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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Dolly, Mufasa, Duffy and Troy Orwig

How much does it cost to own a Golden Retriever or Golden mix? We would like to give you some numbers passed along by our mom, the *Arizona Golden Rescue* President.

First, you have to acquire a dog. If you buy a Golden Retriever from a breeder or one of the few pet stores that still sell puppies (Aack!), you will pay anywhere from \$500 to \$2,500 or more. The low end of that range would be the fee charged by a “backyard breeder” who just wants to have puppies because *it would be fun for the kids* and to make a little money. Of course, they don’t do vaccines or spays or neuters or anything else vet-wise. The high end would be the cost from a reputable breeder. They usually at least do vaccines and microchips, but once you take the dog, you must deal with all the health issues that manifest and usually also pay for a spay or neuter. *Arizona Golden Rescue’s* highest adoption fee is \$350, and that would be for a dog under two years of age. The fees go down with the dog’s age: \$325 for 2-5-year-olds; \$300 for 5-9-year-olds; and \$250 for dogs over age 9. *AGR* covers all vaccines, spays or neuters the dog if that hasn’t already been done, tests the dog for heartworm and valley fever, sometimes does fecal tests, too, microchips the dog, and gives the adopter two months’ worth of Heartgard®, a collar and leash and will lend a crate! *AGR* also treats any health conditions the dog has at intake. Adopting a Golden from *Arizona Golden Rescue* is an incredible deal!

What comes next? Well, there are supplies you need to buy. Food and water bowls (preferably stainless steel or ceramic); raised feeding stand (recommended); collar and leash (*AGR* gives these to their adopters); comfy bed (unless you want your dog to sleep on yours); nail clipper (guillotine style with orange handles is the best) or grinder (Dremel®); brush, comb, rake, and/or Furminator® (size medium or large); dog shampoo; toothbrush and toothpaste made specifically for dogs; poop scooper; trash can with closable lid and trash can liners to be kept outside for poop; portable water bowls and poop bags to carry with you when you take your dog on an outing; Nature’s Miracle® or some other brand like Zero Odor® for cleaning up accidents; paper towels for cleaning up accidents; and, of course, TOYS! Mom thinks the best place in the Phoenix

Metro area to buy most of these items is *Ryan’s Pet Supplies*, 1805 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix. No, we don’t get a commission on their sales! Go to their website (www.ryanspet.com) and add up the costs for the stuff you need, then compare to those of other local pet supply stores. Of course, many of these items will be one-time purchases, but we’re talking \$500 or more initial cost and maybe a couple hundred a year just for TOYS.

You will need to purchase a good-quality dog food for your canine companion. Every *AGR* adopter is given a copy of our *Your New Dog* manual. The last page in that publication has a chart you can use to figure out just how good the dog food is that you intend to use. That chart is also available under the Information tab on *AGR’s* website: www.arizonagoldenrescue.org. Good-quality dog foods range from \$35 for 35 pounds (*Nature’s Domain* Salmon and Sweet Potato at *Costco*) to \$70 or more for 30 pounds or less of various brands (*Instinct*, *Natural Balance*, *Solid Gold*, *Wellness Core* and several others are all good brands) available at pet supply stores. We recommend a no-grain food.

Daily and monthly supplements and medications that are recommended are fish oil (capsule or liquid added to food daily), glucosamine/chondroitin/MSM (daily, added to food), monthly Heartgard®, and monthly Frontline® during tick season if you live in or travel to an area where ticks might occur. You can purchase fish oil, glucosamine and Frontline® at *Costco* (Frontline® is behind their pharmacy counter); it can also be purchased at any of the good pet supply stores including *Ryan’s Pet Supplies*. Heartgard® you must get by prescription from your vet. Heartgard® chews will cost about \$9 per month for a 51-100-lb dog (buy the 12-month supply – it’s cheaper per chew).

Other items you should consider purchasing are a crate that will be big enough for the dog when it becomes an adult (*Ryan’s Pet Supplies* carries crates), and a dog door if you have a yard completely enclosed by a block wall and do not have an unfenced pool. For a dog door, consider getting one from *Hale Pet Doors*. If you mention that you got a dog from *AGR*, they will give you a 10% discount and will also give *AGR* a 10% donation! A crate will cost \$90 – \$150 depending on the size and style you get. An installed dog door will set you back \$450 or more.

Then there are the vet bills. What does it cost for a dog’s “annual everything” visit? To walk in the door of a veterinary office these days costs anywhere from \$35 to \$65. If vaccines are done during the visit, the office visit charge is sometimes waived, but some vets roll this cost into that of the vaccines. In the article our Health Care Manager, Liz Tataseo, wrote for this issue, she details the costs of the various tests *AGR* has done on a new Intake. When you review those costs (page 12), you will see there is a great range. Our recommendation is that unless you love, love, love the vet you currently use, and especially if finances are tight, shop around. Call and ask what the charges are for whatever it is you

need to have done for your dog – you may find a less expensive good vet within a reasonable distance.

What should be included in your “annual everything” visit? The vet should do an overall exam – take the dog’s temperature and check respiration and heart rates, listen to the heart, look in the ears and mouth, feel all over for lumps and bumps. Most adult dogs should get a one-year or three-year (determined by the vet) distemper/parvo booster. Arizona law requires a rabies vaccine every three years. Your dog should be tested annually for valley fever. Heartworm is not common in Arizona, but it does occur here. In years where there has been a lot of rain that leaves standing water in many places, mosquitoes, which carry heartworm, breed like crazy. So getting your dog tested for heartworm and giving him or her Heartgard® or Iverhart® preventative every month year-round makes good sense. Prevention can cost several hundred dollars a year, but treatment for heartworm may cost \$1,000. You may want to look into purchasing health insurance for your dog (see pp. 12 - 13).

If you don’t do your own grooming (bath, brush, nail trim), then there are groomer charges. These run about \$55 – \$80, depending on the size of your dog. Two local groomers support **AGR** and are excellent: **Hug ‘N Pups** at 1609 E Bell Rd in Phoenix (602-795-4950) and **All-Star Grooming** at 10855 N Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd in Scottsdale (480-361-8336). The groomers at **Academy West Animal Hospital** at 6231 W Bell Rd in Glendale (602-938-8650) and **Kennel Care Veterinary Clinic** at 6277 W. Chandler Blvd, Chandler (480-940-0066) also do a great job. How often should you groom your dog? Answer: whenever he/she smells doggy. Some dogs can go several months between baths; others need them every couple of weeks.

It costs a lot to maintain a dog in good health, but we are worth every penny!



The focus of this issue of *The Golden Paw* is on financial matters. To that end, I would like to say something about **Arizona Golden Rescue’s** nonprofit status, as many people do not understand what such status means.

According to Wikipedia, *a nonprofit organization is one that uses its surplus revenues to further achieve its purpose or mission, rather than distributing its surplus income to the organization’s directors (or equivalents) as profit or dividends. Nonprofit status often has taxation implications, particularly where the nonprofit seeks income tax exemption, charitable status and so on.*

Another Internet source, Investopedia, says, *a nonprofit is a business entity that is granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. Donations to a nonprofit organization are often tax deductible to the individuals and businesses making the contributions. Nonprofit organizations must disclose a great deal of financial and operating information to the public, so that donors can ensure their contributions are used effectively. Nonprofit organizations don’t pay income tax on the money they earn from fundraising activities or donations. The organization must further a religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, public safety, amateur sports or cruelty prevention purpose to qualify for tax-exempt status; it must also provide a public benefit. Nonprofit organizations are also called 501(c)(3) organizations after the section of the tax code that allows them.*

Investopedia also says, *There are many types of nonprofit organizations. The two main categories are member-serving and community-serving. Member-serving organizations include mutual societies, cooperatives, trade unions, credit unions, industry associations, sports clubs, retired serviceman’s clubs and advocacy groups – organizations that benefit a particular group of people – the members of the organization. Typically, community-serving organizations are focused on providing services to the community in general, either globally or locally: organizations delivering human services programs or projects, aid and development programs, medical research, education and health services, and so on. Many nonprofits, Arizona Golden Rescue included, fall under both umbrellas, at least in terms of the impact they make. The majority of our members are adopters of dogs we rescue; they, therefore, derive a benefit from our services. Our Rescue also reaches the broader community by providing information and education on a variety of topics regarding dogs, Golden Retrievers in particular, canine medical and behavioral issues, and Rescue in general.*

For us, furthering our cause as well as the greater cause of “adopt, don’t shop” is most important. Surplus funds are used to sustain **AGR’s** fluid cash reserves, which are necessary to cover operating expenses that fluctuate widely and randomly as dogs with varying medical conditions are brought in.

Designation as a nonprofit does not mean that the organization does not intend to or cannot make a profit, but rather that the organization has no ‘owners’ and that the funds generated in the operation of the organization will not be used to benefit any owners. As a nonprofit, we are permitted to have surplus revenues. However, the surplus must be retained by the organization for its self-preservation, expansion, or future plans. We have a Board of Directors, but we have no paid staff of any kind – everyone who works under the auspices of **Arizona Golden Rescue** is an unpaid volunteer. The only compensation any of us ever receives is the adoring look from a rescued dog and sincere thanks from grateful families.

Our policy is to be totally transparent when it comes to money and

where it goes. Cindy Tigges is *Arizona Golden Rescue's* Organization Accountant. Each month, Cindy takes the Deposit Summaries I prepare every time I make a bank deposit and enters the information into our online Quickbooks account. I then use Quickbooks to prepare the *Financial Picture* for this newsletter (see page 14). In the February issue of *The Golden Paw*, I always present a year-end summary for the previous year. As the year progresses, I give you a cumulative report, and I am always happy to answer any questions anyone has about income or expenditures.

As a nonprofit, *AGR* is not required to collect tax on anything we sell or to pay any income tax. However, we still have to report our income and expenses to the Internal Revenue Service. For the 2014 tax return, which was due by May 15, 2015, Cindy and I worked together to prepare a regular 990 return for the first time (instead of a 990EZ), as our income for last year totaled \$207,278. Subtracting such things as fundraising expenses (calendar printing, casino night, golf tournament and *Paws At The Park*), merchandise expenses (clothing and other merchandise items that we sell), and operating expenses, we showed a net income of almost \$49,400. Astonishing! If you look at the *Financial Picture* (page 14), you will see that for the first half of 2015, we have had a deficit of over \$15,000, so it is a good thing we had such a cushion entering 2015! Thanks so much, Cindy, for all your help in keeping track of the finances of our organization and with the IRS tax return!

I also want to thank Jolene Schlichter for her volunteer work concerning financial matters for *AGR*. Jolene is our Grant Writer. Last year, her efforts brought in almost \$14,600 in grant monies! She also has been a very successful solicitor of funds and item donations for our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, both last year and this year. Great job, Jolene!

In 2015, we have had an unusual number of "high-ticket" dogs come into our Rescue program. These dogs have been featured in the *Diamonds in the Ruff* column of our newsletters. There have been many other dogs, though, that are not mentioned because their expenses, although more than their adoption fees, do not reach the \$1,000 level. Quite a few rescued dogs have cost us at least double the adoption fee; very, very few have cost us less than their adoption fee. So, you ask, *Why don't we raise the adoption fees?* I, in turn, ask you, *Would you be willing to pay \$500, \$600, \$800, \$1,000 or more for what many consider a throw-away dog?* Or, *What if we charged an adopter what it costs us to vet a dog?* If you were the person considering adopting sweet **Sandy (15-024)**, would you be willing and able to pay her bill of \$9,233? No. Anticipation of that "high-ticket" vet bill is what prompted her original owner to dump her at the *Humane Society*. We would rather have her adopted by a loving family who can sustain her once she's been fixed up and made as healthy as we can make her.

We are able to continue to support the needs of all the dogs we rescue due to the generosity of our supporters – YOU – and due

to the efforts of the volunteers who participate in our fundraising activities, such as our *Special Needs Dogs Summer Fundraiser* (see page 19), our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* (see page 33), our various Meet-and-Greets (see pages 27 - 30), our *Paws and Pasta Dinner* (see page 31) and our holiday season activities.

Please help when and where you can.



It's a Ruff Life!

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Call me naive or just a really inexperienced rescuer, but when I attended my first Meet-and-Greet at Arrowhead *PetSmart* with **Nash** and **Jack** in November 2012, I thought it was going to be just that... a meet-and-greet with other adopted Golden Retrievers. I saw the event on the *AGR* website calendar and thought how fun it would be to go to *PetSmart* with my boys and talk to others who had adopted through *AGR*. I assumed we would let the Golden Retrievers play and tell our stories of how and why we applied to *AGR* and about all the fun we have had since adopting. Well, I did talk about **Nash** and what fun we had been having, but the Meet-and-Greet was not at all what I expected. Let's just say I left with many questions and was determined to find out more about *AGR*. I stayed for approximately 20 minutes, and as I was leaving I remember saying to myself *there must be so much more involved in this Rescue than getting together and letting the Golden Retrievers play. Why were the Golden Retrievers wearing those cute vests? Why were Liz, Teri and Deb sitting under a pop-up tent in nice comfy chairs with their lunch coolers? How long do they stay?* I later discovered that they had all been there for the entire 4 hours of the event, and here I thought coming out for 20 minutes was overstaying my welcome! Not! I went back for a second Meet-and-Greet. This time I asked more questions, brought a chair, inquired about the cute vests the Golden Retrievers wear, and that is when the light bulb went off... Fundraising!

