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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Mufasa Orwig

After the August issue which had a Training theme, my mom, the Editor, decided to put her money where her mouth was and take me through a training course at **Partners Dog Training School**. Boy, their training program is really hard – very disciplined and rigorous – I wasn't allowed to get away with anything sloppy or incorrect. Consequently, I am much

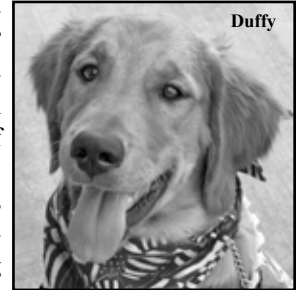
better behaved now after their 8-week program! Mom is currently taking my puppy "brother" **Duffy** through the same training program. At eight months of age, he is the youngest dog in the group, but he is one of the biggest. He is also one of the sloppiest and laziest (so Mom says) – especially with puppy sits, where he rolls onto his hip when told to sit. Both **Duffy** and I were a little intimidated by the tough training atmosphere at **Partners**, but Mom said it was good for us. All I know is that we (including Mom!) needed a nap when we got home!

Training and the exercise it entails are good for us canines and for you humans, too. It makes us more alert, tunes us into what's important (our trainer/handler), helps us learn to ignore things that aren't (all kinds of distractions) and tones up our muscles. New routines cause us to think and to adapt – good exercise for our brains – all of which lead to better health for all of us. Remember, if you have a fat dog, you aren't getting enough exercise!

"Health" is the focus of this issue of *The Golden Paw*. Let's start with one of my favorite subjects: food. Our Rescue volunteers, especially the ones who do home evaluations, transports, and Meet-and-Greets, frequently get asked, "What should I feed my dog?" They always recommend using a good quality food. We know that grocery store dog food is usually not very good quality, but there are so many different foods at the pet supply stores these days, how do you choose one? For a new dog, **AGR** usually recommends using one of the no-grain foods. The best advice I can give you is to feed your dog something he will eat and that does not give him the itchies or the runs. If we Golden Retrievers are going to be allergic to anything, chances are it will be corn or one of the other grains (wheat, rye, oats) commonly used as fillers in many dog foods. When our transporters deliver a dog to a new family, they give the family a copy of **AGR's Your New Dog** manual. In that publication, which is now available on **AGR's** website, is a page entitled "How to Grade Your Dog's Food." Using that rating system, you can decide for yourself if the food you are using or intend to use is a good one. Any food rating 90 or better is considered a really good quality food. For the health of your dog,

do your dog a favor and rate the food you are using. You might be surprised to find that some of the really good foods are not the most expensive ones.

Hi, **Duffy Orwig** here... I have decided that it is not fair for my "brother" **Mufasa** to give you his advice without me being able to chime in with some (I'm a pushy-shovy type of dog). Treats are important for us, too! Don't forget to look at the ingredients in those, as well. If your dog is sensitive or allergic to something in dog foods, be sure that ingredient is not included in the dog biscuits and cookies you buy or make.



Duffy



Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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"Health" is the theme of this issue of *The Golden Paw*. The word has many ramifications when it comes to Rescue and all that the organization encompasses. As a non-profit animal rescue group, **Arizona Golden Rescue's** health is dependent upon the quality of the organization, the strength of its volunteer force and the organization's financial well being.

We have a very well-run organization. Not infrequently, I am told "**AGR** really has its act together" by people who contact us to ask questions or to adopt a dog. Every member who does home evaluations, transports, or Meet-and-Greets is well trained. We provide that training through our mentoring program. We require new evaluators and transporters to do at least two ride-alongs with experienced members. We encourage "newbies" to come to Meet-and-Greets with their newly-adopted dogs and position themselves next to an experienced member to listen to the responses when the public asks questions. We also give them copies of our informational brochure to read, and, of course, they have already read our *Your New Dog* manual. A well-informed representative will always make a good impression.

When we present a public event, we try to have it as organized as possible to make it run smoothly – usually we succeed, and no one is the wiser about what goes on, or went on, behind the scenes to make it so good (unless they come over and see the state of disarray in my house preceding and just after a big event). Case in point is the golf tournament. The entire Golf Tournament Committee did a spectacular job this year! Many thanks to Rich Calta, Liz Tataseo, Dana Haywood, Connie McCabe and Teri Turner,

and our fantastic donation solicitors Vicki Burgoon and Sherry Landwehr, as well as our basket-bow specialist, Martha McDowell, for all their hard work. Liz, especially, deserves my undying gratitude for her organizational skills and for keeping me focused and on task. It was the best tournament we've ever had!

We have many volunteers doing many tasks for **AGR**, but that does not mean there is not room for more – we can always use more help. Our **Membership Manager**, Jackie Engelhardt, will be retiring from her paying job at the end of December. She will be out of state in January and for most of next summer, so she has asked us to find a replacement. It is not a huge task – Jackie will gladly fill you in with what needs to be done, and Dana Haywood and I will always stand ready as backups. If you are computer savvy, this may be a job that would appeal to you. We are also looking for a new **Grant Writer**, too, as Cindy Ferrante has some health-related obligations she must attend to that preclude her continued participation in this very important job. Again, computer and Internet skills will be important for anyone considering this position. Please contact me if you are interested in helping as Membership Manager or as Grants Writer. How about **Health Care Manager**? Teri Guilbault has held this position since our organization formed, but she now has to deal with some health issues of her own. You do not have to be a vet tech to do well in this job, nor do you have to have entire days of free time – Teri works full time – but you will need freedom enough to be able to talk to vets and adopters off and on during some days. When Teri started in 2009, she did not know any more about health issues in dogs than any of the rest of us. But with diligence and a willingness to learn, she has done a fabulous job staying on top of the critical issues many of our rescues have faced. Could you do this job? Please contact me about helping in any of these positions.

This past summer, our finances were a little precarious (much more money going out than coming in) until we participated in the *Bowl-A-Rama*. After I sent out a plea to our entire membership e-mail list, we collected many donations in honor of our special needs dogs and ended up with over \$6,000 more in our bank account. Thank you to all who donated! You can make a donation at any time during the year – it does not have to be a special occasion like the *Bowl-A-Rama* – just by going to our website and clicking on the yellow DONATE button on the Home Page. The Golf Tournament profit of almost \$30,000 gave us a big boost also. The Tournament profit helped pay \$13,534 in vet bills that had accumulated in August and September and will help with \$19,000+ that we already have on our credit card that will need to be paid in November. We will depend on our upcoming fund raisers – the *Paws & Pasta Dinner* on November 10th and all the holiday season gift wrapping, the *Holiday Pet Festival* and *Photos with Santa* at **PetSmart** and **Petco** to make up the difference. End-of-the-year donations are extremely important to our financial health going into 2014. Please use the envelope enclosed in this issue to send what you can. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged.

With Paw Extended

By Liz Tataseo, Director of Operations

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Volunteerism and Health

Being a volunteer is healthy for you! Touching and petting a dog will lower your blood pressure! You have probably read these statements in magazines, newspapers and on the Internet, and they are all TRUE. Yes, volunteering for **AGR** can help you stay healthy and feel good.

A study commissioned by the **United Health Group** in 2010 found that “Volunteers say that they feel better – physically/mentally and emotionally.* For those who volunteered in the past 12 months, 78% said they felt it lowered their stress levels, 80% felt they had control over their health and 94% said it improved their mood.” Why? Because as volunteers they had purpose and felt a deeper connection to their communities.

In conjunction with volunteering, research from the University of South Carolina on human-dog interactions showed that talking to and petting a dog are accompanied by lower blood pressure (BP). **

Wow, **AGR** has both: dogs and opportunities to volunteer! We had a great *Fore!Paws Golf Tournament* with lots of volunteers who helped with loading and taking all the equipment to the location, set-up, registration, raffle tickets, the silent auction, supervision and clean-up afterwards. Without them we would not have had a tournament at all; much thanks to all of them (please read the Golf article on pages 33 - 37 for specifics).

We have many other opportunities for everyone that are not as complex. Meet-and-Greets are a few hours of time spent with your dog and enjoying the company of other **AGR** members and explaining to the public about Rescue. We have other opportunities that just involve bringing your Golden and having a good time, such as the *Stress Relief Day* for **ASU** students on October 22nd – that whole petting thing that reduces BP. We met outside on one of the **ASU-West** fields and students came out to pet and play with our dogs. Many of them miss their own dogs so this is a big treat for them. The **St. Francis Renewal Center** “Blessing of the Animals” is another Meet-and-Greet that involves meeting the public and enjoying time with your Golden and other members.

We are having a dinner, *Paws and Pasta*, on November 10th that donates all the proceeds to **AGR** and involves members in EATING! We do need some volunteers (please contact me for volunteering) to work during that event, but everyone eats and enjoys the afternoon. There is an outdoor patio, so you can bring your

dog and enjoy the company. It is at **Little Bite of Italy** in Sun City, and they provide a wonderful spaghetti dinner with salad, bread, beverages and great desserts. Only \$10 per dinner, and **AGR** gets it all! We will also have our merchandise for sale and a raffle and perhaps also a silent auction during this event.

One of our major fundraising activities involves just coming and meeting and greeting. Gift wrapping at **Barnes & Noble** during the holidays is fun and easy (Happy Valley and Arrowhead stores; we will also be at the Tempe Marketplace store on December 21st only). We only use 2-3 wrappers; everyone else just meets the public with their Golden and enjoys the day. Each dog wears a Donation Vest and people voluntarily give them money; all goes toward our vet costs. No asking is necessary – people want to donate to the dogs. At a special request from the Happy Valley store, we will be on site there during the weekend before Thanksgiving, as well as throughout the rest of November and December. The schedule is shown below, but we often add more gift wrap appearances during the season, so check the website often.

It would be wonderful to see new dog adopters at our events throughout the year. You will receive a monthly message that comes from our website that lets you know what events are scheduled and provides directions to the events. Some are listed below and all involve your Golden. Please visit <http://arizonagoldenrescue.org/events/month.calendar/2013/12/08/-> to find out more.

Stay healthy: volunteer and pet your dog!

**Doing Good is Good for You*, UnitedHealth Group, P.O. Box 1459, Minneapolis, MN 55440-1459

**Vormbrock and Grossberg, *Cardiovascular effects of human-pet dog interactions*, Journal of Behavioral Medicine, PubMed.gov

Upcoming Activities

Sat Nov 2 @ 1:00PM - 5:00PM
Petco on Northern Ave and 99th Ave, Peoria, Meet-and-Greet

Sat Nov 9 @ 8:00AM -12:00PM
Bark in the Park hosted by City of Surprise

Sun Nov 10 @ 1:00PM - 5:00PM
Paws and Pasta Dinner, **Little Bite of Italy**, 15456 N 99th Ave, Sun City, AZ

Holiday Season Activities:

Gift Wrapping, **Holiday Pet Festival** and Santa Photos

Sat Nov 23 @ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble**

Sun Nov 24 @ 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble**

BLACK FRIDAY, Nov 29 @ 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble**

Sat Nov 30 @ 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Arrowhead **Barnes & Noble**

Sun Dec 1 @ 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble**

Sat Dec 7 @ 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Holiday Pet Festival at **WestWorld**, Scottsdale

Sat Dec 7 @ 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble**

Sun Dec 8 @ 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Arrowhead **Barnes & Noble**

Sat Dec 14 @ 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Arrowhead **Barnes & Noble**

Sun Dec 15 @ 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble**

Sat Dec 21 @ 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Tempe Marketplace **Barnes & Noble**

Sat Dec 21 @ 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble**

Sun Dec 22 @ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Arrowhead **Barnes & Noble**

Mon Dec 23 @ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Gift Wrapping at Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble**

Tues Dec 24 @ 9:00 AM - 6:00PM
Gift Wrapping at Arrowhead **Barnes & Noble**

Photos with Santa

Dec 7 Saturday 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mayo Blvd **PetSmart**

Dec 14 Saturday 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Arrowhead **PetSmart**
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Peoria **Petco**



Paws Forward

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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Getting our wonderful Golden friends into good, loving homes takes the coordination of many dedicated volunteers. While not one of us is paid for what we do, the rewards are many. Knowing you had a part in getting a dog from a place where it could no longer remain to a fabulous new home is incredibly satisfying.

The first contact a dog has with **AGR** is through the Intake Team.

This savvy group responds to calls to the WAGS line or to e-mails that indicate a family can no longer keep their Golden. They also walk the local shelters to identify Golden or mostly-Goldens that have been surrendered or brought in as strays. The Intake Team makes every effort to determine that the dogs have the Golden personality. They learn everything they can about the dog and transmit the information to the Placement Team.

The Placement Team members are the folks who pore through all of the approved applicants to find what they believe will be the very best home for this dog. They begin searching just as soon as information about the dog is entered into our database. That is why, when people ask about a dog on our website, they are frequently disappointed to learn that a possible home has already been identified. Every applicant who has indicated an interest in a dog of that age group and gender is considered.

In order to have qualified applicants, a volunteer goes through each application to ensure that it meets our basic criteria. The application is then transferred to the Home Evaluation Team, whose volunteers interview the family and examine the home, educating when necessary about such hazards as poisonous plants, open trash cans and blocks stacked against a wall that could allow a crafty Golden to escape. Our goal is a safe, secure environment for the dogs.

It is a Transport Team member who takes the dog from wherever it is to where it is going. It may be from a shelter to a vet, a vet to a home or a surrendering owner to a vet, foster, or new home. Transport team members assist with the introduction of the new dog to the other pets at the home.

Other services available to new placements include coordinating veterinary care, behavioral assistance if needed, follow-up, and finalizing adoptions. Sometimes, when a dog is sick or cannot be placed, fosters are needed. Each area relies entirely on volunteers.

There are other functions which are critical to the successful operation and funding of **AGR**. Each requires volunteer assistance. Some have a more finite or intermittent time commitment than others and might suit your availability. Bringing your dog to a Meet-and-Greet is very helpful for fund raising and letting people know about us. It is good for your dog and a fun way to meet other **AGR** members. I encourage you to get involved however you can.

Mardi Gras Casino is Coming!

