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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Dolly, Mufasa, Duffy and Troy Orwig

We have great fun at our house! Each of us has a game we like to play or a special activity we enjoy doing. First and foremost, we all love to go to *Arizona Golden Rescue* events! We love getting attention from the public and interacting with our canine friends who come with their people. We collect donations in our spiffy Donation Vests to help with medical expenses of incoming rescued dogs. We sort of have a running competition at each event to see who can schmooze the customers the most – our friend **Daisy Cotner** usually wins. She has perfected the art of sidling up to people, leaning against them or sitting on their feet, and gazing up at them lovingly with her big brown eyes. Never fails to get them to open their wallets!

Troy, who is 10 ½, likes to run as fast as he can in figure 8s on the backyard grass. He really should stop doing that, though, because the last time he did it he pulled a muscle in one of his front legs, was limping for weeks, and had to take pain pills and anti-inflammatory medication. He actually liked that, though, because Mom gave him the pills in cheese. (Just to be fair, she gave each of us a tiny piece, too.) **Troy** loves going to school to *Bicentennial South Elementary* in Glendale every week and to *Desert Foothills Library's* after-school tutoring program once a month to listen to children read to him to improve their reading skills.

Dolly, age 9 ½, is excited about retrieving the newspaper from the driveway every morning – she gallops out to get it and proudly trots back inside and drops it on the floor right by the kitchen table. She figured out how to open lever-handle doors and got us all in trouble because she opened the pantry door once when Mom wasn't home and dragged out a box of *Costco* dog biscuits that was half full. Of course, we all pitched in to help **Dolly** clean out the box and clean the crumbs off the floor; none of us really felt like eating dinner that night. Even though Mom got some nifty lever-door-handle locks from *The Home Depot*, **Dolly**, **Mufasa** and **Duffy** now stay in crates when Mom isn't home. **Troy**, of course, has free reign of the house, as he has never done anything bad in his entire life except chew up a strap on one of Mom's leather sandals when he was a very young puppy.

Six-year-old **Mufasa** and puppy **Duffy** take turns playing “Who’s the boss?” They also like to play tug-of-war with toys. If **Mufasa** has a toy that **Duffy** wants (which is every toy **Mufasa** picks up), **Duffy** will tell all of us he wants that toy by loudly saying, “Roo-roo-ROO-roo-roo.” He also has another phrase in his vocabulary, “Row-ROW,” which means “Go OUT.” He says this when he’s standing by the sliding glass door to the back yard. Pretty smart, huh?

Duffy is the only one who still chews up soft toys. But, he is only 2½, so he really is still a puppy. He loves squeaky toys and the crunchy sound that empty plastic water bottles make – he will chew on both until all of us are ready to howl! Squeak, squeak, squeak, squeak, squeak! Crunch, crunch, crunch! Then, when he gets tired of the noise, he tries to get the squeaker out of the toy. Mom usually just takes the toy away and sews up the hole.

When we have canine visitors at our house, **Duffy** always gets the visitor to play run-and-chase around and behind all the bushes and the pool in the back yard. One time, he cut the corner of the pool a little too close and fell in, but Mom was right there to help him get out. Needless to say, **Duffy** doesn't like the pool much.

Troy, **Dolly** and **Mufasa** love swimming, though. Mom has a few “pool toys” that she brings out only when it is OK for us to go in the pool. The rest of the time we have learned to stay out of the water and ignore our unfenced pool.

We all love going for car rides, too! Mom has taken us to many exciting and interesting places, not just to the vet, so we all jump right into the van when she says, “Who wants to go for a ride?” Sometimes it's just a ride to the post office, sometimes to an *AGR* event, sometimes to a park or another nice place to walk around. However, she never takes us anywhere in the van and leaves us in there, especially when it is hot. **Troy** remembers when she used to drive him and three other Golden Retrievers across country to attend the Golden Retriever National Specialty. **Troy** has been to Providence RI, Kansas City MO and Seattle WA. Last time she drove with him out of state (to Oklahoma City) was in 2009, though. You might think such a drive with four Golden Retrievers would be difficult – it isn't. There are plenty of rest stops along major highways and many motel chains that accept canine visitors – *AAA* produces Travel Guides that detail which motels will allow pets and which of these places charges a refundable pet deposit or a nonrefundable fee. And, by the way, all National Parks allow canine visitors on leash.

What fun activities does your dog enjoy? We would love to hear about them and about adventures your dogs have had!





Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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Since we recently had wonderful fun at our biggest game of the year, our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, we decided to make the focus of this issue “fun and games.” We really do have a lot of fun in our organization. The socializing with other members who have similar interests – Golden Retrievers! – is wonderful. At any of our activities, you can talk to any of our volunteers about anything having to do with Rescue or about Golden Retrievers and they will be able to relate to what you are saying. You can ask questions about the Rescue or about Golden Retrievers and get answers. You can discuss medical or behavioral problems concerning your dog and be offered a myriad of solutions. Come join us at an event – you will have a good experience and so will your dog.

Speaking of having experiences that your dog might enjoy, I suggest that you consider taking him or her to a dog park. There are a LOT of them in Arizona, some better than others. Google on “Dog Parks in Arizona” and you will come up with a long list. One of the best dog parks in the country is *Cosmo Dog Park* in Gilbert at 2502 E. Ray Rd. This 17-acre park has even been written up in nationally-circulated publications. It features a lake that uses reclaimed (but safe) water, approximately 4 fenced acres, shade, some doggy obstacles, separate use areas for active and timid dogs, lighting for night use, pet drinking fountains, two dog washing stations, “Mutt-Mitt” waste disposal stations, a lighted basketball court, various benches, bike racks, and multi-use/equestrian trails, a drinking fountain, four reservable ramadas with BBQ grills, table areas, a restroom facility, a play area for kids, and trash receptacles. Use caution, though. Unfortunately, not all dogs that are taken to dog parks are other-dog friendly. Check out one of the dog parks near you. If you sense antagonism or observe aggressive behavior from one or more of the dogs there, leave immediately and report the offense to the Parks & Recreation Department of the city that has responsibility for that dog park.

I would sincerely like to thank everyone who served on the Golf Tournament Committee or helped in other ways to make that event our most successful and important fundraiser of the year. Rich Calta again brought in about 60 golfers and engineered many of the financial contributions people made. Dana Haywood, with help from his adult son Dana Craig Haywood, created a registration website so that we did not have to pay \$268 to rent a “canned program.” As with anything new, there were a few problems, but most were ironed out as we went along, and next year the registration site should work extremely well. Connie McCabe did her usual magic rendering of all the graphics needed for the

tournament, from taking a great photo of four dogs by and in a golf cart and then creating the advertising postcard that was sent out, producing new hole sign designs and golf cart GPS displays, to making eye-catching signs for many of the raffle and silent auction items. Chris Spiel helped with acquiring some of the raffle and silent auction items, as well as many of the items we stuffed into the golfer’s goodie bags. Larry Hevner also helped acquire some of these items and gave us useful input on some of the things done at another charity golf tournament he had helped with earlier in the year. We also had some terrific solicitors working on our behalf this year including our primary solicitors Jolene Schlichter and Sherry Lee Landwehr. They were assisted by Debbie Ball, Rand Drake, Candy Greff, Fred Prose, Liz Tataseo, Gail Walker, Cynthia Wenström and Connie Wozniak. Shiloh Hagey, Director of Tournaments at *Camelback Golf Club*, deserves special thanks for his efforts to get foursome donations from several golf clubs, as well as a hockey stick signed by Shane Doan! We had some fantastic donations this year, and we would like to thank everyone who contributed something. And then there was the volunteer force that helped set everything up on Friday afternoon and/or worked on Saturday. Everyone who worked is mentioned in the golf tournament wrap-up article on pages 28 - 33.

We will soon be getting into our holiday season activities. Chris Spiel has detailed these in her column on pages 4 - 5. I encourage all of you to join us at one or more events. We would especially like to have a large showing of Golden Retrievers in the Glendale *Hometown Holiday Parade* on December 12th. We need to know as far ahead of time as possible if you are coming and bringing your dog, so that I can be sure we have enough holiday-color Donation Vests for every dog who walks to wear one. If your dog cannot walk a mile, we have several wagons we can bring, and these dogs can ride. Please let Chris know you will be attending. Details about staging location and time will be sent out by e-mail as soon as we have them.



It's a Ruff Life!

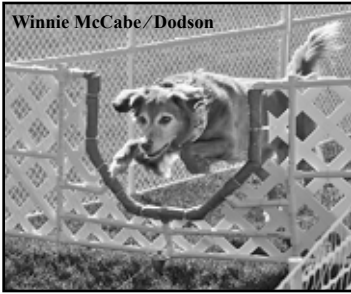
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Ready for some fun?

It’s that time of the year when the most interactive, enjoyable and exciting *Arizona Golden Rescue (AGR)* events happen. These events are not just for the members, but also for the Golden Retrievers. These pictures of **Nash** (Christine Spiel) and **Winnie** (Connie McCabe and Nick





Winnie McCabe/Dodson

Dodson) say it all. At many of the **PACC 911** adoption events and the *Pet Expo* at *WestWorld*, the **Brittany Rescue** sets up a lure course for donations. Dogs have a blast cruising the course, jumping over the PVC pipes, and chasing the “rabbit”! My memory of **Nash** flying

through the lure course is unforgettable. He had a Golden smile from ear to ear. Another great memory is when **AGR** member and volunteer Jane Triplett let her foster retired racing greyhound, **Captain**, run the course. Jane warned the volunteer who was operating the course that **Captain** was fast. However, unfazed, the man did not speed up the lure “rabbit” and you guessed it... **Captain** caught it!! All Jane and I could do was laugh!



Jane and Captain



In addition to the lure run, another entertaining and interactive event at the **Benedict Sports Complex PACC 911** adoption event is dock diving. Any owner can pay for their dog to join the fun and see just how far their dog can fly!

The **PACC 911** adoption events will begin on November 14-15, 2015 and run through March of 2016. All of these event dates, times and locations will be posted on the events calendar on the **AGR** website: www.arizonagoldenrescue.org These adoption events are located throughout the Valley, so hopefully you will be able to come to one or more with your Golden and enjoy the fun and make memories of your own! We always need volunteers for set-up and clean-up, as well as for manning the **AGR** booth to sell our merchandise and distribute information to the public.

Another one of my favorite **AGR** events, the *Paws & Pasta Dinner*, will be held Sunday, November 8th, noon to 5 PM at **Little Bite of Italy** in the Green-way Terrace Shopping Center at 99th Ave and Greenway Rd in Sun City. It is a great day to enjoy a wonderful spaghetti dinner for \$10, and all the proceeds go to **AGR**. All Golden and family members are welcome! Volunteers will be needed for this event to help serve and to work at the merchandise



Chris Spiel with friends from work who are enjoying Jack, Nash and Troy at last year's Paws & Pasta Dinner

sales tables. We will also have a raffle and small silent auction.

We always think, “It can’t be already?”, but the reality is the holiday season is fast approaching. **AGR** will have MANY gift wrapping events at **Barnes & Noble** (77th Ave and Bell Rd and I-17 and Happy Valley Rd) starting on November 22, 2015 and going through December 24th (see schedule in the box on page 6); we will also be doing Tempe Marketplace **Barnes & Noble** all day on December 19th. These activities have been posted on the **AGR** website events calendar. The gift wrapping events are a great way to help the stressed-out holiday shoppers get beautifully wrapped presents and a terrific way to collect donations for **AGR** – in fact, as a whole, gift wrapping events are our second largest fundraiser after the golf tournament.

Those of you who live anywhere but the far West Valley, the far North Valley or outside of the Phoenix Metro area entirely should expect a phone call from **AGR** Member Larry Jessup sometime in late November/early December. Larry does not have a computer, so he will be using the phone to recruit volunteers for our all-day stint at Tempe Marketplace. We have to have two volunteers at a gift wrap table inside the store and other helpers at a much larger one in the mall area behind the store. In addition, we will have members with their dogs stationed out



Cricket Forstrom and Sarah Martin at indoor gift wrap table



Deb Orwig with Duffy, Troy and Mufasa at outside gift wrap area

in front of the store – those folks and their dogs draw in customers who are cruising through the large parking lot. When Larry calls, please say you will come with or without your dog to help that day. The dogs are allowed inside the store and throughout the mall area, too.

December brings the annual *Holiday Pet Festival* at **WestWorld**. This will be my third year attending this event, and I look forward to it more and more each year. The decorations and holiday gift ideas are endless. It is a great day to get into the holiday spirit with your Golden. Join us Saturday, December 5th. We will need help with booth set-up on Friday afternoon at 1 PM, and help during the event from 10 AM – 5 PM on Saturday. Even if you can come

for only an hour or two, that would be terrific! You will be able to walk around with your dog to see what all the various vendors are offering, your dog will be given free treats, and your dog can wear one of our holiday-color Donation Vests and collect donations to help **AGR**.

Speaking of the holiday spirit, Saturday, December 12th, **AGR** and our decked-out, holiday-dressed Golden will be participating in the City of Glendale *Hometown Holiday Parade*. Last year the parade had over 10,000 spectators, and organizers are expecting an even larger crowd this year.

FUN, FUN, FUN! perfectly describes this time of the year for **AGR**. The weather is spectacular, the Golden have fun-filled days, and the members create lasting memories with good friends! Please join **AGR** at as many events as you can attend. You and your Golden will not be disappointed.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Regular Meet-and-Greets at various **Pet Club**, **Pet Planet**, **Petco**, and **PetSmart** stores; check website calendar for dates, times and locations: www.arizonagoldenrescue.org

Sunday, November 8th

Paws & Pasta Dinner at **Little Bite of Italy**, Sun City
Noon - 5 PM

Saturday, December 5th

10 AM - 5 PM

Holiday Pet Festival at **WestWorld**

Saturday, December 12th, 11 AM – We are walking!

Holiday Parade in downtown Glendale

Gift Wrapping Schedule for the Holiday Season

Arrowhead **Barnes & Noble** store (7685 W Bell Rd, Peoria)

Sunday	December 6	1 - 5 PM
Thursday	December 24	9 AM - 6 PM

Happy Valley store (2501 W Happy Valley Rd, Phoenix):

Saturday	November 21	1 PM - 5 PM
Sunday	November 22	11 AM - 5 PM
Friday	November 27	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	November 29	11 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	December 13	11 AM - 5 PM
Thursday	December 17	11 AM - 5 PM
Friday	December 18	10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	December 20	11 AM - 5 PM
Monday	December 21	9 AM - 4 PM
Wednesday	December 23	9 AM - 4 PM

Tempe Marketplace (2000 Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe):

Saturday	December 19	9 AM - 6 PM
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Paws Forward

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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It is all fun and games until someone ends up in a cone! This message appears on posters, T-shirts and bumper stickers. The need for games to be both fun and safe for all involved is apparent. Now that the weather has finally begun to cool, we desert dwellers begin to crawl out of our burrows, or at least our pools, and start to look for activities beyond the confines of air conditioning.