Arizona Golden Rescue would not exist without the countless hours volunteers and their Golden Retrievers contribute attending Meet-and-Greets and numerous other fundraising events. In 2014, *AGR* paid out \$108,643 for veterinary bills, microchips and Heartgard®. Without fundraising, these Golden Retrievers would not be able to receive vaccinations, heartworm and valley fever testing, spaying or neutering, CT scans, MRIs, rhinoscopies, cancer surgeries, ear resections, or medications, just to name a few of the expenses.

Meet-and-Greets are just one of the activities you can do to help the fundraising cause. All of our Meet-and-Greet locations and times are posted in the Events Calendar on the *AGR* website. Meet-and-Greets are a great opportunity to talk to the public about *AGR* and tell your story of your Golden. I always like to tell the public the

Goldens are wearing the donation vests in order to pay it forward for future Goldens' vet bills, as their medical needs were met when they were rescued. Please join us and stay for 20 minutes or for the duration with your comfy chair. It would be great to see new faces!

Two of my favorite fundraising events will be here before I know it. The *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* is Saturday, September 19th at **Camelback Golf Club**. If you are a golfer or know someone who is, please log on to the tournament website to register: www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/golf There are many fundraising opportunities, as well, even if you are not a golfer. Again, log on to the website if you would like to donate money. Or, if you would like to donate any item for the raffle or silent auction, please contact Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net. My second favorite fundraising event coming up is the *Paws and Pasta Dinner* on Sunday, November 8th. It is a terrific, fun-filled day with great food and wonderful company. Please plan ahead and round up family and friends to attend. You can also bring your dog(s)! It is another wonderful opportunity to fill those donation vests!

The definition of fundraising is collecting money for a specific reason or cause. Sure, I go to Meet-and-Greets, **PACC 911** adoption events, the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, Pet Expos at **WestWorld**, etc. to collect money to help pay for the medical needs of the future Goldens. But, when I leave these events, I realize it is not just about the money that we have collected, it is about the feeling of accomplishment, the feeling of goodness in my heart, the effect on others **Nash** has when he leans up against them, and the pride I feel being a part of **Arizona Golden Rescue**.

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

Saturday, September 19th

7th Annual **Fore Paws! Golf Tournament**, 1 PM

Saturday, October 24th

City of Tolleson Community Pet Expo, 10 AM - 2 PM
Tolleson Veterans Park

Sunday, November 8th

Paws and Pasta Dinner at Little Bite of Italy, Sun City
11 AM - 4 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

Paws Forward

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It is the goal of **Arizona Golden Rescue** to have the placement of each animal succeed. Success is achieved when owners and dogs both thrive together. To that end, we try to do everything possible for that to happen.

All of you know that **AGR** provides solid health care for each of our incoming dogs. Some need only to be updated on vaccinations and tested for valley fever and heartworm. Unfortunately, these are relatively few and far between. For some, it seems like we must reconstruct the dog, or at least systems thereof. For many issues, we provide for a period of care after the adoption is final if a diagnosed problem is not resolved, healed or completed.

In past months, we have reconstructed hips, removed significant growths and tumors, and opened ear canals closed by chronic, untreated ear infections. We have dealt with blood diseases and repaired injuries from dog fights. You can read more about these elsewhere in this newsletter.

Recently, we have had an influx of young, exuberant dogs whose owners thought the cute cuddly puppies they bought would simply morph into the quintessential Golden Retriever lying quietly at their feet, with little time and virtually no effort on their part. When reality hits at a little over a year, they call Rescue.

What we are getting are dogs whose only fault is that their owners never bothered to give them the time and effort to learn the rules of the road in order to successfully live with people. If a simple basic obedience course will correct the problem, we expect new owners to do that for themselves and their new friend. We also have the invaluable services of a skilled behaviorist, Teryl Hall, who has helped owners resolve a myriad of issues. Without the new owner learning how to deal with the problems, the dog is doomed to recycle indefinitely. However, if the canine family member has developed truly difficult behaviors and/or the new owners are totally at a loss as to how to proceed, we find ourselves subsidizing a higher level of training.

Certainly, adoption fees don't begin to cover any of these actions. Because we want both dog and family to thrive, we want to make the correct path as easy as possible without placing an undue financial burden on the new owner. This is why we must continually hold our hands out, pass the hat, and request assistance from you, our public. It is only through you and your continued support that we are able to make a difference in so many dogs' lives. Remember, every one of us is a volunteer. All funds donated go to

support the dogs and their welfare. Please help at whatever level you can.

The Information Highway

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We have been doing a lot of work lately on the **AGR** website. We have had to update software for security purposes and also to make the website more user friendly for those with mobile devices. Because of input from website visitors, we have made a purchase of an Apple iPad. When we develop website material, we will now be able to make sure it not only works well on regular computers, but also on mobile devices for Apple and Android. We are still working on the Information area of the website, as the software we used previously for displaying some of the areas is not available yet for this version. We are trying to find the best software for displaying our articles and should have it fully operational soon.

The one aspect of *Arizona Golden Rescue* that has impressed me most over my tenure with this organization is that we have never had to turn away a dog because we could not afford to take care of the dog's issues. Because of the work of so many members who have been generous with their time or donations or both, we have been able to stay in good shape financially. However, it would not take a lot to see a substantial drop in these funds if we had a number of dogs in serious condition come in at one time. This is why we depend so much on everyone to help us stay as financially stable as we have been.

There are a few ways that you can help **AGR** without an actual cash outlay to the organization (see also page 31).



If you shop at any of the **Fry's Food & Drug Stores** and have a VIP shopper's card, you can designate **AGR** as a recipient of **Fry's Community Rewards**. By doing so, you do not affect your fuel points or cumulative sports points. In July, we had 111 families signed up for this program and we received \$722.04 for

the quarter ending in June. If you are a **Fry's** shopper and do not designate your VIP card to another organization, please consider linking your VIP card to **Arizona Golden Rescue**. This is one way to help support us without spending any additional money. Please keep in mind that you will have to re-register in August or September to continue in the program. If you already participate, you should receive an e-mail from **Fry's Community Rewards** reminding you to re-register for the upcoming year.

We now have a relationship with **Albertsons Supermarkets** which

works similarly to **Fry's Community Rewards**. The main difference is that **Albertsons** does not have a shopper's card. Instead, we have been



provided with cards to hand out that are registered to **AGR**. The bar code on the card lets the store know that you wish for the donations to go to **AGR**. If there is an **Albertsons** in your area, you should have received a key card in your last newsletter. If you need additional cards we do have them at the monthly Meet-and-Greets. Check the events calendar for dates and locations.



Amazon-Smile is a simple and automatic way for you

to support **AGR** every time you shop at **Amazon**, at no additional cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find competitive low prices, a wide selection and as convenient a shopping experience as at Amazon.com, with the added bonus that **Amazon** will donate a portion of the purchase price to **Arizona Golden Rescue**. You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.


On your first visit to **AmazonSmile**, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. The site will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Show your support for **Arizona Golden Rescue** while you save money and earn cash back! Go shopping on the Internet!



Arizona Golden Rescue is participating in an excellent new fundraising program. Our organization now has its own shopping webpage on the Shop.com website. The dollars you spend buying products from www.Shop.com/ArizonaGoldenRescue support **AGR**, and you earn up to 50% cash back on qualified purchases. Our webpage has over 50 million products from 3,500+ different stores including all your online favorites such as **Walmart, Sears, Macy's, Staples, The Home Depot**, and many more. Getting started is easy:

1. Visit **AGR's** page at www.Shop.com/ArizonaGoldenRescue
2. Register as a Preferred Customer
3. Click "Sign In" in the upper left hand corner
4. Select the "No I am a new customer" option

5. This is VERY IMPORTANT! Enter info@arizonagoldenrescue.org in the “Who Referred you” field!
6. Follow the prompts
7. You are now eligible to earn up to 50% cash back on qualified purchases and **AGR** will get a donation, too.
 - Go Shopping
 - Use the Search box to find a specific item or type of product
 - Use “Shop Partners” to find a specific partner like **Walmart** or **The Home Depot**
 - Use “Shop All Departments” to shop via category such as electronics or apparel
 - Use “Hot Deals” to find special deals and coupons
 - Look for the icon  to find out how much cash back you will earn on your purchases



When you shop online, use of **iGive.com** can also benefit **AGR**. The first time you go to **iGive.com** it will ask you to select your cause. Select **Arizona Golden Rescue** and **AGR** will get a percentage of your purchase as a donation without any additional

cost to you. The amount of the donation depends on the individual stores.

Planning to buy or sell a home? **AZ Realty Team** from **HomeSmart** wants to help Rescue! Buying or Selling... 50% of all commissions are donated to **Arizona Golden Rescue** if you designate **AGR** to receive this donation. If you are not currently in the market to buy or sell a home, you may know someone who is. You can still be responsible for a substantial donation to **AGR** if that is your choice. Please tell everyone you know about this program and help us spread the word to help animals in need. Go to our website to be directed to **AZ Rescue Realty** for more details.



The Human Connection

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

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

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 “one” 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.

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, Debbie 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.

Now let’s meet Kathy Blue! Many of you know her from her Facebook postings and adoptable dog updates, but there is much more to Kathy, **AGR** founding member number 40F.



Since March 2009, Kathy has been instrumental in making sure that our original GoogleDocs system and the current database have been kept up to date. In the past she worked on the Intake team. Now, she works to make sure all adoptable dogs are

available online for people to see. Kathy is expert at editing the many photos of our Rescue intakes so that they are shown in the best possible light for the various adoption pages. She also moderates our Facebook page and does home visits whenever possible. She is mom to **Luke**, one of our most handsome and personable **AGR** dogs.

Here is Kathy’s story in her own words: *Instead of telling you about my many Rescue volunteer roles over the last 15 years, I’m going to tell you a little about me and share why I have a passion*

for Rescue and why I feel so blessed to be a part of this incredible family of Golden Hearts.

I'm a post-war baby boomer and eldest child of four. My parents met when my Dad was traveling home after World War II and my Mom was visiting cousins in Chicago. Soon after, they married and I came along two years later. When I was a tot we moved from the Northwest suburbs of Chicago to a forgettable little town in southwest Michigan named Niles, where my Dad was from. He and my Uncle owned and operated a filling station together. For you youngsters, that is a gas station – the kind Gomer Pyle worked at where they pumped gas, cleaned windshields, fixed cars and answered towing calls. The thing I remember most about those years was good times with friends and family, which always included our canine companions.

My first companion was a regal German Shepherd, **Prince**, who sat on the school house steps every day, patiently waiting to walk me home. Then came **Lady**, the beautiful Beagle girl, and her puppies who always had homes waiting for them. There was **Tippy**, the mischievous Springer Spaniel with the soft mouth and penchant for stealing vegetables from the garden.

We returned to Chicagoland in time for me to start 5th grade, settling into a young northwest suburb called Rolling Meadows. In those years it truly was a small community surrounded by meadows, only I recall they were mostly flat. When I graduated from high school, I became a keypuncher for a year. I was the first in my group to become engaged, but then the Vietnam War intervened. I had boyfriends through the years but remained single. I don't consider myself a spinster, I prefer the term "unmarried woman", and I insisted my real estate attorney change the wording on my title to just that. Maybe someday the good Lord will bring me a good-natured, God-fearing man who loves Golden and me. You never know.

I went into Property Management and finally Real Estate. The first dog I got as an adult on my own was a Flat Coat mix named **Cinder**, and I raised her from a puppy. She was my protector and faithful companion for 15½ years. When **Cindy** went to the Bridge, it was a year before I felt the pull to again share my life with another furball. I researched breeds for a friendly, lovable companion that would be good with people and children. Along came **Sally Sue**, a tiny bundle of pale Golden fluff. Thus began my love affair with Golden. She was an angel and imp from day one, and I was so ill-prepared for the shenanigans of a mischievous Golden puppy. She liked chewing through drywall, slipping her lead and running like the wind into traffic 3 blocks away, coming home to find her sitting on my newly-carpeted stairs with an uprooted tree in her mouth and mud all over the house or nipping a hole in my waterbed at 2 in the morning – I woke up doing the backstroke and had to drain it with a hose from my second floor window when it was 5 degrees below zero. Golden puppies are

wired differently, but somehow we made it to the magic age of 18 months when that devil switch self-destructed and she became my perfect Heart Dog.

