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Volunteers

Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay. ~ Robert Orben



Perhaps our busiest volunteer, Connie McCabe takes a break from working on her computer. In addition to producing our spectacular calendar, Connie takes most of the dog photographs and coordinates the Photography Team to get the rest. She also creates all the graphics *AGR* needs for events and promotional items. In addition, she does many home evaluations and, along with husband Nick Dodson, many transports. She hosts the monthly Meet-and-Greet at the 91st Ave *PetSmart* and has chaired all the *Photos with Santa* at *PetSmart*. She has also fostered many *AGR* dogs, helping them to begin a better life. Connie serves on our Board as Human Resources Director. Many thanks to you, Connie, for all you have done and continue to do for *Arizona Golden Rescue!*

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Cover photo of Connie McCabe with **Winnie, Sasha, Sammy and Grizzly** by Nick Dodson

Masthead photo is of **14-041 Bilbo** showing **13-010 Charlie** that he already knows how to use his “Golden paw” even at the young age of 12 weeks!

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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Troy, Duffy and Mufasa Orwig

We have a new addition to our pack, an 8-year-old girl named **Dolly**. The three of us were comfortable without her, but Mom was missing having a girl since **Ladybird** died last November. When she first came to our house, **Dolly** weighed over 113 pounds and was almost as big as two of us boys put together. Mom feeds her green beans and a reduced amount of kibble and she is losing weight well, but even when she is down to the weight she should have, she will still be bigger than any of us boys (you should see her paws – they are huge!). For the first two weeks, she wouldn't play with any toys, which meant they were all for us. One day she picked up a Nylabone® and started chewing on it. Of course, **Duffy** wanted THAT one right away and tried to take it from her (he hasn't learned *The Golden Property Laws* too well yet). No way! She told him off. Now, he just hunkers down a foot away from her and tells the world that he wants that toy, but he hasn't tried to take a toy from her again. She is such a sweet, congenial dog, we can't help but like her even though she gets the green beans and we don't. **Troy** has even started to lie down next to her, something he only ever did with his mother, **Ladybird**. Mom says the dynamic in our pack has changed and that **Dolly** is now the boss even though she is not bossy. We are not really sure what that means, but we do know that **Dolly** is nice to have around. We guess we'll let her stay.

The Golden Property Laws

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

Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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The theme for this issue is Volunteers. Many members are currently helping *Arizona Golden Rescue* in various capacities – see the list on page 2 – and I sincerely thank every one of them for the jobs they do for us. Earlier this year when we had to submit a report to the *Golden Retriever Club of America's National Rescue Committee* in order to retain eligibility for April Fund Grants, the answer to their question, "How many volunteers do you have who help at least once during the year?" was 239! Of course, this number was rather padded by the 95 members who showed up throughout the day at the Tempe Marketplace *Barnes & Noble Booksellers* gift wrapping last December! Be that as it may, you can see photos of many of the active volunteers in the *Here and There* section of the newsletter (pages 27 - 35).

There are numerous volunteers that you will not see in the event photos in this newsletter, though. They help "behind the scenes," working mainly at their computers. Some might call them "unsung heroes," so I would like to "sing" a little for some of them here.

One such volunteer is Wendy Enos, who writes the *Service Paws* column (see pages 10 - 11). Wendy is legally blind and has had a service dog, **Sophie**, who she trained with the help of *Happy Tails Service Dogs*. **Sophie** was retired recently, and now Wendy is training her puppy, **Cubby**, to help her with various tasks. I have always been annoyed with people who do not respect the rights of the disabled, such as those who park in the spaces reserved for the handicapped when they do not have a permit to do so. I severely injured my knee in mid-June (fell off a ladder) and have had such a permit since then, as I have trouble walking from the van into a store. I am even more aware now of the advantage many people take of those with disabilities! In this issue, Wendy addresses the service dog situation from the point of view of a business owner, a very interesting perspective. Be sure to read her column, especially if you own a retail business or restaurant where "service dogs" might be brought. I thank Wendy for all the columns she has written for *The Golden Paw* over the last four years – they have all been interesting and informative.

Another wonderful volunteer mostly behind the scenes is Connie Wozniak. Connie is a master seamstress and has created and donated to *AGR* many unique and colorful tote bags, purses, ornaments and Kleenex® holders. These items are now part of our merchandise inventory, and the sales have brought in hundreds of dollars. Connie is also visible at many of our events helping to set up the merchandise display, always making it more appealing.

She is also one of our two terrific bow-makers, Martha McDowell being the other one. Both ladies have lent their expertise at most of our gift wrapping events. Because of the gorgeous bows we put on packages we wrap, people come back to us year after year, lending us their support and giving us their donations.

Another quiet volunteer is our Behavior Consultant, Teryl Hall. During the ten years I have known Teryl, she has developed interest and expertise in dog training and dog behavior modification. She was first mentored by a truly great trainer, Andrew Sherwood, then took it upon herself (and on her own dime) to attend workshops and conferences to learn more and to read numerous books available on the subjects. She has spent many hours on the phone with adopters, written many e-mails with suggestions for behavior modification techniques, and visited numerous adoptive households to see for herself what might be troubling the dog and the family and working with them to improve the situation. It is specifically because of her intervention that some of our adopters have been able to keep the dog they adopted when they were just about to give the dog back to us. We thank Teryl for her valuable service to *Arizona Golden Rescue* and, especially, to those families.

Director of Operations

By Deb Orwig, President

There is no column in this issue by the Director of Operations (DO). We still have no Director of Operations, and this continues to be a very worrisome situation. As I have said many times, we cannot rescue dogs if we do not have money enough to care for them. How do we get that money? Our greatest source of income is from events, and these are what the DO oversees: events and fundraising.

One of our Board members suggested that perhaps the title, *Director of Operations*, is intimidating. So, we can call the position anything else – maybe *Director of Events and Fundraising*. It really does not matter what we call it, we just need someone to handle this most important job. The position could be co-chaired.

The position requires some skill with the Internet and no reluctance to receive and answer e-mails or make phone calls. In addition, it requires attention to detail and sometimes planning months in advance for a major event like *Casino*, *Paws At The Park*, the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* or the *Paws & Pasta Dinner*. All events for the remainder of 2014 are already scheduled and there are chairmen in place for every one. So, for the rest of this year, the DO will just need to coordinate volunteers to help at the various events. However, planning for some of the 2015 events needs to start in the fall. If we don't have someone to do this job, we will not participate in the *Parada del Sol/Trail's End*, nor will we have *Casino*, one of our three major fundraisers.

The DO is not expected to attend every event, or, if attending, to stay throughout the entire event. However, keep in mind that for many events several volunteers may be needed to set up a canopy (or two) and tables and perhaps also the merchandise we sell – the DO coordinates the volunteer effort for most events, the exceptions being the Meet-and-Greets we do at *PetSmart*, *Petco* and *Pet Planet*, as we already have volunteers to chair these venues.

Any of you who currently chair one of our Teams or any other position listed on page 2 could handle this job, although you may have to step out of the comfort level you are in now. We will provide training, and we want you to know you will never have to do anything without the backup of the other Board members.

If you are interested in taking on the challenge of this job, please review the By-Laws on our website for more information and then contact me at dorwigaz@cox.net or by calling 623-693-0589 for further discussion. Remember, all those currently on the Board or in a Team Management position were once new to their jobs and are now doing them well. You can, too!

MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Fore! Paws Golf Tournament, Saturday, September 27
Camelback Golf Club 1 PM Shotgun start, dinner

Paws & Pasta Dinner, Sunday, November 9
 at **Little Bite of Italy** in Sun City, 11 AM - 5 PM

PACC 911 Adopt-a-thon during *PetSmart's National Adoption Weekend*, Saturday, November 15, 10 AM - 3 PM,
 10030 N. 90th St, Scottsdale

Holiday Pet Festival, Saturday, December 6
 at **WestWorld**, Scottsdale, 10 AM - 6 PM

Gift Wrapping at **Barnes & Noble Booksellers**

Arrowhead store:

Saturday	November 29	1 - 5 PM
Sunday	December 7	1 - 5 PM
Sunday	December 21	1 - 5 PM
Wednesday	December 24	9 AM - 6 PM

Happy Valley store:

Saturday	November 22	1 - 5 PM
Sunday	November 23	11 AM - 5 PM
Friday	November 28	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	November 30	11 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	December 6	1 - 5 PM
Sunday	December 14	11 AM - 5 PM
Friday	December 19	10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	December 20	1 - 5 PM
Monday	December 22	9 AM - 4 PM

Tempe Marketplace store:

Saturday	December 20	9 AM - 6 PM
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Paws Forward

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*The Information Highway*By Dana Haywood,
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Every one of us and our dogs is an example of what *Arizona Golden Rescue* is all about: finding new homes for dogs that need them. These are win-win situations for dogs, who usually through no fault of their own, find themselves in need of a new family. The only way rehoming happens is through the conscientious work of our many volunteers – each one is critical to the operation regardless of where they are in the process. The routine cycle starts with someone answering the phone, then proceeds to an Intake interview with the surrendering owner(s). Then Placement matches the incoming dog with a family, Transport takes the dog where it needs to go, and our Health Care Team coordinates with our vets to get all of the dogs as healthy as possible. Further, we have people to assist with behavioral issues.

On the receiving side, we have volunteers who create the electronic tools, review and approve applications and perform home visits to ensure that the environment is appropriate for our dogs. Those visits also give us a chance to educate people about some of the plants and other hazards to Golden Retrievers which may exist in their homes or here in our desert.

Of equal importance is fundraising. Without income from Meet-and-Greets and other events, sick or injured dogs could not be treated. The dogs outlined in *Diamonds in the Ruff* (pages 18 - 20) were particularly in need of special vet care. Our adoption fees do not cover the standard vetting for most incoming dogs, so the difference must be made up through extra contributions and fundraising. Therefore, we particularly appreciate member participation in fundraising events and the donations made along the way.

But have you ever considered that the furry friend you got from *AGR* can also be an everyday volunteer? You meet people while walking your dog or taking him to the dog park. Do you let them know he or she is a rescued dog you got from *AGR*? Do you occasionally bring your dog to a Meet-and-Greet or gift wrapping? It is fun for the dogs and lets you meet others who are just as enthusiastic about their canine friends. Even a trip to the pet store, which gives your dog a change of scenery, can be an opportunity to advance the *AGR* cause. Only by being visible in the community do we help people learn that they can responsibly relinquish a dog and that it can find a new home through us, or that there is an alternative to supporting puppy mills by buying a dog from a pet store.

Your dog needed us, and we were able to provide you with a loving friend. We need both of you to help us continue with our mission.

This month our theme is Volunteering. The first thing that generally comes to people's minds is going out and doing something in person as a volunteer. While we encourage everyone to take part in our activities, there are many other ways to volunteer for *AGR*.

I would like to discuss what we call "armchair" volunteers. For those who do not have the time to attend many events because of other life responsibilities, there are ways that you can still help out. What can you do? First, you can learn more about our group by going to our website and reading items under the Information tab. There are lots of interesting articles there including our By-Laws, old issues of *The Golden Paw*, *How to Grade Your Dog's Food*, *Over-the-Counter Drugs*, and numerous educational articles such as *Are You Prepared for a Disaster*, *Trust – A Deadly Disease*, *Valley Fever*, *Puppy Mouthing*, *Puppy Chewing*, *Separation Anxiety*, *Cat to Dog Introductions*, and information on *Adopting a Rescue Dog*. We also have our FAQ section, and if you think of a question to which others might also want an answer you can select "Ask a new question," we reserve the right to edit your suggestions.

There are also other ways to participate. One way is to sign up for our Yahoogroup or to sign up as a Facebook friend. Here, you can share stories about your Golden or ask questions of other Golden owners – and get deluged with answers. You might be surprised that many of the actions of your Golden are also characteristic of many other Golden Retrievers.

Try shopping in our e-Mall. You can shop at iGive.com or GoodShop and make purchases at many stores where you most likely already shop. Shopping through these sites does not cost you anything, but *AGR* gets a percentage of a sale. You can also purchase *AGR*-embroidered clothing from *Anchor Embroidery and Silk Screen* via our e-Mall.

You can support *AGR* by linking your *Fry's Food & Drug* "VIP" card, and each quarter we get a check from *Fry's*. This last quarter we had 103 families signed up and we got over \$800.00 from *Fry's* at no extra cost to any of those families! Think how much the *Fry's* quarterly donation could be if all our members signed up and got their friends and families also to sign up.

Many members never get mentioned in our newsletter, but they do so much for *AGR*, especially under the category of Information Management, my department.

- Kathy Blue handles our Facebook page and also makes sure all dogs that come into Rescue are put up on the on-line adoption sites including our own website.
- Sandra Hansen, who is our Membership Manager, sends out reminder letters about membership renewals and manages the membership updates in our database. She also handles our microchip registrations and sees to it that our veterinarians have a supply of our chips.
- Karen Davis makes follow-up calls and sends out Rainbow Bridge cards to families that have lost a dog.
- Jolene Schlichter, who is our Grants Manager, searches the Internet for possible sources of Grants and completes the applications.
- Connie McCabe, who is not only our Human Resources Director, is also our Graphics Artist. Not only does she, along with her team of photographers, take many of the photos that end up in our calendar and on our website, but she also spends an inordinate amount of time in front of her computer processing photos, creating our annual calendar and designing all the graphics that are required for event promotions. In addition, she chairs 91st Ave *PetSmart*.
- Our President, Deb Orwig, besides handling the duties of President, edits and compiles our quarterly newsletter. She is also the one who is our Merchandise Manager handling all the items that you see at our major events for sale. Deb also handles all the money and makes sure all our vets and other suppliers get the money owed to them in a timely fashion.
- Gail Haywood personally answers calls that come into our WAGS Line. She refers the calls to the appropriate person (usually Intake, sometimes the President, sometimes our Human Resources Director) and answers many questions that the callers have. If she cannot help them with an issue that may not be related to Golden Rescue she gives them information about who they might try to contact to take care of their need.
- Liz Tataseo keeps track of all the dogs' vet records and other paperwork. She also chairs *Petco* and Bell Rd *PetSmart*.
- Cindy Tigges is our Organization Accountant. Not only does she enter all financial information into our online QuickBooks account, she also prepares our annual tax return with help from President Deb Orwig.
- Karin Forsythe is our Organization Secretary. She takes the Minutes at all Board meetings and distributes them to the Board members. She also maintains our file of Confidentiality Agreements.
- My son Dana Craig not only took over our website from

the previous web designer, who did it as a favor to us, but has created a whole new website with many new capabilities that we did not have on our old website.

- I personally spend a lot of time updating the website or working on the database to make sure everything is up to date. I am always the one also that gets the e-mail or phone call when something is not right.
- We must also extend appreciation to our Intake Manager, Michele Wehry, and Placement Manager, Debbie Mikol, and their teams for the fantastic jobs they do bringing the dogs into Rescue and placing them in appropriate homes, which have been interviewed by our Home Evaluation staff and approved by our Home Evaluation Coordinator, Sheila Joyce. All are integral to the exceptional and professional operation we call *Arizona Golden Rescue*.

Many of you may not know that I wear several hats other than Director of Information Management. I am also the Transport Manager and am the liaison to *Pet Planet* in the East Valley. We now have Meet-and-Greets at four different *Pet Planet* stores each month.

We invite everyone to try and attend our Meet-and-Greets once in a while, as we enjoy seeing you and also your Golden to see how they are coming along. You are never asked to spend the whole time (3-4 hours), but even a short period of time is always welcome.

Last but not least, if you cannot find time to meet with us or take part in other areas of our Rescue, we always appreciate you making a donation, either by Intuit or PayPal, or by check. Any amount helps and goes to our dogs who are in need at intake.



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.

“It’s also about the volunteers.”

So, since this is the “Human Connection” column, 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 writing in order of membership number, beginning at “one” and featuring several members in every column. I know there are people who really just wanted to adopt a dog and have no interest in participating in *AGR* activities. I will respect their privacy and just concentrate on those who are currently active in the organization. In the last issue (May) we learned some things about Anne Kowalski; Tony Cotner; and Teri and Jeff Guilbault.