We will be hosting a *Casino Nite* with a Mardi Gras theme on **Saturday, February 22, 2014**; food and cash bar will be available. The planning committee is now getting started. If you would like to help, please contact Liz Tataseo at five.goldens@yahoo.com. We will need help with decorations and with soliciting donations.



The Information Highway

By Dana Haywood,
Director of Information Management

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Looking over the last few years at my involvement with **AGR**, I am still amazed at the changes that we have gone through. Along with my wife Gail, I became a member of **AGR** in October of our founding year of 2009. Although we did not plan on becoming active participants of the organization, we soon did after we joined and received our Golden **Riley** (09-033). Our first activity was a **Barnes & Noble** giftwrapping event in Gilbert, which came with an invite to a holiday outing at President Deb Orwig's home. After meeting so many people with the same passion for the Golden Retriever breed as we had, we decided that we wanted to do more. Less than a year-and-a-half later, I was asked to take over the position of Director of Information Management. When I accepted the position, that is when the roller coaster ride of electronic communications started.

During the last couple of years, I have reported updates as to how our new database that was being developed was coming along and changes that were in the works for the everyday electronic communication activities of our organization. I have also informed you about changes to **AGR**'s website, which eventually was totally redesigned and moved over to a new web host that could handle our growing requirements.

This past summer, the database and the newly-designed website were completed. Integration between the two was accomplished, setting up communication between them, thus reducing many redundant data-entry duties. Along with the new web server, our new e-mail server is working much more efficiently than our old e-mail server, and communications are generally flowing nicely.

Now that all of these changes have been finished, my new goal is to improve communications with all members of **AGR**. We recently added a new software program that would allow us to send out mass e-mails using criteria we designate. We can sort by zip code, membership type, city and so on to be able to send out pertinent e-mails to selected groups of members. Some members try to send e-mails from their own computers, but there is generally a limit to the number of e-mails that can be sent at one time without them being blocked from sending, as group e-mails are often seen as potential spam by Internet service providers. With our new program and using our own e-mail servers, we bypass this problem.

Each month, there will be an e-mail released that will inform everyone of the upcoming month's events. With each event reminder, there will also be a link for directions to the event using Google Maps, so everyone should be able to find us with fewer problems.

With advance notice of our events, we hope that more members will attend and spend some time with us to help us promote *AGR*. We also like being able to see how well the dogs are doing in their forever homes.

We will provide you with a name tag to wear when you attend any of our events. The public is more comfortable asking questions if they know who they are talking to. Just notify the host of the event that you plan on attending, and they will ask Deb to make one.

Although we do not require it, we like to have our members wear *AGR*-logo shirts when they participate in *AGR* functions. We used to have available a selection of screen-printed *AGR*-logo T-shirts for purchase that members would wear to Meet-and-Greets and to the events that we attend. We have had to purchase these in bulk, which is costly to have inventory being stored for a long period of time. Also the screen printing on the shirts will fade after a number of washings. Consequently, we will now be going with embroidered-only shirts. They will not be more expensive than what we have been selling, but they will be nicer and hold up longer.

Another benefit of our enhanced online capabilities is that you can order clothing articles right from our website. We formed a relationship with a local embroidery company to do custom-embroidered shirts with no minimum purchase required. There is a wide variety of styles and colors available. To save you postage costs, shirts and other articles that are purchased will be picked up by us and brought to you at a Meet-and-Greet of your choice. You will pay us at the time you pick up the article. Depending on the order size, it can take from a week to a couple of weeks to get the orders in, as the company tries to combine orders to reduce the shipping costs to them from their distributors, so that we can keep the cost down to you.



The Human Connection

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“It’s all about the dogs.”

We say that a lot, because that is why we are all part of this wonderful group. You would not be reading this if it were not for your love for the dogs. But as much as that is true, it takes a lot of hard work from a lot of people to keep this organization, and therefore the dogs, alive and thriving. So, since this is the “Human Connection” column, I am going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and stories about the some of the people you think you know. Hopefully you will learn something new about them and gain more insight to how they got here. I am 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 we learned some things about Deb and Larry Orwig, Debbie Begley, Patrick Doyle and Liz Tataseo.

Now let’s find out a little bit about Debbie and Rick Ball (Members #4A and 4B)... In 2009, Debbie became *AGR*’s first Director of Information Management and oversaw the development and administration of our first website, until her paying job’s heavy workload prevented her from continuing in that position. However, both Debbie and Rick attend many events and help out as much as they can.



Rick and Debbie are from the southwest side of Cleveland, Ohio. They both worked for the Sherwin-Williams Co; Rick for 36 years (now retired) and Debbie for almost 39 years (hoping to soon retire in early 2014). They met over the phone when Rick was a company auditor in Denver and Debbie worked in Stores Bookkeeping in Cleveland. Rick was born and raised in Alliance, Ohio and Debbie was born and raised in Parma, Ohio. Rick was in the Air Force and is a graduate of the University of Akron. He is an avid reader, mostly of historical books and biographies. Debbie graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College, is an active singer and has been singing with various church groups most of her life.

They raised their first Golden, **Kala**, from a puppy of 6 weeks old. Rick surprised Debbie with a trip to a breeder’s home after they were married less than two months. **Kala** was the first puppy she picked up, and Debbie likes to say, “She picked me.” Debbie always wanted a Golden Retriever and not only was **Kala** her first Golden, she was Debbie’s first dog ever. She was the world’s best dog, so well behaved and a beloved baby for Rick and Debbie. **Kala** would learn new tricks immediately after only being shown something one time, such as retrieving Rick’s slippers. She retrieved the newspaper from their driveway every day, learning that when she was only 8 weeks old. **Kala** lived to be one month shy of 14 years old.

Rick and Debbie were active members of **GRIN (Golden Retrievers In Need)** in Ohio. They adopted their second Golden, **Ralli**, from **GRIN**, and brought her with them when they moved to Arizona from Ohio in January 2007. That’s when Rick retired and Debbie got a job transfer with the company to the regional financial office in Phoenix. **Ralli** was a former puppy mill breeding dog and had never seen the inside of a home or even a toy until they brought her home. She was their extra-loving girl, an excellent traveler, and a star at meet-and-greet events.

In May, 2009 Rick and Debbie were eager to share their lives with

another young Golden. They drove to Oklahoma to adopt **Shiloh** from *Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue*, since at that time there were a lot of adopters waiting, and very few adoptable Golden pups from the local Rescues. **Shiloh** is now seen with Rick and Debbie at many *AGR* events.



Numbers 6A and 6B are Connie McCabe (me) and Nick Dodson. Nick grew up in St. Marys, a small town in Ohio. He worked many years in the Goodyear tire and rubber factory and decided to come to Arizona with his wife in the early seventies to find a better job. I came to Arizona in 1969 from a small town near Philadelphia, PA because this is where my husband at the time was being transferred. By the time the mid-sev-

enties rolled around, Nick and I were both single and ended up being next door neighbors in a studio apartment complex. We officially met when Nick came to my door to ask if I could show him how to sew a button on his shirt. Since he fell in love with my first Golden, **Honey**, I knew he was the guy for me. We dated, enjoyed playing pool and watching grade B drive-in movies. Then we got married and kept acquiring more Golden Retrievers in addition to iguanas, chameleons, mice, rats, guinea pigs, gerbils and fish. Our **Honey** was incredible – she loved all of those critters and always guarded them from any other dog, even our own. She let the mice run all over her, and when we brought in a baby pigeon to raise, she patiently let him land on her, too. She lived to be well over fourteen, and she was the dog that made us fall in love with the breed.

Before we met and got married, we had each gone back to school part time to get our Bachelor's degrees, and continued on to finish – Nick with a degree in Education, and me with one in Biology. Even though I had worked as an artist since moving here, I had always dreamed of becoming a vet. By the time I finished my degree, which took 10 years to complete on a part-time basis, I had changed my mind – I knew I couldn't take the heartache that went with being a vet, so I applied to the medical school in Tucson and, thankfully, was not selected. I continued as a full-time artist and dabbled in photography too. Nick tried teaching middle school and high school math for a few years, but decided that wasn't for him, so he returned to the title field. We both decided to take an accelerated Bachelors IT program at DeVry in 1999. The timing was poor, right before the dot com crash, so we ended up staying in our original careers.

We started doing Rescue work in the early nineties for *Arizona Animal Welfare League*, were founding members of *Rescue A Golden of Arizona* in 1998, and then *Arizona Golden Rescue* in 2009. Nick is seen at every major event and also helps with the set-ups for those events and many Meet-and-Greets. Now that he is retired, he does many transports, helps me with the photography and he also helps with MENSA testing on the side. Nick is

also wonderful about sharing the responsibility of caring for our many foster dogs, as well as our own pack.

I go to most events also. Chances are I have taken your or your dog's photo. Just look for the camera and come say hello. When I am not taking photos, I'm editing the photos or working on the *AGR* calendar and other graphics in addition to miscellaneous administrative duties. You may have seen my name on the *PetSmart* adoption form letter, asking you to sign and return all copies – thank you to those who have; to those who have not, please do so. You may have met me during a transport or home visit, and you will also be able to find me at the Peoria *PetSmart* the second Sunday of the month. I will have one of our adopted dogs: **Grizzly**, **Sammy**, **Sasha** or **Winnie**. and maybe also a foster dog to greet you!



Now let's meet Joyce Hubler, *AGR* member number 7... Joyce started rescuing Golden Retrievers October 15, 1998. She formed *Rescue A Golden of Arizona*, acquired a 501 (c) (3) and met many great and lifelong friends, including Deb Orwig, Connie McCabe, Kathi Youhas, Kathy Blue, Angela Palumbo and a host of others. And most importantly, she rescued many hundreds of great Golden Retrievers.

The desire to rescue Golden Retrievers probably came about at a young age. Joyce was born in Akron, Ohio and had two older brothers. When one of her brothers was diagnosed with leukemia in 1951, the only hope the doctor could give was moving to a warmer climate. Joyce's parents sold everything they owned, including the family dog, and moved away to the unknown area of Arizona.

Joyce graduated from Phoenix Union High School but also worked at *Sears* during her junior and senior years. Eventually, and three children later, Joyce joined the *Phoenix Police Department* and served with pride for 22 years, retiring as a Homicide Detective in 1996. A serious bout with breast cancer brought Joyce full circle, and while recovering from surgery and chemotherapy she decided to find herself a hiking companion. After weeks of research it was clear a Golden Retriever met all the criteria for a best friend and hiking buddy. Her first Golden was **Lucy**, although through *Rescue* Joyce acquired many brother and sister Golden Retrievers for Lucy. The most recent Hubler is **Ripley** (shown in above photo with Joyce), a beautiful dog that Joyce found, fostered for *AGR*, and then adopted.

Joyce also operates a Yahoo Group for the *Association of Retired Phoenix Police Board of Directors*, and a separate Yahoo Group and Facebook group for *Retired Phoenix Police Officers and Dispatchers*. Police Officers hold a special place in Joyce's heart, but if you know her, you know the most special place in her heart is reserved for Golden Retrievers, and especially those in need.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Reporting period: January 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013

Total Assets as of October 15, 2013: \$130,398.85

	Income	Expense
Adoptions	\$27,853.00	\$ 2,270.13
Bank, Credit Card, Legal, Prof.		944.72
Bowl-A-Rama	6,413.00	
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	2,760.00	
Casino Event Total ¹	4,437.55	1,370.09
Donations	31,004.36	
Dues and Subscriptions		127.91
Event Expense		700.56
Gift Wrap Events	1,928.31	
Golf Tournament ¹	36,041.20 ²	7,771.03
Grants	4,170.29	1,900.00 ³
Insurance		448.00
Interest	64.79	
Memberships	10,467.00	
Merchandise	2,483.80	791.84
Office Expenses & Supplies		509.84
<i>Paws At The Park Picnic 2013¹</i>	2,094.81	283.46
Auction	520.00	
Donations	146.00	
Raffle	548.00	
Registrations	880.81	
Postage		853.56
Promotional		667.26
Raffle	190.00	
Rent or Lease		900.00
Repair & Maintenance		61.35
Santa Claws Photos taken in 2012	1,250.00	
Stationery & Printing		5,957.84
Telephone & Website		203.19
Vet and Dog-related Expenses:		
Boarding		3,058.40
Behavioral Training		6,994.75
Collars, Tags & Leashes		1,269.80
Microchip & Heartgard® expenses		1,435.33
Veterinary services		98,764.82
TOTAL	\$129,208.11	135,527.06

NET INCOME: - \$6,318.95

Checking Account on 10-15-13: \$38,380.64

Savings Account on 10-15-13: \$82,005.45

The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 10-15-13: \$10,012.76

Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-15-13: \$24,168.42

¹ Income does not include merchandise sales – that income is shown separately

² We received several donations and payments for silent auction items after the books were closed on September 30, 2013, so our total income was higher than this

³ Donation to the Yarnell Fire Fund to help the pets of the families of 19 firefighters who lost their lives in the Yarnell fire; money was taken from *Debbe Begley Fund*

End-of-the-Year Donations

Please consider making an end-of-the-year donation to *AGR*. For your convenience, a remuneration envelope is included with this newsletter. If you can manage it, why not designate a monthly amount to be charged to your credit card? We do not charge a credit card use fee for donations. Even \$10 per month will be a significant donation of \$120 over the course of a year. Would you miss \$25 per month? That amount will add up to \$300! All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in an official letter which will be sent to you in January. The dogs thank you for your continued support!

Health and Safety

By Teri Guilbault, Health Care Manager

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Vetting Our New Rescues and Dental Disease

When our organization brings in a new dog, one of the first items on our list of “to do’s” is to make sure that our dogs are properly vetted and brought current on all of their vaccinations. Our standard list of vetting needs for our dogs includes a thorough examination from head to tail and vaccinations for DHPP and rabies if the dogs are not current at the time of intake, along with a bordetella vaccine (protection against kennel cough) if they will be boarding at one of our vets for a period of time. If the dogs are over six months of age, they will also be tested for heartworm and valley fever and be started on a monthly regimen of Heartgard®. Finally, we will microchip the dogs and register their microchip numbers, so we have the ability to be notified either prior to or after an adoption, in case they accidentally become lost.