My dad retired as housing inspector at 65, and he and my mom travelled the country visiting family and friends and decided Phoenix was perfect. The next winter I decided to take my Realtor's Institute graduate course in Phoenix. I left a balmy 78° Phoenix to return to a 20-degrees-below wind-chill and a Chicago blizzard. I sold my house the following June, and **Sally** and I moved to Phoenix in September 1989.

The housing market was in a slump. I decided to go to work for **American Express** and worked there for twelve years in many positions including Customer Service Representative, Training Specialist and Fraud Prevention, retiring early due to fibromyalgia.

Shortly before **Sally** became sick, I saw an article in the paper about calendars for **RAGofAZ** and one of the locations to purchase one was **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital**. It was near my house, so I stopped in to pick up a copy. I signed up to be a foster. Not happy with the answers from my vet at the time, I took **Sally** to 4LF and met the wonderful Dr. Ferguson. She knew right away what was wrong with my heart girl. We tried to save her but unfortunately the valley fever was too far advanced, and I made the gut wrenching decision to free her spirit. She was only 12½, and it broke my heart.

Just before Christmas I received a call from **RAGofAZ** inquiring if I was able to foster a young 18-month-old red boy. I hesitated at first but decided no Golden should spend the holidays in a kennel. **Gizmo** was my first foster failure and a handful in the beginning. He was wild as a March hare with no training. I renamed him **Russell T (Russ T for short)** and at Bark in the Park a couple months later he received his Canine Good Citizenship designation. He passed the test with flying colors, and I had trained him in my yard. He so wanted to please. A pat, a love with "good boy **Russ T**" was all he needed.

When I joined **Rescue A Golden of Arizona** in 1999, I promised to do everything in my power to educate as many pet owners as I could about the importance of testing and being aware of that dreaded disease, valley fever. **Russ T**, my velcro boy, accompanied me on many events representing Rescue, such as **Petco Meet-and-Greets**, **Ice Den**, **WestWorld**, parades etc, and was always being stopped by people who wanted to pet the tall gorgeous Golden. I had him tested a few months after I adopted him and he was positive for valley fever although he had no symptoms at all. It took almost three years, but we finally got his titer down to a weak positive and he was healthy and happy. I got my wish to promote awareness of valley fever, and **Russ T** was a survivor. He was a goof ball and never left my side. It was his soft fur my tears fell on when my best friend, my mom, passed in 2004.

In 2009, I was happy to be one of the founding members of **Arizona Golden Rescue**, carrying on the great tradition of never turning away a Golden in need, as well as increasing our scope to include mostly-Golden mixes.

Russ T was 13½ when he joined **Sally** at the Bridge in September 2011. This time I didn't wait. I called Michele the next day and told her my house was so empty and I just had to foster right now. The first girl was a young beautiful mix. I knew immediately she was way too high-energy for anything other than a very active home with a big yard and kids. **AGR** found the perfect one for her. Then came **Luke**. He was 6 years old, shy, extremely underweight and had some medical issues. I picked him up from the vet where he had just been neutered. He came stumbling out with the biggest cone I have ever seen – it looked like he was wearing a satellite dish. While driving him home, although he was tethered, **Luke** managed to climb halfway over my back seat and got hung up. I panicked thinking he would tear out his stitches and pulled over as fast as I could. As I glanced in the rearview mirror he had righted himself and was angelically sitting staring back at me with the most adorable smile I have ever seen. I knew right then and there we were meant to be together. **Luke** is my soul dog. He loves everything and everybody. He trills when he is happy, prances when he walks, talks to me and entertains me. When my dad passed in 2012, **Luke** calmed me and has gently accepted my dad's dog, a 15-year-old Lab mix, into our home.

Luke was there to lean on, literally, when I faced my own medical crisis. Last September (on my birthday) during a routine exam a concern arose. After many tests, I was diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer. By Christmas I had had a lumpectomy and radiation therapy. The results are good. It was caught early and all margins were clear. The support, prayers and understanding I received from my Golden friends was incredible. You see, we really are a family.

I live by Faith, and I know that my fur kids have all been special gifts from above. **Cindy**, my protector, **Sally** my heart girl, **Russ T** my Velcro boy, and **Luke**, my soul man have brought me great joy, calmed my fears, taught me patience, kept me safe, given me purpose and unconditional love. How could I not continue to honor them by doing everything I can to help save their brothers and sisters?

Let's meet Jon and Beth Chaffee, founding members who share number 51F. You will usually see them both having a great time at our golf tournament in addition to parades, gift wrapping, and Meet-and-Greet events.



Beth told us, Jon was raised in Austin, Minnesota, and his first dog was a Golden Retriever named **Goldie**, which he said was the perfect dog. Jon's father would take her hunting for pheasants and ducks, and he is still hunting at age 88 with his retrievers. Jon played professional golf for most of his career. He wasn't able to have a dog until he met me, and although I didn't think I could have met a man that loved dogs more than I do, I have met my match. Our dogs adore him, and friends and family affectionately refer to him as the dog whisperer.

I was raised in Greeley, Colorado, and when I was three years old, my dad brought home an Irish Setter puppy that would change my life. He lived for 16 years and was an important member of our family. I am an only child, so we were inseparable. My parents showed Irish Setters in dog shows during my childhood. Later, I went to college to attend the veterinarian program at Colorado State University. While I was doing an internship there, I was fortunate enough to get to adopt my first Golden Retriever, and I have had Golden Retrievers ever since.

We currently have two Golden Retriever/Irish Setter mixes named **Bevo** and **Holly**. There couldn't be a more perfect mix for us. They have so much personality, energy and intelligence. They are characters, and every day is filled with pure joy from their antics. **Holly** had parvo when we got her; she is a survivor with tremendous spirit. **Bevo** saved our lives last August when we had a gas leak in our home. Just as we were going to bed, he barked incessantly, which wasn't like him, until we got up and realized our house was full of natural gas. He is an amazing dog!

Currently, Jon is a realtor and I am an insurance sales agent. We take our dogs to work as often as possible and are out daily in the community with our dogs. We love referring people we come into contact with to our Rescue in hopes of matching potential adopters with amazing Golden Retrievers. It doesn't get much better than finding a fabulous forever home for a Golden!

Mary Jo and John Courtney, sharing number 52F, are long-time supporters of Rescue. They have helped with a lot of fundraisers, especially enjoying the Santa Photos.



In Mary Jo's own words, *John and I are originally from Nebraska. We moved to Arizona in the early 80s, as we had had enough of the Midwestern winters. John's career in the Phoenix audio video business spanned over 20 years. After that, he spent years in real estate and AV contracting with a couple of large national home builders in their Scottsdale new home developments.*

I obtained my degree in Interior Design in Nebraska. After moving to Arizona, I continued my career working for a design firm in Scottsdale for many years.

We all experience bumps in the road. Mine was breast cancer in 1998. Surgery and treatments followed, and, thankfully, I was in remission for 16 years. The cancer reappeared last September, and I have been undergoing chemotherapy since then.

Our son Brian, after finishing his schooling, started in medicine as a flight paramedic, then critical care RN. As his career progressed he has now completed his program and earned his degree as a Nurse Practitioner. He is married, and we are the proud grandparents of our first grandchild, a 15-month-old granddaughter.

John and I have always loved animals, especially dogs. Many years ago, after we lost our first Golden that we had raised from a puppy, we checked out some of the local Rescue groups. We met Deb Orwig at a Meet-and-Greet and joined the group. Since then, we have adopted and fostered Goldens and loved every minute of it! We have adopted 5 Goldens and raised two from puppies. Currently, we are enjoying our days with our two girl Goldens, **Ashley** and **Mary Kate**. They are joined at the hip, for sure. Needless to say, we love our Goldens.

And here is something from Denise Padavano, founding member 55F. Denise was not very active for a few years while she was devoting her time taking care of her mother, but we will be seeing more of her in the near future. Denise moved to Arizona from New York in 1979. She was a member of **RAGofAZ** and then followed along with **AGR** in 2009.



After losing her first Golden Retriever to cancer at the young age of 2½ years, Denise wanted to get another Golden and investigated **RAGofAZ**. In 2005, she met Michele Wehry at an Adopt-a-thon event. Michele was very kind and gave her 2 tickets to the Wine & Cheese Event, where she met Kathi Youhas. Kathi spoke to Denise about different areas of volunteering for **RAGofAZ**. Denise has volunteered through the years in various capacities for both **RAG** and **AGR** ever since that encounter with Kathi. She was a shelter walker for 3 years. During that time, she rescued a Golden boy named **Buddy** (who just crossed the Bridge on 2/5/15); and a Golden boy named **Bailey**, whom she fostered and still has. She has also helped at **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greets, **Barnes & Noble** gift wrapping, sales at the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, baking and serving at the Wine & Cheese Event, and she assisted with the Christmas Santa photos at **PetSmart**. Denise lives with her furry friends: **Bailey**, her Golden Retriever foster failure (from **RAGofAZ**); **Scooter**, a Schipperke/Pomeranian mix; **Jake**, her recent Golden Retriever rescue from **Sun Valley Animal Rescue**; **Elly**, a sweet white and gray cat; and brother cats **Tigger** and **Sparky**.

All the cats were rescues from her neighborhood and now live comfortably inside with the dogs. She also feeds and cares for a few outside cats that are strays from the neighborhood.

Denise works in the **Cartwright School District** as a Special Education Teacher. Twenty-eight years teaching and getting close to retirement? Maybe? She volunteers as a dog walker at the **Sun Valley Animal Rescue** and enjoys hiking, drawing, baking and reading. She is training **Jake**, her newest Golden, in hopes that he will someday become a therapy dog.

Health and Safety

By Liz Tataseo, Health Care Manager

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While I do not actually pay the bills, invoices do come my way. Every time we take a dog into Rescue, there are specific steps we follow. First we have to determine what vetting the dog has had, and if we can get confirmation from the surrendering owner's vet. Many times, dogs have not been to a vet in years or come in with a pre-existing condition such as epilepsy, wounds, tumors, thyroid issues, orthopedic problems, valley fever, allergies, or heartworm infestation, to name a few.

When a dog is taken to one of our vets, one of our Vet Liaisons contacts the assigned vet and goes over what the dog needs to be seen for and mentions any pre-existing conditions we know about. The Vet Liaison also issues a reminder that the dog needs to receive the following basics:

- A physical exam to determine if there are any physical problems such as ear infections, lumps or bumps, heart or lung issues or physical abnormalities.
- Blood work that includes:
 - valley fever test (normally not done on a puppy under 6 months of age)
 - heartworm test (normally not done on a puppy under 6 months of age)
 - senior panel, if the dog is 9 or older
- Vaccinations as needed:
 - rabies and distemper/parvo vaccinations
 - bordetella if being boarded
- Spay or neuter as needed (we recommend neutering of a male at 10-11 months and spaying a female at 6 months)
- Implantation (at no charge to **AGR**) of an AVID microchip already registered to **AGR**
- Fecal, if indicated by history (stray or backyard dog) or appearance, or if the dog is a puppy

AGR works with four primary vets located in Glendale, Scottsdale, Phoenix and Chandler. Costs can vary depending on the vet and the discounts we receive. Routine exams can range from \$19 to \$35, or up for the more comprehensive ones, although some vets do not charge for an exam if they do vaccinations at the same time. Vaccines range in price from \$10-\$14 per vaccine. Spays and neuters can range from \$61-\$120, depending on the size of the dog. Valley fever tests range from \$43 up to \$120 per dog. Heartworm/Ehrlichia (tick fever) tests run from \$21-\$43.

Blood tests have a wide range of costs depending on what is included in the test and whether it can be done in-house for instant information or needs to be sent out to a diagnostic lab. A senior profile (blood work) sent out can range from \$100-\$400 depending on how many diagnostics are included. Other dogs that come in with an illness needing specific types of blood work can range from \$250 to over \$400. Sometimes in order to be able to diagnose what is wrong with a dog, an ultrasound must be done. These can range from \$360 to \$400.

Specialists such as canine neurologists, dermatologists or ophthalmologists and/or needed surgeries can cost several hundreds to thousands of dollars (see *Diamonds in the Ruff* on pages 17 - 18). Many dogs are surrendered to **AGR** because they have a serious pre-existing condition, or need immediate surgery, or have a chronic illness that their owners cannot afford to treat. After treatment by our veterinarians, most of these dogs live long, happy lives. Sadly, a very few have had to be sent to the Bridge, because they have come to us too late for effective treatment.

Our vets and their liaisons are: **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale, Chris Spiel; **Kennel Care Veterinary Clinic** in Chandler, Teri Guilbault; **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix, Amy Maynard; and **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale, Taylor McCoy. Dogs that see a vet outside of the Valley or have to visit a specialist are coordinated by me as the Health Care Manager.