Now, a little about Larry Jessup, number 16F, and his adopted girl, **Honeybear**.

Many of you know Larry, and know that he has been active in many facets of *Arizona Golden Rescue* since the very start of the organization. He has been busy with home evaluations, Meet-and-Greets and our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, and he has been the chairperson at the *Barnes & Noble* Gift Wrapping at Tempe Marketplace for many years. Since Larry does not have a computer, he personally calls many *AGR*-member households to get commitments for help there, a very time-consuming and appreciated task. He and his son, Shawn, have also been very active with our *Casino Night* events and very generous in allowing us to borrow Shawn’s trailer whenever we need it for our larger events.



You might not know that Larry enlisted as a seaman in the Navy right out of high school in 1954. He proudly served on one of the three Midway-class aircraft carriers at that time, the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, also affectionately known as “Rosie” by her crew. The ship was so big that she could not go through the Panama Canal, so when she had to make the trip from Riverton, WA to Norfolk, VA the ship had to go around Cape Horn at the tip of South America. That was great for Larry, as he got to see much of the world that he otherwise might have missed. When you next see Larry, ask him to tell you some of his colorful stories from San Salvador, Valparaiso and Rio de Janeiro, as we don’t have nearly enough space here. He served as a machinery repairman and finished his career as a Petty Officer 2nd Class in 1962.

Larry then returned to Spokane, got married, and became a hay farmer. That didn’t make a lot of money, so he also worked in construction to supplement his income. Larry helped build Expo ‘74, the first environmentally themed World’s Fair, held in Spokane in 1974. During that time he also was a member of the National Ski Patrol. That was a tough job that required a lot of first-aid training and being on the mountain through long, cold nights to help recover downed skiers. Even though he liked the night skiing with the beautiful clear skies, nine years of cold was enough for him. Larry then went to work for the biggest union contractor in Spokane for the next 18 years as a construction superintendent.

By then, he had had enough of the cold, so he and his wife moved to Maui, HI to become condo resort managers for the next 3 years. After that they moved to Reno for his wife’s health, where Larry also built store furniture for *Macy’s*. Then he won \$130,000 on a \$100 raffle ticket and they used the money to purchase a home in Tucson in 2004, right at the base of Mt. Lemmon. After a while Larry’s wife decided she needed to move back to Spokane to be with her family, but he chose to move to Queen Creek to stay warm. They had an amicable divorce and are friends to this day. While in Queen Creek, Larry adopted **Honeybear** from *RAGofAZ*, and she has been his constant companion and loving friend ever since. Larry got lonely out there in Queen Creek, so he now resides in Sun City West, where he enjoys golf, bowling, and of course, helping with *AGR* events. He also enjoys playing craps in Nevada, and has studied the game extensively. He hones his skills at least an hour every day, and he has built two full-sized craps tables to help practice with his friends.

Joyce Johnston, number 17F, tells us her story here:

“I grew up in St. Paul, MN and as a young bride and mother of five, I received a single engine pilot’s license and became very active in the Minnesota chapter of “99’s”, an international organization of women pilots, going on to also get a twin engine rating. I loved flying, taking my kids to different fly-ins around the state and elsewhere.



My falling in love with the Golden breed began when my husband gave me a Golden as a birthday present many years ago. Her name was **Annie**, and I trained her from the age of 7 weeks. She was a typical retriever as she got the morning paper, brought the mail down the road from the mail box, carried in small logs and kindling for the wood stove, even carried in the groceries with great glee, never trying to open anything. We spent our winters in Arizona and summers in northern Minnesota on a lake. She loved the lake and spent more time in than out. When spending time here in Arizona she did agility work and loved it, racing around the course when returning here from Minnesota every fall.

After my husband’s death in 1999 when **Annie** was eleven, I decided to look for a companion for her. I found **Dudley** (age 11) at *RAGofAZ*. I only had him three months when I was told he had lymphoma. I couldn’t let him go, so put him on chemo with Dr. Hershey newly practicing here in Gilbert. He went into remission immediately and it gave me more than another 1½ years with him.

I had trained many dogs before and decided that I would focus on the seniors as I’d “been there done that” with the youngsters and realized that the older ones were harder to place and needed a forever home, love and care before facing the Bridge. I had not stayed with a family dog years ago and vowed that I’d never do that again but stay with my “loves” when the end comes.

Next was **Dozer** who was found in Prescott, dirty and abandoned. Then there was **Sunny**, who was featured with **Dozer** on a **RAGofAZ** calendar several years ago. **Daisy** was next, then **Rosie**, followed by **AGR's Ben**. I now have **Hazel**, an **AGR** Golden wannabe, **Toby** from **AGR**, and **Max** whom I re-adopted when a friend of mine died. **Max** had spent quite a bit of time with me over his eight years so he fit right into my life.

I have been with **AGR** since the beginning and handle home visits and transports here in the SE valley."

Sheila Joyce, number 18F, is a pretty familiar face to many of you, but there are some things you might not know about her. Here is your chance to get better acquainted.



"I was born in 1953 (which makes me 61 right now). I lived in Illinois with two big brothers and the best parents ever. We traveled all over the US and Europe, boated, had many dogs, and I got my first horse in junior high!

I went to **Bradley University** for my undergrad degree in Elementary

Education, got my master's degree from **Illinois State University** as a Reading Specialist and have since accumulated 75 additional graduate level credit hours. In 1980 I was married to Roby and we had the most amazing daughters, Jen and Allie, in 1982 and 1984. Roby became too ill to work or function well in 1985, so I was in charge of everyone. After 15 years of marriage he felt better and decided to move back to Italy. The girls and I were always so close and we had many dogs (collies, cockers, and poodles). Just recently I transferred over 100 VHS tapes of our life onto DVDs, and our furkids were in the thick of every inch of those videos! I was a first grade teacher for 32 years and poured my heart into the lives of my students and my daughters. Allie and Jen were involved in everything, and I never missed any of it – dance recitals, plays, musicals, cheering, obedience training, trail rides, barrel racing (we were blessed with two horses)!

Jen now lives in Seattle and is the Senior Marketing Manager of **Uber**, and Allie, who is now a fitness trainer and coach, was an **Arizona Cardinals** cheerleader for five years, as well as being the cheerleader that represented the team at the ProBow! She was on the Show Team and traveled all over the world entertaining the troops! She married David in 2005, and now this October I get to be a grandma to a baby named Carson!

In 2003 my Cocker, **Casey**, passed away and that is when I applied to **RAGofAZ** for a Golden! I have since had **Bear**, **Sandy** and **McKenna** from **RAGofAZ**; **Holly Lujah** from **AZRR**; **Tessa** and **Charlie** from **AGR**. All of them have gone on to be trained and become therapy dogs with **Therapy Dogs International**. We go every Saturday to **Royal Oaks Lifecare** in Sun City to visit

assisted living, health care, and Alzheimer patients, and June marked the ninth year of doing this. **McKenna** (age 10) just received the highest award from **TDI** for doing 500 therapy visits. **Charlie** (age 2) has become a fast favorite; **Tessa** (age 4) is a little too kissy for the job right now! We LOVE the people we visit.

I have been the Home Evaluations Coordinator since **AGR** began and love the fabulous team that I have! We enjoy attending the Meet-and-Greets and many other activities and have made some very dear friends! You will recognize me by my smile because it is always there. I love the Lord with all my heart, and my life verse is "Whatever you do, work at it with all of your heart as though you were doing it for the Lord!" All my days have been good ones no matter where the journey has gone, but now I am retired, and being retired with Golden Retrievers just can't be beat... until October when I become a Grammy! God has blessed me richly. May there always be Golden Retrievers..."

Next up are Dave and Nancy Kimmel, who have the number 19F, and they would like to share part of their lives with you:



From Dave: "I am an Arizona native, born and raised in Phoenix. Music and ice skating have always been my favorite pastimes. I worked at a local Ice Arena prior to enlisting in the US Navy, where I served four years on board aircraft carriers as an Electronics Technician. When discharged, I re-

turned to Phoenix and worked at **Paradise Valley High School** as an Audio Visual Technician for two years. During that time I enlisted in the US Navy Reserve to continue my military career.

A new opportunity opened in 1976. I started working for the US Postal Service, 4 years as a clerk and 26 years as a letter carrier, retiring in 2006. In 1980, due to a work conflict, I switched from the Naval Reserve to the Arizona Army National Guard as a percussionist. My military career continued with the 108th Army Band until my retirement in 2010 with a combined service of 40 years.

I have also done extensive volunteer work for the US Figure Skating Association as an Audio Specialist. I have been assigned, for my knowledge, as an Official at many regional, sectional, national, and international competitions. This list includes several world and professional competitions, with the thriller being the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

A long time love of mine, associated with the figure skating sport, is my life-long ability to sharpen blades, professionally fit boots, and be able to share years of experience of retail sales of skates. I have done this craft for approximately 48 years. After many years of working within several local arenas, Nancy and I opened our own retail store. We ran this very successful store for seven years,

when we decided that the economy was no longer good, and we opted to close the store in 2011. At that time the *Ice Den* in Scottsdale offered me a position, and I have been on staff for 3 years.”

And a more romantic story from Nancy: “I was born and raised in the beautiful state of Michigan. We had relatives who lived in Prescott, AZ and it quickly became our favorite family vacation destination. When I was old enough to make my own plans in life, I made my way back to Arizona via Phoenix.

Here, I started and ran my own housekeeping service. I have had a 30-year-long successful and gratifying career. I have taken care of clients of all ages, every financial category, and in just about every corner of the Valley. Some of the most cherished friendships I have had the pleasure to experience, have been those many folks that I cared for at 10-to-20-year stretches. Many felt more like family than employers. For those who have moved, or passed over the Bridge, they will remain bright spots in my heart forever.

One day back in the early 90s, I met a friend who reintroduced me to the love of skating. Remembering the frozen lakes in Michigan, these groomed rinks in Phoenix were like glass. I loved it. She quickly convinced me I needed new skates! *Go see this guy, Dave. He will get you fitted right up.*

Dave sold me that new pair of skates, and stole my heart soon after. The rest is our history, and we have sure had a lot of fun!”

Nancy and Dave are the proud adoptive parents of **Sadie** (age 12) and **Trooper** (age 7). “We have been members of *Arizona Golden Rescue* since it was formed. **Sadie** has blessed us with her company for about 10 years. She was our first Golden Rescue. When our West Highland, **Snuggles**, crossed over the Rainbow Bridge, **Sadie** lost her best friend. She seemed to be grieving for him for months, so we promised her we would get her a puppy. **Santé Fe** was discovered by a Vet Tech in Oklahoma City, with a sign above him that read “Free, take me”. She transported him to the local rescue group, which in turn had him driven to Phoenix. We had him all picked out, and when we took him home, **Sadie’s** face lit up like Christmas morning. It was love at first sight. After long thought, **Trooper** seemed to be his perfect name. **Sadie** and **Trooper** loved working alongside us in our skate store – they were loved and adored by hundreds of people that came in. They brightened many a mood, soothed sad hearts and turned grown men into mush on our store floor as they lay beside them, remembering lost childhood friends.

Dave again: “Nancy and I have just sold our Phoenix home and have purchased a home in Prescott. We hate to leave our close ties with *AGR*, but we will continue our association from afar. We hope to attend the annual meeting and will forever share the love of Golden Retrievers with all of you!”



Health and Safety

By Linda Knight, Health Care Manager

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SEBACEOUS ADENITIS

After five long months of continued contact with the owner of a beautiful pair of Golden Retrievers, our Intake team finally got the go ahead to pick up **Charlie** and **Boomer**. Unfortunate circumstances had occurred, and *AGR* stepped in to give these dogs a second chance. **Charlie** is a lovely 7-year-old male Golden who came in with a horrible skin condition. **Boomer** is **Charlie’s** littermate and best buddy, and they are the happiest, well-adjusted pair! They have a zest for life and live in the moment. They look a lot alike, but **Boomer** has a “place cookie here spot” on his tongue and **Charlie** does not! **Charlie’s** skin condition had been treated unsuccessfully for years and needed vet attention for a proper diagnosis.



Charlie on left, Boomer on right

After all their vetting was complete, our *AGR*-approved vet suspected **Charlie** had sebaceous adenitis and performed a skin biopsy. The results were positive. **Charlie** has started a skin care regimen and is on his way to a healthier coat and skin.

Sebaceous adenitis is a perplexing condition in which the sebaceous glands in the skin become inflamed for unknown reasons and are eventually destroyed. Normal sebaceous glands produce sebum, which is a fatty secretion that helps prevent drying of the skin. This rare type of inflammatory skin disease typically affects young adult dogs, 1 to 5 years of age.

This condition can appear differently in different breeds. In long-coated breeds, the dogs have dry scaly skin with patches of hair loss on the top of their head, face, back of the neck, as well as on their back. Silvery scales tightly adhere to tufts of the remaining fur and can easily be seen. Other signs of sebaceous adenitis include hair that is brittle



or dull, small areas of matted hair and alopecia (hair loss). Very mildly affected dogs have normal looking coats, but abnormalities can be seen upon microscopic examination of skin biopsies. Some dogs like

Charlie exhibit a “rat tail” and have bilaterally symmetric hair loss and excessive skin scaling. This condition may also lead to a secondary bacterial infection of the skin with pimples, crusting and an offensive odor. Some dogs have severe, draining ear infections. Sebaceous adenitis may or may not be itchy. The dog’s skin may also be blistered or raw, and there might be complete hair loss along with loss of the sebaceous glands during advanced stages of the disease. Short-haired breeds can also have this condition, exhibiting a moth-eaten appearance to their coat with mild scaling also affecting the head, ears and trunk of the body.

A skin biopsy is needed to determine if this condition exists. This involves removing small pieces of the affected area (done with local anesthesia) and submitting them to a pathologist.

Dogs can spontaneously improve, but most dogs will need life-long care for this condition, although it is a cosmetic disorder with no internal manifestations of disease. Response to treatments can be highly variable, resulting in frustration for the dog and the owner. Fatty acid dietary supplements are given along with anti-seborrheic shampoos used on a regular basis to remove the scales and dead hair. This treatment might be the answer for a mildly-affected dog. Other cases might need additional treatments including spraying the dog with a propylene glycol and water mixture to help restore lubricants to the skin, as well as oral essential fatty acid supplements.

A dog with sebaceous adenitis should not be bred. Although not genetically proven, it is believed that this condition is inherited as an autosomal trait in some breeds. This is a gene that both parents carry and pass to a litter. Several breeding studies are in progress to determine the exact cause of sebaceous adenitis.

If you suspect your dog has this condition, please see your veterinarian as soon as possible to determine a course of action. This uncomfortable affliction needs to be treated as soon as it is suspected and diagnosed, and treatment will help your dog and his overall well-being.



Service Paws
By Wendy Enos
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THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

Are you a business owner or employee, bus or taxi driver, restaurateur or food server, grocer, or other public entity? This is for you!

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of lawsuits have been filed nationwide against merchants and public operators who deny public ac-

cess to service dogs accompanying persons with disabilities, leaving business owners scared to death to acknowledge their own rights. Perhaps they don’t even know they have rights. They do!

Federal law entitles you to ask only two questions: 1) Is this dog required because of a disability? and 2) What work or task is the dog trained to do for you? No proof of certification, identification, harness, vest, or other equipment is required. Admittedly, this leaves the door wide open for “fake service dogs,” even though it is a crime to pass oneself off as disabled or a pet as a service dog. With harnesses, certificates, and vests easily obtainable online, even if they do have them it doesn’t mean a whole lot anyway.

The two questions above, if asked when it is not obvious, must be answered in order to gain public access. You should never accept, “I don’t have to tell you anything.”

The definition of a service animal is: a dog that is individually trained to work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. There is now no such thing as a service cat, monkey, bird, frog, goldfish, snake, pig, or rhinoceros. (In rare cases, miniature horses can be accepted in place of a guide dog.)

In order to meet the criteria for a service dog, the dog must be trained to perform tasks to mitigate a person’s disability, including but not limited to: retrieval, balance, opening doors, turning on lights, guiding for the blind, alerting the owner to different sounds, environmental dangers, diabetic distress, or seizures. A comfort, emotional support, or companion dog does not meet the definition of a service dog because it has not been individually trained to perform a task.