For those who begin each day with a walk with canine friends, the same time you were walking this summer is now in near or total darkness. If your schedule allows you to catch a few more Zs until the sun makes an appearance, you may no longer have the park to yourself as you did in the summer dawn hours. Dogs that drooped obediently at your side in the heat now want to run and generally find excitement. That excitement could be spelled t-r-o-u-b-l-e.

Outside, you need to remember to be aware: aware that rattlesnakes are still out for a couple more months; aware that rabbits, birds, coyotes and javelinas may pop up at any moment; aware that not all dogs you see may be controlled or friendly. It is easy to get complacent during the scorching summer months. To not be alert is to possibly lose control of your dog, and he or she could possibly “end up in a cone.”

Golden are bright dogs – it is part of what we love about them. The plus side of that is that they can do interesting, creative things. The negative side is that even if you don’t plan it, they can do interesting, creative things, some of which can be harmful.

As a positive, your dog can learn how to find things – a favorite toy, something of yours you “plant” for him to find or something safe you show him. Empty water bottles *sans* cap can be fun to play with this way – but do not leave these for the dog to chew on. It is the hunt, not the having it, that is fun. If your dog insists on munching, it is safer to play with a proven toy.

The minus side is demonstrated by the bright dog who had been left alone and became miserably bored. He learned to open cupboard doors, grab anything that smelled like food and chow down. This behavior may evolve into opening a freezer door and helping himself to packages of meat! Kiddie locks for that house!

To prevent and counteract the boredom that may set in when families must leave dogs, providing problem-solving games, such as those that require opening or sliding a part to get a treat, can occupy a curious fur friend for hours. Unfortunately, such games are not found in many pet stores, but they can be found online. You

just need to know to look for them. Like with toys for small children, be certain any toy will be safe for your dog – it should have no small removable parts and not be easily destroyed.

Sometimes we at the Rescue are concerned that people who got a cute little ball of fur expected it to morph seamlessly into a dog sleeping peacefully at the hearth. Training is needed and can be a game for these wonderful loving creatures who want to please us. We just need to teach them the rules of the road of life with humans, and we need to consider their needs for fun and exercise.

The Information Highway

By Dana Haywood,
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Director of Information Management duties encompass many areas of our Rescue, not just the management of the website and the database. There are opportunities that we use to further educate the public as to the availability and the purpose of our Rescue. Of course, the website offers information that people can view, but there are other means to communicate to the public just as effectively.

Several times a month I will send out mass e-mails to the primary member of the household to advise them of all events and Meet-and-Greets that are coming up. These Meet-and-Greets serve an important function other than allowing us to receive donations. We are able to talk to people about Rescue and other areas of managing their pets, and let people know that we are available if ever they need to relinquish a Golden Retriever. There have been numerous occurrences of people contacting us to surrender a Golden, and when we ask where they found out about us many times they will tell us that they saw us at one of our Meet-and-Greets.

These Meet-and-Greets are also a good opportunity to socialize your Golden. Many of the Golden Retrievers that do attend on a regular basis look forward to being with their canine friends, and it is great to see their excited reaction when they arrive. We encourage members to attend our Meet-and-Greets when they have a chance so both the dogs and we humans get to socialize. The events turn out to be fun for all as we get to enjoy each other's company and we get to talk with those who are interested enough to stop by our information table. Most of our Meet-and-Greets run for 3-4 hours, and we appreciate any time that you can volunteer whether it be the full time or just for part of the event.

As the summer has come to a close, we now set our sights on our holiday events. Coming up around Thanksgiving and through Christmas Eve we will have our gift wrapping sessions at several **Barnes & Noble** stores. I will be releasing regular e-mail mes-

sages about our activities during this season. We need lots of help during this time, and any time you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

We hope to see many of our new members and adoptive families at some of our events.

SOME ITEMS OF NOTE ABOUT SHOPPING

Due to the purchase of *Safeway* grocery stores by *Albertsons*, the *Albertsons* Community Partners Program that was begun earlier this year will, unfortunately, be discontinued at the end of 2015. *Albertsons* has said that when they pay out fourth quarter distributions, they will include two additional quarterly payments based on the last two quarters of shopping at *Albertsons*. So, it is important that you continue to use the key card we provided in the May newsletter until the end of this year.

Fry's Community Rewards Program is continuing. If you have a *Fry's* VIP card and have not yet linked your card to *Arizona Golden Rescue*, please do so as soon as possible. You will not be charged more for your purchases from *Fry's*, but *Arizona Golden Rescue* will receive a percentage of every sale. This past quarter we got a check for \$726.05, and we would like to see that amount increase. You can go to www.fryscommunityrewards.com and follow the linking directions, or you can do it from our website.

Many of you probably do a lot of your holiday shopping online. If you shop at *Amazon.com*, don't forget to register at *AmazonSmile* and indicate that you want to support *Arizona Golden Rescue*. After you register, a percentage of your purchases will be credited to *AGR*. Since we were accepted as a beneficiary earlier this year, in one quarter your purchases generated over \$125. The holiday season could be a gold mine for us but only if you register at *AmazonSmile*.

There are other shopping opportunities online that will generate funds for *AGR* without costing you extra when you make purchases. Register on our *Shop.com* site or with *iGive*. You can connect with either or both from our website.

If you can't love a dog like a family member, don't get one, because they only know how to look at you as a pack member and to them, that is family. ~ Anonymous



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.

So, 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. I have been going in order of membership number, beginning at #1 and featuring several members every column. You may notice that there are some missing member numbers. I know there are a lot of people who really just wanted to adopt a dog and have no interest in participating in **AGR** activities. I will respect the privacy of those who prefer not to be active and just concentrate on those who are, or have been, most active in the organization.

August’s issue featured Kathy Blue, Beth and Jon Chaffee, Mary Jo and John Courtney and Denise Padavano. In the May 2015 issue I highlighted Cricket Forstrom, Cindy and Gary Tigges, and Teri and Rob Turner. In the February 2015 issue, I featured Jack Craven and Cara Holland; Judy Petitto; Bill and Linda Atkinson; and 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 Sandy and Gary Fullington, founding members who share number 63F.

In Sandy’s own words, *I am from Nebraska and my early years were spent on a dairy farm. That is where I learned my love of all animals. Some of my pets included chickens, lambs, dogs,*

*cats, and even a Mexican burro. I grew up always having a special pet. We moved to Arizona in 1971 and I met my husband, Gary, who loves Golden Retrievers as much as I do. I would tell you my first Golden, **Sam**, was my heart dog but after owning five, I know they are all my heart dogs. I was lucky enough to have my Golden, **Houston**, to the ripe old age of 14 years. **Houston** helped us raise four of our puppies. He just got tired and wanted to go to the Rainbow Bridge and wait for us.*



Sandy Fullington

*My introduction to Golden Retriever Rescue was after we lost **Sam** to cancer, and I cried every morning when I woke up to such an empty home. My husband went online and investigated a website for Golden Rescue. He encouraged me to go to a meeting. The first meeting I attended was at Joyce Hubler’s home, which was in east Phoenix at that time. During the meeting I met two sisters, Lois Cohee and Jean Ullery. Jean had just rescued a beautiful golden mommy and they had three beautiful puppies to find forever homes for. We adopted our wonderful **Petie**, who lived to be 13.*



Gary Fullington with Nicky and Rusty at Paws & Pasta

*Next came **Nicky**, part Golden and part Border Collie. Thanks to Michelle Wehry and her great picture taking of the Columbus Day puppies. I just had to have one of those cute black puppies. He is the sweetest dog and likes to sit on my lap for hugs. After losing **Houston** and **Petie** I didn’t want **Nicky** to be alone, so along came **Rusty**. This guy smiles at everyone and is a real clown.*

*My husband and I still work full time jobs and I take care of my elderly parents. I am not able to participate in as many Rescue activities as I would like, but when I retire (yeah) I hope to change that. The one fund raiser I do help with is Paws & Pasta. My good friends Nancy Wheeler and Bryan Foley, who own **Little Bite of Italy**, open their restaurant in Sun City on a Sunday afternoon and donate the proceeds from that day to **Arizona Golden Rescue**. This year the event will be held on November 8th. All details are available on our website and on page 37 of this newsletter.*

Next up is founding member Beverly Host, number 65F.

Beverly Farrar-Host and then husband, Kevin, took in a Golden Retriever in 1993 from a family that was divorcing and neither one could take the dogs. The Golden’s name was **Buddy Dude**, and Beverly was hooked on Goldens from that moment on. It was love at first sight when she met **Buddy**. When moving to Arizona in 1995 from Orange County, California, **Buddy** sat in the car as they were packing up, determined not to be left behind. He re-

fused to get out of the car. *How could he think we could ever leave him behind?* Not a chance! After losing **Buddy Dude** on December 30, 1999, the Hosts were devastated; the house was so quiet and empty. At that point they found **RAGofAZ**. After filling out the 8-page application, they were told it could be several months before they had a young male that would fit their request. But the phone rang on February 9th and the person on the phone said they had a pair of Golden retrievers that they wanted to adopt together. And on February 11, 2000, Beverly and Kevin adopted **Pecos** and **Mad-dy**. Their home was filled with wonderful Golden antics again, and life was good. A few years later, **RAGofAZ** sent out a plea for someone to help with a Golden who had come in with a heart condition. His name was **Goldberg**, and this failed foster turned into the Hosts' third Golden... another case of love at first sight!

Beverly followed Deb Orwig to **AGR**. After losing all three Golden retrievers by 2010, losing her dad and then going through a divorce, Beverly was dogless for three years. Beverly did some meet-and-greets at the pet store at Fashion Square, as well as a few **Barnes & Noble** and **PetSmart** meet-and-greets. She helped with logging in dues and donations and depositing the money at the bank, and loves helping out at the *Fore Paws! Golf Tournament*. These activities gave her a "Golden fix" from time to time.



And then, Deb called one day to ask if Beverly would foster **Rusty**, a handsome Golden/Chow mix, who needed to be in a home with no other pets and preferably with one person he could attach himself to. Beverly resisted at first, but after meeting **Rusty**, he tugged at her heart, and he went home with her in July, 2013. Beverly and **Rusty** went through many weeks of obedience training at **Partners Dog Training School**. They

love their morning walks every day. Beverly believes that **Rusty** feels he rescued her, and he takes his role as her protector very seriously. They have formed a great bond.

Beverly has been a Realtor for 25 years and is with **Realty Executives** in Scottsdale. She will lovingly give a donation to **AGR** from any commission made on a sale if you use her services. Beverly is President of **New Vision Toastmasters**, loves to read, golf, garden and is involved with her church, **Scottsdale Bible Church**.

Next is Ruth Pulliam, founding member 68F.

Although Ruth does not have a Golden of her own, you often see her greeting you at the registration table of our major events.

From Ruth: *On my first birthday, I received a brindle bull-mix, who became my best friend. Later a cat joined us. I've always wanted a dog, but situations haven't allowed that to be. When I participate at any AGR function, the Golden retrievers fulfill my desire. The people I come in contact with do the same – thank you, AGR!*

Even though I haven't lived there for some time, I consider New York City my home. I married there and had a son, Brian. Some of my family were in the theater. I went to as many Broadway shows as possible and collected autographs. I was considered a bobby-soxer. For a while I volunteered with a group from the entertainment field working at Veteran's Hospitals.

My homes have been in Seattle, Washington; Corpus Christi, Texas and Saudi Arabia. My father (mother, too) worked for the Arabian American Oil Company (now Saudi Aramco). They also hired me, so my son and I left the U.S. and were there 10 years. During my 6th year there, I got married to a southern gentleman – the ceremony was held at Bahrain Island, across the Arabian Gulf. I was fortunate to have been given an opportunity to travel to many places and experience different cultures. Arizona is now my home as well as Brian's.



Ruth Pulliam helps with registration at AGR events and goes to some Meet-and-Greets just to socialize

I've volunteered running tennis and bowling tournaments, working with drug addicts, dancing, and marching in parades. I worked my way up in community theaters from prop person to Assistant Director. I worked at Grady Gammage Auditorium at ASU for 17 years and currently am at Tempe Center for the Arts.

In the future, I plan to give as much love to the Golden retrievers I meet as they give to me, even if it's only for a short time. Let's hope it's for a long time, Ruth!

Now for the Wieser family, number 72F.

Philip is a native of Phoenix and Sharon (pronounced Sha-ROHN not SHARE-uhn, a different pronunciation) was born in Israel. Both were reared in Phoenix, as Sharon's family moved here when she was a little girl, and neither strayed



Marcus, Philip, Ilan and Sharon Wieser with Nala at 2015 Parada Del Sol

too far from home for their undergrad schools. Sharon went south to **U of A**, and Philip headed north to **NAU**. Sharon grew up with family dogs; Philip's family never had a canine but he always enjoyed animals, especially dogs.

In 1998, they decided to bring a pup into their lives and purchased a wonderful Golden Retriever that they named **Simba**. Not long after, they discovered and joined **Rescue A Golden of Arizona** and in 1999 brought a second wonderful Golden into their home, **Max**. They were just going to be a foster home, as **Simba** was a

handful. However, after the fourth time potential adopters came by and mentioned how they'd love to take **Simba** home but not **Max** they'd had enough. **Max** was only 18 months old and his previous family kept him tied up in the backyard. He was digging in the yard and on the patio so his front paws were a mess. He was quite skinny, weighed about 55 pounds and had already turned white on his muzzle; honestly he didn't look that great. Meanwhile, **Simba** was a big furry healthy golden, closer to 90 pounds, who'd always been spoiled with love and it showed in his personality.

Although only two months apart in age, they became great companions for Philip and Sharon and each other. Over the next few months **Max** became outwardly every bit as beautiful as he was inside (though never gaining the confidence that **Simba** exuded). **Max** gained weight, to 80 pounds, and his coat returned to the reddish-golden hue as the white disappeared from his muzzle. He was an amazing member of the family and they knew they'd be a Golden family and proponents of Golden Rescue from then on. Over the next four years they added to the family a couple of two-legged children, Marcus and Ilan (currently 15 and 12, respectively).

Simba fell ill and left them early, at 7 years old, but not long afterwards they rescued (from **RAGofAZ**) a neglected pup (almost 2 years old) named **Nala**. She had had an infection that was untreated when she was surrendered by her previous owners and had to have a kidney removed. She continues to be a very sweet girl, and **Max** got along wonderfully with her until his passing at over 14 back in 2012. Always a bit unique, she truly enjoys being an only child, and they've enjoyed her for ten years now and hopefully many more.

In 2009, they were happy to become inaugural members of **Arizona Golden Rescue**.

Philip is an educator in **Washington Elementary School District**, and a reservist in the **US Air Force**, and Sharon is an administrator in the **Deer Valley School District**. In 2014, while Philip was serving in Afghanistan, Sharon and the boys got a great deal of support from Deb and the **AGR** family. **AGR** is a wonderful organization and they look forward to being active members for many more years to come!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If you move, even temporarily, such as during the summers or if you are waiting for a new house to be built and must move out of your old one, please e-mail us with your temporary address and the date range you will be there. We send *The Golden Paw* and other group communications by bulk rate mail (much cheaper than First Class), and bulk rate mail is not forwarded, so we want to be sure you get our mail!