DANGER! Xylitol in Peanut Butter

A few weeks ago, a notice came out warning people who use peanut butter in Kongs® or to give their dogs medications to 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**. After seeing this notice, Deb Orwig went to **Fry's Grocery Store** and checked the label of every single brand and type of peanut butter on their shelf. None of them contain xylitol. Jif®, Skippy®, Peter Pan®, and the Kroger® brand itself, as well as several others, were 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.

Shop Around for a Veterinarian!

Vets A - D are **AGR** vets; these are sample prices for dogs at the discounted prices **AGR** pays vs Sample Prices for two members' dogs at their own vets: the basics are listed in the above article, plus spay or neuter as needed at **AGR** vet with discount prices.

Vet A

Actual Dog A: All the basics plus spay, \$366.73

Actual Dog B: Exam, Cocci/HW tests plus spay, \$408.59

Vet B

Actual Dog C: All the basics, no spay or neuter, \$122.50

Actual Dog D: All the basics plus spay, \$226.76

Vet C

Actual Dog E: All the basics, no spay or neuter, \$ 123.12

Actual Dog F: All the basics plus neuter, \$312.77

Vet D (this vet gives \$1,000 donation to **AGR** each year)

Actual Dog G: All the basics plus neuter, \$468.38

Actual Dog F: All the basics plus spay, \$531.95

Prices for members' dogs at a non-**AGR** vet (these numbers include a 10% discount for multiple dogs)

Dog A had exam and two vaccines (bordetella and distemper/parvo): \$93.00

Dog B had exam, two vaccines and Iverhart® (12 tabs): \$178.80

Dog C had exam, one vaccine, VF test, Iverhart® (12 tabs): \$311.80

Dog D had exam, one vaccine, Total Health blood work for senior dog: \$348.30

Dog E went to a different vet and had exam, DHPP vaccine and bordatella vaccine: \$65.00

Dog F had exam, DHPP vaccine and 12 Heartgard® chews: \$133.68

Pet Health Insurance

By Deb Orwig

Considering the prices shown in the sidebar above for veterinary care, you may want to consider purchasing pet health insurance. There are numerous companies that provide such insurance. You can compare all these companies at this website: <http://www.petinsurance.com/compare-vpi/pet-insurance-comparison.aspx>

The major companies include **VPI, Trupanion, Pets Best, ASP-CA, 24PetWatch, Pet Plan, PetFirst, AKC, Embrace** and **Healthy Paws**. Coverage cost will vary with your dog's age, breed and the amount of deductible you choose (\$100, \$250, \$500, or \$1,000).

Some companies give a small discount on the monthly premium if your dog is a service or therapy dog. Some companies cover routine care and vet exam fees, others do not. Do your homework, and be sure you are comparing the same coverages across companies.

On trupanion.com I compared the same coverage for **Duffy** (age 2), **Mufasa** (age 5), **Dolly** (age 9) and **Troy** (age 10). For a \$250 deductible per dog per year, the monthly premiums would be \$64.35, \$80, \$100.10 and \$98.55, respectively. That adds up to a yearly cost of \$772.20, \$960, \$1,201.2, and \$1,182.26, a combined total for my four dogs of \$4,116 per year. Although **Troy** is a year older than **Dolly**, his premium is a little less because he is a certified Therapy Dog. **Trupanion** does not cover routine care or vet exam fees. What its core policy does cover includes: accidents, cancer treatments, choice of vet, chronic conditions, congenital conditions, emergency visits, hereditary conditions, illnesses, diagnostic tests, holistic treatments, hospital stays, imaging, lab tests, medications, rehabilitation, surgeries and veterinary supplements. **VPI's** cost would be \$31.13, \$42.03, and \$65.38 per month for my three younger dogs. Its core policy is basically the same as **Trupanion's**. Since **Troy** is over 10, the only available plan from **VPI** is the Injury Plan, which covers only accidents and injuries, X-rays and surgeries; the Injury Plan would cost \$9.00 per month with a \$14,000 maximum annual benefit. However, in addition I could purchase their Pet Wellness Plan Plus for \$22.00 per month and that would get me the following coverage with a \$500 maximum annual benefit: no deductible, physical exams, vaccinations, flea/heartworm, testing and 24/7 Vet Helpline access.

Like any other kind of insurance you might buy for yourself (health, vehicle, home), what you pay to insure against is the eventuality of something happening that would be much more expensive than the cost of the premiums. Several **AGR** members have pet health insurance and will attest that having such coverage has paid for itself many times over. I personally have never had it. However, had I had it for **Ladybird** two years ago when she developed three different kinds of cancer and her bills ran up to over \$3,000 before she passed away, I would have had to pay out only the \$250 deductible and 10% of the remaining bill, a total of \$525. She passed in November and had I been paying monthly premiums for her at age 12, I would have paid out \$110.50 per month (a 12-year-old Golden that is not Therapy certified would cost \$116.07 per month), which would have been \$1,215.50; that added to the cost for the cancer diagnosis and treatments would have been \$1740.50, a significant savings over the \$3,000 she cost me!

Is your Golden or Golden mix going to contract some catastrophic disease like cancer as he or she ages? Quite possibly. Cancer is the leading cause of death in the breed. So, you may want to consider purchasing pet health insurance!

Thanks to Lisa Tonks from Kennel Me Not for donating a large box of dog fabrics.

Service Paws

By Wendy Enos

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GUIDE DOGS

Over the past several months, I have received e-mails with questions about different kinds of service dogs, so I decided to do a five-part series for you where I will explore some of the specifics. I will begin with the dog people most easily recognize... the guide dog.

Guide dogs are almost entities unto themselves as far as intensity of their upbringing and training. Facilities usually breed their own dogs, typically (but not limited to) Golden or Labrador Retrievers and German Shepherds.

As soon as the puppies are weaned, those who show a natural aptitude for guiding are farmed out to volunteer puppy-raisers, where they learn basic obedience and become adapted to the outside world. After a year, the puppy is returned to the facility for several months of formal training before being released to a blind or visually-impaired recipient.

Specific guide dog tasks include: stopping at curbs and stairs, then proceeding when the handler is ready; turning left or right, going forward, and stopping on command; navigating around obstacles both on the ground and overhead; bringing the handler to elevator buttons; and moving about on public transportation. The dog's most critical task is often referred to as "selective disobedience" – the ability to judge for himself whether or not the handler's command is safe to obey. For example, the handler and dog stop at a curb at an intersection; the handler gives a "forward" command, but the dog sees a car coming and refuses to obey the command until the danger has passed.

Next, I would like to clear up a couple of myths. First, guide dogs do not read street signs or traffic lights. It is up to the handler to direct the dog according to the sounds of traffic flow (if traffic is passing in front of them, the dog will not go; if the traffic is passing on the side, the dog will go with the "forward" command but uses that "selective disobedience" while watching for turning cars). Second, guide dogs do enjoy "a dog's life" when out of harness; they are allowed to play with other dogs; they do not double as guard dogs; although they are truly amazing, they are not, by any means, perfect.

Finally, it is most critical to avoid distracting the guide dog in any way – no whistling, speaking, or reaching out, particularly if the team is in motion. Even a miniscule distraction could lead to

the handler being seriously injured. If the team is seated and not actively doing something, certainly it is permissible to ask the handler if you may pet the dog; however, don't take it personally if the answer is no. Many feel that, if the dog in harness is allowed to socialize when lying down, he might get the idea he can do it all the time, even in motion. In any case, with any service dog make sure you speak first to the handler, not to the dog.

Next issue: *Mobility Dogs*

Planning a Theme Party? We Have Decorations!

Thanks to Helen Hennessy, friend and supporter of **Arizona Golden Rescue**, we now have several collections of theme-party decorations. Themes included are Hawaiian/Caribbean (including five Tiki Heads whose eyes light up), Halloween (including three full-size plastic skeletons that look like real bone), and Mardi Gras. If you are an **AGR** member, you may borrow any of these decorations. You will just have to arrange to meet Deb Orwig at our storage facility at 8780 W. Bell Rd, Peoria, to get them. There are enough decorations of each theme to deck out a large house. **AGR** also has Western-theme decorations left over from the first *Casino Night* event we sponsored. Call Deb at 623-693-0589 or e-mail her at dorwigaz@cox.net to make arrangements to borrow any of these items. A donation to **AGR** for the use of any of these decorations would be nice but is not required.

Ways to Make Donations or to Pay For or Renew Memberships

The best way is to send a check to **AGR**, 5350 W. Bell Rd., Ste. C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308; we do not have to pay anything to deposit a check unless the check bounces.

The next best way is to use Intuit from **AGR's** website. On the Home Page, click on the DONATE Button or on Membership Application. Intuit allows you to make a secure on-line payment using your checking or savings account. All you need is your Bank Routing Number and Checking/Savings account number from the bottom of a check or savings deposit slip. **AGR** gets charged 50¢ per Intuit transaction.

You can also pay online with a credit card (PayPal) or call Deb Orwig at 623-693-0589 with your credit card information. Either of these methods will cost **AGR** about 3%, so for payment transactions we apply a 3% convenience fee. For a donation, we do not apply that fee, but we are still charged the 3%.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

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

Total Assets as of July 15, 2015: \$178,873.25

	Income	Expenses
Adoptions	\$11,389.00	\$ 325.00
Bank Charges (Intuit, PayPal)		190.43
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	2,550.00	
Credit Card Expense		427.76
Donations ¹	28,441.38	
Dues and Subscriptions		141.59
Event Expenses		447.16
Gift Wrap Events	259.97	
Golf Tournament	250.00	
Grants		179.40
Insurance		486.00
Interest	53.90	
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Memberships	10,085.00	
Merchandise	3,778.90	130.84
Office Expenses & Supplies		548.06
<i>Paws At The Park Picnic 2015</i> ²	1,607.00	371.99
Raffle	763.00	
Registrations	844.00	
Postage		620.28
Promotional		390.59
Rent or Lease		1,061.88
Repair & Maintenance		409.89
Stationery & Printing		4,794.19
Telephone & Website		153.41
Dog-related Expenses		
Boarding		
Behavioral Training		1,462.00
Collars, Tags & Leashes		
Grooming		40.00
Microchip & Heartgard® expenses		657.79
Miscellaneous		93.28
Veterinary services		59,800.19
TOTAL	\$ 58,312.15	\$ 73,381.40

NET INCOME: - \$15,069.25

Checking Account on 7-15-15: \$ 71,647.21

Savings Account on 7-15-15: \$100,047.18

The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 7-15-15: \$7,178.86

Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 7-15-15: \$18,165.09

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

² Income does not include merchandise sales – that income is shown separately

It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference.

~Tom Brokaw

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Jude Fulghum

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from April 6, 2015 through July 5, 2015. All adoptions finalized after July 5th will be in the next issue.



15-015 Bella came to us as an apparently healthy 12-year-old red-gold girl whose owners were relocating out of state and could not take her along. A very laid back dog, she had been with her owners since she was a 12-week-old puppy. She was very well behaved and loved everyone and everything. Bob and Carol picked her up and took her home to

Strawberry. She was treated for a corneal infection and seemed to be doing well. However, after a couple of months she began to have swelling in her glands which was diagnosed as lymphoma. It spread rapidly, and after just a few short days, Bob and Carol made the difficult decision to let this sweet girl go chase her reward at the Rainbow Bridge. **Bella** left this world very well loved. Sweet dreams, dear **Bella**.

15-016 Shadow is a 12-year-old Border Collie/Golden mix (a new "designer dog" called a Coltriever), mostly black with lots of curls and weighing just over 50 pounds. The surrendering owners had issues with **Shadow** picking on their small dog, some resource guarding, and leash aggression. **Shadow** also had a very strong prey drive



(wow, part Border Collie!). Unfortunately, this new mix of dog makes unsuspecting owners feel they are getting a Golden Retriever, when often the Border Collie traits are dominant and the owner ends up not understanding the personality of their dog. LaWanna in Surprise was up to the task and took Shadow home with her. The last we heard was all is well. Sometimes it just takes the right environment, and an understanding that Border Collies – and Border Collie/Golden mixes – are not Golden retrievers. Happy landings, **Shadow**!

15-018 Cooper is an absolutely stunning, white Goldendoodle who is about a year old. He became too much for his owners as he grew bigger until they felt they could no longer control him and

his energy level (he was also crated 70% of the time). He was good with young children and other dogs. Sounds like a situation where a young puppy became a teenager and just needed a lot of exercise, training and boundaries. Judy and John in Phoenix were happy to take on the **Cooper Project**. They have renamed him **Sherman**. Have a happy and active life, **Sherman**!



15-025 Biscuit, a pretty, 5-6-year-old girl, was relinquished to us by her owner who was divorcing and moving to much smaller quarters. **Biscuit's** separation anxiety was causing lots of problems, so the owner felt a home



with people around and larger space would be the best solution. Michelle and Christopher took her home to Glendale for a brief respite before her date with the vet. Since **Biscuit** had not been to a vet in (the owner thought)

at least three years, she received the entire Full Meal Deal plus a dental and a hernia repair. Welcome to the good life, **Biscuit**!