There are more legitimate reasons to exclude a service dog than one might think:

- in a sterile environment, i.e., surgical suite or hospital burn unit
- if the dog snarls, growls, or barks inappropriately, begs for food, or solicits attention from other customers with no effort by the handler to stop it
- if the dog is not housebroken
- if the handler doesn’t exhibit proper control of the dog
- if the dog is unleashed or unharnessed (unless such tether impedes the dog’s tasks, in which case commands and/or hand signals must control the dog)
- A dog may not be excluded simply because another customer fears or hates dogs, or has allergies.

The handler assumes full responsibility for any damage caused by a service dog, the same as a parent would for damage caused by their child. Additionally, it isn’t your responsibility to clean up after a service dog. In case of bowel or bladder accidents, or even vomiting, it is solely the obligation of the handler, or someone appointed or paid by the handler, to clean it up. The handler’s refusal

is a justifiable reason to exclude the dog.

To eliminate any he-said/she-said complications in case of retribution, an additional witness or perhaps a smart-phone video to the objectionable behaviors would be helpful.

Finally, if you must exclude a dog from your premises, you must offer the handler an opportunity to return to your business without the dog.

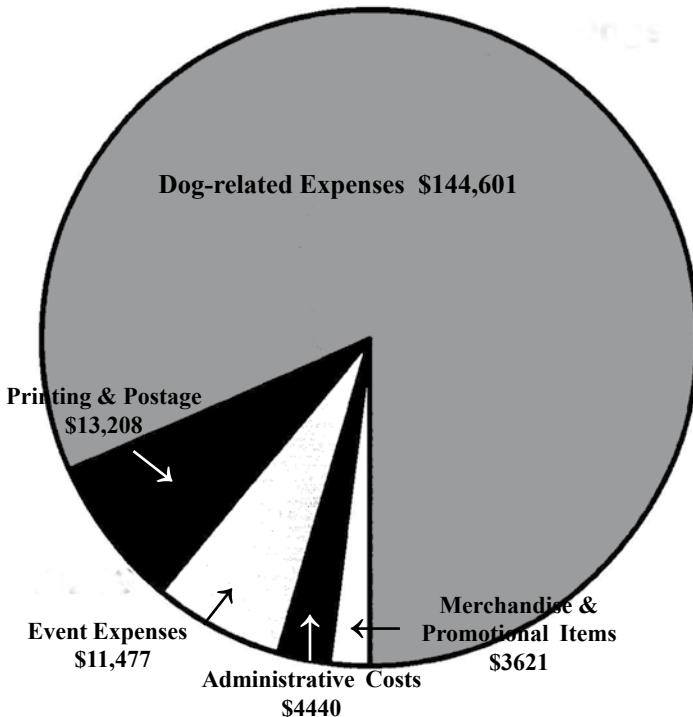
Just as service dog teams are legally allowed their rights, insist on yours, too.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Below is a pie chart showing a breakdown of **AGR's** expenses in 2013. Total expenses were \$177,347, leaving us a net income of \$12,542 (only 7.1% of income). Dog-related Expenses (81.5%) include adoption expenses; behavioral training; boarding; collars, tags and leashes; Heartgard®; microchips; and veterinary services (\$124,303). Postage & Printing (7.5%) include printing the calendar and *The Golden Paw*. Included in Event Expenses (6.5%) are costs to produce *Casino*, the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* and our *Paws At The Park* annual meeting, as well as booth fees for the *Phoenix Pet Expo* and the *Holiday Pet Festival*. Administrative Costs (2.5%) include bank (Intuit and PayPal) and credit card

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charges; insurance; online QuickBooks fee; office supplies; storage facility rental; and telephone. Purchase of merchandise and promotional items was 2% of our expenses. No volunteer got a salary!

Reporting period: January 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014

Total Assets as of July 15, 2014: \$126,913.87

	Income	Expense
Adoptions	\$ 14,825.00	\$ 6,350.00 ¹
Bank, Credit Card, Legal, Prof.		1,141.04
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	1,480.00	
Casino Event 2014 ²	7,058.42 ²	1,397.49 ²
Donations ³	28,114.94	500.00 ⁴
Dues and Subscriptions	16.00	109.84
Event Expenses		453.63
Gifts/Grants	5,500.00	
Gift Wrap Events	560.90	
Golf Tournament		376.74
Insurance		434.00
Interest	40.53	
Memberships	9,015.00	
Merchandise	1,834.90	852.64
Office Expenses & Supplies		240.57
<i>Paws At The Park</i> Picnic 2014 ⁵	1,474.41	254.87
Postage		888.33
Promotional		142.14
Raffle	103.00	
Rent or Lease		953.13
Santa Claws Photos taken in 2013	555.00	
Stationery & Printing		2,366.35
Telephone & Website		94.14
Vet and Dog-Related Expenses:		
Behavioral Training		3,306.00
Boarding		438.00
Collars, Tags & Leashes		732.84
Dog Related – Miscellaneous		43.67
Microchip & Heartgard® Expenses		768.85
Travel Expense ⁶		571.12
Veterinary Services		56,924.73
TOTAL	\$70,578.10	\$79,340.12

NET INCOME: -\$8,762.02

Checking Account on 07-15-14: \$33,550.16

Savings Account on 07-15-14: \$82,068.27

The *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* as of 07-15-14: \$11,295.44

Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 07-15-14: \$5,820.67

¹ Includes \$6,000 that *AGR* sent to the Golden Retriever Puppy Mill Rescue Team to help with puppy mill dog acquisition

² Does not include deposits for facility and games made in 2013; that amount was \$1,115.00, so total profit for *Mardi Gras Casino* event was really \$5,943.42

³ Includes *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* as well as General Fund, Honorary and Memorial donations

⁴ Monies collected for gift for Karie Wilson, who was getting cancer treatment

⁵ Income does not include merchandise sales – that income is shown separately

⁶ Travel to Oklahoma to pick up puppy mill dogs includes 2 nights in a motel, several meals and gas

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 7 through July 7, 2014. All adoptions finalized after July 7th will be in the next issue.



13-120 Bella came to us last Christmas Day in an emergency situation. Known since her puppyhood to swallow inappropriate and dangerous items (socks, rubber bands, pool toys, pencils, erasers, etc.), she was literally at a vet's office that morning needing serious major abdominal surgery for an intestinal blockage. The family who had her since she was a puppy had tried everything they knew to

get her over the habit of eating these things and, reluctantly and quite sadly, turned her over to us. We immediately took her in, and during the surgery numerous hair ties, scrunchies, and other assorted stuff was found in her gut. After seeing **Bella** through her surgery, the Board decided to send her to **Partners Dog Training School** for intensive work in order to make her adoptable without someone having to watch her every second. After the training, we were extremely fortunate when our own trainer, Teryl, decided to adopt this sweet dog (known as "The Goat"). What could be a better placement for a dog like this than with a dedicated and experienced trainer? We could not have asked for a better outcome for this dog! Teryl has renamed her **Reka** (short for **Eureka**) and sent us an update. *I picked up **Reka** at Partner's training facility on April 2, 2014, only as a foster. I had no intention of adopting another dog after losing three of my own within a 1½-year time span. By day two, I knew she was at home and comfortable with my three resident Golden Retrievers and my daughter and her Border Collie/Aussie mix. **Reka** had muscle atrophy in her hind legs – I'm sure because of the crating that was necessary for her own safety. When the weather was cooler, we got up to a three-mile walk. When things starting heating up, we stuck with just swimming. Initially, I kept the bathroom door closed so she didn't have any access to toilet tissue or the garbage can. I kept her tethered to the bathroom doorknob when I showered and also slept with her tethered to me. The first week I had her, she ingested the rubber tip off the door stop, tried to inhale a dryer sheet and literally took a tissue from the toilet (when I was right next to her). I also caught her chewing on my AC insulation outside. I began doing behavior modifications with her. Those, along with Prozac, have helped*

*her tremendously. I no longer close the bathroom doors or tether her to me at any time. I have even left her uncrated when I'm not inside the house for up to 30 minutes. My goal is to not have to crate her at all when I leave for longer periods of time. She does still have a couple obsessive behaviors, but they have been easier to nip in the bud when she starts. **Reka** has been around at least a dozen dogs (other than mine). She is always very polite and respectful of their space, even when they may not be respectful of hers. I have had her around infants and children, and she does very well. She absolutely loves people. Jan and Fran, her first fosters, did such a tremendous job with her while she was in their care. That, along with **Partners** training had her prepped for a normal life. I also have the benefit of having my other dogs demonstrate modeling behavior for her. A "Goat" no more!*

14-014 Aries is a young dog of mixed heritage (but we know he is just a Golden in our Witness Protection Program) who was rescued from the Sierra Vista shelter where he had been for nearly two months. **AGR** is dedicated not only to just Golden Retrievers, but also to Golden mixes, so we were happy to take in this guy. He was reportedly good with dogs, cats, and kids,



but evidently the original owner was moving and could not take a large dog. Although he had been looked at by several potential adopters at the shelter, his initial reaction when meeting them was to jump up, which is a big no-no with many people. Well, he was less than 2 years old and had been in a cage – what can you say? After some initial vetting, he was placed with Peter and Tracie in Chandler. Congratulations on getting out of that cage, **Aries!**



14-015 Maximus is a cute, 18-month-old Golden-Shepherd mix rescued from a craigslist ad. He was very skittish, with full-blown separa-

tion anxiety. Robin and her husband agreed to foster him. After a few days they reported that he was still extremely anxious but was very sweet and got along well with the resident Golden. In a few weeks he was ready for his forever home with Trish and Tony in Goodyear, who reported he was adjusting very well to being spoiled! Sounds like a great ending for all!



14-016 Bam-Bam is a very handsome, 7-year-old red dog relinquished to us by a family who needed to move. It was quite obvious he had been completely loved, got along great with other dogs and kids, and was an overall very social guy. A dog like this is very easy to place, and Reno and Ray in Mesa won the lottery when they took in this guy. They are home most

of the time so **Bam-Bam**, now named **Austin** (thank goodness), will be spoiled like crazy. **Austin** has found his forever home!



14-017 Murfee is another Golden mix about 9 years old who had some medical problems, and his family could not afford to meet his current and future medical costs. A very handsome chocolate-and-butterscotch-colored dog with fluffy Golden feet, he was reportedly good with cats, kids, and other dogs. We took him immediately to the vet and found he really did need emergency

surgery for prostate issues and stones in his urethra and bladder. The vet told us afterwards had we not brought him in immediately, **Murfee** probably would not have lived through the week. Joni and Todd in Chandler took him home after the surgery and reported he was doing well. Joni wrote us to tell us how he is doing. *He looks like a big ol' Bear and even though it was suggested to change his name to Bear by family members, Murfee just seemed to match his total persona. Murfee came to us a day after receiving emergency surgery to save his life. On the quick thinking of Jim and the entire AGR organization, Murfee was quickly rescued and rushed to a vet who stated he would have not made it through the next 48 hours without medical attention. We are so appreciative of Jim's quick action and AGR's decision to give this dog hope. Today, Murfee is a happy, healthy and energetic senior. He has become best friends with our Golden puppy TJ, and they are inseparable. Completely and totally inseparable! The love those two share is only outdone by the love Murfee has for his human mommy. One never knows exactly what these dogs have faced in the past, but our Murfee loves his forever family. He is a major tail wagger and shows you how important you are to him. He is a bit spoiled, but look at that face. How could you not? We are so happy to share our lives with him and are very thankful to AGR for giving this special dog a second chance at life. Whew,*

Murfee! That was a close call! Enjoy the rest of your life with your forever family.

14-018 Lily is an adorable, young 8-month-old Golden/Lab mix surrendered by her owner, who bought her from someone on the side of the road when **Lily** was just 6 weeks old. Not a good place to buy a dog, as many times people make an impulsive decision to get a dog and then conclude they have no time or real interest in training a young



pup. **Lily** had never been to a vet, so we needed a full spectrum of vaccines and a spaying. She had also never been in a car since she was initially brought home, and lived in the back yard. Well, **Lily** certainly deserved a better life than this, and we were happy when Neal and Heather in Scottsdale were terrifically excited at the opportunity to adopt this young girl and bringing her home as a sister to their Bernese. They have renamed her **Riley**. Now, **Riley**, time to get started on your real Golden life! You deserve it!



14-019 Layla is a young, 1-year-old red dog surrendered to us by her original owner who had health issues. The owner had taken great care of her, as was evidenced by spending thousands of dollars to get her over parvo when she was quite young. She arrived spayed, up to date on her vaccines, housebroken, and reportedly was a pal to kids, cats, and all who

met her. She was placed within a week of our intake call with Scott and Leanne in Peoria, who were eager for her to join their family. A report from Scott indicated her first few days were going well, and that **Layla** had bonded herself to him. Way to go, **Layla**. Showing people you adore them gets you a long, long way!

14-021 Joy is another pretty, young dog turned over to us by an older woman who, although she had owned **Joy** since puppyhood, was in a serious car crash and felt that **Joy** needed a home that would truly take good care of her. The owner faced a long recuperation period, and **Joy** was just too active for her. **Joy** is the typical young Golden, loving every-



one and everything, especially the pool and pool toys! The only time she ever growled at anything was at a lion before and during a TV movie! Kelly and Tom in Scottsdale were totally thrilled to take her in, and in the first 24 hours reported how wonderful she is, that they had fallen in love with her, and that she was fitting

right in with their pack. Kelly sent us an update. *We can't tell you how lucky we feel to have Joy as the new member of our family. She is such a beautiful, smart, and lovable companion. Her name couldn't be more perfect! It took a couple of weeks for us to learn Joy's language, but she is a very smart girl, and she taught us in a fairly short amount of time. Now we are in a great rhythm, and are understanding each other beautifully. She is such a friendly doggie, always eager to say hello to other people and dogs on her morning walks. She loves, loves, loves swimming in our pool and retrieving her water Frisbee. She gets along so well with our boys, having just the right mix of playfulness and gentleness. It's almost like she knows she's the "new little sister" in the family. She has an extreme fascination with shadows and light reflections. She could entertain herself (and us) for hours with the reflection off her own shiny tag! We could not be happier with the sweet "Joy" that AGR brought into our lives.*

14-022 Sadie was surrendered to us by her second owner, who said senior girl **Sadie** needed constant attention and that **Sadie** was not adjusting well to her new home. **Sadie** had been an outdoor dog with her first family and was quite timid with her new family, so her owner hoped we would not find an adopter who would turn her back into a backyard dog. Well, that was not going to happen, as we all know that Golden love to be with their people all the time! Lucky **Sadie** was able to be placed almost immediately with Roman and Wendy in Peoria. They have updated us. *"Sadie has fit into our home very well. She is enjoying having a brother in our 10-year-old Golden we adopted in 2006 and she follows him everywhere. She learned to use the doggie door in no time watching him and has even ventured into the pool. We've also discovered that she's quite the dreamer and about twice a week unleashes a major league howl in her sleep, waking herself out of her dream – it's adorable! Everything is great with Sadie, and thanks to AGR for bringing her into our family!"* A new leash on life for **Sadie**!



14-023 Daisy is an adorable 2-year-old red girl whose claim to fame with her previous owner was that she "eats rocks and socks." After an initial trip to the vet, where she needed spaying, she was placed with Dave in Sun City who said she was just starved for attention. Hope that did not mean he fed her rocks and socks! Dave has given us an

update. *When I first met my beautiful girl she was named Daisy. What! No way! This was not Dagwood Bumstead's dog! Not this wonderful and well-behaved creature. I quickly named her Bella.*

It's an Italian word probably not found in your average Funk and Wagnall's. Means beautiful. Appropriate. I know little of Bella's history. It's my understanding she was caught in a divorce and spent time (how much?) in an empty house. Maybe that's why she would not let me out of her sight for the first couple of weeks we were together. What is really gratifying is how well we have adjusted to each other; how Bella's personality is emerging and how she now roams her house and fenced yard with independence and confidence. Bella and I are good together and good for each other. While we both may be lucky, I am definitely the luckier. Sounds like Dave recognizes a good thing when he meets it!



