefoil, Rock Cinquefoil) |

Scientific Names: *Potentilla species* | Family: Rosaceae

**Club Moss** (Cushion Moss, Irish Moss, Krauss' Spikemoss, Spreading Club Moss, Trailing Irish Moss) |

Scientific Name: *Selaginella kraussiana* | Family: Selaginellaceae

**Common Snapdragon** (Garden Snapdragon) | Scientific Name: *Antirrhinum majus* | Family: Scrophulariaceae

**Coreopsis** (Tickseed) | Scientific Names: *Coreopsis species* | Family: Asteraceae (Compositae)

**Crepe Myrtle** (Crape Myrtle) | Scientific Name: *Lagerstroemia indica* | Family: Lythraceae

**Cucumber** (Garden Cucumber) | Scientific Name: *Cucumis sativa* | Family: Cucurbitaceae

**Day Lilies** (many varieties) | Scientific Names: *Hemerocallis species* | Family: Liliaceae

**Dwarf Date Palm** | Scientific Name: *Phoenix acaulis* | Family: Arecaceae

- Dwarf Palm** (Good Luck palm, Parlor palm) | Scientific Name: *Chamaedorea elegans* | Family: Arecaceae
- Dwarf Royal Palm** | Scientific Name: *Veitchia merillii* | Family: Arecaceae
- Easter Lily** | Scientific Name: *Lilium longiflorum* | Family: Liliaceae
- Fire Weed** (Blooming Sally, Great Willow-Herb) | Scientific Name: *Epilobium angustifolium* | Family: Onagraceae
- Garden Marigold** (Marigold, Mary Bud, Gold bloom, Pot marigold) | Scientific Name: *Calendula officinalis* | Family: Asteraceae (Compositae)
- Gerber Daisy** (Transvaal Daisy, African Daisy, Veldt Daisy, Gerbera Daisy, Barberton Daisy) | Scientific Name: *Gerbera jamesonii* | Family: Asteraceae (Compositae)
- Hollyhock** | Scientific Name: *Althea rosea* | Family: Malvaceae
- Honey Locust** | Scientific Name: *Gleditsia triacanthos* | Family: Fabaceae (Leguminosae)
- Honeydew Melon** (Casaba Melon) | Scientific Name: *Cucumis melo* | Family: Cucurbitaceae
- Honeysuckle Fuchsia** | Scientific Name: *Fuchsia triphylla* | Family: Onagraceae
- Ice Plant** | Scientific Name: *Lampranthus piquet* | Family: Aizoaceae
- Lemon Balm** (Balm, Common Balm, Balm mint) | Scientific Name: *Melissa officinalis* | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae)
- Nasturtium** (Nose-Twister, Nose-Tweaker) | Scientific Name: *Tropaeolum majus* | Family: Tropaeolaceae
- Natal Plum** | Scientific Name: *Carissa grandiflora* | Family: Apocynaceae
- Night Blooming Cereus** (Queen of the Night, Pitaya, Honolulu Queen) | Scientific Name: *Hylocereus undatus* | Family: Cactaceae
- Pampas Grass** | Scientific Name: *Cortaderia selloana* | Family: Poaceae (Gramineae)
- Petunia** | Scientific Names: *Petunia species* | Family: Solanaceae
- Rosemary** (Anthos) | Scientific Name: *Rosemarinus officinalis* | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae)
- Sage** (Common Sage, Garden Sage) | Scientific Name: *Salvia officinalis* | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae)
- Savory** (Summer or Winter) | Scientific Name: *Satureja hortensis* | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae)
- Sego Lily** (Mariposa Lily) | Scientific Name: *Calochortus gunnisonii* | Family: Liliaceae
- Texas Sage** (Scarlet Sage) | Scientific Name: *Salvia coccinea* | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae)
- Thyme** (Common Thyme, Garden Thyme, German Thyme) | Scientific Name: *Thymus vulgaris* | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae)
- True Cantaloupe** (cantaloupe) | Scientific Name: *Cucumis melo* | Family: Cucurbitaceae
- Zinnia** | Scientific Names: *Zinnia species* | Family: Asteraceae (Compositae)
- Zucchini Squash** | Scientific Name: *Cucurbita pepo cv. zucchini* | Family: Cucurbitaceae

### PLANTS KNOWN TO BE TOXIC TO DOGS

*Editor's Note: This list is abbreviated from the one found at <http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>. There are color photos on this website of all of the toxic plants. Unfortunately, due to cost, we cannot print pictures in color, but I have included black-and-white photos of many of the more common toxic plants (or plant parts, such as seeds) which might be found indoors or outdoors in Arizona, including in florists' arrangements. If you are considering adding plants to your yard or inside your home, or if you want to check "an authority" to determine if those you already have are toxic to dogs, we encourage you to visit the ASPCA website. When inquiring at a nursery about a particular plant, it is best to use the **scientific name**, as there is often more than one common name for the same plant, or two different plants may have the same common name. In the list that follows, various additional common names are shown in parentheses. Also, please note that a number of Family names have been changed to those that are now used by taxonomic botanists; the old Family names are shown in parentheses.*

*The following list contains plants that have been reported as having systemic effects on dogs and/or intense effects on the gastrointestinal tract. The ASPCA website also includes lists of plants toxic to cats and horses. Please note that the information contained in the following plant list is not even close to being all-inclusive, but rather is a compilation of the most frequently encountered plants.*

*If you think that your animal is ill or may have ingested a poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian or the ASPCA's 24-hour emergency poison hotline directly at 1-888-426-4435 (have your credit card ready – there is a fee for this service).*



**Aloe** | Scientific Name: *Aloe vera* | Family: Liliaceae; contains saponins which can cause vomiting, depression, diarrhea, anorexia, tremors, change in urine color.

**Amaryllis** (Many, including: Belladonna lily, Saint Joseph lily, Cape Belladonna, Naked Lady) | Scientific Names: *Amaryllis species* | Family: Amaryllidaceae; contains lycorine, which causes vomiting, depression, diarrhea, abdominal pain, hypersalivation, anorexia, tremors.





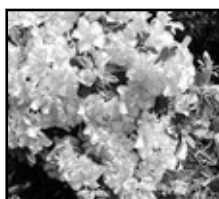
**American Bittersweet** (Bittersweet, Waxwork, Shrubby Bittersweet, False Bittersweet, Climbing Bittersweet) | Scientific Name: *Celastrus scandens* | Family: Celastraceae; contains euonymin and sesquiterpene alkaloids, which cause weakness, convulsions, gastroenteritis (vomiting, diarrhea)

**Anthurium** (Flamingo Flower, Flamingo Lily, Tail Flower, Oilcloth Flower, Pigtail Plant, Painter's Palette) | Scientific Name: *Anthurium schzerianum* | Family: Araceae; contains insoluble calcium oxalates, which cause oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



**Apple** (Includes Apricot, Crabapple, Cherry, Peach, Pear, Plum) | Scientific Name: *Malus sylvestris* (and *Prunus species*) | Family: Rosaceae; stems, leaves and seeds contain cyanide and are particularly toxic when in the process of wilting; cause brick-red mucous membranes, dilated pupils, difficulty breathing, panting, shock; fruit without the seeds is not toxic

**Asparagus Fern** (Asparagus, Emerald Feather, Emerald Fern, Sprengeri Fern, Plumosa Fern, Lace Fern, Racemose Asparagus, Shatavari) | Scientific Name: *Asparagus densiflorus cv sprengeri* | Family: Liliaceae; contains sapogenins, which cause allergic dermatitis with repeated dermal exposure; berry ingestion could result in gastric upset (vomiting, abdominal pain, or diarrhea)



**Azalea and Rhododendron** (Azalea, Rosebay) | Scientific Names: *Rhododendron species* | Family: Ericaceae; contains grayantoxin, which causes vomiting, diarrhea, hypersalivation, weakness,



coma, hypotension, CNS depression, cardiovascular collapse and death; ingestion of a few leaves can cause serious problems, as the toxic principle interferes with normal skeletal muscle, cardiac muscle and nerve function; clinical effects typically occur within a few hours after ingestion.