During the actual examination of our rescues, we ask our vets to look, in particular, for any suspicious lumps or bumps, at the dog’s ears to check for infections, and finally, to check their teeth. We all know how important dental hygiene is to us, but are you aware of how important it is to our dogs and their overall health? Regular dental exams and dental procedures under anesthesia are extremely important. Dental disease not only affects what is inside of your dog’s mouth, but the bacteria and subsequent infections can migrate to other areas of the dog’s body and cause serious health issues.

I am writing this article just days after we were fortunate to have rescued six purebred English Cream Golden Retrievers from the *Arizona Humane Society*. All were surrendered from the same person as the result of the death of the owner. Four of the dogs have horrible teeth – worn down, some even cracked, and have been scheduled to undergo complete dental procedures to remove

the bacteria and anything else that will cause them pain or infection. One of the dogs currently has an elevated white count, and it is suspected that this is the result of infection from his teeth.

While another of our rescues, **Caesar**, was with his foster, she noticed that one of his eyes was protruding slightly from its socket. We subsequently had him examined by a specialist at **Eye Care for Animals**, who could find nothing abnormal but noticed he had very bad teeth. She surmised that he might have an abscess due to a cracked tooth and an infection that had extended up into the skull behind the eyeball and was pushing it forward. She put him on antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medications and suggested that he have a dental. During that procedure, two cracked molars were found and extracted and it was confirmed that the issue with his eye was, indeed, caused by infection from the abscess.

When **Tami** came to us, she received her vetting and a clean bill of health. As an aside, our vet said that she really could use a dental, as she did have a lot of excess tartar buildup on her teeth. During her dental, he discovered a mass at the back of her gum line and when biopsied, it was found to be cancerous. Due to the location of the mass, it was not feasible to remove it in its entirety without taking a part of her jaw with it. **Tami** is now undergoing a series of injections to stall off the progression of the tumor and is doing very well. Had we not done the dental, we would not have discovered the mass, and we would not have had the chance to treat her and hopefully extend her life significantly.

Watch how your dog eats his kibble or his treats. Does your dog take longer to chew something than normal, or does your dog tend to chew his food on one side more than on the other? This could be a sign that there is a problem. Take a few moments to check your dog's teeth. If your dog will let you, run your fingers around his gum line and around the roof and floor of his mouth – take a peek inside from time to time and see if you notice anything that maybe looks unusual and follow it up with your vet. Keep an eye on the amount of tartar building up on his teeth as well, as that could indicate a potential issue. As always, don't hesitate to speak to your vet about any health concerns you may have!

Inducing Vomiting

Call your veterinarian immediately once you've determined that your dog has eaten something dangerous. Call a veterinarian emergency clinic if your vet is not available. Take their professional advice first **before** you make a dog vomit using **hydrogen peroxide**.

Trap your dog in a secure area, such as a bathroom, patio or kitchen to avoid having to chase it and having to clean up vomit from carpet. If possible, ask someone to help you with restraint to make a dog vomit using hydrogen peroxide, since the job isn't as easy for one person (unless your dog is small).

Give a small dog only about a capful of hydrogen peroxide. Use the cap of a regular-sized bottle of hydrogen peroxide – about a teaspoonful. Administer more – around 2 tablespoons – to a large dog. If you have a syringe, use it to inject the liquid down into your dog's throat.

Wait patiently and quietly until your dog vomits. Know that it occurs soon after you administer hydrogen peroxide, but it can take up to five minutes. Look for foreign objects in the vomit and make sure your dog has expelled the dangerous items it swallowed. Repeat the procedure if nothing substantial comes up. Realize there may be nothing obvious to see if you are trying to help your dog eliminate a poison.

Poison Ingestion

If you suspect that your dog has ingested a poison, call the **National Poison Control Hotline** at **1-800-222-1222** or **ASPCA's** Poison Control at **1-888-426-4435** as soon as possible. **1-800-222-1222** is the telephone number for every poison center in the United States. Call this number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to talk to a poison expert. Call right away if you have a poison emergency. Also call if you have a question about a poison or about poison prevention.

There is now one single telephone number for poison emergencies. BUT there is still a network of 57 poison centers around the country. When you call **1-800-222-1222** you will still talk to your local poison center experts. It is worth the price of the call (have your credit card ready for a potential \$65 charge), because certain poisons will cause further damage to the dog if the dog is made to vomit up the substance.

If you witness your pet consuming material that you suspect might be toxic, do not hesitate to seek emergency assistance, even if you do not notice any adverse effects.

Toxic Foods

Dogs can eat most foods that humans can eat. However, there are several foods you should never give to dogs, because they are toxic. Toxic foods include **ALCOHOL**, **AVOCADOS**, **CHIVES**, **CHOCOLATE**, **COFFEE**, **GARLIC**, **GRAPES**, **MACADAMIA NUTS**, **ONIONS**, **RAISINS**, **XYLITOL** (a sweetener used in gum, candy, baked goods and toothpaste) and **YEAST DOUGH**.

You should not give your dog turkey except in small quantities ("just a taste" is OK). Also, dogs do not produce significant amounts of lactase, the enzyme that breaks down milk sugar (lactose), so limit milk products. In addition, keep salt intake to a minimum (i.e., keep those salty chips to yourself!). Visit <http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control> for more information.

Over-the-Counter Drugs

Many of us use over-the-counter drugs to help our dogs when they become sick or uncomfortable. Numerous over-the-counter medications and supplements are safe to use with our pets. The following chart includes a lot of "safe" drugs and the dosages that are weight-appropriate. Adult Golden Retrievers can receive the recommended adult human dose of many of the medications in the following list. We do not encourage anyone to self-medicate an animal without your veterinarian's knowledge. **Please always check dosage with your vet.**

This list is by no means exhaustive, but it does contain many of the more commonly used substances. The information in this chart was compiled in 2007 by Deb Rising, then a veterinary technician and always a friend of Goldens. She has given us permission to reprint it. Since six years have elapsed since Deb produced this chart, I asked Dr. Valerie Ferguson, owner of *Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital* (3131 E. Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix) to review it for accuracy and make any necessary updates. She said the information was great but added Pepcid, an antacid, and Zyrtec, an antihistamine. Before using any of these over-the-counter preparations, please always check with your veterinarian to determine if their use is warranted and safe for *your* dog. Our thanks to both Deb Rising and Dr. Ferguson for this information!

Name of Drug	Description	Dosages	Additional Info
Activated charcoal suspension (also known as micronized charcoal)	Absorbs toxins; used to treat ingestion of poisons	3 to 6 ml per pound given orally; repeat dose in 1 hour (5 ml equals 1 tsp)	
Aspirin (baby) or Bufferin (Ascriptin)	Pain reliever	5 to 12 mg per pound given orally every 8 to 12 hours	Never use in conjunction with cortisone (steroids) or if a bleeding disorder is present; should not be used post-surgically due to anticlotting effects; long-term use can lead to gastric irritation, ulceration, and bleeding
Benedryl	Antihistamine	1 to 2 mg per pound given orally every 6 to 8 hours	
Beta-carotene	A precursor to Vitamin A; it is converted to Vitamin A by the dog's body and is not toxic, so it can be given safely in place of Vitamin A, which can be toxic in high doses	A 20-lb dog can be given daily a dose of beta-carotene equivalent to 10,000 IU of Vitamin A for <i>short-term use</i> ; a 20-lb dog can be given daily a dose of beta-carotene equivalent to 1,000 IU of Vitamin A. Never exceed the recommended adult human dosage.	
Chlorpheniramine	Antihistamine	A 20-lb dog can be given 2 mg orally every 8 to 12 hours; at no time should the dose exceed 12 mg	A good brand name to look for is Chlor-Trimeton
Chondroitin sulfate	A naturally-occurring compound made up of a combination of protein and carbohydrates; protects joints and can be used to treat arthritis	A 50-lb dog can be given 1,000 mg daily	Often used in combination with glucosamine sulfate; if using both, give your dog half doses of each
Cod liver oil	Used to treat corneal ulcers and/or erosions	1 drop in affected eye daily	Before treating, check with your vet; corneal ulcers and erosions can be quite dangerous, so it is best to use this treatment with veterinary supervision
Colloidal silver	A suspension of tiny silver particles in water	For topical use on burns and wounds; use as a flushing preparation 3 times a day	Sometimes used in valley fever treatments
Cranberry	Herb used to treat urinary-tract problems	A 20-lb dog can be given ¼ of the recommended adult human dose	Best used in tablet form

Name of Drug	Description	Dosages	Additional Info
Dandelion	Herb with diuretic properties used to help reduce pulmonary congestion	A 20-lb dog can be given $\frac{1}{4}$ the recommended adult human dose	Best used in tablet form
Dimethylglycine	Vitamin-like supplement that can be used as an immune stimulant	A dog under 25 lbs can get 50 mg; between 26-50 lbs, can get 100 mg; between 51-90 lbs, can get 150 mg; over 90 lbs, can get 200 mg	Because different companies use different concentrations of dimethylglycine in their solutions, you must check the concentration of milligrams per milliliter listed on the bottle and calculate the number of milliliters to give your dog
Echinacea	Herb used to promote healing of wounds and improve immune system	A 20-lb dog should be given $\frac{1}{8}$ of the recommended adult human dose; use for 10-day intervals separated by a 7-day rest; stop use after three 10-day trials	Obtain organic freeze-dried sources when possible
Flaxseed oil	Herbal oil that encourages healthy skin and a full hair coat; a natural anti-inflammatory agent and immune modulator	A 20-lb dog can be given the equivalent of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the recommended adult human dose; Golden retrievers can receive the recommended adult human dose	Keep refrigerated so that the oil does not become rancid; purchase a human-grade, organic, cold-pressed form of the oil
Gatorade	Sugar and electrolyte drink; can be used to prevent dehydration when treating repetitive vomiting and diarrhea	Put $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in bowl in place of water; when dog empties bowl, wait 20 minutes, then place another $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in bowl; repeat until vomiting subsides	
Glucosamine sulfate	A naturally-occurring compound made up of a combination of protein and carbohydrates; protects joints and can be used to treat arthritis	A 50-lb dog can be given 1,000 mg daily. Golden retrievers with hip dysplasia can get a minimum of 1,500 mg daily	Often used in combination with chondroitin sulfate; if using both, give the dog half-doses of each
Iodine	Mineral that prevents goiter (enlargement of the thyroid gland)	A 20-lb dog can be given $\frac{1}{8}$ of the recommended adult human dose	Give in the form of kelp tablets
Kaopectate	Absorbent used to treat diarrhea and vomiting	0.5 to 1.0 ml per pound given orally every 2 to 6 hours	
Lactobacillus	The "good" bacteria naturally present in the intestines of healthy animals that controls the "bad" bacteria and yeast; synthesizes B vitamins and provides the cells of the intestinal lining with fatty acids	A 20-lb dog can be given $\frac{1}{4}$ of the recommended adult human dose	When purchasing, opt for high-quality brand-name products that are stored in refrigerated areas of the store in order to ensure that the viability of the live bacteria is maintained
Lecithin	A fat found in animal and plant tissue; used to help strengthen the sphincter muscle of the bladder; also aids in promoting mental alertness in old animals	A 20-lb dog can be given $\frac{1}{4}$ of the recommended adult dose of soy lecithin oil daily	Buy fresh bottles of lecithin sold in refrigerated areas; it is important to keep it refrigerated to avoid it getting rancid
Licorice root	Herb that acts as a natural cortisone; helpful in reducing throat swelling and inflammation of stomach	A 20-lb dog can be given $\frac{1}{8}$ of the recommended adult human dose	Do not use for longer than 10 days

Name of Drug	Description	Dosages	Additional Info
Metamucil (psyllium husks, not seed)	Natural source of fiber that acts as a bulk cathartic and prevents and treats constipation	A 20-lb dog can be given ¼ of the recommended adult human dose	It is very important to increase your pet's water consumption when supplying psyllium; if no bowel movement is produced in 48 hours, see your veterinarian
Milk Thistle	Herb that contains antioxidants important for maintaining a healthy liver	A 20-lb dog can be given ¼ of the recommended adult human dose	Used to protect the liver when dog is taking fluconazole for valley fever or other drugs that affect liver health
Parsley	Diuretic herb that can help reduce pulmonary congestion	A 20-lb dog can be given ¼ of the recommended adult human dose	Best to get in tablet form
Pedialyte	Pediatric electrolyte solution that can help to treat eclampsia and vomiting	A 20-lb dog can be given ½ the recommended children's dose	
Pepcid	Antacid; stomach-soothing agent	10 mg twice a day for a dog 40 lbs or less; 20 mg twice a day for dog over 45 lbs	
Pepto-Bismol	Antidiarrheal agent that also soothes the stomach	0.5 to 1.5 ml per pound given orally every 2 to 6 hours for short-term use (1 or 2 days)	Use only for 1 or 2 days; if symptoms continue, seek veterinarian's advice; it may cause the dog's stool to turn black, which is often confused with blood in the stool
Plant-derived digestive-enzyme supplements	A source of enzymes that helps the body to digest its food	A 20-lb dog can be given ¼ of the recommended adult human dose; dose should be sprinkled over lightly-dampened food 10 minutes before it is served	Buy a brand name for humans unless a pet supplement is available; the supplement should contain amylase, protease, lipase and cellulose
Proteolytic enzyme supplement	A specific type of digestive enzyme supplement that contains only protease	A 20-lb dog can be given ½ the recommended adult human dose	For most effective results, give apart from meals; bromelain or papain tablets are recommended
Robitussin DM	Cough suppressant	0.25 to 1 ml per pound given orally every 6 to 8 hours	Because it merely subdues symptoms and makes the animal more comfortable, do not use for more than 4 days without a veterinarian's advice; you could be covering up a more serious problem
Selenium	Mineral used for protecting the immune system; helpful for maintaining healthy heart, joints, and muscles	A 20-lb dog can be given no more than 30 mcg daily without a veterinarian's recommendation	Because it is toxic in high doses, be sure that you are not also providing selenium with any other supplements (or <i>only</i> give in a combination tablet)
Shark cartilage	Natural anti-inflammatory for arthritis treatment	A 40-lb dog can be given 1/3 of the recommended adult human dose	Available in tablet or powder form
Sulfur	Mineral required for synthesis of body proteins; can also act as an antioxidant	500 mg in the form of methylsulfonyl methane (MSM) per 30 pound daily	Purchase in form of methylsulfonyl methane
Trace mineral supplements	Essential minerals that keep the body functioning properly	A 20-lb dog can be given ¼ of the recommended adult human dose	Best form to purchase is chelated trace mineral tablets that contain as many as 74 different trace minerals
Valerian	Herb used for its sedative properties; reduces anxiety and helps to treat muscle spasms	A 20-lb dog can be given 1/8 of the recommended adult human dose	If this dose does not produce acceptable results, double the dose and evaluate the effect; valerian has a bad taste, so mix it with your dog's food to mask the taste