14-024 Simba was returned to us when his adopting family found out he wasn't too thrilled with their resident Cocker Spaniel (neither was the Spaniel). When constant fighting broke out, the family knew it was in the best interest of everyone to return him to us so we could find him a better home. We knew we needed to place him in either a home with no alpha

dogs or as a single dog. Jolene and Art met him right away and decided he was the dog for them and carted him off to Phoenix to their no-other-dog home to recover from Cocker Spaniels. We're happy the original adopters decided this good guy needed another chance. Good luck in your new home, **Simba**!

14-025 Kathy is one of the Golden that were part of a rescue from a puppy mill in the Midwest. As many puppy mill dogs are, **Kathy** was terrified of just about everything and everyone when she arrived, tucking her tail and trying to get away. We had to have her spayed, of course, as she had been used as a breeding dog. Unfortunately at that time, it was found that



she had severe heart disease, which has to be carefully monitored by her adopters. She stayed for a while with Connie and Nick until she could feel more secure. Connie reported that some days were good days, others were bad for little **Kathy** as she came to terms with her new life. After about a week she began to come out of her shell, playing with toys, getting into mischief, and seeming to actually enjoy herself. But we kept her with Connie for almost a month until we could get her medical situation assessed and to let **Kathy** adjust. We were fortunate that **AGR** volunteers, Joy and Todd in Surprise, adopted her knowing her medical situation and not knowing how long she might live. They have renamed her **Katy**. It is so gratifying to see a dog, once terrified of everything, slowly emerge into a Golden with all the benefits thereof. Joy gave us an update of how **Katy** is doing. *We were introduced to puppy mill rescues when we adopted our first mill mama, Am-*

ber, from Rescue A Golden of Arizona in 2007. A week after she arrived in Arizona, where she was fostered by Michele, she whelped her final litter of puppies – 7 of them – which became known as the 7 Dwarfs litter. Though we intended to adopt only Amber, we soon realized the best gift we could ever give her was to adopt puppy Happy, too, as she had a very large amount of mill dog baggage and he was unusually attached to her and could help teach her how to be a happy house pup. Amber taught us so much about patience, overcoming fears and celebrating the tiny, baby steps on the yellow brick road of rescue and rehabilitation. We lost Happy just shy of his 5th birthday in 2012 to spindle cell carcinoma, and last year lost Amber as she slept in our bed, at the age of 11.5. Years before, we had promised Amber we would always have a puppy mill mama in our home as a tribute to her and everything she had taught us. Though we always have a full house of dogs, we didn't think we would be able to make good on that promise for another year or so. But then we saw a photo Connie posted of Kathy that made our heart stop. Kathy, now known as Katy, bears such a striking resemblance to our late Amber that we knew we had to meet her. That meet/greet went very well, and we were thrilled to add her to our family. Katy's personality, puppy mill mama quirks, and even the way she moved remind us so much of Amber we are convinced she is Amber's grand or great-granddaughter. That said, Katy is her own pup, and is a smart, loving and very silly little gal. She overcomes her initial fear of new things almost immediately with her innate curiosity. If she could talk, she would say, "OH! Wait, what's that?" all of the time. She blended into our pack of now 7 dogs without any resistance of the other pack members and continues to be laid back and easy going. Our pack accepted her immediately, and is very tolerant when she muscled her way in to hog her people when we are petting the other dogs. Though we are going through a long learning curve with house breaking, and apparently trying to break her of her up-all-night parties, we love her to pieces and are so grateful to be given the opportunity to love another puppy mill girl. We're sad that she has a severe heart murmur, not only because of the limitations it places on her, but also for the countless puppies to whom she likely passed on that genetic trait. But we will love her for as long as we can. Thank you Connie, Deb and the puppy mill rescue team at Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue! It's all about retirement, Katy!



14-026 Baxter is another Big Red Dog. You might think that at 9 years of age he would be very settled, but not this guy. He is very social, loves people, dogs, cats and kids. Shall we say that he can sometimes be "exuberant". He has a "dog cave" which he loves (we humans call it a crate). He is probably in there having a snack and watching the **Diamondbacks** when not visiting

with everyone who comes along. And get this – he came with a

stuffed toy he has had for FIVE YEARS and which is still intact! We knew someone was going to be extraordinarily lucky to have this boy come into their life, and sure enough, Jan in Chandler was so excited to get him. **Baxter** has been a joy. When I walk him he is so peppy that people cannot believe he is nine years old – nine months, but not nine years! I don't believe **Baxter** knew how to use a doggie door, but within three days he mastered it. He is so trustworthy and does not need to be crated. He is my shadow and loves to sit with me on my sofa. He is just great. His stuffed toy is still intact, but I cannot say that about the ones I have given him! **Baxter** is a real love. Lucky dog!

14-027 Tripp is another of the Golden's brought to Arizona from a Midwest puppy mill auction. An absolutely gorgeous red dog, he arrived scared of everything and did not like being leashed. He tried to dig out of his crate, and upon arrival in Oklahoma he dug a foot deep by foot wide hole in the dirt in the kennel in about 15 seconds. We were lucky in that Amy and Steve in Cave Creek had worked with two challenging Golden rescue dogs in the past and were willing to take him into their home and start the process of making him comfortable in an environment that was safe and loving. Amy wrote to us with this report. *Shortly after our 10-year-old Golden, Barney, passed away from a rare neurological disease, I registered with AGR. We weren't sure if we were ready for another Golden, but knew from experience that the process can take some time. Not long after, we got a call from AGR saying that they were going to Oklahoma to rescue some Golden's from a puppy mill. We could hardly say no to that, especially after we were sent a picture of Tripp, now our beautiful Bentley. After being in a cage his whole life (he's about two and a half) he was afraid of everything. He still is not comfortable walking by cars and garbage cans, but with training and repetition we're sure he'll grow to enjoy the walks. He feels very safe in our house and back yard, and he loves swimming in the pool, chasing his ball and just running, full-speed, in the backyard. He's a real cuddle bug and wants to be right at our feet at all times. We both work from home and feel so lucky to have him around. We like to think that he believes he's "done his time" and is now at a wonderful resort! Thanks for making the long drive to Oklahoma and back, AGR! A well-deserved home, Bentley. Welcome to the rest of your life!*



14-028 Bubba is a very handsome dog that we brought from Oklahoma as a result of the puppy mill rescue. Other than being absolutely saturated with ticks, **Bubba** was the most socialized of the bunch. He adapted quite readily, was very sweet and mellow and LOVED to swim. We placed him with Tammi and Steve in Chandler who



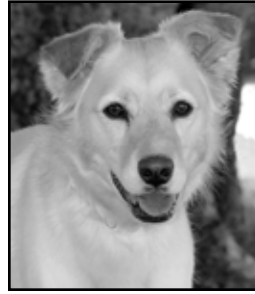
have renamed him **Oshie**, and sent us an update. *We can't begin to thank you enough for bringing this sweet dog into our home. When we received the call that we were going to get a "puppy mill" dog they prepared us for the worst, but yet, we were so eager to get a Golden we said we would give it a try. The rescue group traveled to Oklahoma to pick up "our rescue." Meanwhile, we prepared our home for the new member of our family. The original rescue turned out to be too aggressive to place in our home with our children, so they promised us **Bubba**, who we quickly renamed **Oshie** after our favorite St. Louis Blues hockey player. The name fit him great. He had his challenges with a case of tick fever and a large hematoma in his ear. It took a couple of weeks for him to recover medically from that, but in the meantime, we bonded with him and truly fell in love with him. He is one of the sweetest and gentlest dogs I have ever seen. He enjoys following me around from room to room and looks forward to his daily rides in the car to pick up the kids. We are still working on commands and games, but we are confident he will be great at them as well. We cannot even imagine this NOT being his forever home! Thanks so much for all you have done to complete our family. We are so happy to see these once-abused-and-neglected dogs in forever homes that adore them and shower them with love.*



14-029 Lamar is also a puppy mill rescue, having come to us with the other dogs from Oklahoma. Like many of the other dogs brought in with this group (and puppy mill dogs in general), he was terrified. He stayed close by, and would not leave, **14-025 Kathy**. He adjusted enough so that he could be placed with Sharon and Michelle in Phoenix who have renamed

him **Connor**. At a bit less than 5 years old, he has lots of time to enjoy the good life. We have an update on this cute boy. **Connor** came to us just over 3 months ago. He arrived with a fear list longer than his younger Weiner (Dachshund) sibling **Woody**. He was a 4-month-old puppy trapped in a 4-year-old body, much like a very scared Cowardly Lion. He feared humans, touch, toys, walks, noises, treats, car rides etc... the list goes on and on. **Connor** had no concept of any obedience commands – he did not know how to sit, lie down, play with toys or even for a mere 5 minutes know how to relax. Three months later, **Connor** is now seeking out love and affection on his own. He cannot get enough pets and rubs, he loves to be brushed, enjoys the occasional treat here and there, wags his tail and gets excited for his walks. He now knows how to sit, come, lie down on command and absolutely loves his "human" doggie bed, great snuggler that he is. **Connor** is very smart and picks up on new things quickly. He still has a ways to go to work through some fears and learn more obedience commands, but he progresses everyday. We are so blessed to have him as part of our family and it gives us great joy to see our Cowardly Lion slowly transform into the Lion King!

14-030 Zoey is a cute, young, little Golden mix we rescued



from the **Arizona Humane Society**. Initially cautious and scared in the kennel there, she immediately brightened when leashed and taken outdoors. Freedom is a heady thing. This dog has loads of potential, and was quickly adopted by Wendy and Chuck in Oro Valley. Zoey's new name is **Willow**. She is the kind of dog who thrives in a home situation but does not show well in a kennel environ-

ment and is consequently passed over for adoption. We are so glad she has found a happy, new life. **Willow** herself wrote to us to let us know her life is now wonderful. *Hi! My name is **Willow**. Little did I know how much my life would change on April 4, 2014, my "gotcha day." I went from living at the **Arizona Humane Society** to living with my new forever family. Wow! I hit the jackpot! I have an acre to run on and chase lizards, my own bed, and I get lots and lots of love and attention. I know I am completely different from the three Golden's Mommy and Daddy have had before. Hey, I am a Golden mix, heavy on the mix part! I came to my new mommy and daddy with very severe fear issues. They were told it might just be kennel stress, but it goes much deeper than that. No one but me knows the whole story of my first two-and-a-half years, and I'm not telling. What I will tell you is that now my life is wonderful! We go on trips to our cabin in New Mexico, and we go on adventures in our travel trailer. I am a great hiker, very very smart, extremely agile and very dependable in the house. At only 35 pounds I am on the small side. I am also quite beautiful, and I have ears that have their own personality. I am still scared of meeting new people but we are working on it. I have been to obedience school and a behavior/vet specialist, I do behavior modification exercises, and I am now on anti-anxiety medication. I love my Mommy and Daddy and they love me! Thank you **Arizona Golden Rescue** for my great Mom and Dad!*



14-031 Molly is an adorable Golden mix who became lost and was taken in by the employees of a bank (where she spent the day being adored by them). The person who took her in from there kept her the requisite seven days while fliers were posted, Facebook was consulted, and calls were made to the local shelters to

see if someone claimed her. No one did, and we have no clue why because she is simply so cute we cannot imagine anybody parting with her. While in her temporary home, she showed some signs of separation anxiety, chewing on the wood fence. Who knows how long this girl had been fending for herself on the streets, and perhaps felt more comfortable there. The vet felt she was probably a little over 4, and was in good shape. Once her photo was up on our website, we had tons of inquiries and interest in her. Cathy and her

family in Gilbert were the lucky chosen ones. **Molly**, whose new Golden sister is also named **Molly**, required a name change. She has been renamed **Daisy**.



14-033 Daisy is a large 8-year-old girl (green bean diet, here we come!) who was surrendered by her family after the young son developed allergies to her. She had to be separated from the children in the family, and as she adores children, became quite depressed. And how often do we find a dog who loves to have her teeth brushed? **Daisy**, now named **Dolly**,

has won the jackpot by becoming the newest addition to Deb and Larry's gang in Glendale. She will get to meet lots of kids and other dogs as an Ambassador for **AGR**, and we are sure she will also be trained as a therapy dog and will be a favorite of kids improving their reading skills at school. Deb has sent us an update on this girl. *When **Daisy** came to our home in mid April, she weighed 113.6 pounds and had both fungal and bacterial infections all over her big body. She had been allowed to swim any time she wanted to (she loves to swim), and with the massive, thick coat she had, she never dried out. She also had some serious allergies. Because she was so big and so huggable, I renamed her **Dolly** right away, purchased a good-quality, no-grain food, and started her on the green bean diet. At her initial vet visit, she was put on prednisone to help control the itching, ketoconazole for the fungal infections, and antibiotics for the bacterial infections. She had a habit of chewing on her feet, so they were raw and oozing. I trimmed off the fur close to the pads so they could "breathe", which helped the open sores heal better. She has now been transitioned to a relatively new allergy medication called Apoquel®, which does not have the side effects that can be caused by long-term prednisone use. About a month after she arrived I took her to **Hug 'N Pups Grooming Salon** and got her a "summer cut."* This type of haircut is not a shave-down but leaves the fur about 1 inch long. **Dolly** is so much more com-



A now-slimmer Dolly with her nice "summer cut" waiting to bring the newspaper in the side gate

fortable now. Her infections have all cleared up, her weight is down to about 90 pounds (with another 15-20 to go), and she gallops out to the driveway to pick up the newspaper every day, something she must've been taught at her former home. She has attended numerous Meet-and-Greets already and has shown us that she loves everybody and every animal that comes by. In the last couple of weeks, I have caught **Troy**, who has been depressed since we lost his mom, **Ladybird**, last November, lying

next to **Dolly** or standing over her, something he always did with his mom. Everybody in our household is in love with our new girl!

14-034 Jaxx is a happy 4-year-old guy that we originally placed in 2011. He was returned to us as the result of a life change within the family. We are fortunate the owner called us, and we reminded him he needed to return **Jaxx** to us (part of our adoption contract requires the return of an **AGR** dog to us for any reason). He had a great life with these people and was an ac-



active member of their family. However, he was severely overweight at 113 pounds and had some other medical issues. We placed him with Tiara and Paul in Chandler. After a couple of weeks he had lost 10 pounds and was an active member of the family, becoming quite bonded to his canine brother, **Max**. We are happy to have this update. ***Jaxx** came to our home in April 2014. He was greeted by Tiara, Paul, and **Max**. **Max** is a 1-year-old Golden and was very curious about **Jaxx**. At first the two were not sure of each other, but after a few days passed they were inseparable. Now one cannot go on a walk without the other, and at nap time they are always very close together. **Jaxx** always has a smile on his face and he does the "happy dance" whenever Paul and Tiara come home after being away. **Jaxx** also has Paul's family that helps look after him on occasion. Tom, Ann, and their two Golden, **Riggs** and **Big Max**. **Jaxx** gets along with all of his new brothers and loves spending time with them. When **Jaxx** first came to the family, he had a very difficult time walking on leash. Now he is a pro! He still gets a little excited when you tell him it's time for a walk and starts jumping, but training has started to help with that as well. **Jaxx** also came to us at 113 lbs so you can see why the jumping would be a problem. The last time we weighed him he was at 100 lbs and should easily be under 100 now. He is on his way to being fit and trim, and **Max** is helping him get there with two walks a day and lots of play time. **Jaxx** also LOVES the pool. He will jump in and fetch and swim after anyone in the pool. This is great exercise for **Jaxx** and we let him get plenty of it. **Jaxx** also started out with a body odor that made it difficult to pet and love on him as much as we would have liked. Tiara took him to get groomed right away and found that he had a hot spot that was causing the odor. After lots of medication and lots of special baths we have a happy, odor-free **Jaxx**! He has sensitive skin and needs some special treatment, but our family is more than willing to give it. Lastly, **Jaxx** did not want to eat when he first came to our home. He was throwing up and gagging after each meal. Tiara cooked him chicken and rice for weeks and gave him some acid control medication before each meal and **Jaxx** came around. Now he eats his special grain-free diet formula food but still frequently gets chicken, rice, and green beans to help continue his weight loss. He also just really loves rice and chicken! We are so happy to have **Jaxx** in our lives! He is a big teddy bear and is sitting on the couch with me right now while I write this*

story. He loves being on the couch and the bed right next to Tiara or Paul. Thanks to **AGR** we have a new addition to the family that we have fallen in love with!