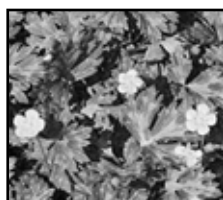


**Bay Laurel** (Sweet Bay, Bay Tree, Tree Laurel, Laurel Tree, Laurel) | Scientific Name: *Laurus nobilis* | Family: Lauraceae; contains eugenol and other essential oils, which cause vomiting and diarrhea; large ingestion of whole leaves can cause bowel obstruction



**Bird of Paradise Flower** (Crane Flower, Bird's Tongue Flower) | Scientific Name: *Strelitzia reginae* | Family: Strelitziaceae; toxic agent not known; ingestion of fruit or seeds causes mild nausea, vomiting, drowsiness; should not be confused with *Caesalpinia* or *Poinciana gilliesii*, which are also known as Bird of Paradise and Mexican Bird of Paradise, respectively, and are more toxic

**Boxwood** – common choice in landscaping | Scientific Names: *Buxus species* | Family: Buxaceae; contains alkaloids, which cause vomiting, diarrhea



**Buttercup** (Butter Cress, Figwort) | Scientific Names: *Ranunculus species* | Family: Ranunculaceae; contains rotoanemonin (an irritant), which causes vomiting, diarrhea, depression, anorexia, hypersalivation and wobbly gait

**Calla Lily** (Arum Lily, Pig Lily, White Arum, Trumpet Lily, Florist's Calla, Garden Calla) | Scientific Name: *Zantedeschia aethiopica* | Family: Araceae; contains insoluble calcium oxalates, which cause oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



**Caraway** (Meridian Fennel, Persian Cumin) | Scientific Name: *Carum carvi* | Family: Apiaceae (Umbelliferae); contains oils with carvone and limonene, which cause vomiting and diarrhea; avoid giving dogs rye bread

**Cardinal Flower** (Lobelia, Indian Pink) | Scientific Name: *Lobelia cardinalis* | Family: Campanulaceae; contains lobeline, which causes depression, diarrhea, vomiting, excessive salivation, abdominal pain, heart rhythm disturbances



**Carnation** (Pinks, Wild Carnation, Sweet William) | Scientific Name: *Dianthus species*; *Caryophyllus species* | Family: Caryophyllaceae; toxic agent unknown, causes mild gastrointestinal signs, mild dermatitis



**Castor Bean Plant** (African Wonder Tree, Castor Oil Plant, Mole Bean Plant) | Scientific

Name: **Ricinus communis** | Family: Euphorbiaceae; contains ricin, which is a highly toxic component that inhibits protein synthesis; ingestion of as little as one ounce of seeds can be lethal



**Chives** | Scientific Name: **Allium schoenoprasum** | Family: Amaryllidaceae; contains N-propyl disulfide, which causes vomiting, breakdown of red blood cells (hemolytic anemia, Heinz body anemia), blood in urine, weakness, high heart rate, panting

**Chrysanthemum** (Daisy, Mum; many varieties) | Scientific Names: **Chrysanthemum species** | Family: Asteraceae (Compositae); contains sesquiterpene, lactones, pyrethrins and other potential irritants which cause vomiting, diarrhea, hypersalivation, incoordination, dermatitis



**Coleus** (Indian Borage, Bread-and-Butter Plant, Spanish Thyme, East Indian Thyme, Stinging Thyme, Country Borage; many others) | Scientific Name: **Coleus ampoinicus** | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae); contains essential oils, which cause vomiting, diarrhea, depression, anorexia, occasionally bloody diarrhea or vomiting

**Common Privet** (Privet, Amur, Wax-leaf) – often used as hedge plant | Scientific Name: **Ligustrum vulgare** | Family: Oleaceae; contains terpenoid glycosides, which cause gastrointestinal upset (most common), incoordination, increased heart rate, death (rare)



**Cyclamen** (Sowbread) | Scientific Names: **Cyclamen species** | Family: Primulaceae; contains terpenoid saponins, which cause salivation, vomiting, diarrhea; following large ingestions of tubers: heart rhythm abnormalities, seizures, death

**Daffodil** (Narcissus, Jonquil, Paper White) | Scientific Names: **Narcissus species** | Family: Amaryllidaceae; contains lycorine and other alkaloids, which cause vomiting, salivation, diarrhea; large ingestions cause convulsions, low blood pressure, tremors and cardiac arrhythmias; bulbs are the most toxic part



**Deadly Nightshade** (Black Nightshade, Nightshade, European Bittersweet, Climbing Nightshade) | Scientific Names: **Solanum species** | Family: Solanaceae; contains solanine, saponins,

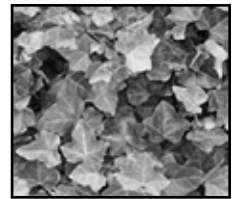
and atropine-like substances, which cause hypersalivation, inappetence, severe gastrointestinal upset, diarrhea, drowsiness, CNS depression, confusion, behavioral change, weakness, dilated pupils, slow heart rate

**Dieffenbachia** (Charming Dieffenbachia, Giant Dumb Cane, Tropic Snow, Dumbcane, Exotica, Spotted Dumb Cane, Exotica Perfection) | Scientific Names: **Dieffenbachia species** | Family: Araceae; contains insoluble calcium oxalates and proteolytic enzyme, which cause oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



**Dracaena** (Corn Plant, Cornstalk Plant, Madagascar Dragon Tree, Ribbon Plant) | Scientific Name: **Dracaena species** | Family: Agavaceae; contains saponins, which cause vomiting (occasionally with blood), depression, anorexia, hypersalivation

**English Ivy** | Scientific Name: **Hedera helix** | Family: Araliaceae; contains triterpenoid saponins (hederagenin), which cause vomiting, abdominal pain, hypersalivation, diarrhea; foliage is more toxic than berries



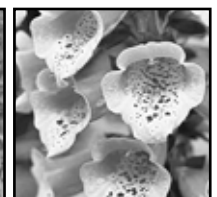
**Eucalyptus** (Many cultivars) | Scientific Names: **Eucalyptus species** | Family: Myrtaceae; contains essential oils (eucalyptol), which cause salivation, vomiting, diarrhea, depression, weakness

**Fig** (Weeping Fig, Indian Rubber Plant) | Scientific Name: **Ficus benjamina** | Family: Moraceae; contains proteolytic enzyme (ficin) and psoralen (ficusin); contact with the skin can cause dermatitis, ingestion can cause oral irritation, salivation and vomiting



**Fleabane** (Showy Daisy, Horseweed, Seaside Daisy) | Scientific Name: **Erigeron species** | Family: Asteraceae (Compositae); unknown toxic agent causes mild vomiting, diarrhea

**Foxglove** | Scientific Name: **Digitalis purpurea** | Family: Scrophulariaceae; contains cardiac glycosides, which cause cardiac arrhythmias, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, cardiac failure, death





**Garlic** (Stinking Rose, Rustic Treacle, Comphor of the Poor, Nectar of the Gods, Serpent Garlic, Rocambole) | Scientific Name: *Allium sativum* | Family: Liliaceae; contains N-propyl disulfide, which causes vomiting, breakdown of red blood cells (hemolytic anemia, Heinz body anemia), blood in urine, weakness, high heart rate, panting

**Geranium** (Many cultivars) | Scientific Names: *Pelargonium species* | Family: Geraniaceae (Geraniaceae); contains geraniol and linalool, which cause vomiting, anorexia, depression, dermatitis, ataxia, muscle weakness



**Gladiola** (Many cultivars) – often used in cut-flower arrangements | Scientific Names: *Gladiolus species* | Family: Iridaceae; unknown toxic agent causes salivation, vomiting, drooling, lethargy, diarrhea; highest concentration in corms (bulbs)



**Golden Bird's Nest** (Snake Plant, Mother-in-Law's Tongue, Good Luck Plant) | Scientific Name: *Sansevieria trifasciata* | Family: Agavaceae; contains saponins, which cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea



**Grapefruit** | Scientific Name: *Citrus paradisi* | Family: Rutaceae; contains essential oils and psoralens, which cause vomiting, diarrhea, depression; potential photosensitivity



**Hibiscus** (Rose of Sharon, Rose of China) | Scientific Name: *Hibiscus syriacus* | Family: Malvaceae; unknown toxic agent causes vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, anorexia



**Holly** (American Holly, English Holly, European Holly, Oregon Holly, Inkberry, Winterberry) | Scientific Name: *Ilex opaca* | Family: Aquifoliaceae; contains saponins, which cause vomiting, diarrhea and depression; leaves and berries are low toxicity

**Iris** (Flag, Snake Lily, Water Flag) | Scientific Names: *Iris species* | Family: Iridaceae; contains pentacyclic terpenoids (zeorin, missourin and missouriensin), which cause salivation, vomiting, drooling, lethargy, diarrhea; highest concentration in rhizomes