Name of Drug	Description	Dosages	Additional Info
Vitamin B complex	Vitamin that helps to maintain healthy nerves, skin, eyes, hair, liver and mouth	Goldens can use the recommended adult human dose	
Vitamin C	Vitamin used for strengthening the immune system; also, an anti-allergic, anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, anti-viral and detoxicant agent	500 mg per 20 pounds daily; reduce the dose if a soft stool develops	Best purchased in calcium ascorbate or sodium ascorbate forms rather than acetic acid form, which can upset the stomach; try to obtain a brand that includes bioflavonoids
Vitamin E	Essential antioxidant vitamin used for strengthening the immune system	A 20-lb dog can be given 200 IU daily when treating a health problem	Because it is a fat-soluble substance that accumulates in the body, it can become toxic in high doses
Zinc	Essential mineral used for tissue repair and healing, proper immune-system functioning, and healthy skin and coat	A 20-lb dog can be given 10 mg daily; dogs under 20 lbs can be given 5 mg daily; dogs 40 lbs or over can be given 15 to 20 mg daily	Absorbed most efficiently if purchased in its chelated form; potentially toxic in high doses, so be sure you are not supplying in any other supplements; take with a copper supplement, because it may interfere with absorption of naturally-occurring copper
Zyrtec	Antihistamine	0.5 to 1.0 mg/kg once a day; a 20-lb dog can be given ½ to one 10 mg tablet once a day	Sometimes effective when Benadryl is not

CAUTION: Do not ever give Tylenol (acetaminophen) or ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin) to a dog without advice from your veterinarian. Administering such medications to dogs can create very dangerous and even life-threatening complications.

Abbreviations used in table

- kg – kilogram
- lb – pound
- lbs – pounds
- mg – milligram
- ml – milliliter

Conversions

- 1 pound = 2.2 kilograms
- 1 tsp = 5 ml
- 3 tsp = 1 Tbsp
- 4 Tbsp = ¼ cup



Service Paws

By Wendy Enos

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Use It Or Lose It

Earlier this year my service dog, **Sophie**, underwent her second cancer surgery. It really took its toll, and I prepared to retire her if she acted as though she couldn't, or didn't want to, handle her job anymore. Besides, with a new puppy in the house I wouldn't be out and about much anyway, so she was free to take her time recovering and playing big sister to **Cubby**. Weeks turned into months, and she was enjoying the break. Of course, she was fairly obedient at home; it was more habit than anything else. But then I harnessed her up when I had to be out alone, and she acted like

she had never performed her tasks or commands before in her life. Fortunately, it all came back fairly easily with a five-minute refresher course in a quiet little alcove outside the building, but I learned a valuable lesson: dog training, service or otherwise, should be reinforced daily. It doesn't matter whether your dog has been well-rooted in her commands for years. If she doesn't use her skills, she could very well lose them.

Sophie cannot retire just yet, as **Cubby** will not be ready to take over for a year or so. I do not expect all that much from her now because she really is winding down. She will, however, accompany me on a three-day trip soon, and I am glad we did not wait until we were at the airport to realize the critical need for keeping up with her training whether she is actively working or not. All the reinforcement need not be a chore, though. As it is in every phase of training, it should be fun and games, and always positive. Have a great time interacting with your dog and build beautiful memories to treasure for the rest of your life.

Fundraising Opportunities

United Way Donations

Arizona Golden Rescue is an approved beneficiary of donations made to charities through **United Way**. One of our members has donated to us at his job (**United Healthcare**) and was able to designate **AGR** as his preferred recipient. When he signed up for **United Way**, it wasn't readily apparent that **AGR** was one of the choices. But, after he did some digging, it came up as a valid charity. At your workplace, do you donate to charities through **United Way**? Please see to it that **AGR** is earmarked for your donations!

Chip Bag Recycling makes \$\$ for AGR!

We are collecting empty, salty snack bags, which include: individual snack bags, family-size bags and multi-pack snack bags. We are working with a company called **TerraCycle** and we are now part of the **Chip Bag Brigade**. **TerraCycle** is on a mission to eliminate the idea of waste. They do this by creating waste collection programs (each one is called a "Brigade") for previously non-recyclable or difficult-to-recycle waste. The collected waste is then converted into new products. **AGR** will get one or two points for each bag (depending on the quantity we send in each time) and a penny for each point. It can add up when you think of all the snack bags out there. Start collecting now. After eating, just clean out the crumbs and stuff the empty bags in a plastic bag. Turn in your collection at any **AGR** event – we have events all over the Valley.

Spend With Love

We have a new partnership with SpendwithLove.com, a fundraising company that allows us to earn donations through our supporters' everyday spending online and at local stores. We earn new donations when our supporters add an extra click to their online shopping.



If you sign in to SpendwithLove.com and select **Arizona Golden Rescue**, then **AGR** will receive a percentage of all the spending that happens through this site. It is a great way for us to bring in more donations without anyone digging deeper into their pockets. Sign up at www.SpendwithLove.com to start a free account; pick **Arizona Golden Rescue** as the cause that you want your earned donations to be sent to. Start shopping through their site or follow the directions to shop with local merchants and earn donations. Benefits to **AGR** of partnering with SpendwithLove.com include: a continuous stream of donations is brought in; it doesn't cost us anything to participate (in both dollars and very few man hours to manage); we're not asking for anyone to spend extra or donate extra time to help us fundraise, and SpendwithLove.com offers ways to shop local and still help **AGR**.

Fry's Community Rewards® Program

You can help support **Arizona Golden Rescue** just by grocery shopping at **Fry's**! It is easy when you enroll in **Fry's Community Rewards®**. Effective October 10, 2013, **AGR** has been accepted as a participant in **Fry's** new **Community Rewards®** program. By registering with **Fry's** online and using your **Fry's** VIP Shopping Card when doing your shopping at any **Fry's Food and Drug**, **Fry's Marketplace**, or **Fry's Signature** store, you will earn rewards for **Arizona Golden Rescue** every time you shop! Instructions below will guide you through the steps to either create an online **Fry's** account, or to register for **Fry's Community Rewards®** if you already have a **Fry's** online account. PLEASE NOTE: Before you can link your **Fry's** VIP card to **AGR**, you must have an e-mail address.

STEP 1: Creating an online **Fry's** account

NOTE: If you already have an online **Fry's** account, skip to Step 2

- *Go to www.FrysCommunityRewards.com
- *Select *Create an Account*
- *Under *Sign-In information*, enter your e-mail and create a password (write down your password, as you will need it in Step 2)
- *Select *Use Card Number*. Enter your **Fry's** VIP Card number, last name and postal code
- *Under *Select Your Preferred Store*, enter your postal code
- *Select *Find Stores*; choose your store then select *Create Account*.
- *You will then be prompted to check your e-mail for a confirmation e-mail; click the hyperlink in your e-mail to finish creating your online **Fry's** account
- *Continue to Step 2 to register for the **Fry's Community Rewards®** program of your choice: **Arizona Golden Rescue!**

STEP 2: To register for **Fry's Community Rewards®**

- *Go to www.FrysCommunityRewards.com and select *Sign In*
- *Enter your *e-mail* and *password* then select *Sign In* (this will be the e-mail and password you created in Step 1)
- *Select *My Account*, then select *Account Settings* from the drop-down menu
- *Click *Edit* under **Community Rewards®**; if prompted, enter personal information
- *Under *Find Your Organization*, enter the NPO number (**82699**) or name of organization (**Arizona Golden Rescue**), then select *Search*
- *Under *Select Your Organization*, select box next to **Arizona Golden Rescue**, then select *Save Changes*.

If you have registered correctly, you should now see your organization information listed under **Community Rewards®** on your Account Summary page.

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Jude Fulghum

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for; perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from July 6, 2013 through October 5, 2013. All adoptions finalized after October 5th will be in the next issue.



13-015 Dusty came to us from a shelter, where he was so timid and scared that he had to be carried to the car. This cute little 1-year-old Golden/Border Collie mix was taken to the vet for his initial doctoring and then to *Academy West Animal Hospital* for some much-needed socializing. After a month, even though he had come a long way with his training, he was still very fearful. Border Collies are

extremely sensitive dogs, and it was evident that little **Dusty** was afraid of nearly everything. Border Collies are also very clever and smart, and **Dusty** became a pro at opening latches and gates at his foster home! After spending four months with our trainer/foster, Teryl, he was placed with Greg and Gina and their children in Tucson. They wrote: *Greg and I knew we wanted to rescue a dog but had different choices. I wanted a smaller dog to cuddle with and he wanted a Golden Retriever. We had been searching Golden Retriever Rescues when we came across Dusty. We were both touched by his story and he was the best of both worlds – a Golden mix – he was small enough to cuddle with on the couch and a Golden at heart! Dusty is the best dog! He spent 4 months with AGR's behaviorist, Teryl, as a foster. She did amazing work with Dusty and made his transition flawless. We have loved having Dusty every day and are so happy to be his forever home! Everyone at AGR has been great, and they have done so much to make sure Dusty was the right fit for our family. Our forever thanks to AGR for completing our family with Dusty! Dusty is, indeed, one lucky dog and is the perfect example of how patient training can turn a dog probably headed for euthanasia into a much-loved family member.*

13-016 Caesar came to us after a successful career as a Search-and-Rescue Dog with the *Yavapai County Sheriff's Department*. His trainer was transferred to the East Coast, and as **Caesar** was 8 years old it was decided to retire him and let him go on to a life of luxury with a



home of his own. Obviously he knew all his commands and was very obedient. When he came in, his titer for valley fever was high, so he was started on medication immediately. He did have some other medical issues which needed attention. After time at Deb's house, he was placed with David and Doreen in Mesa. His new family reported: *When we saw Caesar on the AGR website we thought he deserved a great retirement home. Unfortunately, Caesar has had a rough few months. He was diagnosed with valley fever; had 2 teeth removed and recently was found to have Cushing's disease. AGR and Dr. Ferguson have been wonderful supporting us, and Caesar has smiled through all the testing. He is an amazing, well behaved, energetic, nine-year-old, who never barks, loves everyone and everything, especially his daily swim and his tennis balls. We love having him in our home. Looks like Caesar has made his final successful Search and Rescue! What a great ending for a very deserving dog.*



13-051 Lucky is a 10-year-old senior that the shelter initially felt was a Lab/Golden mix. Prior to being shaved because of skin issues, he was one good-looking Golden in a fur coat. He initially had a severe dental problem and a broken jaw, and had evidently been masking quite a bit of pain. After a brief stay at *Academy West* and the doggie dentist, he was placed with

Keith and Kim in Litchfield Park who are nursing him back to health. This dog is truly a lucky **Lucky**!

13-054 Charlie is a handsome, 3-year-old red dog that came to us with his forever pal, **13-055 Emma**. They were both immediately placed with Jacquie and Zach in Mesa. After hearing of **Charlie** stealing a steak off the counter, our trainer, Teryl, will be working with him about acceptable behavior! Good taste, **Charlie**! He has been running



with his new mom about 2 hours a day. Maybe he will be so worn out he will not be able to tell steak from kibble (although we doubt it). We are always grateful for applicants who are willing to keep a bonded pair together. Here is what Jacquie reported about the pair: *Let me start by saying, we had no idea what we were getting ourselves into! Taking ONE Golden is a huge feat, but TWO?! Not to mention, we rescued an abused, scared, controlling, anxious little poodle mix four years ago, and SHE would be the one to be "won over" first. Emma and Charlie go where you go, they sit where you sit, they stand where you stand, so getting used to them was a forced relationship. They have the BIGGEST hearts and the BIGGEST smiles you can ever imagine on a pair of sweet dogs. Within a week, our first rescue dog approved and it seemed Emma and Charlie made a home for themselves. Even as I write this, all three dogs are lying on my feet! I love it! I can't remember what it is like to NOT have dogs at my feet. Charlie and I run every day. He is my partner, and that time with him starts my day on the right path. He is my best friend come sun-up! Emma likes to think she is a 10-pound dog – she even tries to sit on my lap! Emma and Charlie both sleep with my 12-year-old daughter and sometimes in her bed with her! It is crazy! They swim as often as they can, they rough house "as if they are on a clock," one mid-morning and one mid-afternoon tumble. It is fun to watch our little doggie try to jump in. In fact, I would say that Emma and Charlie have healed her from so much of her pre-rescue days. They have added years to all of our lives. Congratulations to all of you!*

13-055 Emma is the red/gold forever bud of **Charlie 13-054**, sleeping together with him in a huge crate. **Emma** is an older role model, being 8. She received her initial vetting with a future spay scheduled. She has settled down with **Charlie** as a part of Jacquie and Zach's family in Mesa. Having two big dogs come into your family is always a bit of adjustment, and we are glad both dogs seem to be doing well.



13-056 Max is a typical big red 4-year-old Golden boy that loves to swim and play ball. He received some initial vet work and was placed with Nancy in Scottsdale. **Max** seems to be happy, as he has written us to say: *I'm Max and I found my forever home. I have a new mom, dad, and canine sister named Emma. Emma is 8 and she tells me these nice people rescued her, too, two years*

ago. She loves living here. She likes to play ball, just like me, but she doesn't like to swim. I loooove to swim! The other day I swam for 3 hours and I still wasn't tired. We go for a walk every morning with our mom. We have lots of toys and we get a treat when we take

our medicine. I am soooooo happy in my new home! We're so happy for you, Max, and wish you a wonderful forever life.