15-026 Lucky Lizard (quite a name!) is a big, 86-pound Golden/Lab mix who was felt to be too rambunctious for the mother-in-law moving in with the surrendering owners. Even at age 4, he was quite the bouncy guy. Other than some allergy issues, he was great



Another great action shot by Connie – Lucky looking happy to have a playmate, Bella, to chase

with kids, cats, and other dogs so was easy to place. Chris and Rebecca in Glendale took him home to meet his new human sister and dog sibling, **Bella**, and it was evidently love at first sight, as **Bella** and **LL** slept together in **Bella's** dog bed the first night! Lucky indeed! Lizard? Hmm. Still not sure of the story behind that, but it was the name he came into Rescue with three years ago when we first rescued him from an owner in Tucson.

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Roxy came

in as an 11-year-old red dog who had been with her family since she was a one-year-old pup. However, they were moving and could not take her with them into company-provided housing. She was great with kids and cats, and had spent time with other dogs



(although she was in a single-dog home) and was crate trained – great combination for prospective adopters. Actually, she was crated in the car, because otherwise she wanted to be a front-seat lap dog! At her vet evaluation, she was found to be in great shape, as expected for a mature Golden girl. She was easily placed with Jocelyn and Tia in Peoria, who reported that the cat was still a bit unsure, but that **Roxy** was a real sweetheart and blending right into the family with her new canine brother, **Bubba**! Jocelyn has updated us: *We were so lucky to have been approved so quickly when **Roxy** was in need of new home. She was transferred directly to our house from her former home. We were so afraid she would not be happy, as she had spent over 10 years there. However, **Roxy** has settled in and is claiming her place as the silky red diva in the household. Although her younger brother **Bubba** and she at times play some tug of war, **Bubba** would love her to play a bit more. However, they work together to get as many treats and cuddles as they possibly can. She has now taught **Bubba** that breakfast should be served at 4:30 AM, so Mom is awakened daily by at least one nose in her face even when she can sleep in. Although she is eleven, **Roxy** is quite agile when she chooses to be, such as running to the car from the vet, dancing when her food and green beans are served, jumping into a chair and Mom's bed when it thunders, or when we go for a fast walk. **Roxy-girl** is such a sweet addition to our house and gets along with everyone. She and her brother enjoyed going to PetSmart to help get donations for other dogs who need a new home, and we hope to attend more events. Thanks so much. We are so happy to have our girl! She is a perfect match – a needy, cuddly diva! Sounds like a forever home to us!*

15-028 Lad is an 8-year-old red dog who was owned by someone who had to be hospitalized and subsequently lost his home. A friend took in **Lad**, but discovered **Lad** had seizures, and the

owner could not afford treatment. He had lived with another dog and a teenager so would be an easy dog to place once his seizures were under control. Since his seizure issue needed to be evaluated, a vet checkup was a necessity before placing him in a new home. He received a full senior panel of bloodwork, and the vet felt starting him on phenobarbital would help the seizures.

Lad had also never been neutered, and the result of that brought a finding of cancer in one of the testicles. However, since the testicle was removed, his prognosis was very good. He was placed with Dave and Ruth in Phoenix and at last report was doing well. Congratulations on your new life, **Lad**!



15-033 Bennett is a young dog that belonged to a firefighter who was gone during the summer and felt **Bennett** needed a better home with people who could pay attention to him. Being just over a year old, **Bennett** had reached the teenage years and still had the over-exuberance of a young dog. He had lived with other dogs and had been around kids. His medical results were good, so

he jumped in the car with transporters Deb and Cindy who headed off to his new home in Sedona, where he has been renamed **Augie**. The Augie Doggie, we assume. Tom has updated us. *One month ago I received a call from AGR regarding a 16-month-old male Golden from Flagstaff looking for a new home. Having adopted a 5-year-old female golden, **Lola**, 10 months prior, I was excited to have a younger companion for my girl. **Augie** came bouncing into our life and has brought endless moments of joy and happiness. A magnificent physical form, he has tremendous athletic ability, agility and endurance. He is constantly by the side of **Lola**, showering her with attention and play. The two are now inseparable. **Augie** has been introduced to the endless hiking trails around Sedona and enjoys swimming in Oak Creek. He has fully adopted his new home and enjoys coming with me to the clinic, where he brings joy and hope to so many of our patients. He is truly a blessing in my life and a loving companion to **Lola**. All dogs should be so lucky. Enjoy that dog, Tom!*



15-037 Charles is a 6-year-old Golden/Husky mix whose owner was moving. **Charles** had a few issues, namely separation anxiety, and had been an only dog. He was a bit fearful of young boisterous kids and had been placed on doggie Prozac. After his initial vetting, where it was decided to wean him off the Prozac, Lynn and Russell in Peoria were only too glad

to give this boy a home and have renamed him **Keiko**. What a happy ending for this deserving boy!

15-038 Zeus is an absolutely adorable year-and-a-half-old Golden boy who was surrendered to us due to family allergies. That home was the third he had known in his young life, although none of the rehoming had anything to do with him. As he had grown up around very young children and other dogs, he was easy to place. Not looking back, **Zeus** bounced off



Before Connie and Nick transported Zeus to Flagstaff, he had a grand time playing run-and-chase with Connie and Nick's foster kids, Butch and Sundance; here he is chasing Butch

with Paula and Allen to Flagstaff where he immediately took to his new doggie sibling, **Lily**. **Major** the cat and **Zeus** are still working it out, but it looks good so far! Paula updated us recently. **Zeus** is a great dog. He and my other dog bonded from the beginning and are terrific playmates (with the same energy levels). The cat and **Zeus** are getting used to each other. He loves to have me talk to him and stroke him, and he is usually in whatever room I am in. He is a very sweet and loving dog, and seems to be as happy here as we are to have him. He loves to walk in the woods! Thank you for choosing me to be his 'mom'. Finally, **Zeus**, a place you can call home!

Editor's Note: If this section of The Golden Paw seems short to you, you are not imagining things! Following a nationwide trend among Golden Retriever rescue organizations, Arizona Golden Rescue has taken in fewer dogs in 2015 than in any year since our inception except during our first year, 2009. In that year, we incorporated in mid-March, rescued our first dog in mid-April, and took in 41 dogs total during the year. As of July 15 this year, we have rescued only 54. At the rate we have been doing intakes this year, we will probably beat our 2010 total of 77, but not likely to reach the 98 we rescued in 2011, surely not reach our high of 146 in 2012, nor get to the 121 of 2013 or even the 101 we rescued last year (2014). We will continue to take in all Golden Retrievers and mostly-Golden mixes that come our way, regardless of the health issues they may have, except those that are known to be aggressive.

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Liz Tataseo and Deb Orwig

Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on whom **AGR** has had to spend at least \$1,000. In this column in the May issue, we featured **14-100 Layla**, **15-009 Reba**, **15-010 Fiah**, **15-015 Bella**, **15-017 Joe** and **15-024 Sandy**. We lost **Fiah** due to uncontrollable seizures that were caused by being shaken or strangled. **Bella** was doing well until she very suddenly took a dive and passed away. **Layla**,

Reba, **Joe** and **Sandy** have all been adopted. **Layla's** allergies are more or less under control now with serum produced by **Dermatology for Animals**. **Reba** is doing wonderfully well, with no lasting physical or behavioral ill effects from her attack by a Pit Bull. She has been a terrific Ambassador for **Arizona Golden Rescue** at the many Meet-and-Greets she has attended. **Joe** is now able to see and to move without pain; he is doing well and is happy and energetic. **Sandy's** ear reconstruction was successful and her ears are healing. We are still working on getting her allergies under control.

Several dogs brought into our Rescue program between April and June have had some hefty vet bills.

15-023 Princess is a pretty, 8-year-old mix who was lame in one hind leg when she came into Rescue. We had her evaluated, and the vet felt she needed a femoral head ostectomy (FHO), so we had that done. She also had to have a nodule on the third eyelid on her right eye removed, as it was causing an irritation that could have damaged the cornea had we left it alone. **Princess** is now with a foster who is carrying through with the necessary rehab on her leg. Sweet **Princess** will, hopefully, have a permanent home soon. **AGR's** cost so far for **Princess**: **\$4,077**.



15-028 Lad is another 8-year-old. This purebred Golden was being cared for by a friend of his original owner when that person was hospitalized. After the owner was discharged, he lost his home and was unable to care for **Lad** again. **Lad** was having seizures and an occasional bloody nose. He was evaluated and placed on phenobarbital to control the seizures. During **Lad's** neutering, the vet discovered a tumor in one of **Lad's** testicles – such tumors are almost always cancerous, and this one was no exception. The testicle was removed, so **Lad** should not have any further problems. Because the neutering was not a "standard" one, and due to the work-up that was done on **Lad's** seizure problems, his vet bills have amounted to over **\$1,660**, and we are most likely going to have more in order to get the seizures under control.

15-030 Dante and **15-032 Bella** are littermates about 9 years old. Although **Dante** is in the worse shape of the two, both dogs had some serious medical needs. **Dante** had low thyroid, all sorts of allergies, yeast and



bacterial infections in ears and eyes, dark grey skin, skin tabs, and some lumps that needed to be aspirated (all were benign, fortunately). Since he has been on Apoquel, a new, expensive allergy medication that works like a dream, he is doing much better. **Bella** also presented with some allergies, but her main problem is pain from hip and spine issues. At this time, she is being treated just with medication. The dogs' adopter is working hard to get weight off this wonderful pair. She very generously already covered the initial bill of \$1,870 for these dogs, leaving only 54% of the total cost for **AGR** to absorb. The portion of their total bill for **AGR** to cover was, thus, \$2,226, but we are not finished with the vet costs on this wonderful pair.



15-034 Baxter is a 10-year-old purebred Golden who was surrendered to **AGR** by his adopter of two years ago because he was having bloody nasal discharge and our adopter could not afford the cost of the work-up that needed to be done to determine the reason. So, she very sadly but correctly turned him back in to **AGR**.

We had a rhinoscopy done under anesthesia, and the vet found the expected nasal tumor in **Baxter's** sinus. The tumor is inoperable; its growth rate is currently being controlled with antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and benedryl. **Baxter** has amazing energy for a senior guy. Other than some snorting and snoring, you would never know he had any issues. We discussed options with the vet, and he was adamant that he does NOT believe there is a mortality issue here for the immediate future. So, we placed sweet **Baxter** with a hospice foster. He is enjoying his life interacting with the foster's two resident Greyhounds and as an **AGR** Ambassador. His vet cost to date is \$1,427.



15-044 Missy and 15-045 Molly are beautiful, 10-year-old purebred littermates, who have been together their entire lives. Their care has generated some large medical bills. **Missy** needed a total of 6 teeth extracted done in two sessions at the vet. **Molly** had a badly infected,

necrotic wound above her tail that extended all the way across her rump. She had several lumps and bumps also, so we were hoping the wound was not a mast cell tumor that had burst. It was not, but one of the other lumps that was removed was a squamous cell carcinoma. The vet felt he got good margins and that there would be little possibility of regrowth or metastasis. **Molly** went back to the vet two weeks later to have a dental cleaning, two teeth extracted, and two more lumps removed, neither of which generated concern. Both girls are with a foster right now and acting like they feel

much better. By the time you read this, **Missy** and **Molly** will have been placed in their forever home. Our cost for the pair: \$6,286.

You may have noticed that all of our current *Diamonds in the Ruff* dogs are 8 years old or older. It is often difficult for us to understand how someone can own a dog for that amount of time and then give it up. Yes, vet bills can be costly, but even so, planning for eventually having to face a serious health problem that a dog might develop should be part of the responsibility an owner feels toward the dog. Unfortunately, that is often not the case. But, fortunately for the dog, there is Rescue! 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.

2016 A Touch of Gold Calendar



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

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

Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

Those of you who are **AGR** adopters will notice that most of the descriptions in the *Diamonds in the Ruff* column are familiar. In July, all **AGR** adopters received a mailing with a plea for donations to support our 2014-15 Special Needs Dogs, including most of those mentioned here and in previous *Diamonds in the Ruff* columns. In past years in August, **Arizona Golden Rescue** participated in **PACC 911**'s annual *Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue*. Every dollar given to **AGR** as a pledge in support of our bowling team stayed with **AGR**. None of our volunteers ever gets paid for anything they do – all donations always go to support the dogs. All *Bowl-a-Rama* donations were deposited in the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. The money in this account has been used for dogs coming into Rescue with cancer (we have had several) or to help with medical bills that amount to over \$5,000 for any one dog (again, several dogs are in this category). **PACC 911** is no longer hosting the Bowl-a-Rama, so we no longer have that event as a source of revenue at this time of year.