**Jade Plant** (Baby Jade, Dwarf Rubber Plant, Jade Tree, Chinese Rubber Plant, Japanese Rubber Plant) | Scientific Name: *Crassula argentea* | Family: Crassulaceae; unknown toxic agent causes vomiting, depression

**Kalanchoe** (Mother-In-Law-Plant, Devils Backbone, Chandelier Plant, Mother of Millions) | Scientific Names: *Kalanchoe species* | Family: Crassulaceae; contains bufodienolides, which cause vomiting, diarrhea, abnormal heart rhythm (rare)



**Lantana** (Shrub Verbena, Yellow Sage, Red Sage) | Scientific Name: *Lantana camara* | Family: Verbenaceae; contains entacyclic triterpenoids, which cause vomiting, diarrhea, labored breathing, weakness

**Larkspur** (Delphinium) | Scientific Names: *Delphinium species* | Family: Ranunculaceae; contains diterpene alkaloids; the toxicity of the plant may vary depending on seasonal changes and field conditions; as the plant matures, it generally becomes less toxic;



the alkaloids in the plant cause neuromuscular paralysis; clinical effects include constipation, colic, increased salivation, muscle tremors, stiffness, weakness, recumbency, and convulsions; cardiac failure may occur, as can death from respiratory paralysis



**Lavender** (Common Lavender, English Lavender) | Scientific Name: *Lavandula angustifolia* | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae); contains linalool and linalyl acetate; ingestion of plant or flowers causes mild GI upset; concentrated oil may damage tissues; dilute oil (as in massage oil) may cause mild GI upset with nausea, vomiting, inappetent

**Leek** (Elephant Garlic) | Scientific Name: *Allium ampeloprasum* | Family: Liliaceae; contains N-propyl disulfide, which causes vomiting, breakdown of red blood cells (hemolytic anemia, Heinz body anemia), blood in urine, weakness, high heart rate, panting



**Lemon, Lime and Orange** | Scientific Names: *Citrus limonia*, *Citrus aurantifolia* and *Citrus sinensis* | Family: Rutaceae; contains essential oils and psoralens, which cause vomiting, diarrhea, depression; potential photosensitivity



**Macadamia Nut** (Australia Nut, Queensland Nut) | Scientific Name: *Macadamia integrifolia* | Family: Proteaceae; unknown toxic agent; ingestion causes depression, hyperthermia, weakness, muscular stiffness, vomiting, tremors, increased heart rate



pharatoxin viscumin (Lectins, Phoratoxins), which cause gastrointestinal disorders, cardiovascular collapse, dyspnea, bradycardia, erratic behavior, (hallucinogenic in humans), vomiting, diarrhea, low blood pressure (rare)

**Marijuana** (Indian Hemp, Hashish) | Scientific Name: *Cannabis sativa* | Family: Cannabaceae; contains Delta-9-THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), which causes prolonged depression, vomiting, incoordination, sleepiness or excitation, hypersalivation, dilated pupils, low blood pressure, low body temperature, seizure, coma, death (rare)



**Oleander** (Rose-Bay) | Scientific Name: *Nerium oleander* | Family: Apocynaceae; poisonings can occur from access to prunings or fallen branches; all parts contain a highly toxic cardiac glycoside much like digitoxin, and can cause colic, diarrhea (possibly bloody), sweating, incoordination, shallow/difficult breathing, muscle tremors, recumbency, and possibly death from cardiac failure



**Marjoram** (Knotted Marjoram, Pot Marjoram) and **Oregano** (Greek Oregano) | Scientific Name: *Origanum majorana* and *Origanum vulgare hirtum* | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae); contains gastrointestinal irritants, which cause vomiting and diarrhea



**Onion** | Scientific Name: *Allium cepa* | Family: Liliaceae; contains N-propyl disulfide, which causes gastrointestinal upset, hemolytic anemia, vomiting, breakdown of red blood cells (hemolytic anemia, Heinz body anemia), blood in urine, weakness, high heart rate, panting; cats are more sensitive than dogs

**Mexican Bird of Paradise** (Barbados Pride, Bird of Paradise, Peacock Flower, Poinciana, Pride of Barbados) | Scientific Name: *Caesalpinia mexicana* | Family: Fabaceae (Leguminosae); possibly contains hydrocyanic acid, which causes oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, difficulty swallowing and incoordination



**Parsnip** | Scientific Name: *Pastinaca sativa* | Family: Apiaceae (Umbelliferae); contains furanocoumarins, which cause photosensitization (ulcerative and exudative dermatitis), ocular toxicity



**Milkweed** | Scientific Names: *Asclepias species* | Family: Asclepiadaceae; some species contain cardiotoxins (steroidal glycosidic cardenolides) and other species contain neurotoxins; vomiting, profound depression, weakness, anorexia, and diarrhea are common; may be followed by seizures, difficulty breathing, rapid, weak pulse, dilated pupils, kidney or liver failure, coma, respiratory paralysis and death

**Mint** (Garden Mint) | Scientific Names: *Mentha species* | Family: Lamiaceae (Labiatae); contains essential oils, which cause vomiting and diarrhea; Pennyroyal can cause liver failure



**Periwinkle** (Running Myrtle, Vinca) | Scientific Name: *Vinca rosea* | Family: Apocynaceae; contains Vinca alkaloids, which cause vomiting, diarrhea, low blood pressure, depression, tremors, seizures, coma, death

**Poinsettia** | Scientific Name: *Euphorbia pulcherrima* | Family: Euphorbiaceae; contains sap (latex) irritating to the mouth and stomach, sometimes causing vomiting, but generally over-rated in toxicity



**Mistletoe** (American Mistletoe) | Scientific Name: *Phoradendron flavescens* | Family: Viscaceae; parasitic plant used in floral arrangements and during the holidays; contains toxalbumin and



**Pothos** (Golden Pothos, Devil's Ivy, Taro Vine, Ivy Arum) | Scientific Name: *Epipremnum aureum* | Family: Araceae; contains insoluble calcium oxalates, which cause oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



**Rhubarb** (Pie Plant) | Scientific Name: *Rheum rhabarbarium* | Family: Polygonaceae; contains soluble calcium oxalates, which cause kidney failure, tremors, salivation



**Sago Palm** (Coontie Palm, Cardboard Palm, Cycads and Zamias) | Scientific Names: *Cycas revoluta*, *Zamia species* | Family: Cycadaceae; contains cycasin, which causes vomiting, melena, icterus, increased thirst, hemorrhagic gastroenteritis, bruising, coagulopathy, liver damage,



liver failure, death



**Split-leaf Philodendron** (Horsehead Philodendron, Cordatum, Heartleaf Philodendron, Panda Plant, Fiddle-Leaf, Fruit Salad Plant, Red Emerald, Red Princess, Saddle Leaf) | Scientific Name: *Philodendron bipennifolium* | Family: Araceae; contains insoluble calcium oxalates, which cause oral irritation, intense burning and irritation of mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing



**Sweet Pea** (Perennial Pea, Everlasting Pea) | Scientific Name: *Lathyrus latifolius* | Family: Fabaceae (Leguminosae); contains aminopropionitrile, which causes weakness, lethargy, pacing, head pressing, tremors, seizures and possibly death

**Sweet Potato Vine** (Sweet Potato) | Scientific Name: *Ipomoea batatas* | Family: Convolvulaceae; leaves and stems contain LSD, which causes diarrhea, hallucinations



**Tobacco** (Tree Tobacco, Nicotiana, Mustard Tree) | Scientific Name: *Nicotiana glauca* | Family: Solanaceae; contains nicotine, which causes hyperexcitability then depression, vomiting, incoordination, paralysis; death is possible



**Tomato Plant** | Scientific Names: *Lycopersicon species* | Family: Solanaceae; all parts but fruit contain solanine, which causes hypersalivation, inappetence, severe gastrointestinal upset, diarrhea,



drowsiness, CNS depression, confusion, behavioral change, weakness, dilated pupils, slow heart rate

**Wandering Jew** (Speedy Henry, Variegated Wandering Jew) | Scientific Name: *Tradescantia fluminensis* | Family: Commelinaceae; unknown toxic agent causes dermatitis



**Yarrow** (Milfoil) | Scientific Name: *Achillea millefolium* | Family: Asteraceae (Compositae); contains glycoalkaloids (achillen), monoterpenes and sesquiterpene lactones, which cause vomiting, diarrhea, depression, anorexia, hypersalivation

**Yellow Oleander** | Scientific Name: *Thevetia peruviana* | Family: Apocynaceae; contains cardenolides, which cause vomiting, diarrhea, slow heart rate



**Yew** (American Yew, English Yew, Western Yew, Pacific Yew, Japanese Yew, Anglo-Japanese Yew) | Scientific Name:

*Taxus baccata*, *Taxus canadensis* | Family:

Taxaceae; contains taxine A and B and volatile oils, which cause tremors, difficulty breathing, vomiting, seizures (dogs), sudden death from acute heart failure



**Yucca** | Scientific Names: *Yucca species* | Family: Agavaceae; contains saponins, which cause vomiting, liver disease, secondary photosensitivity



**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, acetomeniphen or ibuprofen. These drugs can cause gastrointestinal problems, respiratory difficulties, neurological problems, bleeding disorders and kidney failure. Always check with your vet regarding medications.