14-035 Ginger was relinquished to us as the result of a divorce. She loves kids, other dogs, and tennis balls, although she had the reputation of killing her woobies. At age 3, she had never been spayed and her shots were past due. Shotzie and Jim in Goodyear lobbied hard for **Ginger** and were in the right place at the right time to get her. Shotzie sent us an update on **Ginger**.



Ginger came to our home on April 19th and within 10 minutes, we were in love with our new family member. She is everything a Golden owner could ever want. She is a lady in every way and is the quickest learner I've ever known. She has daily visits from our five grandkids, and she just melts when she sees them. She has learned so many new words, and I will train her to be a therapy dog so she can go into the **Phoenix Cancer Center of America** right here in Goodyear. She is beautiful in every way, and we cannot tell you how grateful we are to **AGR** for placing her with us! Sounds like a wonderful new life for this deserving dog.



14-036 Toby King (or is that **King Toby**?) is a young pup surrendered to us because of medical conditions which could not be handled by his family. At only 4 months of age, he had not had any puppy shots and he was diagnosed with parvo, which can happen when initial vaccinations are not given. His care incurred a bill of over two thousand dollars which

could have been avoided with a basic, inexpensive series of puppy vaccinations. He was placed with Peter and Lyn in Sierra Vista who call him **Toby**. Lyn has sent us an update. "We are so grateful to **AGR** for getting us our wonderful dog, **Toby**. We especially appreciate your taking him to the vet for his care when he was so sick. We have taken him to our vet here and he is fully recovered. He has already gained weight and seems taller than when we got him. **Toby** has the most wonderful personality. We've had him less than 3 weeks and can't imagine life without him. His behavior is very good. Our cats are not fond of him, but he leaves them alone. He uses the pet door, will "sit" most of the time, and can shake hands to get a treat. We're working on Wait, Off, and Drop It and will start him in a training class next month. We have learned that we can't leave food on the kitchen counter and that we need to pick up the squeaky toys at night. When we applied for a dog, we indicated that we didn't want a puppy, so **Toby** isn't what we asked for, but he sure is what we needed! Seems like this pup knows how to steal a heart or two!

14-038 Ozzie is a cute 7-year-old Golden/Border Collie mix that was returned to us from the surrendering family after he growled at their 1-year-old son who liked to climb all over him. Described as a gentle soul, his family told us he had come a long way in the nearly two years they had him. Interestingly enough for a Border Collie mix, they told us he was



supposedly not interested in chasing balls and did not like toys. Sure enough, he was pretty shy when we got him. After taking him in for initial vetting, he was placed with Susan in Phoenix. **Ozzie** is a great dog with a lot of potential as Susan has written us. *What can I say about Ozzie? I knew there was something special about him when I first learned of his availability. Adopting him has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. He is shy and a little bit insecure, but is growing more confident with each passing day. He is very gentle and can even play with my 12-pound terrier and never hurts him. Not only is he already best buddies with both of my terrier mixes, but he is a great leader for them. Each day is a joy for me watching Ozzie thriving. He can now recover from loud noises better than a month ago. His overall fearfulness is dissipating. We will continue to go to new places and experience different situations so Ozzie can truly enjoy life and be the dog he was always meant to be.* We are so happy for this cute boy!

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Linda Knight, Health Care Manager

It was a delightful late Spring/early Summer for Arizona, and **AGR** was instrumental in saving many Goldens with the help, as always, of your generous and loyal contributions. **AGR** alone could not begin to pay the vet expenses needed to make these Goldens healthy and adoptable. It will make you smile to know how you directly bettered the lives of the following beautiful and very thankful rescued dogs. As you read below, you will also realize that lives were saved with your help. **AGR** and the following *Diamonds In The Ruff* Goldens thank you! Second quarter vet expenses exceeded \$14,150.

10-045 Ricky has been a medical miracle for **AGR**. He was rescued in 2010 and expected to have only a short time with us. **Ricky** fought long and hard for 4 years. He had several health issues that he triumphed over including degenerative heart valve disease, Cushing's syndrome, thyroid disease, valley fever, swollen lymph



nodes above his heart and lungs, and a Meibomian cyst that was removed from his lower left eyelid. In early May, dear **Ricky** presented with swallowing problems. A tumor was found in his esophagus along with lungs that were full of pneumonia and fluid, and he was in the early stages of megaesophagus. All this was just too much for **Ricky**. Alongside his Mom, Susan, **Ricky** went to the Bridge and will be missed by all who knew him. As his personal groomer, I know I will miss this little, sweet, gentle soul. He lives on in all of us. Second quarter vet charges exceeded \$1,100.



13-104 Bella continues to be another fantastic save! She is recovering nicely after her liver poisoning last year and continues to need follow-up testing and careful monitoring. Another scheduled liver biopsy showed great news! **Bella** was doing well overall and was active and was eating well (on a special diet) and had actually gained weight! Great deals of love and care from her new forever family were working. She is now off all meds except colchicine, which she will need to be on for life. We are all thrilled that although there is some liver damage from the initial onset, there is no liver failure, and the damage is not severe or ongoing! **Bella's** second quarter expenses were in excess of \$1,700.

14-025 Kathy/Katy was a puppy mill rescue dog from **AGR's Operation Spring Breakout** at the end of March. She was skittish, tucked her tail, did not like being on a leash – just all around a special needs gal. She was a breeder female and was afraid of just about everything and was not housebroken. She needed some tender love and care and a very special gentle family to teach her to trust in humans and be a Golden that is loved. An **AGR**-approved cardiologist discovered that **Kathy** has sub-aortic stenosis along with a grade $\frac{3}{4}$ heart murmur, amounting to severe heart disease. The cardiologist advised it would be better to have **Kathy** spayed to avoid any risk of infections including pyometra. Due to **Kathy's** heart condition, careful precautions were taken by **AMSC** as they performed a specialized spay, which included preventative antibiotics prior to her surgery. **Kathy**, now known as **Katy**, was adopted by a loving family that had experience with a puppy mill mama years ago (read her adoption story on page 14). As soon as they saw her picture, it was a done deal! **Katy's** cumulative vet bills were just under \$1,000.



14-029 Lamar, now known as **Conner**, is another **Operation Spring Breakout** puppy mill rescue. Like **Kathy**, **Lamar** was skittish and intact at almost 5 years of age. He only knew the life of a puppy mill stud dog. **Conner's** foster described him as arriv-

ing with a very long fear list much like the Cowardly Lion. He feared humans, touch, toys, walks, noises, treats and car rides.

Conner had no concept of any obedience commands – he did not know how to sit, lie down, play with toys or even just relax for 5 minutes. After 3 months of loving fostering, **Conner** is seeking out love and affection on his own. He cannot get enough love and affection, pets and rubs, and now loves to be brushed! He is learning to enjoy treats, wags his tail and gets excited for walks. **Conner** is very smart and picks up on things quickly. He now knows how to sit, come, lie down on command and now loves his human doggie bed and is a great snuggler. He still has to work thru some fears and learn more obedience commands, but he progresses daily. He has transformed from a cowardly lion to a Lion King! Medical expenses for a complete workover, some behavior modification and neutering were close to \$1,000. Wow – an incredible transformation!



14-036 Toby was a very sick puppy at 4 months of age when he came to **AGR**. His previous owner was unable to afford the medical care needed which was suspected to be parvo or an obstruction. **Toby** was put into isolation at **AMSC** and was treated for dehydration and a possible strange strain of parvo, even though blood tests were negative. No foreign body was shown

on X-rays, but his white blood count was virtually non-existent. IV antibiotic and fluids and expert care brought **Toby** around in a few days. Vaccines and other tests were performed when his immune system was back up and running. Total hospitalization and all testing and vaccines resulted in over \$2,300 in vet expense. **Toby's** life was saved, and he is now a happy puppy! Neutering is to be done when **Toby** turns about 10 months old.



Note how cloudy Rocky's eyes appeared when we first rescued him

14-041 Rocky/Bilbo is a miracle puppy! He was abandoned at the **Pinal County Shelter** in a stray area cage that they provide. He was tiny – barely 8 weeks old and so small he fit into Dana's (**AGR's** transporter) hand. When **AGR** first received the call, this pup was going downhill fast. It was Memorial Day Weekend... Dana rushed to Pinal County and drove the puppy to **AMSC** where **Rocky Balboa** (named for the fight he was fighting) was put into isolation and was seen immediately. **Rocky** was suffering from severe dehydration and was put on IV fluids. He was infested with ticks and had an upper respiratory infection. If he had not been seen at that time, **Rocky**

would not be alive today. His glucose levels and red blood count were extremely low due to the infection. As he was supervised, nurtured and given the meds needed to sustain his life, **Rocky Balboa** won his fight of a lifetime! Within a day he was up and walking around the isolation ward at the clinic! **Rocky** also had such horrible eye conditions that he was suspected to be blind. He was treated for those, as well, and with the proper care and antibiotics, his eyes were healing! No blindness! He did have corneal abrasions but was on his way to total recovery! The first time he barked at a ball, he scared himself! Low glucose levels still presented but they were increasing slowly. After 6 long days, **Rocky** was well enough to go home to his new forever home – and that was with Dana and his family, who renamed this cute little guy **Bilbo**! This was an incredible save! We all thank Dana, who acted so quickly and brought **Rocky** into Rescue. Heartfelt thanks also to **AMSC** and everyone who sent up prayers and good wishes for **Rocky**. Total vet expenses including eye care and hospitalization ended up being over \$5,500.



Bilbo is now a healthy, happy puppy

August Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

By Deb Orwig

We made a plea in the May issue of this newsletter for donations for our Special Needs Dogs. In the past, it was for such dogs that we collected money in support of our *Bowl-a-Rama* team, and all the money raised was designated to help these dogs. This year we are not participating in the *Bowl-a-Rama*, but we are still in need of your donation to help our Special Needs Dogs. Quite a few of you used the Pledge Form and envelope that were included in the May newsletter and sent in donations; many more of you have not yet done so. To date, our summer fundraising campaign has brought in \$2,335. Although this is a nice amount, it is a far cry from last year's *Bowl-a-Rama* total of \$6,483. I am asking you again to please find that Pledge Form and envelope (or use one of your own) and send **AGR** what you can manage. If that amount is only \$5, fine; if it is \$1,000, fine. Your support is what is important, regardless of the amount. Please help our furkids like the ones described in *Diamonds in the Ruff* above and those that have yet to come into our Rescue program who need extraordinary veterinary intervention in order to be brought to good health. The address to which you should send your donation is:

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Valley Fever Alert!

By Deb Orwig

Valley fever, also called *Coccidioidomycosis immitis*, is a fungal disease that commonly affects people and dogs living in the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. The fungal spores of the valley fever organism are released into the air when the ground is disturbed by construction, farming and after rainfall. The dust storms in southern AZ during the summer could be carrying spores of the fungus that causes valley fever. The spores are inhaled and lodge in the lungs where the infection begins. If a human or a dog contracts the disease, the symptoms could manifest in days, weeks or months, or the individual may not exhibit any symptoms until the disease is very advanced. It is for the latter reason that **Arizona Golden Rescue** has every dog tested for valley fever when it comes into our Rescue program. Please be on the alert for the following symptoms in your dog:

- Fever
- Cough
- Fatigue and lethargy
- Joint aches
- Weight loss
- Lack of appetite
- Limping
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Draining sores from skin (dogs only)

The disease is not contagious except in the case of draining sores. It can be passed to humans through draining sores on dogs.

According to the Mayo Clinic, in addition to the above symptoms in dogs, humans may exhibit any or all of the following:

- Chills
- Night sweats
- Headache
- Chest pain - varying from a mild feeling of constriction to intense pressure resembling a heart attack
- Shortness of breath
- Red, spotty rash (humans only)

If you or your dog develop any of these symptoms, get tested right away. The disease is usually curable if caught early.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

~Sherry Anderson

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Roxy Collins/Fritzer



Otis Davis



Midge Foust/Korycki



Tyler Frankfort



Houston Fullington



Max Guilbault



Samson Kearns



Sailor Lamont



Ricky Parker

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.

Samantha Prankevicus



Joey Strong

Beni Zemel



Florence Padavano
Beloved Mother of AGR Member Denise Padavano

Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love, they depart to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog; it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs your heart is very big.
~ Anonymous

Summertime, and the Livin' is Easy...

August is the height of the summer. In the Southwest, daily temperatures can reach 110° or more day after day. Swimming can be a great way to cool off for both you and your dog, but pool or lake fun can be dangerous. Be sure your dog knows how to swim and how to get out of the pool, and protect him or her from overdoing it. Also, be wise to recognize symptoms of heat stroke and heat exhaustion, and protect your dog from getting sunburned. Take precautions to keep your dog safe when there are thunderstorms.

Teach Your Dog To Swim

By Deb Orwig

Having a pool and a dog can either be a disaster or a lot of fun. Even if it is a retriever, your dog will not intuitively know how to swim. You can help your dog learn to swim so you will both have a great time in the pool. As with children, even after your dog knows how to swim, **never leave your dog unsupervised around a pool, especially if your pool is not fenced.**

Safety tips for dogs around pools are the same as those for children. If possible, install a see-through pool fence with a self-closing and self-locking gate. Have a pool alarm that goes off if the gate is opened. Have a ramp or ladder at the steps for ease of exit.

My pool is not fenced and cannot be fenced (there's no room), so I have taught all my resident dogs, foster dogs and visitor dogs not to go in unless I say, "Want to go for a swim?" I also have their favorite pool toys in hand when I use this "trigger," so that they know it's OK to jump in when I throw the toys in. How do I teach them not to go in? If they go in before they get the signal, I go in and haul them out and firmly say, "NO, you don't go in unless you're invited!" Usually they go in uninvited only once, maybe twice, then they learn to ignore the pool.

AGR does not recommend shaving a Golden Retriever in the summer. The coat actually insulates the dog from the heat as well as from cold. In addition, shaved dogs can get sunburned and may develop skin cancer as a result. The dog's nose, eyes, and ears can be vulnerable to sunburn also. If you and your dog spend a lot of time out by the pool, ask your vet about sunscreen for your dog.

Wait at least an hour following a meal before you allow your dog in the pool.



Control your dog in the water by using a leash or long line attached to a life jacket, a flat buckle collar, a swimming harness, or a regular harness with the leash attached from the front rather than the top.

Show your dog where the steps are and insist that he exit the pool on the steps and not try

to climb out over the side. It may help orient the dog if you put an easily visible marker like a potted plant or a flag by the steps. Show him the steps from the deck and say "steps." Then take him a short distance away and repeat. Reward him with a treat or favorite toy.

When you start swimming lessons, ideally you should have a helper with one of you in the pool and one of you on the deck. Say "steps" and gently place the dog in the water with his feet on the top step. Let him relax on the top step for awhile. If you are by yourself, attach a leash or long line before you put him in the water and stay by the side of the pool. If necessary, put your arms around him and carry him further into the pool.



Something else you can try to help get your dog used to being in the water is to put her on a floatie. She will probably be a little nervous at first but will relax and might even doze!

Once you have coaxed the dog down to the second step, put one hand under his chest and the other under the back part of his belly to help hold his rear end up and move him off the step. His legs will automatically start paddling – he should look like he is running in the water. You may need to help him by moving his rear legs for him, because if he just uses his front legs, he will most likely sink. His neck should extend forward and his head should not point up. If necessary, tempt him with a treat to get him into this position. It may also help the dog orient properly in the water if you give him a toy such as a Water Wubba® or a Kong® bumper that he can carry in his mouth – carrying the toy will help him level out.



At first, stay in the shallow end and keep the lessons short – no more than ten minutes.

Once he is out of the pool for the day, rinse him off or give him a shampoo. Be sure to dry out his ears or ear infections may develop.

If your dog is in the pool a lot, ask your vet if human swimmers' ear preventative drops would be OK to use on your dog. A good home remedy for preventing ear infections is mixing 1 part white vinegar with 1 part vodka. Put a couple drops in each ear after you dry out the ears. Check the dog's eyes, too, as they may become irritated by the chlorine and need to be rinsed with an eye flush.