Health and Safety

By Liz Tataseo, Health Care Manager

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Epilepsy and Seizures

Unfortunately for Golden Retrievers, seizure activity is one of the more common neurological conditions that exist for these great dogs. But that is not a big number, it is 0.5% - 5.7% of all dogs.¹ Idiopathic epilepsy (repeated seizures over time) is the most common form. It is considered an inherited disorder and usually manifests at a young age. Other causes that can come on late in life include liver or kidney disease, infectious disease, brain tumors, brain trauma and toxins.

We have experienced dogs with brain trauma (literally shaken-baby syndrome in a very young puppy), infectious disease, a systemic-wide incidence of valley fever that was in the brain, and older dogs that developed seizures secondary to disease issues. Unfortunately, the puppy had to be euthanized. The valley fever dog has recovered and did not need seizure medication.

A number of epileptic dogs have been turned into Rescue in the last few months. These have been male dogs, all of which after testing show no known cause, so they are considered to have idiopathic epilepsy. Research does indicate that more males than females have seizure activity. Neutering or spaying is not a factor.

Several of the surrendered dogs have come in stable and with continued medication will remain stable. Once started, seizure medication should never be stopped. Stopping can actually cause a rebound effect and cause more seizure activity and at a higher level.

Seizures usually occur at a time of change in brain activity: during excitement, feeding, falling asleep or waking up. While seizures appear traumatic to the owner, seizures are not painful for the dog, but the dog may feel confusion and disorientation afterwards and take some time to recover. Usually, once recovered, they return to normal behavior. Based on research, dogs do not swallow their tongue during seizures, so don't stick your hand in a dog's mouth!²

An individual seizure or one lasting 2 to 3 minutes is not dangerous to the dog. However, if a seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes or there are multiple seizures one right after the other (i.e., cluster seizures), that is a life threatening situation – the dog should be taken to a vet immediately.

Age can be an indicator of what kind of epilepsy is manifested. In dogs up to one year old, it can be a congenital, hereditary, or

a toxic or inflammatory disorder. A manifestation between one and five years of age is probably idiopathic epilepsy. A dog older than five may have neoplasia, metabolic or vascular diseases or inflammatory disorders as a cause of seizures. Examples include low blood sugar, brain tumors, fungal infections, distemper, encephalitis, stroke, head trauma, parasites or toxins such as lead, ethylene glycol (anti-freeze), and organophosphates (fertilizers).

Idiopathic epilepsy means no underlying cause can be diagnosed for the seizures. This usually means it is either genetic (inherited) or there is a structural cause. Structural could mean a birth injury which could cause seizures later in life – so hard to diagnose years after the injury. Several breeds have a high incidence of inherited epilepsy, including the Golden Retriever. It may be seen more often in the Golden because of the popularity of the breed. As noted before, males have a higher incidence than females.

The purpose of treatment with various anti-seizure medications is to reduce the frequency and severity of seizures. Epilepsy is not a curable disease. Treatment may fail if pills are forgotten or pills are spit out. Intestinal upset can prevent absorption of the medication and so can interactions with other drugs.³

Medications traditionally have been phenobarbital and potassium bromide (KBr). It can take 10 to 14 days for phenobarb to reach therapeutic levels, and often a dog can initially be dozey or slow to respond. Dogs usually become used to the dosage as therapeutic levels are reached and return to normal behavior. KBr is added if seizures are not well controlled by phenobarb alone, but KBr can take weeks to reach therapeutic levels.

Newer anti-seizure drugs include Levetriacetam (Keppra) and Zonisamide (Zonegran), which have fewer side effects than the standard medications. These drugs appear to act sooner and cause less sedation in a dog. Sometimes they are used in combination with phenobarbital and KBr. Again, once anti-seizure medications are started, they must be given for life. Dogs can live a long and normal life even with epilepsy as long as care is taken to continue treatment.

¹ Bollinger-Schmitz, Kim and Kline, Karen "An Overview of Canine Idiopathic Epilepsy for the Small Animal Practitioner", *Iowa State University Veterinarian*, Volume 62, Issue 1, Article 14

² Ward, Ernest DVM, *Client Information Sheet*, VCA Animal Hospitals

³ Child, Georgina, "Seizure Disorders in Dogs", *Small Animal Hospital*, Richardson Place, NSW

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

Service Paws

By Wendy Enos

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Mobility Service Dogs

You may have been noticing them more and more... the second most common service dog, the mobility dog. Since physical disabilities vary widely, you may see any size or breed mobility dog. Mobility dogs can assume many roles. Small dogs can be trained as retrievers for picking up dropped items for a person using a wheelchair. A larger dog makes an excellent brace to catch stumbles and prevent falls and to assist in retrieving and balance. And an even larger or giant breed dog can pull a wheelchair.

The mobility dog must be firmly rooted in basic obedience commands before entering into specialized training. These commands are the building blocks of successful service dog training.

Tasks that mobility dogs perform regularly, other than those listed above, might include:

- holding and carrying objects
- summoning help in case of emergency, including fetching the telephone or barking on command
- assistance with clothing... dressing, undressing, and laundry
- opening and closing doors, including refrigerator doors and cabinets... the dog may even be trained to retrieve food or beverage items
- turning light switches on and off
- helping the handler up off the floor or up from a fall
- fetching a cane, crutches, or other medical devices
- assisting with stairs or elevators
- aiding transfers to bed, toilet, bath, chair, etc.
- retrieving an item from a different room

This isn't a complete list by any means.

It depends upon the person's disability as to how one acquires a mobility dog. There are those whose disabilities are so limiting they are unable to attend service dog training classes for a year or more, so they opt for a pre-trained dog from an organization such as ***Canine Companions For Independence*** or ***Power Paws Assistance Dogs***. Others, such as myself with ***Cubby***, prefer attending classes in a program such as ***Happy Tails Service Dogs*** where, under the direction of a trainer, the handler and dog are trained together as a team. Either way, the successful training of a service dog usually takes well over a year of rigorous and repetitive exercises, but the bond between handler and dog, and the unimaginable help the dog provides, makes it all so worth it!

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Reporting period: January 1, 2015 - September 30, 2015

Total Assets as of October 15, 2015: \$191,345.29

	Income	Expenses
Adoptions	\$20,169.00	\$ 1,625.00
Bank Charges (Intuit, PayPal)		283.10
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	3,740.00	1,500.00
Credit Card Expense		502.44
Donations ¹	39,998.04	
Dues & Subscriptions		268.87
Event Expenses ²		897.16
Gift Wrap Events	259.97	
Golf Tournament ^{3,4}	39,481.91	11,007.68
Donations	7,309.91	
Golf Raffle Tickets	2,812.00	
Golfing Fees	11,440.00	
Hole Sponsorships	4,950.00	
Meals for Dinner-onlys	2,500.00	
Silent Auction	10,470.00	
Grants	2,000.00	179.40
Insurance		645.00
Interest	70.84	
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Memberships	14,945.00	
Merchandise	4,439.40	1,079.06
Office Expenses & Supplies		623.99
<i>Paws At The Park Picnic 2015</i> ⁴	1,607.00	420.15
Postage		1,102.27
Promotional		390.59
Rent or Lease		1,608.16
Repair & Maintenance		409.89
Stationery & Printing		5,944.88
Telephone & Website		184.89
Dog-related Expenses		
Boarding		637.70
Behavioral Training		3,874.00
Microchip & Heartgard® expenses		779.55
Miscellaneous		146.12
Transport		54.25
Veterinary services		88,088.17
TOTAL	\$126,711.16	\$122,262.32

NET INCOME: \$4,448.84

Checking Account on 10-15-15: \$ 80,469.11

Savings Account on 10-15-15: \$100,072.32

The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 10-15-15: \$ 10,803.86

Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-15-15: \$ 20,146.18

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

² Does not include expenses for the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*

³ There is still income anticipated (\$1564) for 4 silent auction items

⁴ Income does not include merchandise sales – that income is under Merchandise

2016 A Touch of Gold Calendar



We have them! Connie McCabe, with her masterful artistic skill, has created an absolutely spectacular 2016 calendar for **Arizona Golden Rescue!** The beautiful photo above of handsome **11-078 Duke Kleinz** is on our cover in glorious color. Each feature photo is accompanied by the dog's story. As usual, there are two pages of photos of volunteers at **AGR** activities (is your picture there?) and two centerfold pages showcasing our Gallery of Calendar Sponsors. In addition, every empty box you normally see on a calendar page has a photo of one of our rescued dogs (is your dog pictured?). You will want one of these gorgeous calendars for yourself and others to give as gifts, so order now to be sure you get the number you want. We have kept the price at \$10, as it has been in previous years. You can order with the Order Form available on our website. Calendars are available for purchase from several of our regular veterinarians and at every **AGR** event. Calendars ordered in advance have already been sent out. Please be sure to add postage costs to your order if you want your calendar(s) mailed. See Order Form for cost schedule.

DANGER! Xylitol in Peanut Butter

People who use peanut butter in Kongs® or for giving their dogs medications should be careful not to buy peanut butter that contains xylitol. Xylitol is a sweetener that is used in many sugarless gums and some other sugar-free products, and **it is highly toxic to dogs.** Jif®, Skippy®, Peter Pan®, and the Kroger® brand itself, as well as several others available at **Fry's Grocery Stores**, are all fine. If you have peanut butter in your pantry, check the label for xylitol. If it contains that chemical, do not use that brand with your dog. Be especially aware of the following brands that are known to contain xylitol: *Nutty By Nature*, *P28*, and *Nuts 'N More*. We do not know where these brands can be purchased, but you should avoid them.

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 July 6, 2015 through October 8, 2015. All adoptions finalized after October 8th will be in the next issue.



15-022 Tiffany is a cutie pie, about 7 months old when we rescued her from a hoarding situation with 35 cats and no other dogs. Sounded like the owner needed to stick with kitties. **Tiffany** was quite a handful, being a young dog with absolutely no prior training. However, Candace and Craig in Scottsdale were willing to go for it, and after some

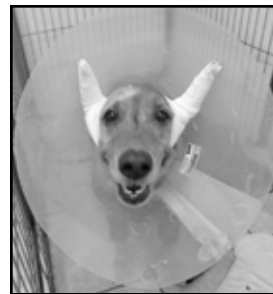
initial work with her began an 8-week training course of weekly classes at **Partners Dog Training School**. We did not finalize the adoption until this class series was completed. Marked improvement was noted, and things appear to be going great with this sweet young pup who has been renamed **Tobi**. We have been updated! **Tobi** came into our life in late March of this year. You have heard the saying, "Who rescued who?" This has certainly been the case here. We thank God and **Arizona Golden Rescue** every day for putting **Tobi** in our lives. While she has had to learn her social skills, she made great strides by finishing level one behavior training and is currently enrolled in level two classes. It is hard to believe she is the same dog. **Tobi** has brought so much joy to our home. She loves to take walks, ride in the car and go to places like **The Home Depot**. She also loves to bring us toys or a tennis ball for playtime fetch. **Tobi** is a beautiful and loving companion that now allows us to live in our home and cater to her.

15-023 Princess came in as a pretty Golden/Lab mix about 7 to 8 years old. We received a call from the neighbor of a man who had a sudden heart attack and had to go into rehab and concluded he could not take care of **Princess** any longer. She had obviously been a sweet and pampered house dog and was not very active. Turns out that she had severe dysplasia in one hip and was compensating with the other. We decided to have FHO surgery for her, as she was still a relatively young dog and would heal well. We were lucky to find a medical foster for her to see her



through her surgery and initial rehab. She also did not seem to be very interested in other dogs, so we thought a placement for her as a single dog might be important. Rod and Donna in Scottsdale, who have experience in working with and training dogs, decided to adopt her and it has turned out to be a wonderful placement for her. We are happy to see **Princess** have a second chance after having to leave her original family under such unfortunate circumstances.

15-024 Sandy is a sweet Golden found as a stray and turned in to the **Arizona Humane Society**. Our volunteer who went to collect her said she had only seen three other dogs in her 18-year history as a Rescue volunteer who were in worse shape than **Sandy**. Before **Sandy** even went to the vet, an emergency grooming was necessary because



Good-natured through six weeks of having to stay isolated in Deb's laundry room wearing a cone and with her ears pinned up; she had to have the ears cleaned and re-bandaged under anesthesia twice a week, and also had to get a week of daily injections to combat a nasty-staph infection. She was a trooper!

she smelled awful and was covered in matted fur. The groomer found several lumps and bumps, hair loss and terrible skin, most likely from severe allergies. The vet pegged her at about 8 and found she had severe otitis, which is an inflammation of the ears requiring surgery. She also was not spayed. So, she ended up having blood tests, a dental, a spay, and both ear canals reconstructed under anesthesia. Her ears were that bad! Off she went to convalesce at Deb's house with ears bandaged like a Doberman and wearing the Cone of Shame. Her recovery took over a month. Poor little girl!

Andrew, Stephanie and their family in Phoenix were happy to take the dear dog home where she could be spoiled for the rest of her life. Seeing a dog like **Sandy** coming out of a shelter and then again at placement makes what we all do worthwhile.



15-029 Butch now Barkley

15-029 Butch and his brother, **15-031 Sundance**, were on the lam (thus their names) and then taken in as strays by a kind person who kept them and tried hard to find their owners but was unsuccessful. After the requisite seven-day stray period, he turned them over to us. They are both good looking, friendly red dogs. **Butch** was the

younger of the

two dogs, about 2, and it is possible he is the son of **Sundance**. **Butch** had not been neutered, so that was the first order of the day for him along with the usual tests and vaccinations. Unfortunately, he and **Sundance** both tested positive for valley fever, but since their titers were not way out of whack the vet suggested



15-031 Sundance now Charles

monitoring with a recheck in 3 months. At one point with his foster family **Sundance** was really favoring his rear end area, and a vet determined he had just been wagging his tail too hard and hitting it on something causing some minor damage! That's how much **Sundance** loved being rescued! But it did take a bit for him to heal. It was quite obvious how bonded the boys were to each other, so we were careful to only look at applicants who wanted to adopt a pair. After a while in foster care, Scott and Stephanie in Scottsdale took the boys home to the life they deserve. **Butch** now has a new name, **Barkley**, and **Sundance** is now **Charles**. Guess who's a basketball fan! Stephanie updated us. *We rescued*



Charles and Barkley

*two beautiful Golden Retrievers, **Sundance** and **Butch** - now known as **Charles** and **Barkley**. They are beautiful inside and out! They bring joy to our family every day. They have settled in with our routine and family, which includes two older dogs, a cockatoo and Lily the potbellied pig. They love play time and especially swimming! Our son Marc and the boys are best buddies! I'd like to thank Linda and Connie for making this adoption possible.*



15-034 Baxter was a very emotional return dog after he experienced a medical emergency. Unfortunately, the original adopter could not afford the significant medical expenses necessary to take care of him. Upon an initial visit to one of our vets, he was diagnosed with a nasal tumor. Oddly enough, the biopsy results came back as non-malignant. Unfortunately, his

type of tumor was extremely invasive and fast growing. We felt

he was a hospice situation, and Jane volunteered to take him home to Peoria and "let him chase all the lizards he wants" for the time he had left. After about six weeks he began having significant nasal and breathing trouble due to facial swelling, and the decision was made to let this dear dog go find all the lizards at the Bridge.