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

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

You do not have to be an adopter of an **AGR** dog to help us raise some needed funds at this time of year when nothing much is coming in and will not until the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* on September 19th.

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

Congratulations!



To Tiara Mikkelsen and Paul Korpalski on the occasion of their marriage on February 14, 2015. **Max** and **AGR's Jaxx**, adopted by the couple last year, joined them for photos after the ceremony. Tiara is on our Home Evaluation Team and both have attended **AGR** events.

Sarah Giles and Russell Brooks were also married this year. Their ceremony was on April 18, 2015, at **Greyhawk Golf Club** in Scottsdale. Sarah serves on our Placement Team, as well as on our Home Evaluation Team.



In 2014, somehow I missed acknowledging the marriage of Michele Wehry and Mark Hill. The ceremony was on May 3, 2014, so Happy First Anniversary, Michele and Mark! Michele is our Intake Manager. In addition,

she and Mark both do shelter walking and transports.

Dog Lessons for Humans

*Enjoy the simple pleasure of a walk.
Run and play daily.
Be brave no matter your size.
Learn new tricks no matter your age.
Be loyal, faithful and quick to forgive.
Always drink plenty of water.
Sometimes it is best to sit close and listen.
Follow your instincts.
Keep digging until you find what you want.
Avoid biting when a growl will do.
Accept all of life's treats with gratitude.
Love unconditionally.*

~Author Unknown

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Harley Atwater



Max Brazel



Mandy Brownlee



Buddy Boy Caldwell



Holly Connoyer



Tyler Davis



Trisha Hazlet



Cooper Stirling



Bella Sweetwood

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.



15-019 Bo



Tucker Vossoughi

He is your friend,
your partner,
your defender,
your dog.
You are his life,
his love,
his leader.
He will be yours,
faithful and true,
to the last beat of his heart.
You owe it to him
to be worthy of such devotion.

~ Author Unknown

Testamentary Planned Giving

By Sarah Giles Brooks, Esq.

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This issue of *The Golden Paw* is filled with ways that you can help **Arizona Golden Rescue** raise funds to care for its Golden Retrievers and mostly-Golden mixes for years to come. Some of these ways are simple (like registering your grocery rewards card or using a specific website for online shopping), while others are fun (like participating in the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* or chowing down at the *Paws and Pasta Dinner*). Although neither incredibly simple nor fun (let's be real... no one likes to think about what will happen to their money after their death), one of the most effective ways of fundraising for many charitable organizations is through testamentary planned giving.

Testamentary planned giving is accomplished by setting aside a specific portion of your estate at your death and stating in your Will or Trust Agreement where that portion of your estate should be distributed. Upon your death, the person in charge of distributing your estate would follow your express direction in your estate planning documents to provide a gift to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization like **Arizona Golden Rescue**. After any charitable gifts are satisfied, the remainder of your assets would be distributed as set forth in your estate planning documents.

To make a planned gift at death, consult with your tax and legal advisors to implement the gift in your estate plan. You may make a gift of cash, securities or other assets. You may also gift either a specific amount or a fraction of your remaining assets at your death. For example, you can give either \$5,000 or 5% of your remaining estate. You may also determine whether your planned gift is to be used for a specific purpose, such as veterinary care or boarding, or for unrestricted general purposes. If you do not specify where your funds are to be allocated, **Arizona Golden Rescue** would have the ability to allocate your gifted funds wherever it needs them. But remember that all funds raised by **Arizona Golden Rescue** go to support our dogs in one way or another.

While I am sure that you do not need any further enticement to make a planned testamentary gift to **Arizona Golden Rescue** (or any other charitable organization) upon your death, there may also be some added tax advantages to the other beneficiaries of your estate. The charitable gifts may qualify as a deduction for your estate, thus reducing the amount of inheritance taxes that may be due. Be sure to consult your tax and legal advisors to determine the nature and extent of any such benefits.

If you would rather make an immediate impact by making cash gifts today, **Arizona Golden Rescue** would also gladly accept life-

time cash gifts. That way, **Arizona Golden Rescue** can put your funds to work right away. You should also consult your tax and legal advisors as there may be tax advantages by making such gifts now.

Arizona Golden Rescue can put your gifts to use, whether they are immediate gifts or are gifts at death, to support **Arizona Golden Rescue's** mission to provide new beginnings for displaced Golden Retrievers and mostly-Golden mixes. If you have any questions about implementing a gift to **Arizona Golden Rescue**, feel free to contact me at slgiles09@gmail.com.

If you want to leave a gift to **Arizona Golden Rescue** in your estate planning documents, please consult with your estate planning attorney to include the following language in your estate planning documents:

(General)

I specifically bequest/devise to **Arizona Golden Rescue**, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization (tax ID #26-4433734), currently receiving mail at 5350 West Bell Road, Ste. C122-158, Glendale, Arizona 85308, the amount of \$_____ in cash to be used for general purposes to further the mission of **Arizona Golden Rescue**.

(Specific)

I specifically bequest/devise to **Arizona Golden Rescue**, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization (tax ID #26-4433734), currently receiving mail at 5350 West Bell Road, Ste. C122-158, Glendale, Arizona 85308, the amount of \$_____ in cash to be used solely and exclusively for veterinary services.

Editor's Note: Sarah Giles Brooks completed her undergraduate B.A. in Sociology and B.S. in Justice Studies at Arizona State University in 2009. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at ASU in 2012. Sarah is an estate planning attorney in Phoenix. She enjoys educating clients about various planning vehicles to transition their estates to their next generations. She also works with her clients to identify any philanthropic goals and help their next generations to continue those initiatives. In her free time, Sarah is a volunteer with AGR on the Home Evaluation and Placement Teams. She became involved with the organization when she and her now-husband Russell Brooks adopted their Golden boy, Darby, in March of 2013.



Darby and Sarah at 2015 Parada Del Sol

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

A Special Fundraiser by Happy Tails Books



In April, Sharon Flores entered this photo of her adopted girl **Honey** in a Facebook contest sponsored by **Happy Tails Books**. She had to give an explanation of which Rescue she wanted to honor, and, of course, that was **Arizona Golden Rescue**. She wrote her story and won a prize of \$100 for **AGR!** Sharon said, *I asked Judy Petitto if she would vote for Honey and she said, "I am going to post it on our Facebook and we*

will get lots of votes! Judy reminded everyone daily to vote – the outpouring of support was absolutely amazing! As Sharon noted, every penny counts and this was easy to earn by just clicking a button daily.

Here is the story Sharon wrote for the contest:

As I read my original post [on Facebook], I keep thinking of others that I did not mention – Judy [Petitto] has become a close friend and is on the Intake Team with me and always gives me such good guidance; Michele [Wehry], the Intake Manager, who never seems to get tired of all my questions; Lori [Pranckevicus], who keeps all the intake papers in order and her e-mails always make me think she is smiling; Debbie [Boshes], who volunteers on the Intake Team with us and is so supportive; Connie [McCabe], who takes such fabulous pictures of our rescues and was so patient training me to work on the Home Evaluation Team as well as the Intake Team; Sheila [Joyce], who coordinates all those home evals and welcomed me with open arms; Debbie [Mikol], who heads the Placement Team and works to find the perfect home for the dogs. I know I am forgetting someone, but the entire organization works tirelessly to rescue Golden Retrievers and mostly-Golden mixes.

Picking one volunteer [to recognize] is almost impossible, as the whole **Arizona Golden Rescue** organization has touched my life. Deb [Orwig] for founding the organization and running it like a well-oiled machine; Chris [Spiel] for coordinating all the fundraisers so there is money to rescue the dogs; Dana and Gail [Haywood] for driving two hours one way to save **Honey** from euthanasia; the [Health Care] Team for making sure she was vetted and groomed from all the matting; the Placement Team for contacting me; Jim [Henkel] for bringing her to my home – all so caring and loving. I feel as if **Honey** and **Arizona Golden Rescue** saved me. A couple of years ago I had a daughter-in law pass away in May, my husband passed away in July and my mother in September. To say my life was empty was an understatement! **Honey** brought life back to me. She is the sweetest Golden Retriever ever. I was so impressed with the Rescue, I now volunteer with them, and the friendships I

have made are beyond description.

After thinking about the question which volunteer I would recognize, I realized without Deb Orwig, the Founder and President of **Arizona Golden Rescue**, the organization would not exist. Although Deb always says it is a team effort, without her organizational skills and tireless work on fundraising, **AGR** could not do the fantastic job it does. In 2014, **AGR** rescued 101 dogs, some of those dogs needing extensive medical care. Each year, Deb writes a personal thank you letter to everyone who donates, no matter how small or large. She is at every fundraising event with a smile on her face. Deb is the face of **Arizona Golden Rescue**. I thank Deb and the organization for **Honey**.



Sharon Flores with Honey at a Chander Pet Planet Meet-and-Greet

This is the comment from **Happy Tails Books**: It does take a Village, and choosing one person does not mean you are not appreciating the Village. Thank you for sharing your stories and for adopting **Honey**. You both are blessed to have one another. I've donated to **AGR** with the following note: "Sharon Flores entered **Honey** in our photo contest. The winner receives \$100 to the Rescue of their choice. **Honey** is the winner and Sharon chose you as her Rescue to receive the donation! Congratulations, and thank you for all you do! Hugs and wags, Erika [Pinkoczi]"

Editor's Note: In addition to this generous gift Sharon procured for AGR with her rescue story about Honey, she has hand-quilted two absolutely stunning lap quilts for our Fore! Paws Golf Tournament. If you are in my neighborhood (north Glendale), you should stop by and see them, but you will have to golf or come to the after-Tournament dinner to bid on one or both. Thank you, Sharon, for all your efforts on behalf of Arizona Golden Rescue! We are very fortunate to have you as a volunteer!

Have You Gone Paperless?

Many people now pay their monthly bills online or have arrangements with the bank to withdraw monthly charges automatically, so that they can "save a tree, save a forest." Recently, Dear Abby responded to an inquiry from someone who was worried that if she did go paperless, her heirs would not be able to pay outstanding bills in a timely manner without accumulating late fees. Dear Abby said, *Before you go paperless, make a list of all your accounts and usernames and passwords. There is software that allows people to upload their account information into so-called "digital vaults" for storage. Alternatively, the information could be written down and placed with your health care and financial powers of attorney. Give a list of your current digital information to someone you trust, let people know who has that information, and leave instructions on how you want things handled.*

HERE and THERE

Events from April 1, 2015 through July 11, 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.



2nd Quarter Events:
Gift Wrapping for Mother's Day

By Deb Orwig



Patrick Doyle with wrappers
Martha McDowell and Connie Wozniak

Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble Booksellers** invited **Arizona Golden Rescue** to do gift wrapping for Mother's Day again this year. Since they had already arranged for a **Deer Valley School District** group to be there on Saturday, May 9th, we set up our gift wrapping tables on Friday, May 8th and Sunday, May 10th.



Debbie Ball and Tony Cotner with the Orwig gang: Troy, Duffy, foster girl Sandy, Mufasa (in back) and Dolly



for a grand total of \$717.61! These totals include the sales of some dog bandannas and oven mitts we had on display.

Liz Tataseo and Reba

On Friday, the following **AGR** members joined me: Debbie Ball; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sheila Joyce with **AGR** dog **Charlie** and grandson Carson Zeable; Martha McDowell; Liz Tataseo with **Reba**; and Connie Wozniak. I bought **Dolly, Duffy, Mufasa, Troy** and my foster girl **Sandy**. Jodi Koblick stopped by for a little while, and Dana Haywood came by during



Sheila Joyce with grandson Carson and AGR dog Charlie



Sandy, Nash and Jack in front;
Chris Spiel, Dana Haywood, Bilbo, Riley and Gail Haywood

his lunch break from work. **Sandy** thoroughly enjoyed all the attention she got in her first time as an **AGR** Ambassador!

On Sunday, Tony with **Daisy**, Patrick with **Annabelle**, Martha, and Connie were again with me and my canine gang. In addition, we enjoyed the company of

Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Sandra Hansen; Marti Joyce with **Mayter**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Jerry Sheffield; and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. One of our visiting families had been chosen as **Sandy's** new family, and they came by to visit with her



15-024 Sandy



Jodi and Jay Koblick

for a little while. We got a new member, too, Amanda Steinbacher, as a result of our appearance there. Amanda stayed talking with us and petting the dogs for about an hour and joined **AGR** from our website when she got home. She and her significant other, Delaney Shriman, have since come to one of our

PetSmart Meet-and-Greets. Thanks, everyone, for your help, and Welcome to Amanda and Delaney!