*Congratulations!*


Kathi and Bob Youhas celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on March 27, 2016. Among the founding members of **AGR** and very active as volunteers when they lived in Arizona, they now reside in North Carolina with their son Michael and his family. We miss you!



Bentley chasing the lure

busy” at home watching the newborn (on January 13) puppies of **Faith** and **Ford**. Thank you to all who attended and helped with set-up and take-down. Your dedication to **AGR** is much appreciated!

*HERE and THERE*  
Events from January 2 through April 17, 2016



*1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Events:  
Paws for a Wish*

By Christine Spiel



Saturday volunteers: Chris Spiel with Bailey, Jack and Nash; Dana Haywood with Riley; Tony Cotner with Daisy; Teri Guilbault with Jackson; Patrick Doyle; Karey, Sheri and Kelley Rodeffer with Sucey

This year a new venue was utilized for the first **PACC 911** event of the year, **Pioneer Community Park** in Peoria, which eventually became the location for our annual **Paws At The**

**Park** picnic. This **PACC 911** Adopt-a-thon, **Paws for a Wish**, was held for two days on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Even though the attendance by the public was minimal, **AGR** still had a great turnout of volunteers. The Golden and other furry friends had a blast run-



ning, and running, and running, and running again the lure course set up by the **Canine Cancer Awareness** organization.

The **AGR** booth seemed a little bare and out of sorts without Deb Orwig, President of **AGR**, in attendance. She was “just a little

Saturday volunteers included Rick and Debbie Ball with **Shelby**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle, who arrived very early and scouted out our booth location; Gail and Dana Haywood with



Connie Wozniak and Jolene Schlichter handled the merchandise sales

**Bilbo** and **Riley**, who delivered tents and merchandise; Teri Guilbault with **Jackson**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Jodi Koblack; Don Krause with **Stormy**; Connie McCabe; Nick Dodson; Deb Orwig, who came just long

enough to bring the merchandise and help set up; Fred Prose also arrived early to help with set-up; Karey, Sheri, and Kelley Rodeffer with **Sucey**; Jolene Schlichter; Christine Spiel with **Jack, Nash** and **Bailey**; Jane Triplett; and Connie Wozniak.

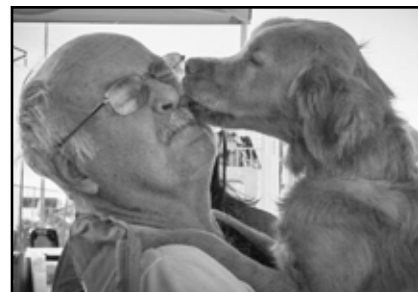


Mark Swartz with Bruno



Pretty Penny Musgrave

Sunday volunteers included Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle; Sandra Hansen; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo, Riley** and newly-adopted **Chuck**, now **Jake**, a mixed-breed cutie they got from **Brittany Rescue**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Amy Maynard with **Bentley**; Connie McCabe; Dean and Marlene Mortimore with **Missy**; Mark Swartz with **Bruno**; Lori Mus-



grave with **Penny**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; Liz Tataseo with **Reba**; and Connie Wozniak. Karin Forsythe, Nick Dodson and Deb Orwig came at the end to help pack up.

Chuck, later renamed Jake, says, *Thank you for rescuing me, Dana!*





1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Events:  
PACC911 Anthem  
Animal Extravaganza and Pet  
Adopt-a-Thon  
By Christine Spiel



Set-up crew: Dana and Gail Haywood with Bilbo and Riley; Adriel Rowley with Ember; Patrick Doyle with Grizzly; Fred Prose; Mary Dunnill with Winnie and Bella; Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash

It looked like it was going to be a very cold, windy and miserable day in **Anthem Community Park** at the **PACC 911** event on February 6<sup>th</sup>, but soon after the booth set-up was complete, the sun came out, the wind died down and it



Connie McCabe is usually behind the camera lens taking photos of everyone else, like this one of Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash, but every now and then someone will get one of Connie -- here she is with her boy Grizzly

McCabe captured excellent pictures with members and their Golden Retrievers by the small



turned out to be a beautiful day. As usual in Anthem, the turnout by the public was good, and **AGR** was able to sell \$152 in merchandise and a \$10 calendar, and collected \$86.26 in donations. Connie



Silver family with Ford

lake. Liz Tataseo's **Reba** and my **Nash** were ready to jump in the water and get those ducks! The Silver Family had had a Meet-and-Greet earlier that morning to meet **Ford**, whom they eventually adopted, and they were so excited to check out **AGR** they came out to the event,



Mary Dunnill with Bella handled merchandise sales



Nash Spiel and Winnie McCabe/Dodson both enjoyed running the lure course



as well, and of course, to play with **Ford** some more! Check out these photos and more on the **AGR** website Events Gallery link.



Amy Maynard and Steve Deshler with their boy Bentley

Thank you all who attended and helped out at this event: Patrick Doyle; Mary Dunhill with **Bella**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Amy Maynard and Steve Deshler with **Bentley**; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with **Grizzly** and **Winnie**; Debbie Mikol with foster boy **Ford**; Deb Orwig, who took a short break from puppy-watching to help with the set-up and break-down; Fred Prose; Karey and Kelley Rodeffer

with **Sucy**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Mark and Cyndee Swartz with **Bruno**; and Liz Tataseo with **Reba**. Also, a thank you to Jill Prose who worked behind the scenes -- she



Do you think Karey has treats?



had the most terrible, awful, no-fun-time (yeah, right!) taking care of the puppies so Deb could deliver and pick up equipment and merchandise for the event.

Dana and Gail Haywood usually bring Riley and Bilbo to Westside events from their home in Apache Junction -- our thanks to them for their support!



1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Events:  
Gift Wrapping on Valentine's Day  
By Deb Orwig

Once again this year, the Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble Bookellers** welcomed us to do gift wrapping on Valentine's Day. Although it was reported that no gifts were wrapped except one that Deb-



Group at beginning: Rick and Debbie Ball with Shelby; Martha McDowell holding Reba; Deb Orwig with Gonzo and Dolly; Patrick Doyle; Don Krause with Stormy; Larry Orwig with Duffy; and Chris Spiel with Nash, Bailey and Jack

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Events:  
Parada Del Sol and Trail's End  
By Christine Spiel



Michael and Lauren Rudin and Bryxx with our logo banner

Again this year, the *Parada del Sol* and the *Trail's End* celebration on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, were a highlight of my year for *AGR* events. It was great to see so many *AGR* members attending dressed in red or white shirts, in keeping with the Valentine's Day theme, and their Golden's proudly wearing their new heart-themed bandanas especially made by President of *AGR*,

Deb Orwig. *AGR*, as usual, was a crowd favorite. It is always a great feeling to walk in this parade and see the delight of huge smiles on children's and adult's faces alike! The loud cheers from the crowd are addicting, and I never want the finish line to appear. It was wonderful to see some new members participating in the parade this year. Hopefully, they will be excited to come back and do it all again next February. I have a goal for the parade next year. I want to achieve 100 members participating. Let's do it!