Baxter was a great dog with a wonderful disposition up until the end, a favorite at all the Meet-and-Greets he attended, and we all grieved to lose this fine old gentleman. Rest well, **Baxter**.

15-035 Duchess and her son, **15-036 Lucky** (a Golden/Border Collie mix who has not yet been adopted), were turned over to *Arizona Golden Retriever Connection* by their owner who could no longer keep both dogs. Upon meeting the pair, we felt the two were bonded enough to be kept together, so *AZGRC* kindly relinquished them to us since they could not keep



a mix. **Duchess** was 6 and was believed to be great with dogs and kids. She did need some vet work including spaying and the removal of a few masses, one of which was benign. However, as is often the case with older, unspayed females, a mammary mass was cancerous but a very low grade and, since the vet was able to get good margins, it is felt the cancer would not return. Based on observation in their foster home, we determined that the dogs would be fine to be adopted out individually. Mary in Peoria was the lucky winner for **Duchess** and has renamed her **Bella**. She has sent us an update. *My sweet Bella. She is one of the sweetest dogs I have ever met, and I have the honor of having her with me. She follows me everywhere. I mean everywhere! She has made herself right at home. She gets up on the couch and she sleeps with me at night. But, she is not a bed hog, yet. She loves her walks and loves everyone that comes through my front door. She likes me to throw the ball in the back yard, and she especially likes her Kong that my sister bought her. She likes it because I stuff it with dog treats and she sits for hours trying to get those treats out! She really has a heart of gold and she allows me to kiss her (sometimes I go a little overboard but she doesn't mind). She knows how much I love her. Sounds like **Bella** has found her forever home.*

15-040 Brandon, a beautiful 6-year-old red dog, came to us as the result of a divorce. The owner had **Brandon** for 4 years but had never taken him to a vet, so that is where **Brandon** went first. Barbara and Palmer in Cornville had been waiting for months for just the right dog and were so excited at the thought of getting this boy even with his neglected medical care that they agreed to bring him back to the Valley for follow-up care. He was actually found to be quite healthy, and with his neutering and vaccinations com-



pleted, he was ready to go home. Poor guy had a rough first night with his cone, but Barbara and Palmer just adored him, said he just wanted to be loved all the time, and have renamed him **Riley**.



15-041 Oliver is a young, friendly, bouncy 2-year-old boy whose family gave him up because they did not have the time to devote to him. Young Golden Retrievers need plenty of exercise and stimulation and it is not surprising that we get more than a few of them for this reason. He had lived with young children and other dogs and was described as very affectionate and loved to explore. He had been neutered and after we updated his vaccinations he was ready to go the very next day to Rachel and Tony in Phoenix who were just thrilled to meet him. We think **Oliver** has won the doggy lottery!



15-042 Boden is another young, gangly, 2-year-old guy who was given up due to the owner's health and financial situation. He knew lots of commands, loved kids and dogs, and really loves to swim. He is also quite the ball chaser – your quintessential Golden! He was neutered and up to date on his vaccines, so he truly was a plug-and-play dog. Gina and Aaron

picked him up the day after he arrived and spirited him away to their home in Surprise where we are sure they are enjoying this fun-loving dog.



15-044 Missy (left) was surrendered to us with her best buddy and sister, **15-045 Molly** (right), by her owner who could no longer care for the pair. The dogs had been with the owner since puppyhood, and now they were almost 11. They lived with several cats and were great with kids, too. The first place for the girls to visit was a veterinarian, as they had not been seen by one in years. Both girls had terrible teeth requiring multiple extractions. **Missy** also had inwardly-turned eyelids (entropion). We arranged for treatment by a specialist who suggested doing eyelifts so that she could see better. **Molly** had significant tooth issues and also a large open wound on her hip, as well as numerous lumps and bumps. Unfortunately, one of the growths removed from **Molly**



Molly and Missy

turned out to be cancerous. Lymphoma was found later but was not connected to the first mass. Also **Molly** developed a MERSA infection. A visit to a specialist was in order. Chemo and prednisone were prescribed for her, so we started **Molly** on these medications. Dean and Marlene in Chandler fell

in love with the pair and were ready to face anything that **Molly** might need. Unfortunately, **Molly's** cancer was not slow-growing but quite aggressive, and despite the treatment **Molly** passed away early one morning with Dean at her side only a short time after she went to her forever home. To say these folks were devastated would be an understatement. Dean thanked us for bringing **Missy** and **Molly** into their lives, although only for three months. We thank Dean and Marlene for giving **Molly** Heaven on Earth.

15-047 Emma was previously adopted out several years ago as a puppy but was recently returned to us because of some negative interactions with the other female resident dog. Two alpha girls in the same house can be a recipe for possible disaster. We require our adopters to return their dogs to us if they cannot keep the dog for any reason at any time, so we were happy to take **Emma** back. Those of



you who were members in 2012 may remember **Emma** as one of the two dogs picked up on a highway median in New Mexico by some Good Samaritans and transported to Scottsdale where they live. They turned the dogs over to **Animal Medical and Surgical Center** along with enough money to more than cover their vet care. **AMSC** then called us, as the girls were obvious mixes. Now **Emma** was back in Rescue in 2015. Anne and Richard in Phoenix were quite interested in adopting **Emma** but were leaving on a vacation for a couple of weeks. When they returned, they were ecstatic to learn she was still available. Good things were worth waiting for, and it looks like **Emma** is now enjoying her role as House Princess. This update was uplifting! *We were delighted when we were contacted in July about adopting Emma. She truly is a great dog! Emma loves walks in the neighborhood, as well as rides in the car. She always greets visitors with enthusiasm. We just celebrated her fourth birthday in August. Emma has adjusted well to her new home and is a wonderful addition to our family!*



15-048 Big (at right) was relinquished to us with his littermate, **15-049 Bru-**

no, when the owner was evicted from her living quarters. As you can see, **Big** was a Golden/Lab mix and was, well, big (over 90 pounds). A 4-foot fence? No problem! We were told he was good with dogs, cats, and ferrets. No prey drive there! At age 7 he was somewhat calm but still had plenty of energy and with his size we wanted to be sure he found just the right place. After a short time with foster Jim, and a neutering, those right folks came along. Teresa and Michael and their kids have taken the big guy home with them to Scottsdale for fun and games. They have renamed him **Theo** (rhymes with mayo). After the first night, Michael wrote us that **Theo** was being bombarded with love and affection by all four of us (we have a 14-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter). Great ending for a big dog named **Theo**!

15-049 Bruno came in with his littermate, **15-048 Big**. Obviously there was a Golden Retriever somewhere in the mix because, unlike his brother, **Bruno** is a beautiful golden color. **Bruno** was also a big guy, weighing over 90 pounds himself. He had the same traits as his brother in being able to clear a 4-foot fence. It must have been interesting for the neighbors to see those two coming! Our volunteers found **Bruno** wanting to play long and often. Both dogs were quite healthy with the exception of needing to be neutered. Because the dogs were pretty rough with each other, we decided to separate them. Mark and Cyndee were thrilled to take this happy and playful boy home with them to Sun City. Have a happy forever life, **Bruno**!



15-051 Sammy was a nearly 9-year-old purebred Golden, a product of a divorce. Great with dogs, cats, and kids, he was easy to place with Char and Nate in Mesa. Char took him in for his initial vet visit where he received the Full Meal Deal and was also shaved because of all the mats in his fur. He did test positive for valley fever and was immediately started on fluconazole.

After a small emergency bout with intestinal issues resulting from, as the vet put it, a "dietary indiscretion", he came right around. Is that not a great term for poop eating? Char wrote us after the initial few days. **Sammy** has been great with the kids, and everyone who meets him falls in love right away! We're happy to see **Sammy** in a wonderful forever home! Watch those dietary indiscretions, big guy!

15-054 Timber, an adorable, handsome, 4-year-old Golden, was surrendered by his original owners after children started interfering with the amount of time they could devote to him. He began suffering separation anxiety as the family was spending more



time away from home with the children's activities. He was terrific with cats, kids, and dogs, and he was a water-and-ball-loving fool, but he just wanted to be more Velcro than the family could handle. Other than dirty ears, his vet check-up was perfect. He was immediately placed with Kathy and Patrick in Surprise. Congratulations, **Timber**!

15-055 Iruna, a young, 6-month-old English Cream puppy, had to be given up by her owners due to their impending international move. She lived with a 6-year-old Golden, **15-070 Davis**, so was great with other dogs but unknown with kids and cats. Not only did she have a rock-chewing background, she also liked to chew on the remote control until it changed channels. Perhaps she was addicted to *Animal Planet*! She was immediately placed with Yael and Ofer in Phoenix, who have a 19-month-old English Cream and wanted to add another to their household. Training was in **Iruna's** immediate future, which sounded like a great idea for such a young pup. She was renamed **Luna**.



15-056 Rosebud came to us as a 12-year-old sweet and dear dog due to a death in the family. The husband subsequently moved back East and left **Rosebud** with friends, as he was unable to take **Rosebud** with him. She was placed with Jim in Phoenix and has settled right in with the resident cat and another dog he is fostering. We are glad we found **Rosebud** the perfect

place to live out the rest of her years, which we hope are many!

15-057 Jack was surrendered to us by someone who had taken over his care when the owner went into rehab. **Jack** was a handsome, goofy, 3-year-old red dog who was great with kids, other dogs, and loved everybody and everything. He loved to have kids climb all over him. In other words, **Jack** was a party dog! It was reported he loved to surf trash cans, perhaps for discarded



party food. In fact, he may have had too many trash can hors d'oeuvres, as he was a bit overweight. Crystal and Jim adopted him immediately and carted him off to Phoenix for a vet visit and an introduction to the green bean diet! We are sure **Jack** is going

to provide a lot of life and laughter to his new family!

15-058 Sophie is an adorable 5-year-old Golden whose owner was overwhelmed with 5 kids and had to travel extensively. She got along great with dogs and obviously kids, so we knew she would be easy to place. **Sophie** had not visited the vet in several years, so she needed all her vaccinations, tests, and a microchip. Holly and Mike in Gilbert were only too happy to give this girl a new home, and have renamed her **Zoey**. Welcome home, **Zoey**! We met the entire family at a recent Meet-and-Greet at the Chandler **PetSmart** store, and **Zoey** was a perfect ambassadog!



15-059 Dakota is a cute, young 2-year-old English Cream Golden who had lived in a back yard. He had never been to a vet, and had never been allowed in the house. The owners were moving and realized at the last moment that they just could not take him along. He had lived with other dogs and kids, so his only issue (other than some basic medical needs) was training.

Amy and Jeff were more than happy to take this kid home to Chandler and let him learn to live the life of a pampered family member. He even has a new name, **Gideon** (or **Giddy**)! **Gideon** wanted us to know how he is doing. *Hi, my name is Gideon. Until the wonderful people at Arizona Golden Rescue saved me from my previous owners, I lived outside or in the garage for the first 2½ years of my life. I was always hungry, and while I don't like to talk about it, my previous family wasn't very nice to me. I never got to go for walks or rides in the car, and I didn't have toys to play with. I'm happy to say, my life with my new family in my forever home is so much better! My new family loves me very much, and I love them too. I am best friends with my furry brother, Cooper. We like to go for walks together. Two walks EVERY day, can you believe that? I love walks – there are so many good things to see and smells to sniff. My brother and I like to swim, play and take naps together. My new mommy and daddy are trying to fatten me up and having real food has made my coat come in really nice. I hate to be modest, but I'm quite the handsome pup... or so I'm told. Have you ever heard of frozen yogurt? We get frozen yogurt all the time, and I get my own! Heaven! My mommy and daddy take me on lots of adventures. We went hiking in the mountains in Prescott, have attended soccer games with my 2-legged brother, and I'm learning to swim. Once it cools off, my mommy and daddy said we will go to watch my other brother play baseball. They said wherever they go, I get to come with them. They also bring me new toys all the time. I love my new life! I am very happy and safe! Thank you AGR for helping me find my forever home!*



15-060 Mariah was a dear older girl of a certain age whose owner could not afford the medical needs that **Mariah** had. He was also moving out of Arizona. This poor girl had an open wound on her neck, had cloudy eyes, and limped badly. Upon examination by our vet, it was found that she had bone cancer in that leg and

her time was limited. Sharon and Michelle were kind enough to take **Mariah** into their home and hearts and spoiled her like crazy for about two months until her cancer progressed to the point that it was felt she had earned her ticket to the Bridge. She had a full life during that time, with rides in her wagon, balls in the pool, and enjoyed lounging on her own raft in the pool. **Mariah** was showered with love at the end of her days, and we will all miss her. Sharon shared **Mariah's** passing with **AGR's** Facebook group. *Mariah became one of the furamily immediately. Our other dogs Gracie, Connor and Woody took Mariah in under their tails. They welcomed her from day one, looked over her and were around her all the time watching guard. We learned much in the short time she was with us, how to live in pain with grace, to truly live in the moment and see, feel, sniff and hear only the good. She was a most precious soul that deserved only the best, for that is all that she ever gave us... the best unconditional love and smiles anyone would be so kindly blessed with. It is still so very fresh and raw as I write this and hard to hold back the tears, but they are not tears for Mariah, she is pain free and happy now and that is all we wanted for her. Michelle and I have been so ever blessed and lucky to have had this precious girl come into our lives, we are better humans for having her. We thank each and every one of you who supported and stayed with us through her journey, she will be missed dearly. Mariah, thank you for all the love and smiles you brought to our lives and all you have taught us. We miss you so very much and you run like mad, girl, run like mad and chase all the Heavenly balls you can find. Godspeed, Mariah.*



15-061 Nala came from an owner who was being evicted and felt she could not handle **Nala's** special needs. The owner had obtained **Nala** from "some pet store in the mall" and **Nala** ended up with parvo which happens frequently with puppy mill dogs. She recovered, but as a result of contracting this preventable disease, **Nala** has some vision and hearing problems.