After your dog learns to swim, don't let him overexert himself. Swimming is a physically demanding exercise, and he can easily become fatigued. Make the dog take rest breaks and watch for signs of exhaustion.

If the unthinkable happens and you find your dog motionless in the water, get him out of the water immediately. If he is not breathing, hold his rear legs up to let water drain. Put him on his side. Clear any debris from his mouth, close his mouth with your hand, and apply mouth-to-nose resuscitation and chest compressions. Take him to the vet as soon as possible even if he begins to breathe on his own.

Water Intoxication – A Water Safety Warning for Dog Owners

By Sharon Flores, Intake Team Member

An article in the June issue of *The Whole Dog Journal* caught my attention, and I was amazed that excessive water intake could lead to an uncommon but deadly problem for a dog (Flaim, 2014). The article discussed how dogs can drown on land. I sent a copy of the article to Deb and she suggested I research this condition and write a short article for our newsletter.

Water intoxication is an uncommon, but potentially deadly problem. Taking in more water than the body can handle leads to hyponatremia, which is a condition that depletes sodium levels in the body. The body then tries to rebalance the low blood sodium by increasing fluid intake inside the cells. Lou (2012) discussed the concepts in her article about how some organs can tolerate this for short periods of time but the brain cannot – this is because it is housed inside the skull in which the bones are fused together. When the brain starts to swell, the fused bones in the skull do not move. As the brain swells and pushes against the bone it begins to cause damage. Flaim (2014) gives the signs and symptoms of this problem:

Lethargy, bloating, vomiting, loss of coordination, increased salivation, pale gums, dilated pupils, difficulty breathing, seizures, or losing consciousness. Symptoms may not occur until 30 to 45 minutes after the fun outing and the dog is resting on the pool deck, floor or couch. Water intoxication can happen to any dog that ingests too much water too quickly. (Flaim, 2014)

What is more refreshing for human or animal when the weather heats up than jumping into some cool water? People may not swallow water as they swim, but your dog probably does. Some dogs swim with their nose pointed up and their mouth clamped shut while others swim with their head low in the water, and if they are holding a tennis ball in their mouth lots of water can go in. Flat toys are a better choice for retrieving in the water. A dog that loves to bite at a stream of water from the hose or sprinkler could swallow more water than is good for him because the water comes out of the hose under high pressure (Carmel, 2013). Dogs who love to play in the water for hours, fetching or diving, will do so until they are totally exhausted (Chelenza, 2010).

Who would believe that water could be a problem, especially living in the desert? Just pay attention to your dog during and after water play. Know your dog and take breaks to go to the bathroom, allowing the dog to get rid of extra fluid. It would be devastating for a fun game to turn out deadly before you even know it is happening (Rachele, 2010).

I do not have a pool nor do I go to a lake, but by sharing this information maybe it could help someone else and their beloved companion, and that's all that matters!

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Water Therapy for Dogs

By Jolene Schlichter, AGR Grants Writer



Simba joined our family on March 29, 2014. He is a big, beautiful, cream-colored alpha male who loves to play. However, not unlike many dogs, he has some behavior issues that we need to work on, so we invited Teryl Hall, AGR's Behavioral Consultant,

to come to our home. Teryl observed a difference between the appearance of **Simba's** rear legs and recommended that Dr. Ferguson at *Four Legged Friends* take a look at his hips. During her examination, Dr. Ferguson determined that **Simba's** hips were OK, but his right thigh muscle was atrophied. She referred us, with *AGR's* approval, to Jeffrey Flocker, MPT, CCRT, CCRP, LMT, at *Canine Physical Rehabilitation of the Southwest LLC* (<http://caninerehab.com/>). Jeffrey was originally a physical therapist for humans but now specializes in canine physical therapy. His work with dogs in water therapy includes an underwater treadmill and a pool with an elevator platform to lower the dogs into the pool.

Jeffrey observed **Simba's** gait and during his examination, he found that **Simba's** right rear leg muscle is approximately 30% smaller than his left. Most likely this is due to an untreated injury before he came to *AGR*. Jeffrey felt scar tissue on the muscle. Even though it appears that **Simba** is not in any pain, he is quite aware of the area, and tried to move away during the examination. He has compensated for the injury, by not fully extending his leg when he walks. So daily walks will keep him fit, but this muscle will not benefit from them. Jeffrey advised that swimming is the best therapy for **Simba**. This is challenging, because **Simba** avoids water whenever he can. He even walks around puddles!

Before we went to the pool, Jeffrey applied a cold laser treatment for two minutes. Cold laser therapy stimulates cell regeneration. Then Jeffrey put a life vest on **Simba** (photo below) and lowered him into the pool. **Simba** was relaxed as he was sitting submerged on the platform (photo below left).



Jeffrey held him as he led him off the platform, into the pool. At first, **Simba** went into "flight mode" (photo above right), trying to get out of the water at any cost. It turns out that **Simba** is actually a good swimmer, but he lacks confidence. He was happy when the swimming lesson was over!

Jeffrey also recommended LigaplexI, a nutritional supplement that

supports connective tissue repair. This pill is given once a day for 40 days.

Now, it is our opportunity to continue the water therapy, but we first had to teach **Simba** that the pool is fun! It was a major accomplishment that we got him to play ball in our shallow area.



Simba swimming smoothly at end of lesson

We have special toys just for the pool. With encouragement, we are hopeful that he will enjoy playing fetch in the pool and swimming with us during the hot Phoenix summers! Who knew that therapy could be so much fun?

Ed. Note: Jeffrey Flocker's very informative and interesting website says of him... Jeffrey obtained his master's in Physical Therapy from Northern Arizona University after completing his undergraduate degree in exercise science. Jeffrey has completed both his CCRT from the Canine Rehab Institute and his CCRP from the University of Tennessee and now serves as a clinical instructor/mentor for both programs. He is one of a very few in the country who have completed both certifications. Additionally, Jeffrey has been a certified massage therapist through the New Mexico Apprenticeship in the Healing Arts since 1989 and has completed a number of specialized canine courses. His years in human PT were spent treating complicated pain, myofascial pain and orthopedic cases. Jeffrey has experience in rehabilitating many canine conditions including:

- Cruciate Ligament Post Surgery
- Hip Dysplasia
- Post hip surgery, whether TPO, FHO or THR
- Elbow dysplasia
- Luxating patella
- Arthritis
- Obesity
- Disc Ruptures – post surgery or conservative management
- Stroke (FCE)
- Brachial plexus strains & tears
- Muscle atrophy
- Biceps, Tendonitis & other tendon injuries
- Iliopsoas strains (hip flexors)

If you are interested in possibly pursuing water therapy for your dog, you can contact Jeffrey by phone at 480-390-3183 or by e-mail at dog-rehab@cox.net. The facility is located at 309 E Harvard Ave, Gilbert, AZ.

Avoiding Heat-related Injuries in Dogs

by Nate Baxter, D.V.M.

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The first thing that needs to be understood [about heat-related injuries] is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the information cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures are for people other than what I learned in first aid.

Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes through exercise to

make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiological changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile – they need intravenous fluids and electrolytes and lots of them.

Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient means of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate, so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan, that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate.

For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, i.e. shade, or in a vehicle with the air conditioning on (driving around so the vehicle does not overheat and the AC is more efficient).

Alcohol: I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate – you can use too much as some is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the dog's temperature down.

Watching temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temperature and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend to get a rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones from the drugstore I have found to be very unreliable. Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when you are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up. This is VERY IMPORTANT: once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temperature starts at 106.5°, and then next time it drops to 105.5°, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how the temperature continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102°, it will drop way too low [below 101°]. I cannot emphasize this point enough.

When the dog is so overheated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective.

Do not worry about hydration until the temperature has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is at risk for bloat. Due to the heavy panting, dogs will swallow air mixed with a large amount of water, and they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting, then allow water. The dog will rehydrate itself after its temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment for overheating is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dog's response to different environments. Another very important point: Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put it in a box or small crate. Remember, evaporation can not take place in a tight space – the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog.

After doing a 15-minute in-yard drill on a warm 70+ degree day, my dog was panting pretty hard and was pretty hot. She was OK but it was time to stop. Just for the heck of it I took her temp. She was 103.6°, above normal but not too bad for a dog that had just finished working. In my back yard I have a 300-gallon Rubbermaid® tub filled with water. I took her to it and she jumped in and out 3-4 times. She appeared totally improved, tongue was much smaller, and eyes brighter and her full spring was back into her step. So I retook her temp and it was 104.2°, so even though she looked better she was hotter. This is a perfect lesson to show the importance of not getting a hot dog wet and then putting them in a box. The water on her skin caused the blood vessels to constrict, decreasing blood flow to the skin. Therefore the hot blood was shunted back to the dog's core and retained the heat. You may have felt the same thing, after exercising – but still being very warm – take a shower and get cooled off. As soon as you turn the shower off you start sweating again.

Fear of Thunder and Lightning

This 3-part tip sheet includes a good article from the *Humane Society of the United States* website.

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Part 1

While a good “kraack” or “boom” may have been good while Batman was taking down the Joker, such startling sounds are no joke for your dog. Firecrackers, thunder and other loud, out-of-

nowhere sounds often leave dogs frightened and wanting to flee to a safer place. These types of fears may develop even though your dog has had no traumatic experiences associated with the sound. The good news is that many fear-related problems can be successfully resolved. If left untreated, however, your dog's fearful behavior will probably get worse.

The most common behavior problems associated with fear of loud noises are destruction and escaping. When your dog becomes frightened, she tries to reduce her fear. She may try to escape to a place where the sounds of thunder or firecrackers are less intense. If she feels less afraid by leaving the yard or going into a certain room or area of the house, then the escape or destructive behavior is reinforced because it successfully lessens her fear. For some dogs, just the activity or physical exertion associated with one of these behaviors may be an outlet for their anxiety. Unfortunately, escape and/or destructive behavior can be a problem for you and could also result in physical injury to your dog.

Your dog may also begin to associate a particular startling noise with other things in her environment, and she may grow afraid of these other things because she associates them with the loud noise that frightens her. For example, dogs who are afraid of thunder may later become afraid of the wind, dark clouds, and flashes of light that often precede the sound of thunder. Dogs who do not like the sound of firecrackers may become fearful of the children who have the firecrackers or may become afraid to go into the back yard, if that's where they usually hear the noise.

What You Can Do to Help

Create a Safe Place: Try to create a safe place for your dog to go to when she hears the noises that frighten her. But remember, this must be a safe location from her perspective, not yours. Notice where she goes, or tries to go, when she's frightened, and if at all possible, give her access to that place. If she's trying to get under your bed, give her access to your bedroom.

You can also create a "hidey hole" that is dark, small, and shielded from the frightening sound as much as possible. Encourage her to go there when you're home and the thunder or other noise occurs. Consider using a fan or radio near the spot to help block out the sound. Feed her in that location and help your dog associate that spot with other "good things" happening to her there. She must be able to come and go from this location freely. Confining her in the "hidey hole" when she doesn't want to be there will only cause more problems. The "safe place" approach may work with some dogs, but not all. Some dogs are motivated to move and be active when frightened and "hiding out" won't help them feel less fearful.

Distract Your Dog: This method works best when your dog is just beginning to get anxious. Encourage her to engage in any activity that captures her attention and distracts her from behaving fearfully. Start when she first alerts you to the noise and is

not yet showing a lot of fearful behavior, but is only watchful. Immediately try to interest her in doing something that she really enjoys. Get out the tennis ball and play fetch (in an escape-proof area), or practice some commands that she knows. Reward her with praise and treats for paying attention to the game or the commands. As the storm or other noise builds, you may not be able to keep her attention on the activity, but it might delay the start of the fearful behavior for longer and longer each time you do it. If you can't keep her attention and she begins acting fearfully, stop the process. If you continue, you may inadvertently reinforce her fearful behavior.

Behavior Modification: Behavior modification techniques are often successful in reducing fears and phobias. The appropriate techniques are called "counter-conditioning" and "desensitization." These techniques condition or teach your dog to respond in non-fearful ways to sounds and other stimuli that have previously frightened her.

Part 2: Fear of Thunder

Many dogs are disturbed by thunderstorms; some have full-blown thunderstorm phobia. "Affected dogs relentlessly seek the attention of their owner or some safe place and puff and pant as they pace to and fro, sometimes losing control of their bladder or bowels in their anxiety.... In extreme cases, dogs have been known to tear through screens and hurl themselves out of windows," writes Dr. Nicholas Dodman in "The Dog Who Loved Too Much." Dogs who display no fear of storms as puppies may develop this fear later in life, and often, thunder-phobics exhibit other anxieties as well. Dr. Dodman writes that phobia treatment usually involves careful reintroduction to the fear-inducing stimulus, also known as desensitization. (For example, use tape recordings of storm sounds.) However, many times dogs have a relapse.

The respected *Tufts University* vet proposes another theory: that frightened dogs are being affected by a build-up of static charge, explaining why some dogs retreat to bathrooms – to discharge the build-up. They are seeking out conductive surfaces such as sinks, pressing on the pipes in the bathroom. A sink is typically supplied by metal pipes and therefore acts as an electrical grounding device. Says Dr. Dodman: If the cause of thunderstorm phobia is that dogs are receiving small static shocks during storms, it would explain why programs focused on desensitizing dogs to the sound of thunder meet with little success. He suggests that measures to prevent static electrical charge build-up may have preventive value and might benefit as part of a desensitization program. Anti-anxiety medication such as buspirone can help.

An effective technique that *PAW's* Nancy Klein uses for her doggie **Auggie**, suggested by a certified specialist in the Bach Flower Essences: add Rescue Remedy to the dog's water on days when the weather report calls for thunderstorms, and to use Rock Rose

specifically (for terror) when the storms are occurring. The drops can be placed on the tongue, or mixed with purified water and misted in the dog's face.

Part 3

The following tips were condensed from an article by Golden Retriever owner Gwen Thee

Crate Training: Crate-trained dogs may cope better during the storm if confined to their own safe place. An airline crate, or a wire crate that is covered, may work better than an open wire crate.

Calm Reassurance: Some dogs need to be reassured that there is nothing to fear. If the storm makes you nervous, your dog may be picking that up. However, be careful not to inadvertently reward the dog for a fear reaction. If you positively reinforce fear reactions with soothing sounds or stroking when the dog exhibits fear, the reactions will continue. By ignoring the storm and carrying on with a normal routine, you convey that the storm is no big deal. Another way to reassure the dog without reinforcing the fear reaction is to massage or brush your dog in long even strokes.

Positive Reinforcement: If your dog has a favorite indoor game, or a special treat, try to absorb him in that during the storm. Practice this during storms, and hopefully the dog will eventually associate the storm with good things.

Noise Desensitization: Exposing your dog to different loud noises, and always making sure something good happens, can help to reduce the dog's sensitivity to noises. You can play tapes of storms, starting at a low volume and working up to very high volume, and stroke, play with, and teach the dog to ignore the sound. **K-9 Consultants** produced a tape with sound effects and instructions available at some pet supply outlets or by calling 800-952-6517.

Severe Reactions: These may require behavior modification (see a canine behavior specialist) and/or drug therapy involving such drugs as Tranxene and buspirone, or beta-blockers such as Propranolol and Inderol (administered only by a veterinarian).

Homeopathic Remedies:

- Phosphorus HPUS 30C: Drop 3-5 pellets down the back of dog's throat (without touching them yourself) every 15 minutes until you see improvement in the dog's behavior, then stop. Dosage may be repeated if necessary.
- Aconitum Napellus 30C: Given in the same way Phosphorus is used.
- For milder thunderstorm fears, the Bach Flower (Rescue Remedy or Nature's Rescue) is recommended. Place 4 drops on the dog's tongue or side of the mouth, or in the dog's water bowl. Dose may be repeated 4-5 times an hour.