Diane Ghezzi and Marlene Mortimore carried our special Golden's Are All Heart banner



Even the wait for the parade to begin is fun for dogs like Charlie (left) and the Orwig gang (right), as they are always mobbed



Sheila Joyce with birthday boy Charlie

bie Ball had brought (and wrapped herself) to give to a friend, the group collected \$278.70 in donations. Although no one asked for gift wrapping, there was a good deal of traffic into the store, and the customers loved to see and pet the dogs. Deb Orwig brought the set-up materials and then came again at the end to help pack everything up, but she could not stay because of necessary puppy duty at home. Larry Orwig, however, was



Dolly kept Martha McDowell company most of the day



Jack, Nash, Reba and Charlie competing for lap space

there all day with **Dolly** and **Duffy**. Debbie and Rick Ball brought **Shelby**; Sheila Joyce came with **Charlie**; Gail and Dana Haywood brought **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Don Krause



Liz Tataseo with Reba and Gonzo

came with **Stormy**; and Christine Spiel came with **Bailey**, **Jack** and **Nash**. Patrick Doyle helped with set-up and with Chris's dogs. Martha McDowell, our spectacular "bow lady", was there to do gift wrapping had any been needed. Liz Tataseo, who brought **Gonzo** and **Reba**, was the photographer for the day. Thanks for helping, everyone!

*Volunteers don't get paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!*  
~ Anon.



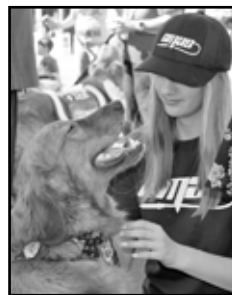
Paul and Tiara Korpalski with Max and Jaxx; Trish Fannin with Lola; Doug Hartman, Helen Noonan and Tom Valente with Augie and Lola; the Wieser family; Mia Ghezzi walking herself in the parade always draws a great reaction from the crowd



Performer on stilts was about ten feet tall; Nash either wanted to get up on the ball himself or chew off the performer's Mohawk hairdo

The *Trail's End* celebration never disappoints – so many vendors, street performers, and food trucks it's almost overwhelming. I can't believe I lived in Phoenix since 1985 and I never knew this huge event existed until I became a part of **AGR** in 2012!

**AGR** had a great turnout of members in our booth after the parade, with many staying well into the afternoon. The Golden's were exhausted and couldn't wait to chill in the shade and receive well-deserved pets from the public who hooted and hollered for them during the parade. The public was also very generous, donating \$654.66 and purchasing \$392.38 in **AGR** merchandise. Our cost for the entire day: \$50 for the parade entry



fee and \$0 for the booth! We thank the *Trail's End* hosts for their generosity!

Looks like Ford is laughing! Shaggy just enjoyed getting hugged.



Michele Wehry has never missed walking in the parade and she vows that husband Mark Hill will not in the future, either – here they are with NinAnnie and Cassie

Thank you everyone who helped with the early-morning set-up, stayed to watch over the booth, walked in the parade, and/or helped in the booth afterward: Trish Fannin with **Lola**; Tom and Diane Ghezzi with **Mia**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Tiara and Paul Korpalski with **Max** and **Jaxx**; Amy Maynard with **Bentley**; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with **Shaggy** and **Winnie**; Dean and Marlene Mortimore with **Missy**; Deb and Larry Orwig with **Mufasa**, **Dolly** and **Duffy**; Fred Prose; Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer with **Sucy**; Lauren and Michael Rudin with **Bryxx**; Dan, Mora, Shaylee and Luke Silver with **Ford**; Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Tom Valente, Doug Hartman, and Helen Noonan, who came down all the way from Sedona with **Augie** and **Lola**; Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with **NinAnnie** and **Cassie**; and Philip, Sharon, Marcus, and Ilan Wieser, Agi Goldman, and Arik Schure with **Nala**. Those who stayed in the booth during the parade included Patrick Doyle, Don Krause with **Stormy** and Liz Tataseo with **Reba**. We also thank Connie Wozniak and Debbie and Rick Ball for doing puppy-care shifts at the Orwigs' house.



Reba complained loudly about being tied up during booth set-up

To those members who have never participated in the *Parada del Sol* and *Trail's End Celebration*, as well as to those who have, please mark your calendars now for **Saturday, February 11, 2017**. We want you to join us!

Patrick, Don and Liz watched the booth

Shaggy and Winnie with their pretty heart bandannas

Deb and Larry Orwig with dogs



Dolly enjoyed riding in the wagon during the parade – thanks to Marcus Wieser for pulling it



1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Events:  
*PACC911 Adopt-a-thon, Earnhardt*

By Christine Spiel



Tony with Daisy, Dana, Chris, Patrick and Gail

I will always remember this **PACC 911** event held at **Earnhardt Ford** in Chandler on Saturday, February 20th, 2016. Little did I know then that this was the last time I would be able to laugh, joke around and eat pizza with one



of the founding members of **AGR**, Tony Cotner. We will miss you, Tony, more than words can express. Tony passed away on March 5, 2016.

This was an unusually lightly-attended event by the public. We sold only \$50 in merchandise, but even with all the other 40-some Rescues there, we collected \$274 in donations.

Attendees at this event included: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Deb Orwig with **Dolly**, **Mufasa**, and **Duffy**; and Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. Dean Mortimore stopped by for a little while with **Missy** (photo at left). Also, we were graced with a visit from Miss Arizona 2015, Madi Esteves (photo above with Chris and Patrick)! We all thank Connie McCabe for puppy sitting and keeping **Troy** company so Deb could attend this all-day event.



Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. Dean Mortimore stopped by for a little while with **Missy** (photo at left). Also, we were graced with a visit from Miss Arizona 2015, Madi Esteves (photo above with Chris and Patrick)! We all thank Connie McCabe for puppy sitting and keeping **Troy** company so Deb could attend this all-day event.



1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Events:  
*Paws At The Park*

By Deb Orwig

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> was a spectacular day for a picnic! We had a great attendance at *Paws At The Park* – 115 came including 7 children under age 10, and there were 319 paws (**Teddy** is a tri-

pod) walking around the grounds! It was nice to have Greg Korycki and Carrie Foust bring their three furgirls (**Lola**, **Charlotte** and **Pippi**) all the way from their new home in Tucson and for Michelle Bailey and Kay Correll to come from Maricopa with **Chance** and newly-adopted **Faith**, now called **Casey**. The new venue, **Pioneer Community Park** in Peoria, was terrific! The weather was gorgeous – mid 80's with a light breeze. Those who registered ahead of time but who were unable to attend will get donation credit for their \$10-per-person fee. Our registration fees brought in \$1790. Thanks so much to Jackie and Dave Engelhardt who donated \$100 in memory of **Sage** towards the cost of the venue, which left us with a bill of only \$170.



2016-2017 AGR Board of Directors: Dana Haywood, Christine Spiel, Connie McCabe, Susan Vallie, Deb Orwig



Deb Orwig addressing crowd during business meeting

On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>, we loaded a trailer lent to us by Larry Jesup (thanks, Larry!), my mini-van and Connie and Nick's vans, then finished the loading up of the raffle items into five vehicles (including Chris Spiel's SUV) on Sunday morning. Adam Cardinal, Nick Dodson, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, and Chris Spiel helped with the loading. When we got to **Pioneer Community Park** at 8:30 AM on Sunday, Patrick Doyle was already there to help with the unloading; Gail and Dana Haywood, Susan Parker and Jane Triplett arrived shortly afterward.



Gail Haywood with Riley and Bilbo handled registration and check-in

Gail handled the registration check-in, and Susan helped wrangle several dogs while the rest of us did the set-up. All pitched in to help erect the 9 tent canopies and 12 tables we had brought. Sandra Hansen and I set up our merchandise display area, and Sandra handled sales during the day. Our merchandise sales did very well – \$631 – and we collected \$290 in donations during the event.

Meanwhile, Liz Tataseo set up our fabulous raffle. Chris Spiel, Larry Orwig and Dana Haywood iced down all the soda and water; Teri Guilbault



Liz Tataseo with Reba



Jane Triplett sold lots of raffle tickets

generally got the food area organized, and Jeff Guilbault got the grill fired up.

While everyone was waiting for the food area to be ready, Sharon McKenzie and Donna Novak conducted some fun games for the dogs.



Sandra Hansen handled merchandise sales



Above: Grillmaster Jeff Guilbault; Right: Chris Engstrom with stepdaughter-to-be Sierra and dog Marley in line to try the hot dog dunk run by Donna Novak; below right: Connie and Nick's dog Sammy got his whole snout under water but wasn't as fast as Donna's dog Jackson, who won the contest



bucket to retrieve pieces of hot dog! Prizes were given to the game winners – Donna's dog **Jackson** won a "dunk off" by one second! Sharon had also set up a mini-agility course on the grass to the south of the ramadas; several attendees tried to run this course with their dogs.