13-057 Molly is another funny Goldendoodle who came into Rescue talking up a storm! She is an 8-year-old girl who was so very excited about everything that she was described as a "go-ahead girl" on the leash, loved to bark to express her enthusiasm for just about anything, and met anyone with a joyful zest for life (not always appreciated by the recipient). Once in her foster home

she calmed down and would settle nicely after playing ball or after a long walk. However, she was noted as being a Snarfer Extraordinaire, as she would eat anything she saw! She was so matted when she came in that she was shaved, but those curls are coming back and turning her into the cutest dog. She had a happy ride to her new home with Alicia and Skip in Phoenix, and after some initial sniffing with the resident dog they went off together to do dog things. Alicia wrote: *Molly came to us a little scared and very unsure, but she warmed up to us and her new brother, Oliver, right away. We found out pretty soon that she loves to hike and run. She could be a marathon trainer and pace setter all in one. Everyone she meets loves her sweet, gentle demeanor; but what we love most is how young at heart she is. She's a great addition to our family and we are thankful for AGR providing this opportunity for her and other Golden around the valley.*

13-058 William (Will) is a very handsome and stately senior gentleman at age 11. Prior to coming to us, he had been living the previous 4 years on a farm and was quite used to eating his fruits and veggies. After the farm burned, his owner reluctantly and tearfully surrendered him to us. Although he was generally in excellent health, **Will** was found to



be blind in one eye due to an injury. Didn't seem to faze him though, as his foster, Jane, reported he was having fun chasing the neighbor's dog down the fence line (which is a definite no-no). He also loved to swim and play ball, even at the same time. He was placed at his forever home with Roy, who immediately took **Will** into the pool, a.k.a. Doggie Heaven (at least to **Will**). Roy wrote: *Regarding William (who is sleeping under my desk as I type this), he's a great dog. Loyal, smart, and he loves to chase balls in the pool. He has adapted well to his new environment, and has become rather friendly with his new sister Candee. He is alert and makes sure to tell me if there is something he is concerned about. He enjoys sleeping on his new dog bed, and enjoys going out to the dog park and (what else) chasing tennis balls. He is a joy to be around, and I'm so happy that, even late in life, he has found*

his forever home. From Farm Dog to Pool Boy, we are happy for such a great ending for this sweet dog!



13-059 Dorothy is a one-year-old Golden girl who was relinquished because her owner realized **Dorothy** needed a real family and yard where she could play. A typical retriever that loves the water, **Dorothy** is now happily at home with Gary in Chandler who wrote: *I would like to thank all of the people at AGR for all of your help and follow-up phone calls making*

sure Dorothy was doing well! Dorothy is, without a doubt, one of the sweetest, well-behaved dogs I've owned. Dorothy's loving personality blends in well with our family and of course our other Golden, Chompie... we could not be more pleased with our adoption and the hard work and efforts of AGR. We'd say that Dorothy is definitely in a fabulous place now!

13-061 Oliver is a young black-and-tan Goldendoodle pup (actually looks more like a Gordon Setter) surrendered by his owners, as they were retiring and needed to move to a rental where dogs were not permitted. His personality was described as "goofy Golden" and "adoring of people, with great friendliness and charm." Despite his appearance, we knew he was



a cross between a Golden Retriever and a black poodle. We did a little research and found out that there are several varieties of Goldendoodles. **Oliver's** type is known as a "phantom." He was immediately adopted by Sue and Roger in Goodyear. They are enthralled: *Soon after meeting our resident Golden, Penny, we moved inside to avoid the heat. We sat down while Oliver took a couple of turns around the room, stopped in front of Roger, put his paws on his knees and began kissing his neck. This was after we were told he was afraid of men! How do these wonderful creatures know who needs special attention – but they do. Oliver is a clown, a goof, and a love. With his black-and-tan coloring, he is definitely a Golden in Witness Protection, but the important part, his loving disposition, is pure Golden. He's more than generous with his hugs and kisses. A trip to the mountains gave the two dogs an opportunity to provide each other with reassuring companionship in strange surroundings. Now that Penny is beginning to understand that there's enough love for everybody, they are cautiously starting to have fun together, and she is even sharing her window seat with him. As with people, dogs in Witness Protection always seem to be grateful for their new identities. Congratulations, Oliver!*

13-064 Bentley, now known as **Dooby** (what a great name) is a very handsome, 3-year-old, red-and-white boy. After an initial vet

trip he was locked and loaded up for his new home with Jeff and Nancy in Phoenix, where he was described to us in a follow-up e-mail as an *incredibly smart dog – learned his new name in just a day and is spectacular.* We think Jeff and Nancy are spectacular adopters for coming up with a quintessential name for a Golden. Sounds like everyone is happy all the way around!



13-065 Rhodie came to us from a shelter as an exuberant 1.5-year-old goofy-looking Goldendoodle. Other than some minor skin issues, he was ready to rock and roll with his new family, John and Susan in Gilbert, who have renamed this clown **Hank**. They wrote: *Hank has settled in with the family and is doing great. He is like the*

pesky little brother to our other Golden, Cooper. They play non-stop. Hank is very energetic and a bit on the wild side, so Cooper tends to tire out way before he does. We are trying to get some weight on him, as he was a bit skinny when we got him. He is also signed up for behavior class and some basic training, which he could really use! He has lots of love, toys, attention and a brother who tolerates his nonsense and still loves him. We are very glad to have him, and while he can be 'challenging' at times, we love him dearly! Here's to a happy forever life, Hank!



13-066 Shiloh is a very sweet 9-year-old Golden girl who came to us after her long-time owner passed away earlier this year. She had a bounce in her step and a smile on her face, even though she had lived her entire life with her one owner – the resilience of Golden Retrievers is really amazing! She was placed with Debra and Tim in Dewey who wrote: *When*

Shiloh came to us, she was shy and kind of sad. She has warmed up and her funny nature has blossomed. She loves the ball. She loves to chase it and bring it back to you until she can't any more. (She is on ball 3 and 2 chewed-up doggie toy stuffed lions – 'Shark Tooth' is her nickname.) Shiloh is funny and fun. We are so glad to have her as a member of our family. We all love her. Thank you all at AGR! We are glad to hear that Shiloh is adjusting so well!

13-067 Zoe is a pretty, 1.5-year-old girl, who was relinquished because her owners could no longer afford her medical care. After she was treated for ear issues and spayed, this sweet girl was off to Kathleen and Vadim in Chandler. They have found



some hidden talents in this girl and have renamed her **Guinan** to go with their other **Star Trek** dog, **Tuvok**. They wrote: **Guinan** moved in with our family a week-and-a-half ago and it has been an absolute delight to have her as a part of our family. We did not expect anything, but we had hoped to get an empathic dog to help ease the symptoms of my mental disorder. **Guinan** has shown a desire to become a psychiatric service dog for my mental illness, having become the alarm to wake me up for my medications and the one who can pull me out of an episode. We were surprised that she expressed an interest in being a working dog so early on but are excited by the prospects and wasted no time getting her into training. She is currently in her Good Citizen training to prepare her for life as a service dog. She is warm, loving, and always a delight to come home to, as she just becomes a giant wiggle when her humans come home. **Guinan** enjoys a squeaky elephant when she's playing alone, a rope tug when playing with her Chihuahua brother, **Tuvok**, and fetching tennis balls when playing with her humans. We have also found that she enjoys swimming in my mother-in-law's pool when given the opportunity. She's still working through a slight bit of anxiety when surprised (and she's not incredibly fond of thunder, either) but is making leaps and bounds with clicker confidence building. It is also part of her service training to get her to be more courageous in new and unfamiliar situations. As to how the siblings get along, **Guinan** and **Tuvok** are best friends. Every so often we will find them sleeping together on a dog pillow or the couch. He licks her face when he's on the lap and the two of them do everything together, from playing fetch and walking tandem to **Guinan** teaching **Tuvok** how to swim. **Guinan** is incredibly bright and picks up on new commands within a few lessons. She has developed an almost perfect recall, responds to sit in 2 languages and using a hand signal, has learned that jumping is not allowed, and she will only get petted when she is sitting. With the help of her confidence building, she is growing more and more confident in new situations, and she is loved by the whole family. We were truly blessed the day AGR called us to adopt **Guinan** and look forward to her having a full and long life by my side. Sounds like **Guinan** has been well named, and is another exceptional being!

13-068 Willow is an approximately 3-year-old, light-colored Golden mix that came into Rescue via the West-side shelter. After taking care of her multiple flea infestations, spaying and other initial vetting, we placed her with Pat in Peoria who fell in love with the dear dog on sight. Pat has renamed her **Chloe** and wrote: Thank you AGR for **Chloe** (*Willow*).



Chloe has settled into her forever home like a dream. She is very loving and is friends with everyone she meets. Her play buddy, **Rocky**, is a German Shepherd. They love to wrestle, chase each other and just hang out. I don't know her history, but I'm sure we will have a great time making ours! A special thanks to Teri for

thinking of me, Frank for calling me and Kathi and Bob for bringing us together. Life with a dog by your side can't be beat!



13-069 Spanky, now named **Tucker**, was rescued from the **MCACCS** shelter. As a very enthusiastic, active, and untrained young red dog, he perhaps was too much for his previous owners, which can happen when training is not started young for these active dogs. His initial drive from the shelter to **Academy West** for vetting clearly proved he could not "hold

his likker," as he decided that cleaning out the car's cup holders was a top priority along with keeping Kathi's ear, cheek and neck cool with kisses. Then he had quite the eventful trip from the vet to Kim's house in Mesa, as Dana (who did the transport) wrote: After approximately 3 years of doing dog transports, I finally had a dog initiate me into transport. When I picked **Spanky** up from **Academy West** he proceeded to pee on my left foot. However, he was the perfect fit for Kimberly and her son, Nicolas, who is almost 8. Quite the dog for young Nicolas! We can picture the two in the big backyard. Kimberly and Nicolas will be taking **Tucker** to basic obedience class, which should help settle him down into the great dog we know he will be!

13-070 Cassie is a petite, young and sensitive Golden-Husky mix, who is just a sweetheart. We take in some of the most beautiful and interesting-looking mixes! Her eyes are almost blue like a husky's, and she is one of those dogs who really does know how to smile! After initial vetting, including spaying, she was placed with Kay and Matt in



Scottsdale who have renamed her **Bailey**. They wrote: **Bailey** has been a true joy. She fit into our family right away. She loves to go on runs with me in the mornings and does great on her evening walks. She loves to run around in the backyard with my youngest daughter. She also is having a lot of fun playing with her cousin, who is a bulldog. **Bailey** has learned to go up and down the stairs and is starting to let us know (or we are picking up on her cues) when she needs to go outside. She loves to watch TV, especially Animal Planet! Thank you so much for bringing **Bailey** to our family. We love her very much! Enjoy your new life, **Bailey**!



13-071 Riley is a handsome young Golden boy who came to us about 30 pounds overweight. After routine vetting, he was placed with Robert in San

Tan Valley who, we are sure, has been introducing **Riley** to the infamous green bean diet and, hopefully, some exercise to melt those pounds away and get him more comfortable. Happy new life, **Riley**!



13-074 Lady came to us from the shelter as a blond very, very thin girl approximately 6-years-old, who had obviously had puppies sometime fairly recently. She was petrified at the shelter, and we were glad to get her out of there as quickly as possible. Dana and Sue were sitting in Deb's kitchen waiting to drive **Lady** to Flagstaff when Sue got a message from the potential FWITA that they had decided it was not the right time

for them to adopt a dog. So, since **Lady** was already there, Deb agreed to foster her. **Lady** was very timid and very submissive, as if everything she did was wrong. She needed someone with time to devote to her with undivided attention, patience and gentleness, in order to bring out her trust in people. Fortunately, the perfect family for **Lady** was ready to adopt another dog from **AGR** (their first one had passed away very suddenly a few months ago). Eileen and James, who live way up north in Springerville, made the long trip down to Glendale to meet **Lady** and were smitten by her beautiful smile. They will help bring her back to the beautiful and trusting dog she was meant to be. Here is an update from Eileen: **Lady** is awesome! She loves her new mountain home. Her favorite activity is a walk along the river trail, where she catches grasshoppers and points out the birds. Even better is 7:30 PM when she gets her favorite cookie from Grandpa. She is still a bit shy with strangers, but once she is acquainted her Golden personality shines. It is always gratifying to get a dog like this off the streets and out of a shelter so she can be loved and treated as a real member of a family. We wish you the best, **Lady**!



13-075 May was relinquished to us because her owner had to move to housing that would not permit a dog. May is a 2-year-old, pretty, gold girl that was easy to place after her initial vetting and spaying. She has moved to Tucson to live with Jan and Paul and their dog, **Calvin**. **Calvin**, **May** and I went for a walk early this morning, and she loved it. Last

night, Paul and I were drinking wine from lovely cut-glass tumblers we bought a month ago from Kinsale Crystal in Kinsale, Ireland, a delightful coastal town in Southern Ireland. This was the first time we used them, and we were toasting our new gal and looking through our Irish books for a cute name for her from Ireland. It hit us that **Kinsale** (**Kinsie**) was perfect! She is as lovable and affectionate as she can be. She's already talking to us. Smart, too (of course!). In less than 24 hours, **Kinsie** has already

won our hearts. This afternoon we let her play loose for the first time with **Calvin** in the back yard. They have bonded since we got her, and were so funny together today. They are now like two puppies, running and chasing each other, rolling around, licking each other, gently chewing each other. **Calvin** is absolutely smitten with her, and he's like a 2-year-old again. **Kinsie** adores **Calvin** and follows him everywhere, even leapt into the pool this afternoon after him. She now knows the different ways to get in and out of the pool. **Calvin** is so gentle and good with her, even if she gets a little aggressive (this is lessening as well). She is so happy. She has really bonded with Paul and me as well, and loves cuddling and kisses. She has learned to fetch, to sit and stay, and to lie down. She is also learning to walk well on leash. She is such a doll, and we are enjoying her very much. Sounds like **Kinsie** has stolen some hearts!