Amanda Steinbacher getting a laugh out of Mufasa climbing onto the wrapping table





2nd Quarter Events:
Phoenix Pet Expo

By Deb Orwig



For the first time since 2010 when it came to Phoenix, the *Phoenix Pet Expo* was a two-day show. In years past, it was held at the *University of Phoenix Stadium*. This year, we were in the new, air-conditioned building at *WestWorld* in Scottsdale. Since the venue was new,

so was the booth layout, and since *Hug 'N Pups Grooming Salon* was partnering with us to give nail trims for donations to *AGR*, we were offered a 4-space island booth arrangement. The location was good – on the second aisle in from the front door. The space was terrific! *Hug 'N Pups* was able to spread out over two booth spaces (10' x 20'); we had our 2 spaces backed up to theirs with a drape in between. We had plenty of room to display all our merchandise, and they had plenty of room to accommodate the many attendees who wanted their dogs' nails trimmed, without too much of an overflow into the aisle. It worked very well for both of us!



Hug 'N Pups Sunday Volunteers; Linda Den Beste, owner of the business, is in the middle of the ladies



Volunteers in Mega Adoption Area on Sunday: Gail Haywood with Riley, Dana Haywood with Bilbo, Linda Taylor with Snophie and Daisy, Tony Cotner with Daisy, Jane Triplett with Winnie, and Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack

On Friday, April 23rd, Connie Wozniak, Tony Cotner and Nick Dodson helped me set up our side of the island. Tony and Nick helped unload my van and Nick's vehicle. Connie and I then set up most of the merchandise on the tables, which we covered with our burgundy-colored tablecloths. The set-up took us about 4 hours. Dana Haywood had come early to claim a space in the Mega Adoption Area. He and Tony set up a small table with our literature. The Expo people would not allow him to set up a tent canopy as we had done at

the *University of Phoenix Stadium* in previous years – they said it would be against fire regulations at *WestWorld*. However, several of the retail businesses had tent canopies, so it was obvious that the Expo people were not enforcing that regulation, and the fire marshal never showed up to demand that the canopies be removed.



Connie Wozniak and Deb Orwig with Duffy, Dolly, Sandy, Troy and Mufasa

On Saturday, Connie Wozniak and I arrived at 8:30 AM to finish the booth set-up and be ready to serve customers by 10 AM when the event officially opened. On Saturday, it closed at 6 PM, so it was a long day for us and all my dogs (**Dolly, Duffy, Mufasa and Troy**, plus foster girl **Sandy**).

Chris Spiel (photo at right with **Jack and Nash**) was in charge of coordinating the volunteers for the weekend. She did a great job making sure we always had a few extra helpers in the booth and in the Mega Adoption Area, plus some volunteers walking their dogs around the event wearing Donation Vests. On Saturday, joining us were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Nick Dodson; Teri Guilbault with **Fresno**; Sandra Hansen; Gail and Dana



Ray Morales and Reno Navarette with puppy Valentino monitored the *Wheel of Fortune* for half the day on Saturday

Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**;



On Saturday, Cindy Tigges brought Charm and ran our *Wheel of Fortune*; on Sunday, she brought Koso and Ducey and took care of the game then, as well



Karen and Terry Malone; Connie McCabe with **Grizzly**; Martha McDowell; Ray Morales and Reno Navarette with adorable Golden puppy **Valentino**; Jill Prose with **Jasper**; Chris Spiel with **Jack and Nash**; Liz Tataseo with **Reba**;



When Mufasa was not on her lap, Sandra Hansen helped with the *Wheel of Fortune* and merchandise sales



Jill with Jasper and Grizzly



Jolene with Duffy



Teri with Fresno



Terry and Karen with Dolly



Liz with Reba

Cindy Tigges with **Charm**; Sue Vallie with **Oliver** and **Penny**; and Connie Wozniak. Since I had to bring 5 dogs, it was really nice to have volunteers show up who did not bring any dogs and were willing to help with mine.



Teddi and Palmer



Although we did not do any gift wrapping, Martha McDowell helped in the merchandise sale booth most of Saturday

Since the show had never been a 2-day event before, we had no idea how it would go on Sunday. It turned out to be crazy busy, and that surprised me! Yes, less time (only 5 hours instead of 8), but we did more business in 3 fewer hours! It was nuts, at least in our merchandise-sale booth!

On Sunday at the merchandise booth, I had help from Teddi Axne with **Palmer**; Cheryl Cole; Stephanie Darkoch; Sandra Hansen; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Barb Kleven; Jolene Schlichter; Cindy Tigges with **Koso** and **Duey**; Jane Triplett; and Connie Wozniak. At the end of the event, Patrick Doyle came to help break down the booth, as did Nick Dodson and Connie McCabe (who brought **Winnie**). During the day, Beth Chaffee, Valerie Mylowe and Linda Taylor came by with **Daisy** and **Sno-ophie** to say hello. Beth paid for an Amber Membership renewal and Valerie bought a LOT of merchandise. The Mega Adoption Area was manned all day by Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Bilbo**; and **Chris Spiel** with **Jack and Nash**. Debbie Mikol with **Hogan** joined them for a while



Kelley and Karey Rodeffer with Sucky and Leia came on both Saturday and Sunday

and walked around the event for a while, as did Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer, who brought both **Sucky** and **Leia**. Kelley won one of the Pillow Pets with a *Wheel of Fortune* spin!

We had both a raffle and our *Wheel of Fortune* there for other ways to collect some money. I had put together a *Snack Attack!* raffle like I donate to the golf tournament every year – it is always our most popular raffle item there. We did well with it at the *Pet Expo*, too, taking in a total of \$174. Amazingly enough, the raffle was won by the same guy, Jim Conti (one of the vendors), who won our raffle last year! The raffle included two 6-packs of beer. *WestWorld Security* came by and told us it was against the rules to have alcohol in the building. I pleaded ignorance, but I will do a different kind of raffle next year!



Jim Conti, raffle winner two years in a row

The *Wheel of Fortune* was very successful. This year as prizes, we offered a choice of a car magnet (value \$5) or two tissue holders (value \$5) for landing on a “1”, a choice of pet costumes for landing on one of the three “2s”, and a Pillow Pet of the winner’s choice (there were five different ones) for landing on the one “5”. The cost for a spin was \$5, so someone could not lose any money by playing – they always got something for their money. Three people won Pillow Pets on Saturday and three more on Sunday.

The Pillow Pets were definitely an enticement for people to play the *Wheel*. Four other Pillow Pets were purchased outright for \$30 each! We have 25 left to use for our *Wheel of Fortune* prizes at the *Holiday Pet Festival* coming up on December 5th. The *Wheel* brought in \$175 on Saturday and \$180 on Sunday, for a total of \$355!

Merchandise sales were fantastic, with a total of \$360.91 on Saturday and \$563.59 on Sunday! This revenue was due, in large part, to all the items (tissue holders, credit card holders, check book covers and purses and totes of various sizes) made by Connie Wozniak, so thanks, Connie!

Hug ‘N Pups staff donated their time and trimmed a lot of doggie toenails during the two days of the show. They gave us every cent of donations they collected, \$389 – we sincerely thank them for their generosity!

In addition to a new Single Membership and an Amber Membership renewal, we also received a very generous donation from one of the vendors, *Jack’s K-9 Corner*, of \$257-worth of new dog clothing and new toys. We immediately put the toys in with our toy merchandise and the clothing in with the costumes being offered as *Wheel* prizes. Also, about two weeks after the show, we were sent a total of 96 full-size bottles of dog shampoo by Jarden Consumer Solutions, one of the vendors at the show. We will give

these away to anyone who attends the golf tournament and who wants one.

Here are the final totals for the event

Total revenue on April 25th: \$1,054

Total revenue on April 26th: \$1,216 (in 3 fewer hours!)

Our total revenue for the two-day event was **\$2,270**, and our only expenses were \$97 for the electricity to run the **Hug 'N Pups** nail grinders and \$350 for the booth space. We are already signed up and paid for next year's show, which will be on the last weekend in April again, April 23 and 24, 2016. We will again have a 4-booth island for \$350, a smokin' deal! I found out from one of the vendors who was sort of a last-minute sign-up for a booth space this year that their 10' x 10' space cost them \$900! We had a total space for us and **Hug 'N Pups** of 40' x 40'! We hope you will be able to join us next year at this fun event that is filled with everything you could possibly want and then some for your dog or any dog lover!



At the end of the show on Sunday, Stephanie Darkoch was very helpful in holding all the Orwig dogs while Deb helped pack the vehicles

was going to be the recipient of the ones given to **AGR**. I was told we could do anything we wanted to do with the toys, so we used our supply as prizes for the *Wheel of Fortune* game we had at the **Phoenix Pet Expo**. Several people also bought one at \$30 each when they did not win one.



After the presentation, Colleen took this picture: on Deb's right is the videographer, on her left is the school principal Jocelyn Sims and Colleen's mom Joyce Moser; the gentlemen in the photo helped load all the Pillow Pets into Deb's van.


We will use the remaining Pillow Pets again as *Wheel* prizes at the **Holiday Pet Festival** in December.

In Colleen's words, *The Scott Foundation is a non profit for profit! Their mission is to make the world a more peaceful and loving place by inspiring children towards selfless service. To try to accomplish this goal, they provide educational programs and inspiring experiences that enable children and the adults that work with them to connect with their inner values and live a joyful life of civic responsibility and selfless service.*

The **Scott Foundation** has since chosen **Arizona Golden Rescue** as one of the twelve *Causes for Consideration* they will be promoting to the business community. I provided them with a considerable amount of information about **AGR** which they, in turn, will present to potential corporate sponsors. Check out the *Causes* – we are in stellar company! <http://www.scott-foundation.org/affiliated-causes-for-consideration2.html> – **AGR** is the first organization shown. Be sure to click on Learn More to see the beautiful page Colleen created to showcase our organization. You can also access this page from our website.

A couple of weeks after making the school presentation, I was invited to a luncheon at **Carrabba's Italian Grill** in Scottsdale. There, I met representatives of several of the other *Causes for Consideration*, as well as members of the Board of Directors of the **Scott Foundation**. It was an incredibly inspiring meeting, and I felt humbled to be included.

Sincere and grateful thanks to Colleen Fedigan-Walski for wanting to champion **Arizona Golden Rescue!** Thanks also to her mom, Joyce Moser, for donating the Pillow Pets. Joyce, a long-time Golden lover, has also joined **AGR** as a member!



*2nd Quarter Events:
Presentation at
Kyrene Centennial Middle School*

By Deb Orwig



As part of an ongoing program called *Practice of Compassion* sponsored by the **Scott Foundation**, I was invited to make a presentation to a 6th-grade class at

Kyrene Centennial Middle School. On April 22nd, I took **Dolly, Duffy, Mufasa** and **Troy** to the school to visit Miss Kelly's class. The coordinator of the programs and the founder of the **Scott Foundation**, Colleen Fedigan-Walski, met me at the school along with her mother, Joyce Moser. In thanks for my talking about responsible dog ownership and about Rescue, **AGR** was given 35 Pillow Pets which Joyce had donated; each of the students got one, as well. The Pillow Pets were a huge hit with the kids. Before they got one to keep, the students had to write a wish for whoever

Whoever said money can't buy happiness has never paid an adoption fee!
~ Anonymous



Meet-and-Greets at Petco

By Liz Tataseo

Petco, 9980 W Northern Ave., Peoria – Liz Tataseo, Chairman

May 2nd, May 30th and June 27th



Tony, Gail, Dana and Patrick on May 2nd

Because of a conflict at the end of April with the *Phoenix Pet Expo*, we had two *Petco* Meet-and-Greets in May and one in June. We don't collect much as the weather starts to warm up, but the dogs love being out with their people. Our volunteers always enjoy being outdoors at *Petco*, and lots

of people stop to see the dogs as they pass by.

On May 2nd, **Reba**, **Gonzo** and I were joined by Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Caleb**, **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and foster girl **Sandy**; and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**.



Also at Petco on May 2nd were Deb with foster girl Sandy and Duffy and Sheila with Tessa; Liz's boy Gonzo is also in this photo



Amanda, Delaney and Jane with Liz's Reba and Gonzo

On May 30th, we moved inside and again we were joined by Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**. Jane Triplett and new members Amanda Steinbacher and Delaney Shriman, who were a big help with the dogs, also came. Connie McCabe dropped by

with her fosters, **Butch** and **Sundance**, to say hello.

June Group: Chris, Deb, Patrick, Tony, Gail and Dana; dogs visible are Jack (back of head), Gonzo, Missy by Deb, and Reba



In June, we had a large group inside the store: Patrick with **Annabelle**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Gail and Dana with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Deb Orwig with foster **Missy** at her first Meet-and-Greet; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Jane with foster **Baxter**, who loves meeting and greeting; and myself with **Gonzo** and **Reba**. Teri and Jeff Guilbault stopped by with their new girl **Rosey** (photo at right), whom they had just sprung from the vet. For the first time in many, many months, another Rescue was there with lots of puppies who were attracting most of the attention from visitors, as well as donations, so we got little of either.



Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

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

For photos from the Meet-and-Greets and all other *AGR* events, go to our website homepage 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 that are there, the more foot traffic is drawn to us for even more contact and donations.