Dana, Deb, Larry and Kathy Blue with her AGR boy Luke enjoying the good food

The raffle would not have been as great without prevent help from Martha McDowell and Liz Tataseo. We put most of the baskets and collections of items together at my house on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We ended up with 52 raffle items. There was something to entice almost everyone to purchase

raffle tickets – we made **\$1063!** Many members got smokin' deals on some of those raffles! We appreciate the two gorgeous raffle baskets donated by Reno Navarette and Ray Morales, as well as the beautiful lap quilt made by Sheri Rodeffer and the nice *Movies* basket donated by Karey Rodeffer. Thanks to Jane Triplett for taking care of raffle ticket sales during the event.

I started the "business" portion of the gathering by introducing **AGR's** Board of Directors for 2016-2017 and asking for a vote of confirmation: Deb Orwig, President; Christine Spiel, Director of Activities; Susan Vallie, Director of Dog Care; Dana Haywood, Director of Information Management; and Connie McCabe, Human Resources Director. I then gave a brief history of the progress of the organization. *On March 14, 2009 at our first meeting, we started with 30 members; within a week, we had 121, and now we have 644. As of today, we have rescued 700 dogs (Valentina just came today). Last year, we rescued 100 dogs and raised over \$168,000 to support our rescue efforts! Since our incorporation in 2009, we have raised almost \$1,134,000!* Pretty impressive statistics as we enter our 8<sup>th</sup> year of business! See pages 10-12 of this issue for more on the "State of the Organization."



Beautiful Memorial Table created by Christine Spiel and Connie McCabe

Next on the agenda was our Rainbow Bridge ceremony. Thirteen members wanted to honor a dog they had lost in the last year., and we all wanted to honor the unusually large number of AGR members who had passed away during the past year including Bill Atkinson, Jerry Brummer, Pat Carlson, Tony Cotner, Yanna Jorni-Reid, Rusty Krause, Gerald McHugh, and Barney Novo. Chris and Connie worked together to create a beautiful commemorative display with photos of these members and roses scattered on the table. Unfortunately, we could not play Shelly Guidotti's song "So Hard To Say Goodbye" because our PA system kept blowing out the circuit breaker and I had not brought my portable CD player, so I just had to read the words, difficult because I had lost **Troy** less than a week before. You can listen to this lovely and moving song on the Bridge page of our website. With help from Michael Rudin, I then distributed a commemorative booklet and a rainbow rosette to all the Bridge ceremony participants.



Teri and Jeff showing grandson Lucas the Bridge booklet and rainbow rosette they received in memory of Blossom and Goldie who both passed away in the last year

A much happier adoption-recognition ceremony followed. Only 11 of our 2015-2016 rescues were present to receive a paw-shaped



Parade of Rescue: Nick Dodson with Shaggy; Leslie Carson with Kory, Janet Hobbs and Sue Vallie with Sue's AGR dogs Penny and Oliver; Dean Mortimore behind



New Adoptees – Top Row: Oakley with Anita, Bailey with Chris, Roxy with Jocelyn; Middle Row: Casey and Chance with Michelle and Kay, Sue Kemper with Buddy on right; Sadie Star with the Davis family; Buddy with Sue Kemper and Cam Warren; At Left: Patty Forte with new girl Valentina and Dante

adoption medallion (Where were the other 89 dogs?). Then we invited everyone who had rescued a dog from any source at any

time to join us in a Parade of Rescue around the Park – that thrilling sight always chokes me up!

AGR's only expenses for this event were for the meat and ice, the printing of the Bridge booklet, game prizes and the \$170 for the venue, a total of \$674.72. The Albertsons grocery store at 8240 W. Deer Valley Rd in Peoria



Above in Parade of Rescue: Adam Cardinal with Rhys; at Right, Rick Ball watching Tony Cotner's brother-in-law James Newland handle Tony's dogs Daisy, Goldie and Rocky

Karin Forsythe for getting this donation for us. Teri and Jeff Guilbault do-



Our annual picnic and members' fun day, Paws At The Park, is a great time to connect with old friends and meet new ones; Above, Ford and his sister Faith had not seen each other since they came into Rescue last December; At Right, Carrie Foust and Greg Korycki, shown here with Pippi, Charlotte and Lola, are AGR founding members who have lived in Austin, Texas until recently moving to Tucson – we hope to see them more often now!

the donation. Larry put together all the utensil/napkin packets ahead of time. The Board members and Team managers brought desserts.



Thanks to all who donated items for our food service and for the Park fee, as well as those who sent in donations totaling \$382 because they could not attend, Paws At The Park cleared about \$2,256, including day-of-event donations, raffles and merchandise sales. In 2017, this event will be held in Central Phoenix (we are researching Steele Indian School Park) or somewhere on the East Side (perhaps Kiwanis Park or Papago Park in Tempe) – we will let you know as soon as we have a confirmed date, which will be on a Sunday in mid-March, and place. We hope more of you will be able to attend this wonderful gathering of members and friends.



Liz Sawtschenko and Dan Etnire with Sunny and Cooper



### Meet-and-Greets at Petco

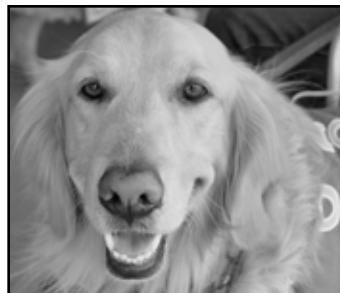
By Liz Tataseo

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



We had three great Petco Meet-and-Greets during the first quarter, on January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>. The weather was good enough to be outside each time,

and that encouraged people just driving by to stop and meet the dogs. We meet regularly on the last Saturday of the month.



The faces that are "regulars" at Petco Meet-and-Greets – Top: Reba and Gonzo Tataseo; Middle: Bailey, Jack and Nash Spiel and Charlie Joyce; and Stormy Krause



Don Krause arriving with Stormy – it's always a good idea to bring a chair

Joining **Reba**, **Gonzo** and me in January were Teri Guilbault with **Rosey**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Don Krause with **Stormy**; Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Sucy** and **Leia**; Chris Spiel with **Bailey**, **Jack**, and **Nash**; and Jane Triplett with her new foster grey-



Sheila Joyce usually brings Charlie

hound **Slip**. Chris's friend from work came by and got to meet all the dogs. We had a fun time with Jane's new foster as he tried to get used to not being an Alpha racer. He was fine with all the big dogs but was not happy with the smaller ones that came by – he really wanted to chase them!



Jane Triplett with Jack Spiel and Leslie Carson with her AGR boy Kory

He did a great job, and they had lots of visitors. Denise Padavano and Carolyn Blean stopped for a while to visit.

In March, Patrick Doyle was there to help me with **Reba** and **Gonzo** and setting up. Don arrived with **Stormy** soon after and in spite of having to wear bunny ears, the dogs had a good time. Since it was the day before Easter,



Jane Triplett usually has a foster Greyhound like Slip, but she has also fostered several Golden Retrievers for AGR

We had a wonderful visit with a woman and her service dog, a lovely Golden Retriever, and discussed the intricacies of having a dog from **Power Paws Assistance Dogs**. She was just driving by and had to stop.

Since I could not be there from the beginning, Chris Spiel and Patrick Doyle hosted the February Meet-and-Greet. Along with Chris's **Bailey**, **Jack**, and **Nash**, Jane Triplett was there to help, Don Krause came with **Stormy**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, and Leslie Carson brought **Kory** to his first Meet-and-Greet.



In January, Karey and Kelley Rodeffer came from Chandler with Sucy and Leia to join us



Kory Carson



The dogs love attention from Patrick Doyle

The total in donations we collected during these three Meet-and-Greets was \$239.53, but we also sold three calendars for an additional \$30. In addition, one very generous lady gave us a \$50 *Petco* gift card!



**CHANDLER, 2860 E Germann Rd – Dana Haywood, Host**



Sharon Flores with Honey, Judy Petitto with SandiJoy, Tony Cotner behind Judy, Gail Haywood with Riley and Adriel Rowley with Ember

January 10, 2016: We had a very good turnout and lots of activity at our January 10<sup>th</sup> Meet-and-Greet at Chandler *PetSmart*. Joining Gail and me with **Bilbo** and **Riley** were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Sharon Flores with **Honey**; Mary Gutowski with **Sedona**; Dean Mor-

timore with **Missy**; Judy Petitto with **SandiJoy**; Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Sucy**; and Adriel Rowley with **Ember**. We collected \$159 in donations, very good for this location.