13-076 Sully is a bouncy and happy 4-year-old apricot Goldendoodle, who was relinquished to us when his owners realized that he deserved a home where he would have a better life. Like many Doodles, he has boundless energy and needs lots of exercise to keep him active and busy. He has found that with Andrew and Natalie in Tempe. They wrote: **Sully** has been part of our family for about a month. At first, he was a little nervous and it took him a while to get used to the various noises and neighboring dogs in his new environment. From the beginning, he was affectionate and energetic. Now that he has officially adopted us, he has settled in and his presence brings joy to us each day. He loves to play with his various chew toys, enjoys walks, and is always willing to hang out wherever we are in the house. He has a loud bark which is a nice security feature, but his gentle personality belies his fearsome voice. Thank you **AGR** for matching us up with **Sully**. All the best, **Sully**!



13-077 Abbie is a beautiful senior girl that was surrendered to us by her original family – they were moving and could not take her with them. At 9 years old, she is one of those Golden extremely patient with children to the point of letting them dress her up and sit on them, and is just super friendly and passive. She went to Tempe and quickly won Dave and Jackie's hearts. As previ-



ous **AGR** adopters of multiple dogs, they knew what a true queen was when they saw her. Here is their story: We had just lost the third of three senior dogs in about a month and felt we were content with our remaining senior, **Sage**. We wanted to treat **Sage** to a nice hike in the cool air of Flagstaff and booked a hotel room and bought picnic food for the following Saturday. In the early afternoon on the day prior to our departure for Flagstaff, we received

an e-mail from Deb asking if we were willing to foster **Abbie** and, if so, could we pick her up at the vet the following morning. We had planned on leaving for Flagstaff at 6 AM to take advantage of the cooler morning but thought that Deb wouldn't ask us unless she really needed us to do this. We picked up **Abbie** at **Kennel Care** at about 9 AM and headed to Flagstaff; unfortunately, the car battery died on the I-17 freeway near Cordes Junction, and we were stuck at the side of the road for 4 hours until AAA arrived and our son drove from Chandler to collect us. **Abbie** never uttered a sound – she just lay in the back of the SUV looking sorrowful and looking like she wished she were back at the vet. When we arrived home, she showered us with love and you would think we had given her a day in Heaven instead of a day in the back of a dead SUV in the 113-degree heat with cars and trucks whizzing by! That cemented it for us, and we knew she was not going to anyone else ever! Welcome to your forever home little **Abbie**.



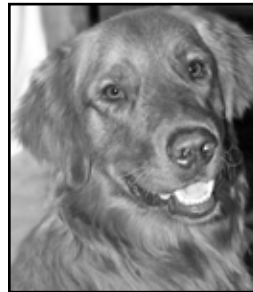
13-079 Pretty Girl is an adorable 6-year-old, red, “sugar face” girl who was surrendered by an owner who could not afford her medical bills. She was reported to love swimming and, like most Goldens, was friendly with other dogs, kids and adults. She initially showed some signs of separation anxiety, which was not surprising. Unfortunately, her

love for being in her original owner's unfenced pool all the time caused massive ear infections and hematomas on her earflaps. As a result, our vet recommended that she not be placed with a family that has a pool, as the temptation to get water in her ears might be too great. Ear problems stemming from swimming are more common with Goldens than is often known, which seems rather ironic for a type of hunting dog bred for retrieving in water. After her ear issues were addressed and she was on her way to recovery, she was placed with Gary and Laura in Scottsdale, who have renamed her **Pepper**, a good name for this spunky gal! They do have a pool but it is fenced, so they will be able to limit **Pepper's** access and, hopefully, prevent further ear infections. **Pepper** is now looking terrific, and Gary has twice brought her to join our ambassadog crew at the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet, where she does an excellent job schmoozing the public for donations.



13-080 Rufus is a gorgeous 5-year-old guy whose owner gave him to us because he had to move to a small apartment with no room for a large dog. After initial vetting including neutering, **Rufus** was introduced to Laurie and Jay and their sons in Scottsdale. They loved him on sight! Here is an update from them. *After seeing the picture of **Rufus** on your website, somehow I knew he was the dog for us!*

*Since he has joined our family we have enjoyed him endlessly! He fit right in with our older dog and loves our sons. He has had some health challenges since his surgery, and I am happy to say it seems we are at the tail end of things! He is loving, smart, well trained, friendly, playful and just a joy to have around. He has adjusted to our routine effortlessly – you would never know he just joined our family! He swims and loves to retrieve balls or other favorite toys. We are very grateful to **Arizona Golden Rescue** for their love, attention, care, and concern for **Rufus**. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! A great ending for a very nice and well-deserving, handsome boy.*



13-081 Buddy is another handsome, young, red dog, who was surrendered to us as his owner was allergic to him. At a little over a year old, he is full of himself and loves kids, other dogs, and riding in the car. Every toy is his favorite, and he loves to chase a ball but is rather nonchalant about returning it. With no training, he is one of our teenage “hooligans” that will definitely benefit from some obedi-

ence training and consistent treatment to get his exuberance under control. He has been placed with Larry and Lynn in Queen Creek, who have renamed him **Benny**. Get ready for “sit,” “stay” and other commands, **Benny**!

13-082 Fritz is a 2-year-old Golden-doodle who was relinquished by his owner because he is a seizure dog, and seeing him go into seizure was traumatizing to her two young children. The surrendering owner had gotten **Fritz** from a co-worker. The co-worker had purchased the dog from a breeder in California for her 9-year-old son who has bad allergies. She hoped that there



would not be a problem due to the hypo-allergenic reputation of Goldendoodles, but her son had a severe reaction and she had to rehome **Fritz** quickly. The woman who surrendered him to **AGR** saw him and fell in love, but she admitted to not asking enough questions, as the first owner did not tell her about the seizures. **Fritz** was described as a “lap dog in a 60-lb body,” devoted, loving, great with kids and even with the family rabbit! Maybe that is why his fosters, Lori and Anthony of Glendale, became Foster Failures immediately and adopted him. Here is an update on him: *Since **Fritz** has joined our pack, he has made friends with his canine brothers and sisters, as well as with his canine cousins. He swims and plays and can't get enough play time with children. He follows us around everywhere and just loves to be cuddled and loved. His sweet disposition has won over our hearts and we are so happy to have him as part of the family. **AGR** had **Fritz** evaluated for the seizures. He was started on phenobarbitol, but after a*

month he had a bout of cluster seizures, so he is now also taking potassium bromide. We hope that the seizures are finally under control and that he can eventually be weaned off the phenobarbital, as long-term use of that drug can cause liver damage.



13-084 Tami, renamed **Glory**, is a pretty, 10-year-old “mature” girl who came in as a stray. She is the sweetest dog, carrying her leash in her mouth as if to say “I can walk myself, thank you” and guides you where she wants to go. Barbara and Jim in Surprise, her original fosters, were with her when she was diagnosed with an oral melanoma.

Thanks to accumulated monies in the

Debbe Begley Memorial Fund and a generous donation from her adopters, her cancer is being treated, and, hopefully, will give **Glory** some more glorious time with her people. Here is an update from Barb: *After 18 months of living in a home with no furry Golden to love, my husband and I decided that we wanted another and that adopting through a rescue group was the way we wanted to go.*

***Glory** (then **Tami**) came into our home on what we figured would be only a fostering basis in mid-August within days of our being approved as an adoptive family. We had initially requested a 2-5-year-old female with possible minor health issues. Funny how life will throw you those inevitable curve balls! **Glory**, a senior around 10 years old, was overweight due to hyperthyroidism and had suffered hair loss on her tail and chest, among other health issues. She was also diagnosed with oral melanoma after a mass was removed during a routine teeth cleaning during her **AGR** vet evaluation. Before we could make the decision as to whether or not we wanted to officially adopt **Glory**, Fate stepped in and she adopted us. There was no way we were going to give up this sweet soul just because she was sick! Nearly two months later, **Glory** is thriving. Thanks to the generosity of **AGR**, she is receiving shots and medication that hopefully will slow down the growth of her tumor and extend her life. To date, that treatment has been successful. She is a quirky gal who shows us more of her personality every week. She loves her walks in the morning. She has lost weight and her tail feathering is finally starting to grow back, though it has a way to go to be Golden-fluffy again – we pray we will get to see that day. **Glory** has become my shadow around the house and will always come in search of me if I disappear from sight. Talk about an ego booster! She has fit into our life so perfectly. Her love is unconditional, as is ours for her.*

If that is not a heart-warming story, we don’t know what is. Thanks, Barbara and Jim!



13-087 Oliver is a happy, Big Red Dog that his owner surrendered to us because the owner felt that caring for two infants and an 8-year-

old dog was just too much and wanted **Oliver** to have a better life. It was clear that he had been a great family dog, having numerous long walks before the children arrived and having lots of personal attention. After he had some minor vet work, we took him to Rachel in Phoenix who will be giving this boy all the attention he deserves. Congratulations, **Oliver**, on finding a great home!



13-088 Sundance is a 9-to-11-year-old senior gentleman that was living in a small 2-bedroom apartment with a couple, their two children, and the resident cat. His owners, knowing he was a true Velcro dog, felt he needed a better environment and more attention. **Sundance** was placed with Marcia, Richard, and their family in Glendale. As **Sundance** needed to lose

weight, he was immediately started on the infamous “green bean diet,” which is wonderfully effective at helping dogs lose weight by replacing kibble with green beans, thus lowering their caloric intake. Unfortunately, **Sundance** hated green beans! When confronted with them, he would take them out of his bowl and hide them all over the house: under sofa pillows, in corners, behind a guest bed, etc. Now there’s a dog who really doesn’t like green beans! However, green beans aren’t the only veggie that aids in weight loss; broccoli, cauliflower, zucchini and yellow squash are all good substitutes (either canned or frozen), and we hope **Sundance** is losing weight and that veggies are no longer being found in strange places!

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Teri Guilbault, Health Care Manager

Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on whom **AGR** has had to spend at least \$1000. In this column in the August issue, we featured **12-123 Gypsy**, **13-016 Caesar**, **13-040 Brinkley**, **13-041 Paolo**, **13-042 Deacon** and **13-051 Lucky**. Despite their various medical issues, all of these dogs have been adopted. Unfortunately, **Paolo** suddenly passed away after only a few weeks with his new family. **Gypsy** has had her second round of heartworm treatments and is doing well. **Caesar** was finally diagnosed with Cushing’s disease. Now that we know what is wrong with him besides valley fever, we can treat him for it effectively. **Deacon** is recovering well from his second hip replacement surgery. **Lucky’s** jaw is healing, and he is now putting on weight and his fur is growing back in. **Brinkley** has now fully recovered from her digestive distress.

10-045 Ricky came into our group way back in 2010 as a 9-year-old guy with several significant health issues. He was adopted under **AGR’s Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption** program, and **AGR** has since been responsible for all his vet bills. Over the years,

his adoptive mom has taken excellent care of him, which has extended his life span far beyond what we had originally anticipated. We are so glad to say that **Ricky** is still doing well under Susan's care! Vet bills over the years have come in sporadically. In just the last few months, it has been necessary to do a couple of small procedures on him which have caused his medical care to exceed the \$1,000 mark for 2013. Overall since 2009, **AGR** has spent over \$9,000 on **Ricky**; to date this year, **Ricky's** expenses have totaled approximately \$1,600.



13-032 Coby is a beautiful five-year-old boy who came to us with a severe case of vomiting and diarrhea that took almost a month and numerous medications to get under control. He also had issues with his ears that required treatment, he was severely hypothyroid and he needed a procedure to remove a suspicious growth on his eye. All of **Coby's** issues have been

taken care of, and **Coby** is now a happy and healthy boy at a cost of approximately \$1,700.

13-045 Honei is a seven-year-old girl who also came to us with a severe diarrhea issue and lots and lots of scratching. We cleared up her intestinal problem, only to have it come back a few weeks later, and it has been intermittent ever since. We have tried several different medications, but she is still having occasional intestinal distress. Her scratching has continued as well, so we had her allergy tested, and she is now taking an anti-allergy serum to help with her allergies. Poor girl also has valley fever, and is taking fluconazole for that disease. **Honei's** vet bills have amounted to \$1,300.



13-048 Bonita was surrendered to a local animal shelter by her owner who said that she had valley fever and he didn't have the money to care for her. He was not kidding! She was so ill when we picked her up that she could barely stand, and we were not sure if she would even last the weekend. When her valley fever test results came back, her titer was 1:256, which is as high as

the titer scale reads! Our wonderful vets determined that the val-

ley fever settled in her brain, and because of that, she experienced meningitis-like symptoms for several weeks. She was placed with one of our terrific fosters, who took excellent care of her and gave her lots of love until she went to her forever home a few weeks ago. When we last tested **Bonita's** valley fever, it was down to 1:128. We still have a long way to go, but we are confident that **Bonita's** health will keep moving in the right direction and that she will have a great future. Total expenses to date have reached \$1,250.

13-062 Buddy was a gorgeous 6-month-old puppy who was surrendered to us because it was discovered that his hips were bad, and his family could not afford the expense of fixing them. We had **Buddy** evaluated for hip dysplasia, and unfortunately, we discovered that not one, but both hips were in need of repair. Fortunately for **Buddy**, two things played out in his favor – he is a young boy, and he was adopted by an awesome family that said they would take care of him and rehabilitate him through both hip surgeries. **Buddy** is now recovering from his second FHO surgery and is doing great! Total costs to date are \$6,220.



13-079 Pretty Girl, age 6, came to us with chronic ear infections that left her ears misshapen and with massive amounts of scar tissue. We were told when we brought her in that the ear issues were due to severe allergies, so in addition to doing multiple ear procedures to get her ears cleaned up and infection free, we also did allergy testing to help her feel better. Now that her ears have been taken care of and her allergies are on the way to being controlled, **Pretty Girl**, is indeed feeling and looking much prettier than before. To date, we have expended approximately \$2,475 on her vetting.



13-080 Rufus is a five-year-old Golden boy who was surrendered to **AGR** because his family was moving and could no longer keep him. Since he was not neutered when he came to us, we made sure that we took care of that along with his regular vetting. Shortly thereafter, his new mom noticed that the area around the neuter site was red and seemed a bit swollen.

We took him back to the vet, who discovered a massive hematoma. They immediately started him on antibiotics and kept him at the hospital for additional treatment and observation, but when

the hematoma had not gone down 24 hours after he was given antibiotics, they decided surgery was needed to fix the problem. Once inside, they discovered a large abscess which needed to be repaired as well. As a result, his overnight visit turned into a few days' stay until he was better and truly on the mend. **Rufus** is now doing very well, and you would never think he had gone through such an ordeal. Total expenses incurred have amounted to \$2,800.