April 12, Peoria PetSmart



Susan, Ozzie, Fred, Winnie in chair, Jasper, Jill, Sunny, Pat, Jack, Chris, Nash, Karen, Caesar, Star and Patrick

We had a very pleasant day today. **Winnie** and I were joined by Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Patrick Doyle and **Annabelle**; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**; Susan Parker with **Ozzie**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Jasper**; and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. Nick Dodson helped me set up, as usual. It seemed like the foot traffic was slow, but we still managed to collect \$99 in donations for the



It is said that the longer owners and their dogs live together, the more alike they come to look – Annabelle is close to 16 years old; her expression and Patrick’s are very similar!

Rescue, who came by and took the poor dog to put into his program and hopefully a new home soon. Way to go, Susan!

easy-going day. We were all surprised and pleased at **Jack’s** new “do” – he looks a lot different and seemed quite proud of it. The day started off with Susan Parker spotting a dog behind the store that apparently had been living on his own. And not looking too well. We called Bob Spangler from Robin Hood



Connie brings yummy Chex Mix for the humans to snack on during her 4-hour Meet-and-Greets, but the dogs know that they will get “just a taste”

May 17, Peoria PetSmart

We had a great day and lots of fun, even though the foot traffic was very slow and donations pretty weak. Our newest Adopter, Jocelyn, and her daughter, Tia, brought **Bubba** and **Roxy** (photo at right). They had adopted 11-year-old **Roxy**



Jill with Sammy, Sheila with Charlie, Jasper in front, Liz with Reba, Grizzly, Nick, Jack, Nash, Star and Caesar in front of Chris, Karen and Patrick

hour so I could wrangle **Winnie**, and then coming back to take it home. Helping us set up were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle** and Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**. We were joined by Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Jill Prose with **Jasper**, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**, and Liz Tataseo with **Reba**. We were pleased to see Carolyn Blean and Denise Padavano for a few minutes also.

only a few days before, and she “has fit in like she’s been there forever.” Many thanks to Nick Dodson for helping me set up and staying with our boys, **Grizzly** and **Sammy**, for an



Nick and Connie with Sammy, Winnie and Grizzly

June 14, Peoria PetSmart



Susan and Ozzie, Pat and Sunny, Jane, Barb, Chris, Patrick, Jim sitting with Finn, Nash and Jack out front as usual, Fred, Jasper Jill and Winnie

We had a terrific turnout of volunteers and initially lots of visitors, too. But by mid afternoon it slowed down quite a bit. No problem, we made our own fun. Great group, including Nick Dodson and myself with **Winnie**; new member Taylor McCoy and his mom, Teri;



Taylor McCoy, one of our newest members, is a second-year Veterinary Sciences major at Midwestern University; he is now on our Health Care Team as liaison to Academy West Animal Hospital and is also apprenticing to do transports – Welcome, Taylor!



Shotzie with Penny and Ginger

Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Deb Orwig with **Dolly**; Susan Parker with **Ozzie**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Jasper**; Barbara and Jim Renshaw with **Finn**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Jane Triplett; and Shotzie Workman with **Ginger** and **Penny**.

GLENDALE, 7290 W Bell Rd – Liz Tataseo, Hostess

April 18, May 16 and June 20

We had a great time in **Petsmart** at Arrowhead (Bell Rd location) during the Spring months.



Deb, Teri, Patrick and Sheila; dogs in the picture are Barklay, Duffy, Gonzo, Annabelle, Reba and Charlie

We were inside and comfortable with the dogs. April was one of our best months for donations, with not only \$147 in straight donations, but also extras from friends of members. Chris Spiel’s friend gave a \$50 check, Tony Cotner’s friend donated \$500, and we also were given a donation of four Golden Retriever collector’s plates in a beautiful wood-framed wall display valued at \$500 – gorgeous! It will be offered for bidding in the silent auction at our upcoming **Fore! Paws Golf Tournament**. Joining **Reba** and me on April 18th



Barklay, visiting during adopter's vacation, and Duffy are littermates and look like bookends they are so similar

donations went down; \$103.42 in May and \$61 in June. Nevertheless, our volunteers enjoyed their time with the visitors showing them what great rescued dogs we had with us. In May, members and their dogs who attended were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Teri Guilbault with **Jackson**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and his visiting twin brother **Barklay**, and Liz with **Gonzo** and

were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Deb Orwig with **Dolly** and **Duffy**, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**, and Jane Triplett with her gold-colored Greyhound **Skip**.

As the weather warmed,



Handsome Baxter is being fostered by Jane Triplett



June Group: Deb Orwig with Dolly, Patrick Doyle, Teri McCoy, Taylor McCoy, Liz Tataseo with Gonzo, and Nick Dodson; in front, Ali McCoy with Troy, Jane Triplett with Baxter, Teri Guilbault, Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash, Sheila Joyce with Charlie and Reba lying down in front

Reba. In June, **Gonzo**, **Reba** and I were joined by Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Teri Guilbault with **Jackson**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Deb Orwig with **Dolly** and **Troy**, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**, Jane Triplett

with new **AGR** foster **Baxter**, and new Health Team member Taylor McCoy, his mom Teri and sister Ali. Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson dropped by briefly to get a great group picture.

CHANDLER, 2860 E Germann Rd – Dana Haywood, Host



During the second quarter, we met at this location on April 12th, May 17th and June 14th. In April, Joining Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley** were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Sharon Flores; Neal and Candy

Jim Henkel (middle) and Neal and Candy Greff with Teddy and Dixie



Gail Haywood with Bilbo and Riley and Tony Cotner talking with Karen and Terry Malone, who brought Paisley

Greff with **Dixie** and **Teddy**; Jim and Diane Henkel; Karen and Terry Malone with **Paisley**; and Judy Petitto with **SandiJoy**. This was the first time inside for the summer season and the store set up a nice space for us to Meet-and-Greet.

We were again at the Chan-

andler **PetSmart** on May 17th. Joining Gail and me with **Bilbo** and **Riley** were Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and Judy Petitto with **SandiJoy**.



On June 14th, Judy Petitto was again there with **SandiJoy**, and Deb Orwig came with **Dolly**. Before Deb

Gail talking with interested visitor; Tony with Daisy; and Judy with SandiJoy



Something was drawing the attention of Judy, Gail and Dana, but not SandiJoy, Bilbo or Riley

arrived, Dave Engelhardt with **Aiofe**, Sharon Flores, and Jim Henkel were with Gail and me for a little while. When we have to be inside at this store because of the heat, we are set up quite far off to one side and not really very visible, so it is usually a quiet day.

7077 E MAYO BLVD, Scottsdale – Denny Myrick, Host

During the second quarter, we met only in April and May. It was too hot to be outside in June, so we cancelled, as it is not worth our time to set up inside in the back of the store.

April 11th was a glorious spring day. We had a wonderful complement of volunteers show up, and we collected \$192.75 in donations, a good day! Joining Denny Myrick with **Molly** were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Tom and Sally Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Jay and Jodi Koblick with little **Katie**; Deb Orwig with **Dolly** and **Troy**; Debbie Sable with **Rylie**; and John Tyree and daughter Natalie with **Lucca**. As usual, Pam Spicer was our terrific photographer.

We held the May Meet-and-Greet on the 9th sandwiched between the two Mother's Day Gift Wrapping dates. The weather was quite cool for May – you will notice that some of the volunteers in the photos were wearing long sleeves, and the ones who weren't got a



Volunteer group in April: Denny Myrick with Molly; John Tyree with Lucca; Tony Cotner with Daisy; Natalie Tyree with Deb's boy Troy; Tom Fetherston with Molly (Sally Fetherston also came with Rocky but for some reason she did not make it into the photo); Debbie Sable with Rylie; Jay and Jodi Koblick with little Katie; Deb Orwig with Dolly; and Gail and Dana Haywood with Bilbo and Riley.



In May: Denny Myrick with Molly; Tony Cotner with Daisy; Deb Orwig with Barklay and Duffy; Brad Chapman and Tammy Moerer with Chaparral; and Sally Fetherston with Molly



Brad, Tammy and Chaparral little chilly! Wow, in May! Perhaps it was the cool weather that kept some of our regular volunteers home. However, Tammy Moerer and Brad Chapman joined us for the first time with their lovely **AGR** Golden-doodle **Chaparral**. **Chaparral** has a quirky and very cute habit of crossing her front paws when she's lying down. That posture really entranced the children who came by. In addition to Tammy and Brad, **Molly** and I enjoyed the



company of Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Deb Orwig with **Barklay** and **Duffy**, and Sally Fetherston with **Molly**. Though there was a nice turnout from **PetSmart** customers, they weren't in a particularly giving mood. We collected a total of \$135.26. [Ed. Note: *It's all relative, Denny... the Mayo Blvd PetSmart location continues to be by far the top donation grosser of all the Meet-and-Greets!*]



Marti Joyce with Mayter and Deb Orwig with Barklay and Duffy

We will not be doing Meet-and-Greets again at this location until the weather cools down enough for us to set up outside, earliest September.



Meet-and-Greets at Pet Club

By Dana Haywood

Due to circumstances beyond our control, including the weather, we held a Meet-and-Greet at the Desert Ridge **Pet Club** only in April. Look



Dana with Bilbo, Gail with Riley, Tony With Daisy, Larry with Layla, Connie's Winnie, and Troy with Deb



Simba is still learning to be accepting of strangers and other dogs, so Jolene brings him but keeps him to the side

for us to resume meeting there in September. Joining us on April 4th were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Bilbo**; Larry Hevner with **Layla**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Connie McCabe with **Winnie**;



Deb with Troy and Connie with Winnie

Deb Orwig with **Troy**; and Jolene Schlichter with **Simba**.



Candace and Craig Yelverton with Tobi; Troy in foreground

Candace and Craig Yelverton came by with foster girl **Tobi**. They were having some training difficulties with her, so Deb worked with them outside the store for about a half hour. **Tobi** has since completed an 8-week basic obedience course at **Partners Dog Training School** and is doing much better. We are glad the Yelvertons made a commitment to taking **Tobi** to **Partners** for the weekly training classes; the classes have benefited both the humans and the dog.

*They don't care what car you drive.
They don't care who you know.
They don't care what you wear.
They don't care where you live.
They only care that you are there.*

~ Author Unknown

How You Can Help Arizona Golden Rescue

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Buy one or more of our calendars.

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

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

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

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

PAWS & PASTA

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

Hosted by Bryan Foley & Nancy Wheeler of
Little Bite of Italy

Only \$10.00 per person
All proceeds go to Arizona Golden Rescue to help the dogs

15456 N 99th Ave • Sun City, AZ
(corner of 99th Ave & Greenway)

Serving from 11:00am-4:00pm
Sunday, November 8, 2015

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

No advance tickets, pay at the door.

Other Ways to Help AGR

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

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

Our storage facility costs us \$176.98 per month. Become a Storage Sponsor for a month by donating that amount.

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

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

EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET

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

ATTENTION - IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!!!!!!

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Pet's Name: _____

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

Medical Information:

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

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

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

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

This pet's regular veterinarian is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

What you should know about this individual animal:

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

Please contact:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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

Should my first emergency contact be unavailable please contact:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Said individual has also agreed to the above.

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Golf • Dinner • Prizes • Silent Auction • Raffle

To Benefit

Arizona Golden Rescue

4-Person Scramble Event at the Camelback Golf Club
Saturday, September 19, 2015

Silent Auction and Raffle during dinner following the tournament
 Please join us for the Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction even if you aren't golfing
 Dinner cost is only \$35 if you register early, \$45 if you wait!
Many Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Individual Entry Fee: \$135 • Foursome \$540

Fee includes range balls, greens fees, cart and dinner



Early Registration Discount

(by 9/12/15)

Individual \$110 • Foursome \$440



Register early. Limited entries accepted.

Check-in: 11:30 am - 12:45 pm | Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm

For more details and to register online:

www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/golf

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

REGISTER NOW!

PRIZES!

Each member of winning team :

1st Place Team:
 \$100 Gift Card to
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 \$75 gift card to
Pomo Pizzeria Napoletana

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

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

Fun for everyone!

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

2-Night Stay in Vista View Cabin in
 Prescott – Dogs welcome, too!

4 One-day Passes to **Disneyland**

Keurig 2.0 Brewing System
 with all accessories and
 6 boxes of K Cups

Wine Tasting Party for 20 from
Total Wine

Stunning Sterling Silver Jewelry
 with rare Sugilite Stones

Gorgeous Hand-quilted
 Dog-theme Lap Quilt

A Week's Stay for up to 3 Pets at
Canine Country Club & Feline Inn
 Boarding, Doggy Day Care,
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DINNER MENU:

Chicken Marsala
 Traditional Caesar Salad
 Tomato-and-Basil Salad
 Inn-Baked Breads
 Baked Ziti
 Vegetable Medley
 Inn-Baked Cookies & Brownies



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