For more dog tips about pet care, adoption and the work **PAW** does, visit their website at: www.pawsrescue.org

HERE and THERE

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Stress Relief at ASU

By Deb Orwig

On Friday, April 11th, we were invited to a dorm party from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Tempe (main) campus of **Arizona State University**. Perhaps they had heard we had visited the West Campus several times with our dogs and everyone had a great time. In early April, Kristin Godwin, a Junior in Architecture Design School and the Community Assistant in **Arcadia Residential Community for Design and Arts**, contacted me and invited **AGR** to come to their dorm. The event they were



Kristin Godwin with Mufasa



ASU students, most of whom board at the school, loved being with our dogs, as they missed the dogs they left at home, and some had not been home for nine months

– water slide, crafts, food, music etc. – and our group was to be the centerpiece. The students loved, loved, loved the dogs – we had 14 with our group – and many students gravitated to the area when word spread that we were there in a nice grassy, shaded



Rocky Pulis likes walking himself!



Casey Pulis watching dogs beg for treats from Donna Novak; Gail and Dana are in back at right

spot. It was really a delightful way to spend a Friday afternoon. Included in our group were Tony Cotner and his sister, Jan Newland, with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley** and **Caleb**; Donna and Berek Novak with **Jackson** and **Annie**;

Deb Orwig with **Troy**, **Mufasa** and **Duffy**; Jane and Casey Pulis with **Rocky** and **Major**; and Cindy Tigges with **Charm**, **Duey** and **Koso**. This was a fundraiser, not a fundraiser – in fact, it cost each of us \$10 to park in the parking garage, which was a surprise because we had been told we could park for free. Apparently, nobody gets free parking at **ASU**, even people who volunteer their time to entertain the students! In thanks for our company, the students spent the next couple weeks collecting salty snack bags and sent us 76 of them!



Poster created by Kristin Godwin to advertise AGR's chip bag collection; posters were hung up all over the dorm and the students managed to save 76 bags in just a couple weeks!



Tony, Dana, Gail and Chris

Dog Rescue, **Breeder Rescue**, **Fallen Feathers** and **Kit Kat Rescue**. The host provided a double booth space for us, and it was in a great location in the driveway along the south side of the Shelter. We had our merchandise there for sale and several volunteers throughout the day including Bill Atkinson with **Thunder**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Gail and Dana

put together a nice basket of dog-related items and also gave them a 50-lb bag of dog food that someone had donated to **AGR**. There were 63 vendors, with several rescue groups besides **AGR** including **Akita Advocates**, **Animal Rescue Friends (ARF)**, **Arizona Cattle**



Bill with Thunder surrounded by admirers



Bill with Thunder and Patrick with Annabelle

Haywood with **Caleb** and **Riley**; Deb Orwig with **Dolly**, **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; and Sue Vallie with **Oliver**. Jodi and Jay Koblack also stopped by for a while. We received \$85 in donations and sold \$50 in merchandise, which we thought was quite good since several other Rescue groups were there and it was a first-time event.



Sun Valley Animal Shelter Pet Expo

By Deb Orwig



We had a very nice day on Sunday, April 27th from 10 AM to 4 PM at a Pet Expo hosted by the **Sun Valley Animal Shelter** at 7150 N 110th Ave, Glendale. This first-time event was designed to increase awareness about **Sun Valley Animal**

Shelter, as well as to promote adoptions and pet-friendly goods and services in the West Valley. In lieu of a booth fee, we were asked to make a donation for the Shelter's raffle. I



Mother's Day Gift Wrapping

By Deb Orwig

Friday, May 9th was a lovely day to sit outside with friends, dogs and not do much of anything except enjoy the nice weather and conversation. During the day, we did wrap about 8 gifts and collected \$344.28, which included the sale of 8 bandanas that Deb had made from patriotic fabrics, so \$312 in



Fred Prose with Gracie on his lap; Connie Wozniak and Martha McDowell in wuff-back; Tony Cotner with Mufasa, Barklay, Duffy and Daisy



Deb Orwig with Duffy, Dolly, Mufasa, Troy and Barklay Panosian, one of Duffy's brothers who was visiting for a week

donations. Joining our group this day were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Martha McDowell; Deb Orwig with **Troy, Dolly, Mufasa, Duffy** and **Duffy's** brother **Barklay**, who was visiting from Prescott for a week; Fred Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; and Connie Wozniak. It was terrific to have **Barklay** with us, for it was the first

time we had seen him since he left our "puppy zoo" (i.e., the group of six puppies rescued on March 17, 2014 and fostered at our house for six weeks). I don't think **Duffy** and **Barklay** recognized each other (although they look like bookends) or really knew they are related, but they sure had a grand time playing with each other for the week!



Debbie Ball with Shiloh



Tony, Liz and Chris with Daisy, Gonzo, Nash and Jack

On Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day, there was a surprising amount of traffic in and out of the store, especially for a Sunday. Joining us during the day were Debbie Ball

with **Shiloh**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sandra Hansen with **Jasmine**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Caleb** and **Riley**; Martha McDowell; Deb Orwig with **Troy, Dolly, Mufasa, Duffy** and **Barklay**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Sweetie**; and Philip and Ilan Wieser with **Nala** and **Fozzi**. The weather was gorgeous, and we collected \$308 in donations.



Sandra with Jasmine and Gonzo

We had scheduled gift wrapping sessions for the Friday and Saturday before Father's Day, as well, but the weather turned out to be too hot to sit outside with the dogs, so we cancelled.



Mufasa not helping Connie Wozniak wrap!


Phoenix Pet Expo
By Deb Orwig



Booth at Phoenix Pet Expo – after setting up, we had to move the booth farther to the south (right in photo) because wind coming in the open side door (back left) was blowing the merchandise and back drapes around

Since the first one four years ago, **Arizona Golden Rescue** has had a booth at the **Phoenix Pet Expo**. This was the first year, however, that this event was held in the new indoor facility at **WestWorld** in Scottsdale instead of in the **University of Phoenix Stadium** in Glendale. The **WestWorld** venue is just fabulous, so even though it was a longer trip for us who live on the west side of the Valley, it was a better venue than the **Stadium**.

The event took place on Saturday, May 17th from 10 AM to 6 PM. There have been no attendance figures released by the **Pet Expo** people, but it seemed like many more came than in previous years – it was crowded all day until about 5:30 PM when the pet costume contest was over. We had a terrific booth space along the east wall of the facility, right next to one of the food vendors.



Even though this was an indoor event, we set up a tent canopy in the Mega Adoption Area to draw attention to our space; Dana, Gail, Tony and Patrick spent the entire day at this booth and reported high traffic and lots of interest



Jane Triplett came without her dog so that she could help Deb with hers while Deb handled the money and credit card machine in the booth

On Saturday when we first arrived at 8:30 AM to set up the merchandise display, we discovered that a side door right behind our booth's back drape was going to be left open all day so the food vendor could go in and out to the barbecue he had set up outside. That arrangement was not going to work, as the wind was blowing around all our merchandise and the booth drapes. So, we got hold of the president of the Expo

and she commandeered a couple of staff members to help us move our entire booth (a double space with 6 tables plus **Hug 'N Pups** grooming setup) 10 feet farther to the south so that we were away

from the door. It worked out well, although we really scrambled to get everything rearranged in time for the 10 AM opening.



Hug 'N Pups personnel Linda Den Beste, Alia Dunken and Tom Blake trimmed dog nails all day

We again shared our booth space with **Hug 'N Pugs Grooming Salon**. They did nail trims for donations all day and generously gave all the money they collected, \$239, to **AGR**. We thank them so much!



Linda working on a dog



Cindy Tigges and Charm manned the Wheel of Fortune for most of the day

Our Wheel of Fortune was very popular! For \$1 per spin, someone could win 1, 2 or 3 toys or, if their spin landed on the one "5" spot on the wheel, they won 3 toys plus a box of **Blue Dog Bakery** treats. All the toys had been donated by **PetSmart** and the dog treats by **Blue Dog Bakery**, so the \$260 we

collected was all profit. We also had a fantastic raffle which included a large dog bed and all kinds of toys and treats, again all donated items, and that brought in \$103. Our merchandise sales were terrific: \$382 plus \$175 for our new T-shirts with embroidered Golden. Our ambassadogs also collected \$139 in donations. Our total for the one-day event was \$1,298, a very good day!

On Friday afternoon, Tony Cotner, Dana and Gail



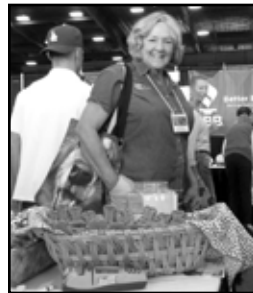
Ray Morales and Reno Navarette came in the late afternoon with Austin and stayed to help clean up

Haywood, Liz Tataseo and Connie Wozniak helped me set up the booth, as well as a tent canopy, table and chairs in the Mega Adoption Area. Liz helped load up Deb's car at the house, and all helped with unloading at the venue. At the booth, we just unloaded everything and carted it in, leaving the actual set-up of the merchandise until Saturday morning.



Tom and Sally Fetherston brought Molly and Rocky mid-day and stayed for a couple hours; Sally kindly returned at 5:30 PM to help pack up the booth

On Saturday, the following volunteers helped out during the day: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sally and Tom Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Caleb** and **Riley**; Sandra Hansen; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Debbie Mikol with **Hogan**; Reno Navarette and Ray Morales with **Austin**; Deb Orwig with **Dolly**, **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo; Cindy Tigges with **Charm**; Jane Triplett; Sue Vallie with **Oliver** and **Penny**; and Connie Wozniak.



Sue Vallie checking in at our merchandise booth

There to help with booth break-down were Tony, Patrick, Sally, Sandra, Dana, Gail, Ray, Reno and Deb.

Hug 'N Pups personnel who trimmed nails all day included Linda Den Beste and helpers Tom Blake and Alia Dunken.



Sheila Joyce, Sandra Hansen and Connie Wozniak; Connie was there all day working behind the merchandise tables, which she so expertly arranged to showcase our sale items



Meet-and-Greets

By Deb Orwig

Summer in Arizona is a particularly brutal time for Meet-and-Greets, primarily because we must be indoors. Although we have sandwich board signs on the sidewalk pointing to the store in which we are set up, the people traffic is not nearly as great as when we are set up outside. People cruising through the parking lot do not stop and come into the store because they see our sign. Fewer people with whom we interact means less money collected in donations. One benefit is that the members who come to each Meet-and-Greet usually have a lot of time to talk among themselves and get to know each other better, and the dogs get a chance to socialize, as well.

During the summer, we are indoors at the **Petco** at 99th Ave/ Northern Ave on the first Saturday from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. We are also at the **Pet Planet** on Via Linda in Scottsdale on that first Saturday from 11 AM to 3 PM. On the second Saturday, we are at the **Pet Planet** in Chandler from 11 AM to 3 PM. On the second Sunday, we to to the **PetSmart** on 91st Ave between Olive and Northern Ave in Peoria. On the third Saturday, you can find us at the Bell Road, Glendale **PetSmart** store and at the **Pet Planet** in Tempe, both from 11 AM to 3 PM; and on the fourth Saturday

at the **Pet Planet** in Paradise Valley from 11 AM to 3 PM. We do not do the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** at all if it is too hot to be outside. There is no place for us to set up inside except at the very back of the store by the **Banfield Veterinary Clinic**, and there are so few people that come all the way to the back of the store that it is just not worth our time to be there. We can set up in the front of the store just inside the doors at all the other stores mentioned above, which is why we do continue to go to these places when it is hot.

Liz Tataseo chairs the **Petco** location and the Bell Road **PetSmart**. Connie McCabe hosts the **PetSmart** in Peoria and when we do the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart**, Denny Myrick hosts. Dana Haywood chairs all the **Pet Planet** locations. Our thanks to all of you!

 *Meet-and-Greets at Petco*
By Liz Tataseo



Liz Tataseo gathering information to give to an interested family

We had a good time May 3rd outside, and June 7th and July 5th inside the store meeting and greeting the public. It did not seem busy any of those months and the donations were down quite a bit, but we did hand out many brochures and lots of information.



Shotzie Workman and Ginger meet Deb Orwig for the first time



Debbie Ball and Sheila Joyce

On May 3rd, joining in were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Deb Orwig with **Dolly** and **Duffy**, Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip** and Shotzie Workman with **Ginger** at her first Meet-and-Greet!

We were inside on June 7th, and gathering at the front



Sheila and Patrick in back, Liz and Chris in front



Don Krause

of the store were Debbie Ball with **Shiloh**, Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**, Deb Orwig with **Dolly** and **Troy**, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash** and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**. Shotzie Workman and her granddaughter dropped by with **Ginger**, and it was good to see Don Krause.



Dustin Falke and son with Trip and Sebastian

Dustin Falke and son with **Sebastian**, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**, Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip** and Jane Triplett with **Bubba**.



Nash trying to get a cookie from underneath the gourmet treat bar



Regular ambassadogs Nash and Jack Spiel and Trip Tataseo

Please think about joining us for a couple of hours the first Saturday of the month since the more dogs we have, the more donations we get. Our summer hours are 12:30 to 3:30.

 *Meet-and-Greets at Pet Planet*
By Dana Haywood

Chandler Pet Planet –1949 W Ray Rd, Chandler

April 12

Joining us today were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Sharon Flores with **Honey**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Caleb**, Jan Newland, and Judy Petitto with **Sandi Joy**.



Chandler Pet Planet store



Customer enjoying having Troy on her lap

Patrick without **Annabelle** also came by.

July 5th saw our group made up of Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**,



May 10
We had a nice-size group today consisting of Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Sharon Flores with **Honey**, Gail Haywood with **Riley**, Dakota Nomakeo, Deb Orwig with **Dolly**, and Judy Petitto with **Sandi Joy**. Dana was not able to come today.



Above: Regular volunteers at Pet Planet, Chandler Judy Petitto with Sandi Joy, Sharon Flores with Honey, Tony Cotner with Daisy, and Gail Haywood with Riley



Judy Petitto with Sandi Joy and Dakota Nomakeo

June 14
At the **Pet Planet** in Chandler today we had Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Caleb**, Dawn and Dakota Nomakeo with **Bilbo** and Judy Petitto with **Sandi Joy**.

July 12
We had a nice time at the Chandler **Pet Planet** today, July 12. It was great to have Tiara Mik-



Left: Tiara with Jaxx, Jim, and Dana on the floor getting mobbed by Daisy and Riley; Right: Jaxx found a tennis ball



kelsen there with **Jaxx** at his first Meet-and-Greet. Also attending were Sharon Flores with her daughter Amy, who was visiting from Mon-

tana, and Jim Henkel. Patrick Doyle was there with **Annabelle**, Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and Gail and Dana with **Riley** and **Caleb**. Although it was a quiet day with the heat we still were able to collect \$23.00 in donations. I want to thank everyone for coming and am looking forward to when we can be back outside again.

Tempe Pet Planet – 5150 S Rural Road, Tempe

April 19



Above: Gail with Caleb and Riley, Ruth, and Tony with Daisy; Below: Sharon with Honey, Dolly and Duffy, Dana and Gail with Riley, Ruth, and Tony with Daisy



Attending today were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Caleb**, and Ruth Pulliam. This is one of our newer locations, and we hope to get more attendance now that we are in the Southeast Valley again.

May 18
Our small group of volunteers consisted

of Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Sharon Flores with **Honey**, Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley** and **Caleb**, Deb Orwig with **Dolly** and **Duffy**, and Ruth Pulliam.

June 21
I don't have photos for this month (sorry!), but attending were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Gail and Dana with **Riley** and **Caleb**, and Ruth Pulliam.

Paradise Valley Area Pet Planet 12605 N Tatum Blvd, Phoenix

April 26
Joining us on this day were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**, and Jolene Schlichter with **Simba**. It was nice weather so we were still able to be outside.



Above left: Our new table banner; right, Jolene with Simba. Below: Group on May 24: Jay, Jodi, Tony, Patrick, Liz and Gail

May 24
We were able to set



up outside again on this nice Saturday. Joining the group were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Gail and Dana with **Riley** and **Caleb**, Debbie Mikol with **Hogan**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**. Jay and Jodi Kolblich also stopped by.



John and Wendy Nelson with Jake

June 28

We had a very nice day being inside for the first time at this location and had several members attending. This was **Bilbo's** first time at this **Pet Planet** – first time out without Mom Dawn also, and he did well. Attending were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, **Caleb** and **Bilbo**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; and John and Wendy Nelson with **Jake**. Sally Fetherston also dropped by for a while.