13-084 Tami is a senior lady who came to us needing to be spayed and have her teeth checked out, as they were full of tartar. Everything went according to plan during the procedures, but when our vet was doing **Tami's** dental, he noticed a mass at the back of her mouth by her jaw line that looked suspicious and biopsied it just to make sure it was nothing too serious. Unfortunately,

the biopsy came back as a melanoma. Since the mass is in a location that is not feasible to operate on, it could not be removed. **Tami**, who has been renamed **Glory** by her fabulous adopters, is now under the care of a wonderful veterinary oncologist, Dr. Kim Hillers at *Southwest Veterinary Oncology* in Glendale, **Glory** is getting a series of four melanoma vaccines in the hope that this will significantly slow down the progression of the disease and give her more time to be loved and cared for by her new family. To date, **AGR** has spent \$2,972 for her vetting and oncology treatments.



13-090 Buddy is a gorgeous, laid-back, nine-year-old boy who was an outside-only dog when he was surrendered to **AGR**. After his initial vetting, he went to his forever home with his new mom and fur buddy where he just fit right in. His mom noticed that he had a gagging cough which just wouldn't go away, so she asked if we could have him checked out. Unfortunately,

when the vet examined him he noticed that his abdominal area was a bit too large and x-rays showed a suspicious mass. After an additional ultrasound, it was decided that surgery needed to be done as soon as possible to determine the problem. Unfortunately, the discovery of late-stage cirrhosis of the liver was made along with the additional discovery of a mass in **Buddy's** upper torso. The mass is pressing on **Buddy's** heart and is inoperable. So, at this time, **Buddy** will be getting a lot of love and tender care for as long as possible. Total expenses incurred so far are about \$4,500.

Please think about the above nine *Diamonds in the Ruff* when contemplating an end-of-the-year donation to **AGR**.

Health Tip: Play Dough

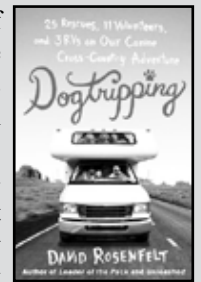
At all costs, keep homemade play dough, the kind made with flour and salt, away from your dog. The salt content is so high that it will cause severe dehydration, which can lead to brain hemorrhage and death.

BOOK REVIEW

By Jude Fulghum

Dogtripping: 25 Rescues, 11 Volunteers, and 3 RVs on Our Canine Cross-Country Adventure, 2013
ISBN# 978-1-250-01469-6

What a hoot! This is David Rosenfelt's (of Andy Carpenter series fame) first venture into the world of doggie non-fiction, as he describes his cross-country move from Southern California to Maine with his 25 Rescue dogs. Logistically, it was a nightmare and took careful planning, from what type of vehicles to use, where to stay, how to contain 25 dogs on a potty break, to how to plan for contingencies, etc. Fortunately for Rosenfelt, he was able to recruit folks (who didn't know each other) from across the country to carry out this well-thought-out plan with him (developed by one of the volunteers – Rosenfelt says he, himself, felt incompetent to do so). Interspersed with "tales from the road" are stories about different Rescue dogs that have come into his life and either stayed with him and his wife or were rehomed. These are heart-warming and often quite funny tales of dogs who joined an already huge crew as either permanent residents or guests. One of the stories recalls Rosenfelt's adoption of two dogs brought by Deb Orwig (**AGR's** President) to one of his book signings at *The Poisoned Pen* in Scottsdale. They were supposedly a bonded pair that he found out weren't bonded at all.



In one chapter, titled "Idiots," he perfectly describes many of our feelings about the types of people who relinquish dogs: "Dogs have feelings; anybody who spends five minutes with one has to know that. They feel fear and love and gratitude and joy and anger and much more. But there are some people, many people who either don't understand that or don't care. There is a name for those people. Assholes." Amen.

Read this book! It will make you laugh out loud. It will also bring you a great appreciation of the work Rosenfelt and his wife have done with rescuing stray dogs who need them (many of them Golden Retrievers). Oh, the three RVs survived with only a large amount of dog hair!

AGR Merchandise

By Deb Orwig

Looking for some terrific gifts for the holiday season, a birthday, an anniversary, or just for instance? You need look no further than the *Arizona Golden Rescue* merchandise inventory! We have some really great items, many of which you will not see anywhere else, and those that you do see elsewhere will most likely cost you a lot more than what we charge. Plus, there is **never any tax** on **AGR** merchandise – that alone will save you 9 - 10%! Below, I have listed the categories of items we sell. I keep all the merchandise at my house in Glendale (1/2 mile north of Hwy 101 off 59th Ave). You are welcome to call me at **623-693-0589** or e-mail me at **dorwigaz@cox.net** and ask for a time when you can come shopping. I will even wrap the gift(s) for you and put on a great bow, if you pet my dogs while I'm doing it! What a deal!



You won't want to miss purchasing one or more copies of our 2014 calendar. You will not see a better calendar that features Golden Retrievers anywhere, and you can't beat the price – thanks to the print cost

underwriting by all our calendar sponsors (see page 41 for list), whose dogs are pictured in the calendar centerfold, the calendar is still only \$10. Sincere thanks to Connie McCabe for the outstanding job she has done on this fantastic calendar! If you want the calendar mailed, when you send your check please include \$2 for postage for one, \$3 for two, \$5.50 for 3 - 8. Calendars are available at *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* (82nd St/Princess Dr, Scottsdale), *Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital* (32nd St/Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix), *Academy West Animal Hospital* (6231 W Bell Rd, Glendale) and at all our Meet-and-Greets and other events through the end of this year or until supplies are gone.

I have some **T-shirts** in natural, red, navy, stone blue and Texas orange, but I don't have all sizes in all colors. I do, however, have **hooded, zippered sweatshirts** in red and navy in all sizes. You can order **polo shirts** with our logo embroidered on them directly through our website's Shopping Mall. Lots of colors and several styles (women's sleeveless and men's and women's short- and long-sleeve) are available. I have **hats** and **visors**, too, in assorted colors. If you like **denim**, short- or long-sleeve shirts

can be ordered through our e-Mall. All clothing items are reasonably priced from \$14 - \$20 for Ts and polos, \$30-\$33 for denim, \$40-\$44 for sweatshirts. In addition, we have two terrific **pocket aprons**, both in bright gold. Both have a smiling Golden face on them. One says, *Life is Golden*, and the other says *Grilling Tested and Approved By The Local Golden Retriever*. Aprons are \$30. Reusable cloth **tote bags** with an embroidered **AGR** logo are available in several colors (\$10). And, we now have reusable shopping bags for only \$2! Our newest logo item is a rubber jar opener – only \$2!



Magnets for car or refrigerator: we have a great selection of very nice magnets, some generic (like WOOOF and small paw prints), but most have to do with Golden Retrievers. We also now carry a large ribbon magnet that says *I Love My Goldendoodle*. Magnets are \$5 or \$8 depending on size. If you want a magnet mailed, check with me for postage cost.



Car window decals: Golden silhouettes are available in 3 sizes: 6", 9" and 12" for \$6, \$9 or \$12. I have the 6" silhouettes in both metallic gold and white. We also have a 6" one that says *Got Goldens?* In addition, we have our logo with phone number and website address. I carry 6" (\$6) and 12" (\$12) and can order 16", but the latter cannot be mailed.

Sewn items you won't see anywhere else: Kathi Youhas has made luggage tags (\$3), credit card/business card holders (\$4), checkbook covers (\$5) and Kindle/Nook covers (\$10) from a variety of fabrics, mostly dog patterns, some cat patterns and some Southwest and other patterns. We also have beautiful fleece throws (\$35) and lined blankets (\$50). Debbie Myrick and I have made quilted oven mitts (\$10) and table pads (\$25 - \$50, depending on size and design). We have some fabulous quilted tote bags made by Connie Wozniak. We can also make table runners and placemats. We have a large selection of dog-patterned fabrics and a few cat-patterned ones. Prices on such items will be negotiable.

We donate our time and the fabrics, so the entire cost will go to **AGR**.



Unusual items: pawprint keychain bottle openers (\$4) in 5 colors; wrought iron **RESCUED & LOVED** leash holders (\$20 – can't be mailed); Golden Retriever golf club covers (\$20); Golden Retriever sink strainer (\$12, costs \$3 to mail) – the

strainer is silver, the dog is, of course, gold.

For your dog: We have a terrific selection of toys at prices that no retail outlet can match, let alone beat. Prices range from \$4 to \$11. We even carry some \$11 toys for those “tough chewers,” and we have Kongs® that can be stuffed with peanut butter and frozen to keep your dog entertained for hours. Of course, we have **AGR** leashes and collars, including the Martingale style used to better control those pups who pull on the leash. I also have a few harnesses available made from the same webbing as our collars and leashes. We have **AGR** logo bandannas (\$7.50) in both rust and natural colors; your dog’s name will be hand-lettered above the logo. Patriotic bandannas and shamrock-fabric bandannas are also available (\$4) as well as a variety of Party Collars (\$10).



In addition, we also have available some of our private-label wines (Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Malbec, Merlot, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc) and candles (Balsam Fir, Peppermint, Hot Apple Pie, Pumpkin Chai, Summer Rose and Juniper Aloe, all very nice scents). Although, you can order these from our website Shopping Mall, we will not be keeping any more in inventory at my house once our supply here

is gone. If you buy them direct from me, you will not have to pay postage cost from the supplier, as **AGR** has already done that.

Let’s have some FUN and go SHOP at Deb’s!

Come Eat With Us!

Help us boost the revenue in our *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* by attending the *Paws & Pasta Dinner* on Sunday, November 10, 2013 from 1 PM to 5 PM at **Little Bite of Italy** in Sun City. Easy to find on the NW corner of Greenway Rd and 99th Ave. We established the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* in 2011 as a reserve fund from which we could draw to treat dogs that come into Rescue with cancer or dogs whose medical expenses for other extraordinary conditions exceed \$5000. Recently, we took \$1900 from this Fund to send to the families of the firefighters who perished in the Yarnell Hill fire during the summer to help those families care for their pets. In addition, with monies from this *Fund*, we have recently treated **13-084 Tami**, now **Glory**, for an oral malignant melanoma – she is doing well. All proceeds from this dinner and a 50/50 raffle, as well as monies from a regular raffle and silent auction will be deposited in the *DBMF*. So, come have a great meal and enjoy pleasant weather out on the patio, participate in our raffles and silent auction, and help us make some money to help our really-special-needs dogs. No advance reservations are needed – just come! You can even bring your dog.



21 SYMPTOMS YOU SHOULD NEVER IGNORE IN YOUR DOG

Submitted by Shelly Culver, Vet Tech at Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital
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There are serious symptoms that should never be ignored in your dog. A symptom is defined as “any problem that can indicate an underlying disease” and may be the first clue to the presence of a life-threatening problem in your dog. Here is a list of 21 symptoms that should never be ignored if you see them from your dog.

- 1. Pacing and Restlessness.** In dogs, pacing and restlessness can indicate pain, discomfort and distress. Restlessness can be associated with a condition called “bloat” (gastric torsion), which is a serious condition caused by the abnormal dilation and twisting of the stomach. Bloat commonly occurs in large breed and deep-chested dogs.
- 2. Unproductive Retching.** Dogs that attempt to vomit and are unable to bring anything up is also a common sign of bloat. Contact your veterinarian immediately.

- 3. Collapse or Fainting.** Acute collapse is a sudden loss of strength causing your dog to fall and be unable to rise. Some dogs that collapse will also lose consciousness – this is called fainting or syncope. Some dogs recover quickly and look essentially normal seconds to minutes after collapsing, while others stay in a collapsed state until helped. All reasons for collapse and fainting are serious and should not be ignored.
- 4. Not Eating or Loss of Appetite.** Anorexia is a term used when an animal loses his appetite and does not want to eat or is unable to eat. There are many causes for “loss of appetite”; it is often the first indication of illness. Regardless of the cause, loss of appetite can have a serious impact on an animal’s health if it lasts 24 hours or more. Young dogs 6 months of age or less and toy breeds are particularly prone to the problems brought on by loss of appetite.

5. **Weight Loss.** Weight loss is a physical condition that results from a negative caloric balance. This usually occurs when the body uses and/or excretes essential nutrients faster than it can consume them. Weight loss is considered clinically important when it exceeds 10% of the normal body weight and is not associated with fluid loss. There are several causes for this, some of which are very serious.

6. **Breathing Problems.** Respiratory distress, called dyspnea, is labored breathing, difficult breathing and shortness of breath. This can occur any time during the breathing process, during inspiration (breathing in) or expiration (breathing out). When your dog is having trouble breathing, he may not be able to get enough oxygen to his tissues. Additionally, if he has heart failure, he may not be able to pump sufficient amounts of blood to muscles and other organs. Dyspnea is often associated with accumulation of fluid (edema) in the lungs or chest cavity (pleural effusion). Pleural effusion can lead to shortness of breath and coughing and should be evaluated immediately.

7. **Red Eye.** A red eye is a non-specific sign of inflammation or infection. It may be seen with several diseases including those involving parts of the eye including the external eyelids, third eyelid, conjunctiva, cornea and sclera. It may also occur with inflammation of the structures inside the eye, with glaucoma (high pressure within the eye), or with certain diseases of the orbit (eye socket). Either one or both eyes can become red depending on the cause of the problem. Some of the possible causes can be serious and ultimately cause blindness.

8. **Jaundice.** Jaundice, also referred to as icterus, describes the yellow color taken on by tissues throughout the body due to elevated levels of bilirubin, a substance that comes from the breakdown of red blood cells. There are several causes for jaundice and regardless of the cause, jaundice is considered abnormal and serious in dogs.

9. **Trouble Urinating.** Trouble urinating can include straining to urinate, frequent attempts to urinate, and discomfort when urinating. Discomfort may be demonstrated as crying out during urination, excessive licking at the urogenital areas or turning and looking at the area. There are several underlying causes. Some of the causes if left untreated can result in death in as little as 36 hours.