She also had a minor ear issue which was resolved quickly. She is great with kids, dogs, and cats and loves everybody. George and Linda in Tempe were excited to have **Nala** come live with them. They renamed her **Joy**. We received an update from her family. *We are thrilled to have Joy in our family. We could not have cho-*

sen a sweeter more perfect dog for us, our other dog, **Lucky**, and our cat, **Scamp**. Our grandchildren adore her and she them. We believe that she was "meant to be" ours. One of our other Golden was originally named **Nala**. **Joy's** original name was **Nala**. She brings so much joy to our home that we wanted to name her "**Joy**," but we are keeping **Nala**, too – **Nala-Joy**. **Joy** loves the cat and they clean each others' face. **Lucky** and **Joy** sleep on the couch together and like going for walks together. **Joy** thinks she is a lap dog and we certainly wouldn't want to hurt her feelings by telling her otherwise. Last night she went from one lap to the other, cuddling as close as possible. Thank you **Arizona Golden Rescue** for bringing **Joy** to us. Congratulations to all!



15-062 Lady, about 5 years old, was found on the streets and taken home by a Good Samaritan who tried hard to find her owner. During her time with her finders she had a great time with the grandkids and other dogs, but those folks could not keep her. Because we knew nothing about her, a full vet visit was her first stop for vaccines, tests, and spaying. Steve and Jeannine in Scottsdale were ecstatic

to have **Lady** come join their family, and have renamed her **Ami**. They sent us an update. **Ami** has been a welcome addition to our household. Our **AGR** rescue from 10/2014, **Lola**, was lonely after our golden "**Libby**" died in July at age 5. Since her arrival, **Ami** has shown to be sweet and loving, well behaved, and comfortable in her new surroundings. Her high energy level is present every day as we all say she could play 24/7. **Lola** and **Ami** run together almost daily and play together several times a day. They are quite compatible. We could not be happier about our experience with **AGR** and our lovely **Ami**. **Ami's** wandering days are surely over!

15-063 Charlie Barkley is a 4-year-old red dog whose owners were heartbroken to surrender him, but their landlord had told them he wanted a \$1,000 non-refundable security deposit. Weighing in at over a hundred pounds, **Charlie** needed to shed a few of them. He was great with kids, cats, and other dogs so he was very easy to place. After a general vet trip for vaccines, a micro-chip and a green bean diet recommendation, he was off to Jennifer and her son in Glendale. Often we see dismayed owners who truly and deeply loved their dog. This was one of those cases. But we reassured them that **Charlie** would be in the best furever home and we were glad to give **Charlie** just that!



15-065 Max is goofy, good-hearted and about 10 years old. His owner was moving to assisted living and could not take him along. Other than a history of seizures that were controlled by medica-

tion, **Max** had no medical issues other than what was expected for a dog his age. **Max** had not been exposed to cats, and not much to kids, but was good with other dogs that he met. Sounded like **Max** had spent a pretty sheltered life with just his person and not much activity. When he went home with foster Connie, he was very uncertain and stressed to be away from his old home.

By the next day, though, he was coming out of his shell and improving his nose-nudge skills with Connie while she worked on her computer. Pete and Renee in Chandler were excited to take him home the very next day, and photos we have seen show a happy family! Pete sent us an update on **Max**. *We'd like to think that for an older dog he's doing great. Walks around the park are slow at the end, but that goes for all of us. What's great is that he hops up and gets excited to go at the beginning of the walk. Max is a friendly smiling face in the morning and whenever we return from errands. He's gotten used to the new doggie door and he races outside now to protect the back yard from the evil garbage truck. He loves to be brushed, my gosh does he love to be brushed! It is so good to have a dog in our home again. Max loves to be around one or the other of us, and he lets us know we need to be petting him by nuzzling in and leaning against us when we stand or following us to the next room. He'll chase a tennis ball like a young, spry 5-year-old but he sure won't share it much without teasing us a lot. He loves to play, but when he's done he's done. His personality and curiosity fit right in here and we truly enjoy having him be part of our family.* Sounds like **Max** continues to improve his crowbar skills! Congratulations, **Max**! May you live long and prosper.



15-066 Chance was your typical 2-year-old dog – full of pep and energy – with an owner who had no time for him and had not trained him at all. **Chance** was living in the back yard and had limited exposure to other dogs and kids. He also was not housebroken, nor had he been neutered. **Chance** was just your typical neglected, untrained teenage dog who needed training and affection.



Fortunately for him, Linda and Tim in Fountain Hills were ready for the challenge! From all reports, he loves to play and get attention, and they just love him! Another great ending for a great dog!

15-070 Davis was from the same family as **Iruna (15-055)** whose owner surrendered them because of an impending move out of the States. **Davis** is a very

handsome, 6-year-old English Cream Golden. He had some previous issues with tennis balls, as in devouring pieces of the balls causing expensive vet visits on several separate occasions. Rubber balls were no problem, but he loved ripping the hide off the tennis balls. He was also a bit of a “nervous Nelly,” as he had lived with an older dog who loved to bully him. He loved being the center of attention, and the owner felt he would thrive in a home where he was spoiled as an only dog. Fortunately, Jay in Scottsdale fit the bill for **Davis** perfectly. **Davis**, now renamed **Rophi**, will be the only dog in the home with weekly visits from a 9-year-old lady dog who we hope will become the perfect gal pal.

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 August issue, we featured **15-023 Princess**, **15-028 Lad**, **15-030 Dante**, **15-032 Bella**, **15-034 Baxter**, **15-044 Missy** and **15-045 Molly**. We lost **15-034 Baxter** – the cancer he had finally took over. We also lost **15-045 Molly** to cancer. **Princess**, **Lad** and **Missy** have been adopted. **Dante** and **Bella** had most of their medical problems handled by their foster, Teryl. They have been placed together in an adoptive home, but their adoptions had not yet been finalized at our copy deadline for this issue.

During this past quarter, several **AGR** dogs required at least \$1,000 for medical or behavioral care.

15-033 Bennett, now **Augie**, was about a year old when he was surrendered to us in late May by a guy who found himself away too much in his career as a hotshot (firefighter). I am sure you have heard the phrase, *While the cat's away, the mouse will play*. In this case it was, *While Dad's away, I will get into anything and everything I can*. At the beginning of September, three months after we had placed **Augie** with his new dad, he stopped eating and was having bouts of vomiting and diarrhea. A trip to the emergency room with X-rays showed a blockage, so off to the regular vet he went for surgery a few hours later. The vet removed a piece of red plastic something that had undoubtedly been in **Augie's** gut since before we rescued him. **Augie's** new dad very generously covered the cost of the emergency room visit, (\$580) so **AGR's** expense for the surgery was **\$1,762**.



15-036 Lucky, a Golden/Border Collie mix, came in with his Golden mother, **Duchess** (now **Bella**). Since they were brought in as a pair, we initially placed them together, but it quickly became apparent that the two really did not get along. The Foster-With-



Intent-To-Adopt (FWITA) chose to keep **Duchess**. Because of some behaviors by **Lucky** that had been reported by the FWITA, we decided that **Lucky**, who is only a little over a year old, needed some serious behavior modification training, so we placed him in **Partners Dog Training School**. When he finished the intensive 3-week training program, our Placement Team did not have a likely

home for him, so we opted for another 3 weeks. After that, for the same reason, no potential home, we again left him at **Partners** but dropped him two levels in training intensity, as he was already quite well trained. Finally, a home was found. However, after just a couple of days there, **Lucky** made some aggressive moves towards the 10-year-old son in the family. So, Placement Manager Debbie took him home. He was OK there until one day he made an aggressive move towards Debbie's youngest child. Debbie and her husband were constantly vigilant and took all the right precautions – keeping **Lucky** on a short leash for corrective purposes and firmly correcting him if he even looked askance at any of the three children. Finally, a home with a young, single woman who wanted an active companion was found for **Lucky**. We all have our paws crossed that **Lucky** continues to get along well with the resident Sheltie and that his new owner will learn everything **Lucky** learned at **Partners** by taking continuing education classes with him there. **Lucky's** training cost us **\$3,874**.

15-039 Rosey was a medical mess when she came into our Rescue in June. She had been attacked by another dog and was left with head wounds and a damaged ear. She was having nosebleeds of undetermined origin, and her owners could not pay for diagnostic tests, so this 3-year-old little girl was surrendered to us. The vet suspected an auto-immune problem and started treating her with high doses of prednisone. Her



platelet count had to be monitored frequently. A grade 2 heart murmur was detected; after a cardiac ultrasound she was diagnosed with subaortic stenosis. It took about three months to get **Rosey's** red and white blood cell counts, as well as some other physiological markers, into the normal range. She may have masticatory muscle myositis (MMM), but that diagnosis will have to wait until she has been off the prednisone for a while. Sweet **Rosey** also has allergies to lots of things, but allergy tests will also have to wait until she no longer has prednisone in her system. In addition to all this, **Rosey** has grade 2 patella luxation, which means the kneecaps move in and out of the sockets, so her legs are somewhat unstable. She is now taking Cosequin to help her legs and fish oil to improve her coat. So far, **Rosey's** vet expenses have amounted to **\$1,984**.



15-044 Missy had already accumulated some expensive bills by the end of July when we reported on her in the August issue. During this past quarter, she had surgery to correct entropion in both eyes. The surgery significantly improved her vision and her eyes are no longer weepy. This sur-

surgery cost **AGR \$1,529**.

15-060 Mariah was 13 years old and not well when she was surrendered to us in August. The Intake report on her said, *Mariah has open wound on neck and possible ACL tear in back leg – has cloudiness in eyes and may be hard of hearing. She also appeared lame in one of her rear legs.* Her owner's reason for surrendering this old dog was that **Mariah's** medical needs were too demanding of both time and money. Our vet determined that **Mariah's** rear leg weakness was most likely caused by bone cancer, for which, at that point, there was no treatment. The open sore on her neck probably resulted from scratching due to untreated allergies. It would not heal over, so our vet closed it up with **Mariah** under anesthesia. After just a few short weeks in Rescue, **Mariah's** breathing became very labored and it was apparent to her wonderful adopters – yes, she was adopted – that it was time to send her to the Bridge. In the six weeks **Mariah** was ours, we spent **\$1,038** trying to make her feel more comfortable. We like to think she had a better life in those few short weeks than she had had for years.



15-064 Broly is a 1½-year old purebred Golden who suffers from idiopathic epilepsy. His work-up and treatment thus far have cost **AGR \$2,155**, but this amount does not include any expenses since the beginning of September, and there have been many – see Update on page 36. It is often difficult to stabilize a seizure dog on medications. As you have read in Liz Tataseo's excellent article on

pages 10-11, there are several medications that can be used, but determining the correct dosage and combination of meds may take some considerable time. At the end of August while **Broly** was in a foster home, he started having cluster seizures, so the foster took him back to *Animal Medical and Surgical Center* where his initial vetting had been done. **Broly** has been at *AMSC* ever since as an in-patient. His seizure frequency is now down to about one every 5 weeks, which is about as good as it will ever be. During this

interim period, he now acts like any 1½-year-old Golden – loves to play with balls and is a wonderful, loving boy. We are hoping some Good Samaritan who is home most of the time (so **Broly** can be given his meds at specific times throughout the day) will come along soon and want to adopt him.



15-068 Teddy and his brother **15-069 Shaggy** were 5 years old when first taken into our Rescue program in 2009 and adopted as a pair to a family in Tucson. At the beginning of September, they contacted us and told us their 13-year-old son was being

mean to the dogs and it would be better if they returned to Rescue. Of course, we took them back.

Both boys had poor-quality coats that were very sparse. **Teddy** was lame in his rear right leg and would not put any weight on it at all. His problem was most likely the result of a damaged ACL that was never treated. A veterinary examination determined that the best thing we could do for **Teddy** was to have the leg amputated, as he did not use it anyway, and it was just causing him pain. The surgery was done on September 30th, and **Teddy** is recovering well. The cost of the **Teddy's** vetting, surgical consult, surgery and meds with **AGR's** Rescue discount was **\$3,072**.



Shaggy, reported by the owners to be healthy, started coughing and gagging shortly after he came back to us. He had a lump on his neck that was determined to be thyroid cancer, and two lung nodules that may also be cancerous. So, everyone concerned felt it would be best to start **Shaggy** on a course of chemotherapy. Determining a therapeutic dosage and which type of

chemo drug to use can be as problematic as drugs used to treat seizures. After his first treatment, **Shaggy's** white blood cell count went down too much and he developed a high temperature and crashed, so he had to spend an expensive night at the emergency vet. The good news is that the tumor had reduced in size from 6.6 to 5.6 cm. To help ensure that **Shaggy** does not crash again after treatment, the vet has already determined that a lower dose of the chemo drug will be given in the future. So far, **Shaggy's** expenses have amounted to **\$3,807**.

If you can assist us by making a donation in honor of one or more of our *Diamonds in the Ruff*, we would be very grateful.

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Jersey Case (11-074)



Annabelle Doyle



Lola Ensminger



Riggz France
(13-046)



Logan Koblick



Watson Hunkler
(13-097)

Mariah McKenzie/Pousson
(15-060)



Zoe McWatters
(12-145)



Molly Mortimore
(15-045)



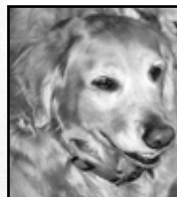
Cosmo Palumbo



Angie Sell-Lee
(11-005)



Star Bright Thompson



15-034 Baxter



15-052 Sheldon



And...

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.

Jerry Brummer, AGR Member and Adopter



15-069 Shaggy and 15-068 Teddy swimming, a favorite pastime

are lots of games they like to play, some of which they even make up themselves. One thing is for sure... if you help your dog learn to play and have fun, he or she will probably live longer. Just like humans, dogs need mental stimulation. Games provide a way to help your dog in that way. Games also help keep your dog from becoming bored, stay out of trouble, and improve physical fitness.



14-082 Trisara almost buried in her toys

Golden a golf ball-size toy) and always supervise the dog around toys. Do not ever give a dog a toy meant for a human child. Be especially careful to keep away stuffed animals that have button-like eyes; if the dog chews off an eye and swallows it, it could get stuck in the dog's digestive system which will necessitate an expensive visit to an emergency room. If your dog likes to



15-041 Oliver with two toys; some dogs carry a ball in their mouths so often that it almost can seem like it is part of them!

To help your dog live a long and happy life, provide enrichment activities. Toys in general can offer hours of fun for many Golden Retrievers. Be careful to give your dog toys he or she cannot readily chew up, be sure the toys are size-appropriate (i.e. do not give an adult



Brothers adopted together, 14-066 Chip and 14-067 Scout like playing keep-away

tear into soft toys and pull out the stuffing and the squeaker, try giving the dog a stuffless toy – many are available in the pet supply stores. Some dogs will hoard toys. Others will tease with them. If there is another dog in the household, they may like to play “keep away”.

FUN and GAMES

By Deb Orwig



15-031 Charles and 15-029 Barkley playing run-and-chase

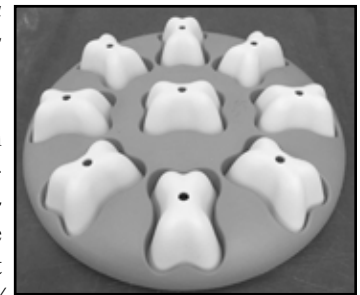
Many dogs just like to carry toys around in their mouths.