Gail watching Sally with Bilbo

Via Linda – 8912 E Via Linda, Scottsdale

May 3



We had a pleasant day at **Pet Planet** Scottsdale and were protected from the heat by being on the north side of the building and also having an awning overhead. Our usual participants for the East Valley included Gail and me along with **Riley** and **Caleb** and Tony

Cotner with **Daisy**. We also had a surprise visit by Martha McDowell. The manager of this **Pet Planet**, Vanessa, was the normal supportive individual that we have had with all the **Pet Planets** and offered us a place in the front of the store if it got too warm. Vanessa will be transferring to the Paradise Valley store, as Daniel, the current manager at that store, is moving up to Corporate, but we were assured that our spot at this store was secure. We collected \$52.96 in our three hours there and spoke with quite a few people who do their shopping at the **Fry's Marketplace** which is located in the same area as the **Pet Planet** store. If only a few of the people who took the brochures sign up, we should do better than the single



Martha, Tony and Gail

dollars that are put into our donation jar. Overall, we had a pleasant day. Thanks to Martha and Tony for coming out.

June 7

Attending today were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Jan Newland, Martha McDowell, Dakota Nomakeo, and Gail and Dana with **Riley** and **Caleb**.



Martha, Gail, Dakota, Jan and Tony

July 5



Tony with Daisy and Gail with Caleb, Riley and Bilbo



Adorable little Bilbo

As it was a holiday weekend, we expected traffic to be slow, but we were present at the Via Linda **Pet Planet** in Scottsdale anyway. Attending were Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**, **Caleb** and our newest member to the East Valley Meet-and-Greets, **Bilbo**.



91ST AVE, PEORIA – Connie McCabe, Chairman

April 13, 2014



People: Anne Kowalski, Chris Spiel, Fred Prose, Karen Davis, Pat Morgan and Jill Prose; Dogs: Salty, Jack, Nash, Star, Gracie, Caesar, Jasper, Sunny and Grizzly

We had a lovely day today at the Peoria **PetSmart**. The weather was perfect and we met a lot of great people. Even though the foot traffic seemed light, we still managed to collect over \$97 in

donations for the dogs. Christine Spiel had a great idea – she went to the **Dollar Store** and bought all of the dogs their own set of Easter bunny ears. They wore them quite proudly, too.



Patrick Doyle with Annabelle, who seemed happy to be wearing bunny ears

Many thanks to Nick and Patrick for helping to set up and load up. Thanks also to Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Anne Kowalski with **Salty**, Pat Morgan with **Sunny**, Fred and Jill Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**, Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**, and of course, my **Grizzly**. **Winnie** couldn't come today because she decided to go for a swim right before we were supposed to go, and she had to stay home.



Anne and handsome Salty

May 4, 2014.



People: Chris Spiel, Jane Triplett, Shotzie Workman, Fred and Jill Prose, Pat Morgan, Patrick Doyle and Sheila Joyce; Dogs: Jack, Nash, Bubba, Ginger, Jasper, Gracie, Sunny and Charlie (Annabelle not visible)

We had a terrific day at the Peoria **PetSmart**, even though it was a little too warm (100° +). Many thanks to Nick Dodson of course, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Pat Morgan with **Sunny**, Fred and Jill Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**, Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**, Jane Triplett with **Bubba**, and Shotzie Workman with new **AGR** girl, **Ginger** (photo at left). And I took **Winnie**, since she didn't get to come last month. We earned over \$98 in donations and gave out a lot of literature and **Fry's Community Rewards** information.



Nash looking proud

These gatherings are such a great way to meet people and get new members. We met Shotzie there last fall, and there she was on Sun-

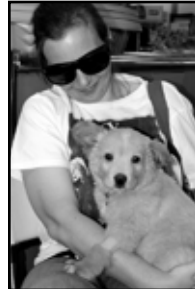
day, sporting her brand new **AGR** girl, **Ginger**!

June 8, 2014.

What a terrific turnout today! It was way too hot out for the gang, so we stayed inside. Joining **Winnie** and me today were Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Caleb** and **Riley** and their daughter, Dawn, with new adoptee, **Bilbo**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Deb Orwig with new adoptee, **Dolly**; Susan Parker with new adoptee, **Ozzie**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**; Shotzie Workman with **Ginger**.



Connie in back corner trying to get photo of all these dogs



Dawn with Bilbo



Deb showing a little girl the proper way to give a treat to Dolly – hand flat, treat on palm



Susan with Ozzie

Nick was kind enough, as usual, to set up and take away. Many thanks to everyone who joined us today! It was a very pleasant way to spend the afternoon and



Jasper looking none too happy to be wearing booties

get acquainted with all our new adopted dogs. Great bootie modeling, too! It was fantastic to see **Bilbo** recovering and doing well with Dawn, and **Ozzie** well on the way to his new life with Susan.

7290 W BELL ROAD, GLENDALE – Liz Tataseo, Chairman



Deb, Jane, Chris, and Bill with dogs

We were at the Bell Rd **Petsmart** on April 19th and June 21st. In May, we attended the **Phoenix Pet Expo**, so skipped our date at **PetSmart**. Now that it is warmer, we set up inside just in front of the grooming salon. April was quite good, but not so much in



Dolly with new friend Mia

\$153.81 was donated in April but only \$27 in June. We had a great turnout both days with volunteers and dogs.



Goldie Guilbault is the second dog we rescued and is now 15 1/2! Looking great, Goldie!

In April (our appearance was the day before Easter), all the dogs had bunny ears to wear, thanks to Chris Spiel –

they all looked adorable as long as they left them on their heads.

Joining in on both dates were Patrick Doyle with **Anna-belle**, Teri Guilbault with **Goldie** or **Jack-son**, Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie** or **Gonzo** and Jane Triplett with



Winnie with Liz

Bubba. Adding on in April were Bill Atkinson with **Thunder**, Deb Orwig with **Dolly** and **Troy**, and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**.

In June, Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**, Fred Prose with **Jasper** and **Gracie** and Connie McCabe with **Winnie** joined us to meet and speak to the public about Rescue.

June – we had competition from an All-Breed Rescue that had a lot of puppies. It was also very hot outside, so maybe the weather caused the number of shoppers to be down.



Jane with Bubba, Thunder coming in at right



Teri, PetSmart trainer Heather, and Chris



Jane, Liz, Teri, Patrick and Fred



Connie and Teri having a chat

MAYO BLVD – Denny Myrick, Chairman

May 3, 2014

An excellent **AGR** turnout on this Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet that coincided with **PetSmart's** quarterly special adoption weekend. Of the three months in this quarter, May, June and July, May was the only one with weather cool enough for us to be outside. This store is not a good inside-store location for us, so we cancelled our appearance there in June and July and probably also will do so in August. It was a really good day for us in May –we collected a total of \$279! Thanks, everyone!



Sienna and Riley Sable



From left to right: Wes Harrington with Sadie and Andie; Sally Fetherston with Rocky; Cynthia Wenström with Hannah; Tom Fetherston with Molly; Teddi Axne with Palmer; Cindy Tigges with Duey and Koso; Taryn Tigges with Charm; Denny Myrick (host) with Molly; Jolene Schlichter with Simba. Not in photo: Debbie Sable with Riley and Sienna; Pam Spicer, photographer.

Apparent Exception to Laws of Physics

Scientists are confounded by the discovery that an exception to the laws of physics seems to exist where “Goldens In The Bed” are concerned. For years scientists have discussed the phenomenon whereby the Golden, without visibly increasing in size, expands to fill the bed. Now they are truly puzzled by the discovery that not only do Goldens expand and contract when sharing a bed with humans, much like gas under pressure, but during the afternoon nap, Goldens actually increase in weight. This increase in weight is so substantial as to make it impossible for the Golden who jumped up to share a bed for a rainy afternoon nap to jump down again a few hours later. Worse, this weight gain makes it impossible for the owner to remove the dog from the bed, and if the dog is positioned properly, to remove him/herself from the bed. Golden owners are advised to use Extreme Caution when napping with Goldens. Not only is this habit forming, but owners may find themselves trapped in bed for hours at a time!

~ Anonymous

Fore! Paws Golf Tournament



By now, you have all received the fabulous postcard that Connie McCabe designed to advertise our 6th annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* showing cute puppy **Duffy Orwig** with some golf balls. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th at **Camelback Golf Club**. We will have a 1 PM shotgun start with a 4-person scramble format. The tournament

will be followed by a fabulous dinner, which is available to nongolfers too, so plan to join us for the day or just for dinner. If you are a golfer and register by September 20th, the cost will be \$110; after that, the cost to golf will be \$135. A foursome before September 20th is \$440; after that, a foursome is \$540. Several levels of sponsorship are available – check them out on the golf registration website: www.golfinvite/agr You can register to play, to sponsor, or just to have dinner. Dinner is included in the golfing fee, but for nongolfers who want to join us for the meal, it will cost only \$35 including tax and gratuity (\$45 after September 20th). During dinner you will have a chance to win some spectacular raffle items and bid on some incredible silent auction items. We will have our merchandise there for sale as well, and Connie is making a great effort to have the 2015 calendars back from the printer by then too. All profits go to help our dogs, of course. We will need volunteers to help with set-up on Friday afternoon starting at 12:15 PM at Deb's house or meeting us at the Golf Club at 2 PM, as well as volunteers to help finish the set-up on Saturday morning, help with registration, and help with raffle ticket sales, merchandise sales and with the silent auction check-out. Please plan to join us! Contact Deb Orwig at golf@arizonagoldenrescue.org or 623-693-0589 if you have questions about the tournament or to pay with a credit card.

Congratulations!

To Taryn Tigges, daughter of **AGR** Members Cindy and Gary Tigges, for graduating from **Horizon High School**; Taryn will be attending **Northern Arizona University** in the fall to prepare for a career in physical therapy.

To Dana Craig Haywood, son of Gail and Dana Haywood, for completing a Master of Science degree in Information Technology with a concentration in Network Management from **Colorado Technical University**. Dana Craig has been instrumental in the creation and management of **AGR's** website and database. He will soon be pursuing a doctorate.

Fry's Community Rewards Program

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Fry's. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

Your supporters (103 households) who shopped at Fry's between 03/01/2014 and 05/31/2014 (Cycle 2013, Qtr 3) have contributed to your \$804.89 total donation. Thank you for your continued support of your local Fry's store.

Fry's Community Rewards Staff

Ed. Note: Please link up today! It's money for AGR with no cost to you and no work for us!

Pet First-Aid Kit

Creating a pet first-aid kit is a smart idea that will prepare you to act quickly in case of emergency. Put everything related to your pet's health issues in an easily-accessible bag. A clear plastic tote is ideal, as that will allow you to readily find whatever you need, and you can place a card with emergency numbers on the inside facing out so they are easily read. On your Emergency Numbers card, be sure to include:

- Phone number of your veterinarian
- National Animal Poison Control Center – open 24/7/365; charges a consultation fee; 1-900-680-0000
- Closest veterinary Emergency Animal Hospital phone number and address

Include a folder with copies of all your pet's medical records. These records will be most important if you have to take your pet to an Emergency Animal Hospital or to a veterinarian who is not your regular vet; for example, if you have need of a vet while on a trip out of your home area. If you leave your pet home with a pet sitter, leave copies of these records, as well as a letter signed by you giving the pet sitter permission to have your pet treated by a vet.

A very handy item is a book on pet health care; there are several good ones available. Be sure to read it before you have to use it!

Keep a list of substances which might be found in and around your home that are toxic to pets. Such a list is available under the Education tab on our website, www.arizonagoldenrescue.org

Carry a blanket or large towel in your vehicle. These can be used to wrap a cold animal or to carry an animal that is injured or bleeding.

First-Aid Kit contents should include:

- Tweezers
- Dog nail trimmer
- Styptic powder – to stop bleeding if you cut a nail too short
- Scissors
- Bandages and gauze
- Betadine sponges – for cleaning cuts and wounds
- Eyedropper
- Peroxide – use to induce vomiting upon ingestion of non-food object or if pet eats something toxic; can also be used for cleaning wounds
- Rubber gloves
- Saline solution – regular human contact lens saline solution can be used to flush out dirt, sand, or other eye irritants
- Sterile Vaseline® – will prevent soap and water from getting into your pet's eyes while you are giving a bath
- Sterile telfa pads (non-stick) to put on wound before applying bandage
- Triple antibiotic ointment

After applying what first aid you can, be sure to seek veterinary care as soon as possible to ensure the best outcome for your pet.



A Touch of Gold 2015 Calendar

Connie McCabe, with her masterful artistic skill, is creating an absolutely spectacular 2015 calendar for *Arizona Golden Rescue*! The colorful photo above of adorable little **Bilbo**, a dog we rescued from certain death, is just an example of one of the monthly feature photos. Each feature photo is accompanied by the dog's story, or, as in the case of the *Spring Break-out Puppy Mill Rescue* dogs, their stories. 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, as we will be ordering fewer than we got last year. 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. **NOTE:** If you have an AMBER, TOPAZ, PEARL or GOLD membership, you will automatically receive a copy, as it is one of your membership-level incentives. If you want more than one, you will have to pay for the additional copies. Please be sure to add postage costs to your order if you want your calendar(s) mailed. See Order Form for cost schedule.

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

~Tom Brokaw

Golden Hearts

We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support. All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between April 8 and July 10, 2014. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

General Donations from the Heart

Numerous donations listed below were designated specifically for our Special Needs Dogs fundraiser; other donations were sent in during the same time period without such designation, so all such donations are listed under the General Donations category. Funds specified for Special Needs Dogs so far total \$2,335. Also included here are the "extra support" donations bestowed by the purchase of Copper, Amber, Topaz, Pearl and Gold Memberships. Thank you all for your continued and generous support!

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*In Memory of **Wilson**, beloved Golden of the Gerber Family*
Erin Becker

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Linda and Ward Case

*In Memory of **Midge Foust/Korycki***
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*In Memory of our Golden, **Quincy***
Lynn and Gerard Schevers, Jr.

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Berman; Matthew took loving care of his Golden who
misses his master very much*
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*In Honor of **AZ Giving Day** to thank **AGR** for all you do*
Carol Gora

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*In Honor of **Dolly's First Meet-and-Greet***
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*In Honor of **Troy Orwig** for doing the reading-with-the-kids
All Stars Tutoring Program at **Desert Foothills Library***
Barbara and Virgil "Bud" Owings

In Honor of Karie Wilson

Sue Vallie

Many other donors were listed in the May issue

Ed. Note: Karie Wilson completed an autologous bone marrow transplant, recuperated at home for three months, and is now back at work (physical therapy) full time. Unfortunately, she still has an active tumor for which she will receive daily radiation for two weeks. We all wish Karie well and hope this treatment will get rid of the cancer completely.

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Teryl Hall, who paid **AGR's** entire bill from **Four Legged Friends** for the month of May

Hug 'N Pups Grooming Salon for donating all the money they collected for nail trims at the **Phoenix Pet Expo**

Dave and Nancy Kimmel for their donation of a used fax machine and a doggie door that fits into a sliding glass door

Judy Petitto for supporting **AGR** with a monthly donation charged to her PayPal account

Lori and Anthony Pranckevicius for supporting **AGR** with a monthly donation via automatic withdrawal from their bank account

Kathy Scheib, who donated a Petco gift card worth \$129.95. This card will be used to purchase something nice for the golf tournament silent auction.

Mike Schmidt, who donated such items as raised feeding stands, dog food storage bins, stainless steel bowls, several boxes and bags of dog food, treats and medicines in memory of his Golden who recently passed away

Bobby Vossoughi for supporting **AGR** with a monthly donation in memory of his Golden **Casey**

Thank-You Donations

To AGR from Preferred Hotel Group in thanks for participating in the Corporate Dog House Building at the Wigwam Resort in February

To "Aunt" Connie McCabe and "Uncle" Nick Dodson from Carmen and Suri – we had a great time at your place while our mom and dad (Cara Holland and Jack Craven) were on vacation

To Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson for providing vacation dog care for Katy
Joy and Todd Slagowski

To Connie McCabe for taking all the gorgeous photos at our wedding on May 3rd
Michele Wehry and Mark Hill

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