Tony loved playing with a Golden puppy who stopped by

We did not meet at this location in February, as there were too many other events scheduled.



Karey Rodeffer, Mary Gutowski with Sedona and Judy Petitto with SandiJoy

March 20, 2016: It was a warm day and the sun was shining brightly on this Meet-and-Greet day, so we set up a tent for shade. Attending this day were Sharon Flores; Mary Gutowski with **Sedona**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, **Bilbo** and **Jake**; and Dean Mortimore

with **Missy**. Holly and Mike Gross stopped by with their daughter. In memory of Tony Cotner, we now have his green chair and a pair of his green fuzzy flip flops – our stuffed Golden mascot Dylan sits in the chair, so no one else will ever sit in it. We did very well with donations again this month: \$191!



Dean Mortimore with Missy, Gail Haywood with Jake, Bilbo and Riley, and Mary Gutowski with Sedona

Holly and Mike Gross giving some attention to Riley while Gail and Mary look on



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

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 contact and donations.



Jill Prose with Teddy, Fred Prose with Jasper (facing Fred), Pat Morgan, Caesar, Star and Karen Davis with Grizzly and Sunny in front

We skipped the January and March Peoria *PetSmart* Meet-and-Greets due to too many other scheduled events, but we did make a Valentine's Day appearance on February 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day. Joining **Grizzly**, **Teddy** and me were Karen Davis with **Caesar** and

**Star**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Jasper**; and Jocelyn and Tia Raught with **Bubba** and **Roxy**. We met some nice people and potentially some new fosters. **Teddy** was thrilled to be part of the activities and did very well. Nice day plus we collected \$106 in donations.



Jocelyn and Tia Raught with Bubba and Roxy

I didn't take too many photos, but you can see them at the following link: <http://albums.phanfare.com/isolated/tQc81ayr/1/7149881> For photos from this event and all other *AGR* events, you can go



to the website homepage and click on Events, then Gallery <http://agrdogphotos.phanfare.com/agr-events/2016/>  
 You may also see most of them on the **AGR** Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/124724086406/>

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

After five days of dismal, overcast skies and rain, a mostly sunny but chilly day allowed **Arizona Golden Rescue** to conduct a thoroughly chilly Meet-and-Greet outside the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** store on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The following **AGR** members and their dogs



Cynthia Wenström (sitting) with Hannah, Jay McFarlane with Rufus, Tom and Sally Fetherston with Molly and Rocki, Deb Orwig with Dolly and Duffy, Adriel Rowley with Ember, Tony Cotner with Daisy and Denny Myrick with Molly

participated: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Tom and Sally Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocki**; Jay and Laurie McFarlane with **Rufus**; Denny Myrick

(host) with **Molly**; Deb Orwig (President) with **Dolly** and **Duffy**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; Pam Spicer (photographer); and Cynthia Wenström with **Hannah**. Donations seemed to follow the dismal weather conditions since we collected only \$124.32.

Jay and Laurie McFarlane with Rufus, who unfortunately passed away not too long after this event



Liz Tataseo and Reba hosted in February

Our normal monthly Meet-and-Greet at Mayo Blvd is on the second Saturday from 11 AM to 2 PM. However, we had to reschedule February's Meet-and-Greet due to the *Parada del Sol* falling on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The following **AGR** members attended the February 20<sup>th</sup> Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet on this beautiful early-spring day: Wes Harrington with **Andie** and **Sadie**; Liz Tataseo (host) with **Reba**; Cindy Tigges with **Charm**, **Duey**, and **Koso**; Cameron Warren and Susan Kemper with **Buddy**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Bailey**.

Not shown: Pam Spicer, photographer. Thanks to Liz Tataseo for substituting as host so that normal-host Denny Myrick could attend a weekend class. A Welcome Aboard! to Cameron Warren



February group: Wes Harrington with **Sadie** and **Andie**; Cindy Tigges with **Charm**, **Duey** and **Koso**; Liz Tataseo with **Reba**; Cam Warren and Susan Kemper with **Buddy**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Bailey**



and Susan Kemper, who had adopted adorable little Golden-mix **Buddy** (photo at left) from **AGR** just this week. **Buddy** did great!

On a chilly but clear March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet shared space in front of the store with two other dog rescue groups. The following **AGR** members and their dogs participated in the Meet-and-Greet: Denny Myrick

(host) with **Molly**; Dean Mortimore with **Missy**. Not in the group photo but also participating: Leslie Carson with **Kory**; Pam Spicer, photog-



rapher. The low **AGR** turnout coupled with space-sharing in front of the store resulted in lower-than-normal donations and interest. The low **AGR** turnout can possibly be attributed to the annual **AGR Paws At The Park** picnic the following day. This Meet-and-Greet netted \$109.16 in donations.

Denny and Dean were the only **AGR** members in attendance for most of the 3-hour Meet-and-Greet in March; fortunately Leslie Carson brought Kory and stayed for about half the time





*Meet-and-Greets at Pet Planet*

By Dana Haywood

January 2nd, 2016 – **Pet Planet** on Via Linda in Scottsdale

Joining us on this beautiful day were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle; Dean Mortimore with **Missy**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; and Christine Spiel with **Bailey**, **Jack**, and



Chris Spiel, Patrick Doyle, Gail Haywood, Dean Mortimore and Tony Cotner came to the Via Linda Pet Planet on January 2nd

**Nash.** We also had with us our “rescued” plush stuffed Golden “Dylan.” We collected \$143 in donations.

January 23rd, 2016 – **Pet Planet** Paradise Valley

The weather was a little cool, so we moved

indoors. Joining us this day were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Dawn Nomakeo with **Bilbo**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; and Christine Spiel with **Bailey, Jack** and **Nash**. Only \$35 in donations today.



Tony Cotner, Adriel Rowley and Gail Haywood on January 23rd in Paradise Valley

February 7, 2016 – **Pet Planet** Paradise Valley

Attending the Meet-and-Greet today were Patrick Doyle; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; Christine Spiel with **Bailey, Jack** and **Nash**; and Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo, Riley** and new addition to the family **Jake** (aka **Jakey**). Again, a small number of donations, \$41.



On February 21st: Patrick Doyle, Gail Haywood with Riley and Bilbo, Sharon Flores helping with Jake, and Tony Cotner with Daisy; Dylan on small table

February 21, 2016 – **Pet Planet** Chandler

This date was our last scheduled Meet-and-Greet at the Chandler **Pet Planet** location. Joining us on this day were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle;

Sharon Flores; and Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo, Riley, Jake**; and, of course, our plush stuffed Golden mascot Dylan, who has become a hit with kids who are afraid of the big dogs and have put donations into Dylan’s Donation Vest pockets. Only \$35 in donations total today.

February 27, 2016 – **Pet Planet** on Via Linda in Scottsdale

The Meet-and-Greet today is one that will be remembered by all of us who attended the event. This was the last Meet-and-Greet

that long-time member and personal friend Tony Cotner attended prior to passing away a week later. Tony had been so loyal to **AGR** that, although he had gotten out of the hospital a day or two earlier, he just had to come with his dog **Daisy**. Also attending were Stuart and Andrea



February 27th: Gail Haywood with Jake on her lap, Dawn Nomakeo, Martha McDowell talking with young customer and Tony Cotner back to camera

Davis with daughter Michaela and dog **Sadie Star**; Jim Henkel; Susan Kemper and Cam Warren with **Buddy**; Martha McDowell; Dean Mortimore with **Missy**; Dawn Nomakeo with **Jake** and **Bilbo**; and Dana and Gail with **Riley**. Maybe the relatively large number of volunteers today was the reason we did so well financially: \$300 in donations!



Stuart Davis with Sadie Star

March 5, 2016 – **Pet Planet** Paradise Valley

(No pictures... camera had issues)

It was a quiet Meet-and-Greet this month with just Dana and Gail with **Riley** and **Bilbo** and Grandson Dakota Nomakeo with **Jake**. \$58 in donations today.




Gail Haywood with Bilbo making friends

March 26, 2016 – **Pet Planet** on Via Linda in Scottsdale.

Dean Mortimore with **Missy** and Gail and I with **Bilbo** and **Riley** were the only ones who came; I did not take any photos. Customers must have felt sorry for our small group, because we collected \$298 in donations!