Sad but true, some dogs that come into Rescue have never had a toy and consequently find them of little interest.



Even better for sharpening mental acuity are toys like the ones shown here. With the *IQube*, the dog has to get smaller toys out of the big cube (without tearing the *Qube* up, of course). *Dog Magic* provides interactive play when treats are put underneath the bone shapes and the dog has to figure out how to get the treats. The one pictured below is one

of several available in the *Nina Ottoson Company of Animals* games and puzzles.



You can purchase many such “intellectual” games at pet supply stores. *Ryan's Pet Supplies* in Phoenix has quite a few such toys. Check out <https://www.ryanspet.com/search?q=interactive+toys> All the other major pet supply stores carry something along this line. Go online to AmazonSmile.com or your favorite store via our Shop.com website and search on “interactive dog toys.” Or, the next time you go to a pet supply store to purchase dog food, check out the various types of toys they carry that might provide some fun and mental stimulation for your dog.

Something as simple as putting peanut butter inside a Kong® and freezing it will provide a challenge to your dog for hours.

Teach your dog how to play toy-hide-and-seek. Start by taking a favorite toy and putting it partially under a cushion or something else. Let the dog watch you, but tell him or her to “wait”. If they try to grab the toy before you tell them to “find it”, correct them and tell them “wait” again. Repeat until the dog actually waits until you say “find it” and then praise the dog when he pulls the toy out and let him play with it for a while. Make this game progressively harder by having the toy less and less visible. Eventually when you say “find it”, the dog will find the toy even if it is com-

pletely buried under something. Having found the toy is its own reward, but praise the dog anyway for a job well done.



Watching Billie Wong put her toys away can inspire you to teach your dog to do it

Another trick you can teach your dog is to put away her own toys. Most of us have a bin or a basket in which we store all our dog's toys. Place a toy on the floor and teach your dog the "get it" command by helping the dog lean down and pick up the toy. Praise the dog when she does it. After she has learned "get it" and is

carrying the toy in her mouth, walk her over to the toy bin and say, "Put it away" or "drop it" or "leave it", whichever command you prefer (I use "put it away"). After you give the command, help the dog release the toy by opening the dog's mouth - be careful you don't get nipped! As soon as the toy drops into the bin, praise the dog! Repeat, repeat, repeat. Sooner or later the dog will pick up a toy when you say "get it" and go drop it in the toy bin when you say "put it away." Really. It works. My boy **Mufasa** is living proof that it works - he learned the whole procedure relatively quickly. **Mufasa** cannot hold a candle to **Grace**, though, a Golden Retriever who is featured in an online YouTube video. Check this out: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AW_N-dujGXw If this link does not work for you, go to YouTube.com and Search on "Golden Retriever cleans house." You will be impressed and maybe even inspired!

Balls, of course, are favorite toys of many Golden Retrievers. Tennis balls are inexpensive, but you need to be careful your dog does not rip the fuzz off, pop the ball and eat the pieces. If there is a tennis club near your home, the staff will probably give you a bagful of "spent" balls that tennis players will no longer use. Have you ever really watched your dog play with a ball? For some, a moving ball is like moving prey, and they will try



to attack it like **15-026 Lucky** is doing here. If the ball has a squeaker in it, so much the better to stimulate the prey drive.



"Jimmy ball" on left, Megablast ball on right; if you don't like to listen to squeaky toys, choose the Megablast ball

One type of ball I found that even the most ardent ball-ripper-uppers cannot destroy (or at least it takes a while) is the *JW iSqueak Rubber Ball*. The solid *JW Megablast Ball* is also good. **Ryan's** sells these, and other pet supply stores



Connie and Nick's boy Majyk could get three tennis balls in his mouth at one time!

probably do, too. A Golden can grip the large-size ball with his teeth, but it is too large (about half again as big as a tennis ball) for the dog to chow down on. I call these "Jimmy balls," because years ago I had a foster dog named **Jimmy** who could chew up just about any toy, but he could not damage the *JW* ball - it was still in one piece after he had had it for over four months, a long time for any toy to last with toy-loving - i.e., toy-destroying - Golden Retrievers!

Golden Retrievers are among the Sporting Dog breeds. This breed was originally created to be hunting dogs, that is, to be a companion for the duck hunter. The breed history is one reason many of our Golden Retrievers like to chase things - birds, cats, lizards, rabbits, even balls. That "prey drive" is part of their nature. So, for most Golden Retrievers, is swim-



Most Golden Retrievers like being in water; some households do not have pools, so a kiddie pool will suffice to cool off hot feet as **15-025 Biscuit** enjoys doing



Believe it or not, some Golden Retrievers are afraid to swim in a pool, or they may have a condition like seizures that makes pool-swimming dangerous; in either case, get a life jacket for your dog like the one **15-053 Percy** is wearing here

the water when you bring out these particular toys. The rest of the time, the dog should ignore the pool.



Due to their water-loving nature, some Golden Retrievers enjoy digging the water out of a water bowl like **15-054 Timber** is doing



15-008 Fenway says, *Let's go - I'll drive!*

There are many other ways to provide stimulation and enrichment for your dog. Take him on a car ride to someplace he has not been before. A new environment to explore will be fun for both you and your dog. New sights, new odors, new "bush messages" to "read", or just to soak up the sun where it is cool and beautiful outside. Go



Born blind, 11-091 Keller loves car rides in the jeep proclaimed as his by the license plate

camping with your dog. Beware, however, that the dog's presence might be a draw for bears and/or wildcats, so never leave your dog alone in the campground. If you take your dog hiking, be sure the



The adopters of 15-044 Missy and 15-045 Molly took the girls for a car trip to Tubac south of Sahuarita



Winnie, Grizzly and Sasha love to go camping with Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson; a favorite spot is Lake Mary near Flagstaff



12-077 Chance, who now lives in Southern California, enjoys watching the surf roll in at the beach

weather is cool enough for both of you, and it is a good idea to put booties on your dog's feet. Why not visit "the dog beach" in San Diego? It is thrill-



15-037 Keiko hiking with his dad

ing to watch your dog run in the sand and chase the surf or the seagulls.

Visit a pet supply store with your dog – all of them allow dogs on leash. Take him to **The Home Depot**, **Lowe's**, or any of the stores in **Biltmore Fashion Square** in downtown Phoenix – dogs are allowed in all the stores there.



15-007 Paisley is ready to go
Dogs seem to like the wind blowing in their faces, but be sure to close the car windows before you drive, otherwise your dog eyes may get damaged by a rock kicked up by your tires or by an insect that flies in

Why not just take your dog for a walk? Even if you just walk around your neighborhood, the scenery will never get tiresome for your dog, and the exercise will be good for both of you. Walking in a parade with **Arizona Golden Rescue** is a great way to have



12-108 Mia eager to walk in the 2015 Parada Del Sol

fun! Every year we participate in the *Parada Del Sol* on the second Saturday of February (February 13th in 2016), and this year we will be walking in the *Glendale Hometown Holiday Parade* on Saturday, December 12th. Please plan to join us!

How about visiting a dog park?

There are many in Arizona. Do a search with your Internet browser for "dog parks in Arizona" and you will get a very long list! Some dog parks are better than others with the type of amenities they have. One of the best dog parks in the country, one that has actually been featured on TV and in national publications, is **Cosmo Dog Park** in Gilbert (2502 E.



At 13 years of age and with damaged ACLs, 15-060 Mariah could not walk well, so her adopters got a wagon and took her for walks, which she thoroughly enjoyed

Ray Rd). This 17-acre park has a lake, separate areas for active dogs and timid dogs, agility equipment, lighting for night use, shade trees, benches, and a dog wash area, among other things. Although aggressive dogs are not supposed to be taken to dog parks, some owners do it anyway. Be aware that just because a dog is running around off leash inside a fenced area does not necessarily mean it is friendly. If you have an unpleasant experience at a dog park, report it as soon as possible to the Parks & Recreation Department of the city where the park is located. Most municipalities will take action to ensure such dogs do not come to the park again.



Lake at Cosmo Dog Park in Gilbert

Is your dog a TV watcher? Some dogs are entranced by the moving pictures on a TV screen, especially if they recognize the movements as belonging to an animal – a dog, a cat, any type of wildlife. There is a hilarious video on YouTube of a Golden watching a tennis match – every time one of the players hits a ball across the net, the Golden jumps up. Boing, boing, boing, boing! *Animal Planet* is often a favorite of canine TV watchers, especially if something



Ears flapping because she was hopping up and down when she watched the Golden in the Westminster Dog Show, Sasha McCabe/Dodson also "talked" to the picture, perhaps cheering on the dog

like an agility competition is being aired. *Nature* is also a show that entrances many dogs. And when the *Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show* is televised in February, I would imagine there may be just as many canines watching the program as there are humans. There is even a DirectTV choice with programming content for dogs called Dog TV!



12-100 Rusty learning to go through the ring at Partners

Many dogs enjoy learning agility routines, and it provides great exercise for both you and your dog. One of the best places to go for agility training in the Valley is **Arizona Dog Sports**, 12639 N. 48th St, Phoenix. The indoor facility offers over 50 classes per week in a 4000-square-foot, air-conditioned dog gym near Central Phoenix. There are three additional outdoor locations utilized October through May. **Partners Dog Training School**, 4640 E. Forest Pleasant Place in Cave Creek, also offers agility training, as

well as dock diving!

Consider training your dog for therapy work. Several **AGR** members have therapy-certified Golden Retrievers. Sheila Joyce alternately brings **McKenna**, **Tessa** or **Charlie** to **Royal Oaks Convalescent Hospital** in Glendale. They love meeting and greeting with the residents, and the residents, some of whom have Alzheimer's and cannot remember their own names, do remember the dogs. When she rescued him at age 11, Alice Courtney trained



Charlie and McKenna Joyce providing some furapy at Royal Oaks



Chaucer visiting with friend

14-085 **Chaucer** to do similar visits. Alice told us: *Once, twice and sometimes three times a week my current two senior Golden Retrievers, Chaucer and GraceLou, visit two assisted care homes. The residents usually are disabled, some with dementia, all lonely and in need of a 'friend' who makes no judgment on their condition. My dogs' visits lower the residents' stress level, give them someone to 'talk' to, and offer a view of the world*

outside the walls of the home. In time, word of my two senior Golden Retrievers has spread; I am now asked to visit school classrooms and am currently involved with Phoenix Police Department's summer program for teens.

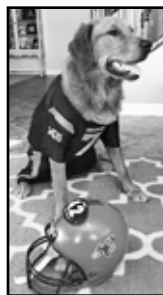
Karen Davis and Deb Orwig bring **Caesar** and **Troy**, respectively, to **Bicentennial South Elementary** for the third graders in Trishia Murphy's class to read to the dog. Once a month, **Troy** also visits the **Desert Foothills Library** in Cave Creek, where students in



Troy Orwig loves the kids and enjoys listening to them read to him; he often wears a costume, which makes the kids giggle and he likes that, too

their All-Stars after school tutoring program read to him. Such an activity helps the children, many of whom read at only a kindergarten or first-grade level, improve their reading skills.

Golden seem to enjoy just hanging out with their people or with their canine



14-095 Cooper: Anyone for football?

friends. **Arizona Golden Rescue** offers many opportunities for the latter. Bringing your dog to Meet-and-Greets or other **AGR** events helps the organization and



14-012 Cooper and 15-011 Riley say, 'We'd rather play golf!'



provides a social outlet for both you and your dog. Our fundraisers are also FUN-raisers. Join us when you can – the schedule of all our activities is on our website calendar.

The pillow behind 15-059 Gideon says what AGR wishes for every rescued dog: *Happily Ever After!*



Jackson and Sarah love the snow in Flagstaff where they live

A person can learn a lot from a dog, even a loopy one like ours. Marley taught me about living each day with unbridled exuberance and joy, about seizing the moment and following your heart. He taught me to appreciate the simple things – a walk in the woods, a fresh snow-

fall, a nap in a shaft of winter sunlight. And as he grew old and achy, he taught me about optimism in the face of adversity. Mostly, he taught me about friendship and selflessness and, above all else, unwavering loyalty.

~ John Grogan in

Marley and Me: Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog

Training a Dog for Therapy Certification

How would I go about getting a dog therapy-certified? is a question I have been asked numerous time. There are several steps you need to take.

First, decide where you want to do therapy work with your dog. Contact the hospital or other facility and ask what their requirements are for therapy dogs. Some hospitals require **Pet Partners** certification. Others will accept **Therapy Dogs International** or **Therapy Dogs Incorporated**. Still others have their own in-house certification. And some don't have any requirements except that your dog be good-natured and friendly. The personnel who handle therapy dog teams at the facility where you would like to volunteer should be able to tell you where you can get your dog certified.

Second, work to help your dog earn a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate. You can find out what the requirements are by going to the American Kennel Club website: <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/> This site lists and describes the ten tests your dog must pass in order to earn this certificate. You can also find out where the CGC test is given locally. In the Phoenix Metro area, **Partners Dog Training School** usually administers the test once a month. **Phoenix Field and Obedience** and **Arizona Dog Sports** also schedule regular testing. There may be others, as well, but the test must be conducted by a certified CGC evaluator.

Third, after your dog has earned the CGC certificate, you can proceed with training for therapy work. The tests that your dog must pass include those for the CGC, as well as several more demanding tests. Some evaluators who are qualified to test therapy dogs will award the CGC if your dog passes the therapy requirements, so you may not have to get the CGC separately. Again, ask at the facility where you intend to do the training.

Why should you get your dog certified through one of the organizations mentioned above? The bottom line is insurance coverage. With either **Pet Partners** or **Therapy Dogs International**, you and your dog are covered by a two million dollar insurance policy. These days where people will sue someone else at the drop of a hat, you cannot be too careful!

Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made.
~ Roger A. Caras

HERE and THERE

Events from July 12, 2015 through September 30, 2015

Your membership in our organization will be more fulfilling for you if you get involved and join us at our events, especially if you are one of our adopters. Our Meet-and-Greets are a great way to socialize both for you and for your dog. Our fundraisers are FUN raisers! Please regularly check the events calendar on our website – www.arizonagoldenrescue.org – for dates and times of upcoming events. We would like to include your picture in this section in future issues.



3rd Quarter Events:

To Kill A Mockingbird Read-a-thon

By Deb Orwig



On July 13, 2015, **Arizona Golden Rescue** was invited by the Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble Booksellers** to participate in a read-a-thon of *To Kill A Mockingbird* on the day of release of the second book by Harper Lee, *Go Set A Watchman*. All **Barnes & Noble**

Debbie Ball and Deb Orwig switched off reading aloud with Liz Tataseo about every 20 minutes



The few customers who came by the reading area were more interested in the dogs than in the story!

stores across the country were hosting such a read-a-thon, attempting to have the entire *Mockingbird* story read aloud



in one day. The local store started at 9 AM with one of their employees reading for two hours, then **AGR** members Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Debbie Ball took over for the next two hours; **Gonzo Tataseo** and **Troy Orwig** came with us. We were later told that the read-aloud was actually finished before the store closed at 9 PM. We were given a \$5 donation by one of the customers who listened to us for a while, but mostly we just read aloud to the air in the store and to each other and the dogs. For our trouble, each of us who volunteered was given a nice reusable tote bag advertising *To Kill A Mockingbird*.



3rd Quarter Events:

Goldstock

By Kathi Youhas

For the second time in as many years, Bob and I, along with our four-legged furkids **Krissie** and **Maura**, had the pleasure of representing **Arizona Golden Rescue** at **Goldstock**.

For those of you who are new to **AGR**, **Goldstock** is a gathering of Golden Retrievers and their owners held every Labor Day weekend at **Camp Weequahic** in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania. It is a time for meeting up with old friends and making new friends, all of whom have a special love for Golden Retrievers or Golden wannabees, and for supporting Golden Retriever Rescue.

Goldstock was started in 1998 by Gail Lustig, a Golden lover who owned this summer camp and donated its use for the weekend. A small group of Golden lovers who belonged to an online group and who wanted to get together with their dogs, commune with each other and see how they could support Golden Retriever Rescue enthusiastically embraced the idea of spending Labor Day weekend together. The original attendance of 60 people and their dogs has grown into a large gathering of more than 200 people and 250-plus dogs. Rescue groups are the featured attendees. Two representatives from each group that comes are given the entire weekend for free. Everyone stays in nice cabins that have showers and flush toilets, and the food is wonderful!

Since Bob and I left Arizona in December of 2013 and moved cross country to North Carolina, we have been unable to attend and be involved with Meet-and-Greets, gift wrapping and the Golf Tournament as we used to be. So, once a year we load up the dogs and drive to Pennsylvania to do our part in supporting **AGR** by selling merchandise and keeping track of the items that are donated for the Silent and Live Auctions. This year was a wonderful year as **AGR** made just over \$1000 among all of the above!

It works because Deb Orwig sends **AGR** merchandise and auction donations (at her own expense) to the camp. Bob and I also bring some auction items with us, and then we send everything that did not sell back to Deb.



Bob and Kathi Youhas at merchandise sales table at Goldstock

At **Goldstock**, festivities begin on the Friday evening of Labor Day weekend and end on the morning of Labor Day. In between there are Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dogs International testing for the dogs, doggie olympics which include activities such as dock diving and fastest swimming time; retrieving contests both on land and in the water; sweetest dog contests; and a Parade of Seniors and a Parade of Rescues. This year the most senior dog was close to 17 years young. Several children were in attendance this year, so games and activities were planned for them. These were a big hit with the kids and their parents alike.



Bob and Kathi with Maura and Krissie on the new deck surrounding the meeting hall where Rescues set up merchandise sales

Activities for the adults included a trivia contest and an art lesson, wherein those who participated learned how to paint a sitting Golden looking at the sun. I hope to be able to take that class next year if it is offered. The original painting by the artist who taught the class, Tom Mosser, was entered into the Live Auction and sold for over \$600. His painting was entitled "A Golden Retriever at the Museum" – the dog in the picture is staring at a painting of a giant tennis ball.

This year the founder of **Goldstock**, Gail Lustig, was contacted by a small independent filmmaker about the possibility of doing a "dogumentary" about **Goldstock**. They had heard about this annual gathering and wanted see what went into it and how it all came together. I have no idea how much footage was shot, but I am looking forward to seeing it when it becomes available. For more information about it, please log onto www.goldstock2015.com or view "Dog Camp: A Dogumentary" on [Facebook.com/dogcampmovie](https://www.facebook.com/dogcampmovie)

Even though **Goldstock** is about spending time with other Golden Retriever lovers, having fun and supporting Rescue, there is also a very special ceremony that takes place on Sunday evening called The Candle Ceremony. This gives everyone a chance to honor those humans and pets who are ill and in need of prayers, and it also honors those who have left us for the Rainbow Bridge and wait for us there. This year Bob and I memorialized our own **Carter**, who earned his angel wings on Christmas Eve 2014, and **Annabelle Doyle**, loved and missed by Patrick Doyle and many members of **AGR**. We lit candles for both of them and for all of the other departed pets of **AGR** members and their family members.

If you ever have an opportunity to travel from Arizona to Pennsylvania around Labor Day weekend, **Goldstock** is an experience not to be missed. Bob and I went in 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2014 with our dogs, and I also flew there in 2006 and 2007. Bob and I always say that maybe next year we will do something different, but for some reason we seem to be drawn to be there.



2015 Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

By Deb Orwig



One of the many picturesque views on the course at Camelback Golf Club

en Marsala in the evening. The income derived from the tournament is what pays for our ever-increasing vet bills during the last quarter of the year.

The tournament could not happen without countless hours



Dana Haywood with Riley



Chris Spiel by a raffle item she acquired from Art of Merlot and a painting she had done of her boy Jack at this business

Once again, we had a very successful golf tournament thanks to many volunteers, generous donations and all our great golfers and dinner guests. Our 7th Annual Fore! Paws Golf Tournament was held September 19th at Camelback Golf Club, with excellent weather out on the course, followed by a fantastic Italian Buffet featuring Chick-



Rich Calta, Camelback Golf Club's Director of Tournaments Shiloh Hagey, and Deb Orwig



During dinner, Larry Hevner, new to the Golf Committee, did an impromptu live auction that generated over \$1,000

some of the items used for the silent auction. Normally, Rich would also get the prizes for the winning teams, but since the tournament was washed out (literally) last year, we were able to save last year's prizes for this year. Dana Haywood created our

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



Connie McCabe (front right) is usually behind the camera; here, she is with Nick Dodson, Grizzly and the foursome from Michaels Wilder where Connie used to work; included are Ralph Knight, Tyler Knight, and Randy Hatch (standing) and Nancy Knight sitting next to Connie; Michaels Wilder has generously been one of our sponsors for seven years

We thank our primary solicitors Jolene Schlichter and Sherry Landwehr, who gave generously of their time and talents to help Deb



Liz Tataseo helped with basket assembly and setting up the silent auction area; Connie Wozniak (below right) also helped with basket assembly and handled merchandise sales during the Tournament

Orwig find donations for the silent auction and raffle. Assistance with acquiring some items was also given by Debbie Ball, Kim Brown, Rand Drake, Candy Greff, Connie McCabe, Fred Prose, Murray Roberts, Liz Tataseo, Cindy Tigges, Gail Walker, Cynthia Wenström and Connie Wozniak.

Several volunteers helped to as-

semble baskets for the raffle and silent auction: Martha McDowell, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Connie Wozniak. Others helped stuff the golfers' goodie bags: Patrick Doyle, Sandra Hansen, Sheila Joyce, Deb Orwig, and Chris Spiel. Liz Tataseo helped stuff the bags, too, and also paid for the nice royal blue reusable shopping bags with AGR's logo on them.



Nick Dodson and Beverly Farrar-Host icing down water before the Tournament

All of the equipment for set-up and all the items for the raffle and silent auction were at Deb Orwig's house and had to be loaded into vehicles and Larry Jessup's trailer (thank you for lending it, Larry, and thank you, Nick Dodson, for picking it up and hauling it), transported to the Golf Club, unloaded and set up in the

Lakeview Pavillion. For packing, transport and set-up help on Friday, we thank the following for their assistance: Adam Cardinal, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Sandra Hansen, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, and Connie Wozniak. Tony Cotner, Beverly Farrar-Host, Helen Hennessy and Cindy Tigges met us at the Golf Club to help with unloading and set-up.



Michele Meyer, Vicki Hart and Helen Hennessy; Helen donated a two-night stay at her dog-friendly Vista View Cabin in Prescott and also came on Friday to help with set-up



Karin Forsythe helped at check-in; the family business, Desert Golf Cars, donated a Hole Sponsorship

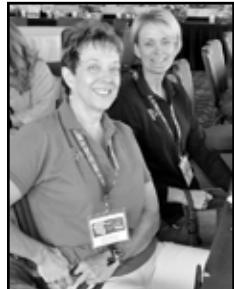


Teddi Axne with Palmer; Teddi was a registrar and she and husband Delwin were Tail Waggin' Sponsors



Patrick Doyle wrangling Grizzly and Reba helped with set-up on Friday and stayed all day Saturday

Assistants at registration included Teddi



Teri Guilbault and Sandra Hansen at check-in

Axne, Beverly Farrar-Host, Penny Ferone, Karin Forsythe, Teri Guilbault, Sandra Hansen and Ruth Pulliam. Sarah Martin and Chris Spiel sold raffle tickets, and Connie Wozniak worked at the merchandise sales tables during the entire event.



Penny Ferone monitored the Philosophy products to be sure each person took only one; Philosophy donated almost \$5,000 of cosmetics



Cindy Tigges helped with set-up on Friday; she brought foster boy Falkor on Saturday morning and her husband and in-laws for dinner, and donated two gorgeous mosaic pots she had made



Several volunteers including Tony Cotner, Patrick Doyle, Dana and Gail Haywood, Deb Orwig and

Ruth Pulliam stayed in the Lakeview Pavillion all afternoon to watch over all the raffle and silent auction items while the golfers were out on the course.



Volunteers enjoying each other's company before the golfers came in: Gail Haywood with Riley, Ruth Pulliam, Pattye Brown, Dana Haywood, Jay Koblick, Debbie Mikol, Jodi Koblick, Sandra Hansen, Beverly Farrar-Host and Tony Cotner with Daisy

Sarah Martin drove a golf cart around the course with cold water and neck coolers. Chris Spiel and Connie McCabe rode together around the course carrying water and neck coolers and took photos of every foursome.



Golfer Greeters: Teri Guilbault with Rosey, Deb Orwig with Duffy, Liz Tataseo with Reba, Teddi Axne with Palmer, Nick Dodson with Grizzly, Lauren Rudin with Bryxx, Sarah Martin with Troy, Gail Haywood with Riley, Dana Haywood with Bilbo, Tony Cotner with Daisy, Cindy Tigges with Falkor, Beth Chaffee with Bevo, Larry Orwig with Dolly, and Penny Ferone with Mufasa

Our 108 golfers began checking in around 11:30 AM to be greeted by some of our special dogs: **Palmer Axne** (with Teddi); **Bevo Chaffee** (with Beth); **Daisy Cotner** (with Tony); **Rosey Guilbault** (with Teri); **Riley Haywood** and **Bilbo Nomakeo** (with Dana and Gail Haywood); **Grizzly McCabe / Dodson** (with Connie and Nick); the Orwig gang including **Dolly**, **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy** (with Deb and Larry); **Bryxx Rudin** (with Lauren); **Reba Tataseo** (with Liz); and foster boy **Falkor** (with Cindy Tigges).

In addition to the above-listed volunteers, several other people helped with the tournament in various ways. *Arizona Golden Rescue* would especially like to thank Shiloh Hagey and the staff at *Camelback Golf Club* for their generous support and help; Erica Seidman, *Camelback Inn* Event Manager; Luis, the catering captain; Eddie and his crew, who helped immensely with set-up on Friday and Saturday; and the dining room staff and bar personnel, who did a fabulous job taking care of all the meal and beverage details on Saturday. Extra special thanks to



Head bartender Tak was the only staff member we got a picture of; the entire dining room crew did a fabulous job for us!



The golf area of the silent auction offered 10 golf foursomes, a beautiful Cobra golf bag, Kevin Streelman's donations, some items from Master's Tournaments donated by Murray Roberts, and the signed hockey stick from Shane Doan, as well items from the Arizona Diamondbacks and Arizona Cardinals

Shiloh also managed to get a signed hockey stick for us from Shane Doan! These items helped us raise money in our silent auction.

Tremendous thanks also to pro golfer Kevin Streelman, who gave us an autographed sand wedge and autographed tee flags from the two tournaments he won this year. We added these items as a group to our silent auction.

Another item of note was a two-night stay-cation at Helen Henny's Vista View "cabin" in Prescott. This lovely facility can accommodate up to 10 guests, and dogs are welcome! Thank you for the terrific donation, Helen!



We would also like to thank Jamie Simmons (photo at left) for representing Dixon Golf and setting up The Dixon Challenge on Hole 3.

Shannon Mini from Tito's Vodka (photo at right) was stationed at Hole 11 offering free shots of Tito's Vodka for the golfers.



Tito's also donated a large bagful of items, including a full-size bottle of vodka, for our raffle!

Before the golfers take off for the course, we ask them to look through their goodie bags for the special AGR golf ball. This exercise gets them to actually look at what is in their bags. We had a very nice extra goodie bag with well over \$100 of items for the golfer who found the ball, and this year that was Julie Kosier (photo at left)!

Shiloh Hagey, who acquired a one-night-stay donation from Camelback Inn, a two-night stay with a foursome at Starr Pass Resort in Tucson and several four-some donations from Camelback Golf Club, Moon Valley Golf Club, Troon North Golf Club, and Wildfire Golf Club.



First Place Team: Tom Radic, Clay Coffeen, Tim Gates and Mike Bennan

cookies and brownies. The food was fantastic and the service impeccable!

After dinner, prizes were awarded in various areas. By the time we distributed the prizes, some of the golfers had left, so Connie McCabe was not able to get full-foursome photos of all the

Dinner guests started arriving at 5:00 and were able to view the raffle and silent auction and buy raffle tickets or place their bids. After the golfers came in, everyone enjoyed a wonderful Italian Buffet consisting of Chicken Marsala, Caesar Salad, Tomato/Basil Salad, Baked Ziti, Steamed Vegetables, and Inn-baked



Second Place Team: Matt Record, Jeff Skubick, Greg Williams and Jeff Sander



Third Place Team: Jeff Raymond, Bill Mullins, Mike Kettell and Dave Franke

winning teams. Winning 1st Place with a score of 55 was Team Radic with Tom Radic, Tim Gates, Clay Coffeen and Mike Bennan; each team member won a \$100 gift certificate to Veneto

Trattoria. In 2nd Place with a score of 57 was Team Williams with Greg Williams, Jeff Skubick, Jeff Sander and Matt Record; each golfer received a \$75 gift certificate to Pomo Napoletana. Receiving \$50 gift certificates to Sushi Brokers for 3rd place with a score of 58 were Mike Kettell and Jeff Raymond – they won a scorecard playoff against Team Lambert (with Karl Lambert, Scott Smith, John Abbs and Jon Chaffee). Last Place with a score of 87 went to Pattye Brown, Pat Ireland, Casey Kuhn and Tom Valente, each receiving a can of tennis balls with the suggestion to try a new sport! All in good fun, of course!



Good-natured team with the highest score got a can of tennis balls: Tom Valente, Casey Kuhn, Pattye Brown and Pat Ireland

Prizes were also awarded for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin for men and women. Each of the four winners got a \$50 gift certificate to



Our three individual winners: Kory Kosier, Longest Drive, Men; Jon Chaffee, Closest to the Pin, Men; and Nancy Knight, who won both prizes for Women

The Cheese-cake Factory or **Casino Arizona**. Winning were Kory Kosier for Longest Drive, Men; Nancy Knight, Longest Drive, Women.