Dylan, rescued from an eye doctor’s office



*2nd Quarter Events:*  
*Phoenix Pet Expo*  
By Christine Spiel

Shop\*Learn\*Play\*Adopt was the theme for this year’s *Phoenix Pet Expo*, which made its debut in the Valley in 2010. As in every year past, **AGR** again participated as a vendor, hosting two separate booths. The merchandise booth was located in the vendor area



Mary Dunnill with Bella; Diane Ghezzi with Duffy and Mufasa; and Teddi Axne with Palmer, Barklay and Dolly – the extra help with the Orwig dogs was greatly appreciated!

and the information booth was located in the Petfinder Mega-Adoption Area. **AGR** had a great volunteer and Golden turnout for both days. **Vin Orwig**, one of the puppies of **Faith and Ford**, adopted by Deb and Larry Orwig, attended his inaugural **AGR** event. If **Vin** only knew how many more events are in his future!



On Saturday, Mary Dunnill was a terrific “hawker” of the benefits, i.e. prizes, of our Wheel of Goldens and Bella Dunnill sitting in the chair really helped bring the people to our booth



The **Wheel of Goldens**, our version of **Wheel of Fortune**, recently updated by **Connie McCabe**

with new photos, looked fabulous and helped draw in the public to the merchandise booth. For a \$5 donation, people were guaranteed a prize ranging from one \$4 toy or anything else worth \$5 or less; two \$4 toys or anything \$10 or less; or the big prize, a plush Pillow Pet worth \$30 or up to \$30 in other merchandise. Do-



Jay and Jodi Koblick monitored the Wheel for much of the day on Sunday; Mary Dunnill handled it on Saturday, along with Larry Hevner, Marie Franco and Jessica Koh in the later part of the afternoon



People kept wanting to hold **Vin** or adopt him, so **Deb** finally put a note on his crate that said, *My name is **Vin**; I am 13 weeks old; I am **NOT** adoptable!*



Group in the Mega-Adoption Area on Sunday: **Gail Haywood** with **Riley**, **Dakota Nomakeo** with **Jake**, **Dana Haywood** with **Bilbo**, **Patrick Doyle** holding **Winnie**, **Chris Spiel** with **Nash** and **Jack** and **Liz Tataseo** with **Reba**

nations to the **Wheel of Goldens** alone amounted to \$480 for the weekend. We received a nice basket of cleaning products from **Sitter4Paws** ([www.sitter4paws.com/locations/phoenix](http://www.sitter4paws.com/locations/phoenix)) and a generous cash donation from **The Gifted Pup** ([www.thegiftedpup.com](http://www.thegiftedpup.com)).

Totals for the weekend were as follows:

Saturday (8 hours) – Net Total \$1213.85

Mega Adoption Area Booth Donations, \$110.00; Merchandise Booth Donations, \$252.85; **Wheel of Goldens**, \$320.00; Clothing Sales (Cash & Credit), \$48.00; Merchandise Sales (Cash & Credit), \$483.00; Convenience Fees for Credit Cards, \$4.67

Sunday (5 hours) – Net Total \$736.38

Mega Adoption Area Booth Donations, \$35.00; Merchandise Booth Donations, \$160.38; **Wheel of Goldens**, \$160.00; Clothing Sales (Cash & Credit), \$98.00; Merchandise Sales (Cash & Credit), \$283.00; Convenience Fees for Credit Cards, \$4.89

Grand Total for the 2-Day 2016 **Phoenix Pet Expo** \$1,950.23; \$350.00 for booth fee for 2017 **Pet Expo** = \$1,600.23 profit

This wonderful profit of \$1,600.23 would not have been possible without the support of **AGR** members volunteering many hours of their time on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



**Fred Prose** with **Dolly** – **Fred** helped with set-up on Friday and came back to help on Sunday



**Don Krause** behind table; **Leslie Carson** with **Duffy** and **Kory**, **Jolene Schlichter** with **Mufasa**, and **Cindy Tigges** with **Ducey** and **Koso**

Friday volunteers who helped transport (in our new trailer!) the merchandise, clothing, tables, etc and set up both booths include: **Beverly Host**, **Connie McCabe**, **Nick Dodson**, **Deb Orwig** and **Fred Prose**.

Saturday volunteers include: **Teddi Axne** with **Palmer**; **Leslie Carson** with **Kory**; **Patrick Doyle**; **Mary Dunnill** with **Bella**; **Tom** and **Diane Ghezzi** with **Mia**; **Sean**, **Stacey** and **Shane Harrish** with **Max**; **Dana** and **Gail Haywood** with **Bilbo**, **Riley** and **Jake**; **Larry Hevner**, **Marie Franco** and **Marie's daughter Jessica Koh** with **Layla**; **Sheila Joyce** and grandson **Carson Zeabel** with



**Don Krause** brought **Stormy** and helped in the booth for several hours on both Saturday and Sunday



Volunteers included Above: Patty Forte helped with Duffy; Jolene Schlichter shown with Winnie; Leslie Carson with Kory; Right: Debbie Mikol with Hogan; Karey Rodeffer with Mufasa



Stephanie Watkins with Charles and Sandra Hansen with Mufasa



Deb Orwig with Vin and Wendy Nelson



During the weekend, several members who came without dogs helped with the five that Deb brought – among those were Lauren Rudin who entertained Vin and took him out to do his business and Cindy Tigges who kept Duffy's brother Barklay company

**Charlie;** Don Krause with **Stormy;** Victoria McDermott; Dean and Marlene Mortimore with **Missy;** Deb Orwig with **Vin, Dolly, Duffy, Mufasa,** and **Duffy's** brother **Barkley;** Angela Palumbo with **Belle;** Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer with **Sucy;** Christine Spiel with **Jack** and



In the Mega-Adoption Area, Dylan in his spiffy new lime green Donation Vest that Deb made to resemble the one that Tony Cotner's Daisy always wore, was a kid favorite



The inside of the relatively new building at WestWorld is cavernous – this view is from our booth toward the southeast corner; Cindy Tigges with Ducey and Koso, Leslie Carson with Kory and Dean Mortimore (stooped next to Missy) are in the picture



Lori and Anthony Prankevicus came at the end of the event on Sunday to help pack up

**Nash;** Cindy Tigges with **Koso** and **Ducey;** and Jane Triplett. Candace and Craig Yelverton and Jolene and Art Schlichter with their son Keith stopped by the booth to say hello.



Long-time friend and new AGR member, Vicki McDermott helped in the booth for 6 hours on Saturday, then came again on Sunday; Pat McDermott also came on Sunday for a while and just had to get a puppy cuddle from Vin



Sunday volunteers included: Patrick Doyle; Patty Forte; Sandra Hansen; Gail and Dana Haywood and grandson Dakota Nomakeo

with **Bilbo, Riley** and **Jake;** Jodi and Jay Koblick; Don Krause with **Stormy;** Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with **Winnie;** Debbie Mikol brought **Hogan;** Deb Orwig came with **Vin, Dolly, Duffy, Mufasa** and **Barklay;** Lori and Anthony Prankevicus; Fred Prose; Jolene Schlichter; Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash;** Liz Tataseo with **Reba;** Cindy Tigges; and Stephanie Watkins with **Charlie.** Vicki McDermott was with us all day and her husband Pat kept us company for a while also. Karey, Kelly and Sheri Rodeffer came with **Sucy** and **Bruno Swartz,** whose mom and dad, Cyndee and Mark, had just returned from a long trip and picked him up at the event. Wendy and John Nelson with **Max** stopped by the booth to say hello. Dave Williams also came by with **Bella** and his daughter Betsy Bain and her husband Kelly, who were visiting from Florida.



Christine Spiel and Patrick Doyle spent the weekend in the Mega-Adoption Area as did Gail and Dana Haywood

Thank you, again, to all who volunteered for the 2016 Phoenix Pet Expo. Your support and dedication to AGR are very much appreciated!



## Golden Hearts



We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible – for a 2015 donation, you should have received your letter of acknowledgement in January 2016. The donations shown below were made between January 26, 2016 and April 10, 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.

## General Donations from the Heart

Kim Brown and Michael Cho  
Tony Cotner's Estate  
Kim Dietzel  
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Tracie and Richard Freeland  
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Wes and Arden Harrington  
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Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain  
Karen and Terry Malone  
Rena Moreno  
Denny and Debbie Myrick  
Reno Navarette and Ray Morales

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## Honorary Donations

*In Honor of "Ben's Story" in the February 2016 issue of  
The Golden Paw  
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