Nancy also won Closest to the Pin, Women; and Jon Chaffee, Closest to the Pin, Men. Congratulations to all!



We had 58 silent auction items ranging in retail value from \$30 to over \$1,000 and 49 raffle items ranging in value from \$50 to about \$250

Two of our more expensive silent auction items were not moving well, so Larry Hevner, who was a DJ with 98.7 THE PEAK for many years (used the call name "Joel Grey" on the radio) took the mic



in hand and did an impromptu live auction. He ended up selling a **Disneyland** package with 4 one-day admission passes, \$100 gift card to any **Best Western** motel, and dinner for two at **Medieval Times** for almost 3/4 of its value, and a digital electric smoker with a basketful of accessories for over half its value. Thank you, Larry!

At the end of the event, equipment, merchandise, leftover raffle and silent auction items, and water and neck coolers still needed to be taken down and brought to Deb's house. Thanks to the following for staying late and getting it all done: Tony Cotner, Patrick Doyle, Nick Dodson, Beverly Farrar-Host, Dana and Gail Haywood, Sarah Martin, Connie McCabe, Debbie Mikol, Deb and Larry Orwig, Chris Spiel, Liz Tataseo and Connie Wozniak.

We had significant financial support from numerous donors this year, as well as many Hole Sponsors. *Tail Waggin' Sponsors* donated a total of \$2,395 with an additional \$5,550 from *European Cream Sponsors*. There were thirteen returning hole sponsors and five new ones. Total revenue from hole sponsorships was \$2,950. This year we also offered to obtain hole signs for companies that

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donated at least \$200 in merchandise. We included **Dermatology for Animals** and **Macayo's Mexican Kitchen** in this category. A couple weeks before the tournament, I tried to be sure that we still had all the hole signs we had used last year for those sponsors that were returning this year. Turns out we had lost several in the deluge, so we ordered new signs for those businesses at no extra cost to them. However, I missed the one for **Ziegler**. Bill Herf has purchased a hole sponsorship for his company for many years. So, instead of refunding his payment for the sponsorship, I promised Bill to include a one-time ad in this issue of our newsletter. We have never allowed business advertising in the newsletter, but we felt we had to make an exception in this case. Next year, we will have a new hole sign made for **Ziegler!**

Contributing items for the golfers' goodie bags were: **Abrazo West Campus**, **Arizona Golden Rescue**, **C & R Tire**, **Cabela's**, Katie Donahue, **EmbroidMe** (Larry Hevner), **First Solar**, **Golfsmith**, **Hug 'N Pups Grooming Salon and Doggy Day Care**, **Macayo's Mexican Kitchen**, Deb and Larry Orwig, **Photocraft** (Connie McCabe), **Sherwin Williams**, Chris Spiel, **State Farm Insurance** (Beth Chaffee), and Liz Tataseo.

Expenses for the tournament totaled \$11,172.25 and included: \$127.11 for advertising postcards; \$99.76 for postage; \$164.57

for Kan Koozies for goodie bags; \$180.00 for new hole signs; \$4,008.00 – fee for golf; \$6,555.81 – dinner fee for 164 diners; \$22.00 for ice; and \$15 for an audio system cable.

Once four outstanding payments for silent auction items are received, gross proceeds from the tournament will total \$41,045.91, making our total profit \$29,873.66. Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this fundraiser!

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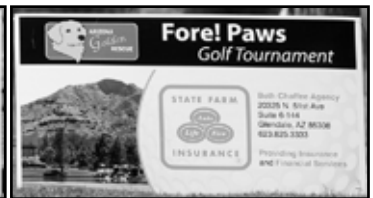
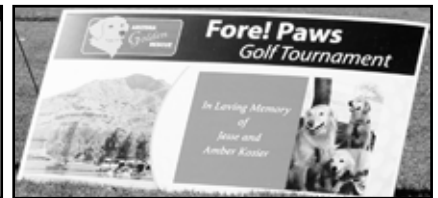
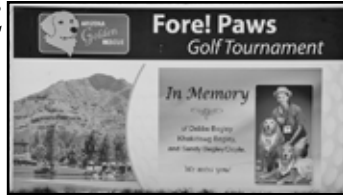
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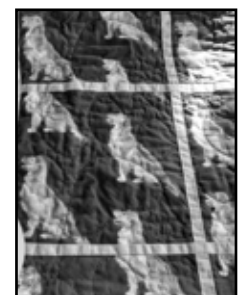
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Local wildlife on the golf course



Lakeview Pavillion inside - catering staff setting up



Gorgeous lap quilt handmade by Sharon Flores



Meet-and-Greets at Petco

By Liz Tataseo

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

This past quarter we had Meet-and-Greets at **Petco** in July and September. Neither occasion gave us much in donations but we did have a chance to hand out information and talk to customers. In July, joining **Reba**,



Teri Guilbault with Rosey



Jane Triplett with Baxter

her friend visiting from Chicago, Sophia, who helped hold dogs – a big help!

Gonzo and me were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Teri Guilbault with **Rosey**, Chris Spiel with **Jack**, **Nash** and foster girl **15-050 Bailey** and Jane Triplett with **15-034 Baxter**. We were honored by the presence of **Annabelle** and **Baxter** for one of their last outings. **Chris** brought her



Chris Spiel and friend Sophia with Jack, Nash, Bailey, Reba and Gonzo



Liz Tataseo with Nash Spiel and her own Reba and Gonzo



Mary Dunnill with Bella; Deb Orwig with Reba and Duffy; Chris Spiel with Gonzo, Nash, Bailey and Jack; Bella in photo at right

la (her first time as an ambassador!); Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**; and Chris Spiel with **Jack**, **Nash** and **Bailey**. Usually, small dogs and Golden Retrievers can cause a ruckus,



but the two little ones that visited for a while were all set to play. **Reba** was mystified since she wasn't sure if they were really dogs or automated toys. **Charlie** enjoyed getting a new toy from his mom, Sheila, and he and **Reba** tested its strength with a good tug-of-war. **Bella**, formally **15-035 Duchess**, was somewhat apprehensive at first but warmed up to the Donation Dog aspect (all the petting) of meeting and greeting.



Reba says, *What is it?*



Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

CHANDLER, 2860 E Germann Rd – Dana Haywood, Host

We had a quiet Meet-and-Greet on Sunday, July 12th. Attending were Sharon Flores with her daughter Amy who was visiting from Montana.



Above: Sharon Flores with Honey, Sharon's daughter Amy with Bilbo, Tony Cotner with Daisy and Gail Haywood with Riley. At left: Gail Haywood and Judy Petitto with Riley and SandiJoy



Sharon had **Honey** with her. Tony Cotner attended with **Daisy** and Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Bilbo**, and Judy Petitto with **Sandi-Joy**. Despite our small group and the fact that we were indoors, we still collected \$55.15 in donations.

We had a good-sized group on August 9th that included Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Sharon Flores; Holly and Mike Gross and their children with **Zoey**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Bilbo**; Jim Henkel; Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Troy**; and



Gail Hawood with Riley and Bilbo; the Gross family with Zoey; Deb Orwig with Duffy; Tony Cotner with Daisy; and Sharon Flores with Deb's Troy

Adriel Rowley with **Ember**. Karey and Kelley Rodeffer also dropped by for a while. We collected \$178.16, a record amount for this store!

September 13th was the Sunday of a **PetSmart** adoption weekend. We had to move to a different spot, as our normal indoor spot had been taken. Even though we were in the middle of the store, we did well this day both donation-wise (\$102.92) and meeting people. Attending were Holly and Mike Gross with **Zoey**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; Amy and Jeff Stevey with **Gideon**; Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Sucy**; Judy Petitto with **SandiJoy**; and Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Bilbo**. Sorry, we did not get any photos on this date.

GLENDALE, 7290 W Bell Rd – Liz Tataseo, Hostess

We did not meet at all at this location during the third quarter.

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

For photos from this event and all other **AGR** events, you can go to our website and click on Events, then Gallery <http://agrdogphotos.phanfare.com/agr-events/2015/>
You may also see most of them on the **AGR** Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/124724086406/>

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 who are there, the more foot traffic is drawn to us for even more contact and donations. Summer months are slower since we have to be indoors and don't get as much "drive by" traffic, but it is still an excellent way to socialize and educate.

We cancelled the July and August Peoria **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greets due to hot weather and vacation plans, but resumed our second Sunday events at the Peoria store in September.

September 13, Peoria **PetSmart**

We had a quiet day today at **PetSmart**, to be expected when indoors, but we still received \$76.55 in donations, plus met lots of nice people. Mark and Cyndee Swartz came with **Bruno**.



Pat Morgan with Sunny; Karen Davis with Caesar and Star; Debbie Mikol with Lucky

I had not seen **Bruno** since I picked him up and he sure looks terrific! **Win-**

nie and I were also joined by Chris Spiel with **Bailey, Jack** and **Nash**; Patrick Doyle; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Debbie Mikol brought her adoptable foster boy **Lucky**, who really was well behaved and also looks terrific! Jenna Graulich and her mom stayed for a while to learn about **AGR**. Beginning in October, we will once again be outside enjoying the wonderful weather until it gets too cold!



Mark and Cyndee Swartz with Bruno

SCOTTSDALE, 7077 E Mayo Blvd – Denny Myrick, Host

We did not meet at all at this location during the third quarter. It was too hot to be outside, and it is not worth our time to set up inside in the back of the store. Meet-and-Greets will commence again in mid-October. We meet from 11 AM - 2 PM; please check the website calendar for dates.



Meet-and-Greets at Pet Club

By Dana Haywood

We also did not hold any Meet-and-Greets at the Desert Ridge Marketplace **Pet Club** during the third quarter. We will begin again in November.



Meet-and-Greets at Pet Planet

By Dana Haywood

After a hiatus for a year, we started meeting again at the **Pet Planet** in Paradise Valley on July 11th. Joining Gail and me with **Riley** today were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Debbie Mikol with foster **Emma**, and Dawn Nomakeo with **Bilbo**. The staff at **Pet Planet** were excited to have us back and showed their gratitude for us being there. We collected \$67 in donations, which was not bad considering we were inside and it was a very hot day, so there were not a lot of customers.



Dawn Nomakeo on floor with Bilbo, Patrick Doyle, Tony Cotner, Gail Haywood and Debbie Mikol in front with Emma

At the Chandler **Pet Planet** store on July 18th, attending were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Robin Mish



Robin Mish with Princess, Patrick Doyle, Tony Cotner with Daisy, Gail Haywood with Bilbo and Riley and Judy Petitto with SandiJoy

Joining us at the Chandler *Pet Planet* store on September 26th were Pete and Renee Immel with newly-adopted **Max**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Mary Gutowski with **Sedona**; Judy Petitto with **SandiJoy**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; and Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**. We took in only \$23 in donations.



Judy Petitto; Mary Gutowski with Sedona and Pete Immel with Max

Last-minute Update on 15-064 Broly

15-064 Broly was a resident (to the tune of an additional \$4,777.12 on top of the \$2,155 we spent on him by the end of August) at *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* in north Scottsdale for about 6 weeks during all of September and half of October while the vets there were trying to stabilize him on seizure medication. He had only one seizure during that time, so it is felt that he is now stable.

AMSC's Dr. Rory Lubold is now fostering **Broly** (yes, Dr. Lubold went through our normal approval process with submitting an Adoption Application, having a Home Evaluation done and paying for a Household Membership). He wanted to see how **Broly** would do in a home environment, especially his own where there are 5 other dogs and some cats. Here is what Dr. Lubold related to us on October 16: *We did end up taking him home last night, and he is doing wonderfully in the house. We have five dogs total, and he is following them around learning how to be a dog again – it's great to watch! He has been introduced to the cats and shows interest but no aggression or over-enthusiasm. He was lying behind one of the cats this morning watching her swish her tail, just tracking it – it was quite funny to watch – but he is very mellow with them. His house training is coming along nicely. We are taking him out every hour; he is going outside and has not yet gone inside. He did attack the mirror last night – that was quite funny! He wanted to play with the dog in the mirror. He is quite funny and tries to chew on his own foot, almost as if he thinks it's something to play with. I will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I will bring him in every day that I work, so that we can keep an eye on him. A potential adoptive family could come see him – I am sure he would like that. Please let me know if the potential adopters have any questions or concerns about his condition, I think he is pretty stable now.*

We thank Dr. Lubold tremendously for taking such an active interest in trying to help **Broly** lead as normal a life as possible. Hopefully, **Broly** will have a new family by the time you read this note.

with foster girl **Princess**, Judy Petitto with **SandiJoy**, and Gail and me with **Riley** and **Bilbo**. We collected \$71.

Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

In July, all *AGR* adopters received a mailing with a plea for donations to support our 2014-15 Special Needs Dogs. All such donations were deposited in the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. The money in this account is used for dogs coming into Rescue with cancer (we have had several) or to help with medical bills that amount to over \$5,000 for any one dog (again, several dogs are in this category).

During the summer, we usually take in more dogs than in any other 3-month period, but we have no significant fundraisers between May and September; even most Meet-and-Greets are cancelled due to the extreme heat. We sincerely thank all of you who made a donation during this time.

If, at any time of year, you can help *Arizona Golden Rescue* financially, please send your check to *AGR*, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308. Or, you can call Deb Orwig at 623-693-0589 with your credit card information – for all such donations, the normal 3% convenience fee will be waived (however, *AGR* is still charged that fee). All donations are tax deductible.

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Janet Albrizio -- In Memory of Jerry Brummer
Michele Bailey & Kay Correll – In Memory of Sadie Wendy & Edward Bernatavicius
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A Spaghetti Dinner for Arizona Golden Rescue

Dinner includes: Spaghetti buffet with salad, bread, dessert & beverage (coffee, tea, soda, water)

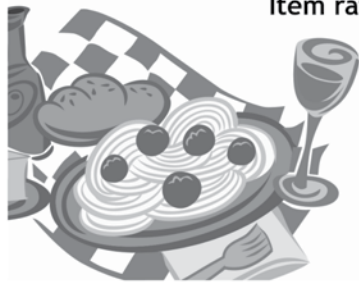
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Note time change from August issue ad:
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EDITOR'S NOTE

The theme of the February issue of *The Golden Paw* will be Senior Dogs.

If you have rescued a dog that is 8 years old or older, we would love to receive a paragraph or more on what it has been like for you living with a Senior – joys, sorrows, trials, tribulations, etc., whatever you would like to share. Send photos, too!

Copy deadline will be January 5, 2016. Please e-mail story and, if you have any, photos, to dorwigaz@cox.net or send hard copy to AGR, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308; photos sent by mail will be returned.





Golden Hearts



We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support. You all truly have hearts of gold! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible – you will all receive your official letter of acknowledgement in January 2016. The donations shown below were made between July 16, 2015 and September 30, 2015. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

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