10. **Drinking and Urinating Excessively.** These signs are often early signs of disease including kidney failure, diabetes mellitus, thyroid gland problems, uterine infection (pyometra), as well as other causes. Dogs normally take in 20 to 40 ml per lb of body weight a day (237 ml = 1 cup). If you determine your dog is drinking excessively, make an appointment with your veterinarian.

11. **Fever.** A fever is defined as an abnormally high body temperature resulting from internal controls. It is believed that fever is a method of fighting infection. The body resets the temperature control center of the brain to increase the body's temperature in response to an invasion of foreign matter such as bacteria or a virus. Normal body temperature for a dog is 101.5° - 102.5° F. If your pet's temperature is high, call your veterinarian.

12. **Seizure.** A seizure or convulsion is a sudden firing of nerves in the brain. The severity of a seizure can vary from a far-away look or twitching in one part of the face to your dog falling on his side, barking, gnashing his teeth, urinating, defecating and paddling his limbs. A seizure can last from seconds to minutes. Seizures are a symptom of a neurological disorder – they are not in themselves a disease. They can be caused by several disorders such as epilepsy, trauma, toxins and tumors.

13. **Bruising and Bleeding.** Abnormal bruising and bleeding arise with disorders of hemostasis (clotting). Clotting abnormalities are also called coagulopathies, because they reflect the inability of the blood to coagulate or clot. Bleeding from clotting disturbances may occur in the skin,

mucus membranes and various internal organs, tissues or body cavities. The impact of internal bleeding on the individual may be mild to severe depending on the amount of blood lost.

14. **Coughing.** Coughing is a common reflex that clears secretions and foreign matter from the throat, voice box and/or airways, and protects the lungs against aspiration. It affects the respiratory system by hindering the ability to breathe properly. Common causes include obstruction in the windpipe, bronchitis, pneumonia, heartworm disease, lung tumors, kennel cough (*Bordetella bronchiseptica*), valley fever and heart failure. Some of the causes are life threatening and should be evaluated by your vet.

15. **Bloated or Distended Abdomen.** Abdominal distension is an abnormal enlargement of the abdominal cavity. This term is usually reserved for abdominal enlargement due to causes other than simple obesity. One cause is fluid accumulation. Another cause is enlargement of any abdominal organ such as liver, kidneys or spleen. Distension of the stomach with air (bloat), or fluid or distension of the uterus during pregnancy can result in abdominal distension. Pressure from the abdomen pushing in to the chest can make breathing more difficult and pressure in the abdomen may decrease appetite. It is important to recognize abdominal distension; it can be a symptom of a life threatening disease and should be investigated thoroughly.

16. **Bloody Diarrhea.** Blood in feces can appear as “melena” which makes the stool appear black and tarry; this suggests digested blood in the feces. Melena is different from fresh blood in the stool (hematochezia). Bleeding into colon and rectum appears as fresh blood in the stool. Bloody diarrhea should always be evaluated by your veterinarian as soon as possible.

17. **Bloody Urine.** Hematuria is the presence of red blood cells in urine. It may be visible to the naked eye (gross examination) or microscopic. There are several possible causes – some are bacterial infection, stones in the bladder, and cancer.

18. **Bite Wounds.** Bite wounds are the result when two animals engage in a fight or aggressive play. Bite wounds, which may only appear as a small puncture in the skin, can be quite extensive. Once a tooth penetrates the skin, severe damage can occur to the underlying tissues without major skin damage. Some wounds may appear deceptively minor but may have the potential to become life-threatening depending on the area of the body bitten. All bite wounds should receive veterinary attention.

19. **Bloody Vomit.** Vomited blood can be fresh blood, which is bright red, or partially digested blood, which appears as brown coffee grounds. There are a variety of causes for vomiting blood and the effects on the animal are also variable. Some are subtle and minor ailments and others are severe and life threatening.

20. **Lethargy and Weakness.** Lethargy is a state of drowsiness, inactivity, or indifference in which there is a delayed response to stimuli such as sound, sight, and touch. Lethargy is a non-specific sign associated with many underlying systemic disorders and should not be ignored if it persists for more than 24 hours.

21. **Pale gums.** Pale gums can indicate blood loss or “shock”. The possible causes of blood loss and shock are life-threatening and should be evaluated immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact your veterinarian if you observe your dog exhibiting any of these symptoms!

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Annika Axne



Tumbleweed Bailey/Correll



Molly Brogan



Mr. Peanut Calta



Jack Carter



Sierra Carter



Disney Fogel / Proctor



Tempe Joyce



Finley Joe Knight

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.



Amber Slagowski



Ginger Strock



Sadie Traylor

Pinky Eschenbacher
AGR Member and Foster Mom

Gladys Vallie
Beloved mother of AGR Member Roger Vallie and
Mother-in-Law of Sue Vallie

Erlinda Williams
Beloved mother of AGR Member Jeannette Morrocco
and Mother-in-Law of Dave Morrocco

Losing a Golden

By Deb Orwig

It hurts so much when we lose them. A Golden lover loses more than just a warm body on four feet when a beloved one dies. Each beautiful Golden soul is unique, and their passing leaves a hole that will never be filled, no matter how many other Golden owners you have in your life.

We get upset when there is even a threat – uncontrolled seizures, frequent vomiting or diarrhea, limping, lethargy, an injury or a lump somewhere. We run them to the veterinarian and spend lots of money, but, in the long run, we don't regret a penny of it. Many of us are fortunate to have a doctor who cares about our wonderful dogs almost as much as we owners do. I know mine does. She is a gem. She has cried with me when I had to help one of my dogs to the Bridge, and she has sent me flowers and a sympathy card. Even though there is a veterinary office only ¼ mile from my house, I will drive my dogs 17 miles to her office any time they need her services. If you don't LOVE your veterinarian, look for another one. There are over 600 in the Phoenix Metro area.

When one of my dogs has died, many friends have e-mailed me. Several said they couldn't call because they, themselves, were upset and knew a call would have made me feel even worse. This is one thing I appreciate so much about the friends I have made through Rescue. People care about each other. They feel joy when your Golden finally conquers his fear and jumps into the pool. They feel proud when your Golden completes her Canine Good Citizen certification. They laugh with you when your Golden chases flashlight beams, or at the video you post of two of your dogs chasing each other around the backyard, alternating who's in the lead. They wait by the phone or in front of their e-mailbox to hear from you if your Golden is seriously ill. They feel relief when a valley fever test or a biopsy report comes back negative. They cry with you, say a prayer and light a candle, when your Golden walks over that Rainbow Bridge.

Many years ago, Rochelle Lesser, Webmistress of the website www.landofpuregold.com, wrote the following: *People don't have to work through the love that they received from a companionship – only the pain after the loss. For all the love that a Golden gives you over his/her life with you, that is how much pain you will have to work through when you can no longer feel her by your side. Understandably, the more we love, the more it hurts. But, what would our lives be like without those great loves? I don't think too much. And, it is the only reason we manage to pick ourselves up again and venture forth into having another Golden relationship.*

I receive all the messages sent to info@arizonagoldenrescue.org. Many of you have used this address to send us a note about your

adopted dog's passing, and many of you have pointed out what a precious family member the dog was. I make an effort to respond to each one, so that the sender knows the message has been received. I know how difficult it is to write such a note, but it is just as important as the *He is SUCH a wonderful dog – our family just adores him and can't understand why his previous owners could part with him* type note. We want to share your loss and help ease your sorrow. Believe me, group "therapy" works; sharing your grief with someone else helps.

The best remedy for your mental and emotional health could be to get another dog. Years ago, a family that had lost their Golden saw us doing gift wrapping at one of the **Barnes & Noble** stores. They came over to get a "Golden fix," and the woman started to cry. When I asked her what was wrong, she told me they had had to euthanize their Golden. Expecting her to tell me it had been only a few days or maybe a month since this tragic event, I was really surprised that she answered *three years* when I asked her how long it had been. I responded, *Three years! Do yourself a huge favor and apply to Rescue to get another dog!* She said, *Oh, no, I feel like I would be being unfaithful to the memory of our old Golden.* My response was, *If that dog was so special and made you love the breed so much that you are here crying three years after her passing, then she would want you to find another companion!* Within a month, she had one and within a few months, she had three! She has never stopped thanking me for urging her to get another dog! **AGR** can, of course, help you with that – all you have to do is let us know when you are ready to love another one. No, another dog will not capture you the same way the one you have lost did. But, there *is* room in your heart for another, albeit a different, relationship. If you have lost a companion in the last year (or has it been longer than that?), do yourself a favor and apply to **AGR** for another one. You and the dog who ends up with you will both appreciate it.

Alfred Lord Tennyson once said, *'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.*

Believe it!

Health Tip: Play with your Dog!

Scientists have found that animals' varied and unpredictable play behavior activates different parts of the brain. Canines apparently use behaviors from a lot of different contexts – predation, aggression, reproduction – the developing brain gets all sorts of stimulation. Neuropsychologist Stephen Siviy determined that play affects the brain's level of a protein associated with the growth of nerve cells, possibly enhancing creativity. *Play just lights everything up!* So, play with your dog, and stimulate his brain power!

HERE and THERE

Events from July 1, 2013 through October 13, 2013

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



David Rosenfelt
at The Poisoned Pen Bookstore
in Scottsdale
By Liz Tataseo

If you are a fan of novels that have dog characters, especially Golden Retrievers, as a featured part of the story, then you should be a David Rosenfelt fan. Aside from writing really witty mysteries, David and his wife, Debbie Myers, have rescued dogs for many years, and they, themselves, often have 15 to 30 in their home. It all started with **Tara**, a perfect Golden, and in her memory they have established the **Tara Foundation** to help rescue dogs.

AGR members were invited by his agents to attend a book signing by David Rosenfelt at the **Poisoned Pen** bookstore, 4014 N. Goldwater Blvd, Scottsdale, on July 27th and receive the proceeds from an auction of a character name he would put in his next book. David had two books published in time for this event, *Unleashed*, a novel, and *Dogtripping*, the story of how 25 rescued dogs were transported cross-country in RVs from Southern California to their new home in Maine (read Book Review on page 24). Both books reflect David's laugh-out-loud, witty dialogue.

Joining us for the evening were many fans of David's including **AGR** members Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patrick Doyle with **Anabelle**, Sandra Hansen with **Bonita**, Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, Liz Tataseo with **Trip**, Sue Vallie, and Kathi Youhas with **Maura**. Yes, the dogs were allowed in the bookstore, and there were several others there besides ours!

After a hilarious discussion by David on his life, writing, and his two new books, Deb spoke a little about **AGR** and then led the auction. When the bidding reached \$400 and did not seem like it would go higher, Deb said, "Isn't there anyone here who would pay more than \$400 to have your name in an internationally-circulated book by David Rosenfelt?" Then, a wonderful woman named Marleigh



David Rosenfelt signing a book for
Marleigh Fletcher

Fletcher, who owns a Chihuahua and a Greyhound, raised her hand and bid \$2000! We never thought we would raise that much, and even David seemed surprised. We also received \$100 from another donor that evening. This is not the first time David Rosenfelt has helped us raise money. He has donated signed copies of his books for our various auctions, as well as the auction of a character's name. Thank you, David, and thank you, Marleigh, and thank you **Poisoned Pen** owner Barbara Peters!

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The Poisoned Pen

Located at 4014 N. Goldwater Blvd in Scottsdale, the **Poisoned Pen**, founded in 1989, is an independent fiction bookstore specializing in mysteries, thrillers, historical and literary fiction, and literature of the American Southwest, much of it offered in Autographed First Editions and imports. Located in Old Town Scottsdale's Arts District on the SW corner of N Goldwater Blvd and E 1st Ave, **The Pen** is celebrated for its schedule of author and literary events and its global outreach through webcasts and worldwide shipping. If you have not signed up to be on their e-mail list, you should. Famous authors are frequently there speaking and doing book signings. Although they are open later for events, store hours are generally Monday-Friday 10 AM–7 PM, Saturday 10 AM–6 PM, and Sunday 12–5 PM. Take a look at their *Booknews* for October, http://www.poisoned-pen.com/i/1347217/Booknews_Oct_2013.pdf, and you will see many authors whose names you will recognize if you are a fan of the mystery-thriller genre.



Yappy Hour in Scottsdale and Peoria

By Liz Tataseo





Sheila, Deb and Liz
Charlie, Sweetie and Duffy

Salty Señorita, which has restaurants in Scottsdale (3636 N Scottsdale Rd) and Peoria (8011 W Paradise Lane), invited Rescue groups to bring their dogs and enjoy “Yappy Hour” out on their patio. The Rescues would receive 10% of the profits during the 3-7 PM Happy Hour. We were supposed to be just one of many groups

at the first one on July 31st, but we were the only one that had members show up, so we received the entire 10%, \$109, just for enjoying the good food, drink and company. Only a few people were able to make the first one: Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, Jill and Fred Prose with **Jasper** and Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie**.



Fred and Jill
Jasper and Duffy



Liz, Cindy, Sandra and Sheila

rick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Sandra Hansen, Gail and Dana Haywood

August 7th, designated as **AGR Day** at the Scottsdale restaurant, saw more people attending along with other non-Rescue people who had their own dogs. Enjoying Yappy Hour were Pat-



Liz, Gail, Kathi, Dana and Tony

with **Riley**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**, Cindy Tigges and her friend Melissa, Michele Wehry and Mark Hall, daughter-in-law Iris and grandson Michael with **Ninannie** and Kathi Youhas with **Maura**. We again received \$183.20 just for eating and drinking.



Michele with Ninannie

The **Salty Señorita** in Peoria had not done a Yappy Hour before, so we were the first ones to enjoy their large, extensive covered patio area with our dogs. On August 21st, despite the heat and humidity, several members and friends came out and enjoyed the good food. Having a good time were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and her out-of-town friends Karen and Alex Smith; Beverly and Perry Ruth with their

son and granddaughters; Fred Prose with **Jasper** and friends of Fred’s with their dogs **Oscar** and **Chevy**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; and Kathi Youhas with **Maura**. We ended up making \$118.63.



The Peoria restaurant’s outdoor eating area is quite a bit larger than the one in Scottsdale

Our final Yappy Hour



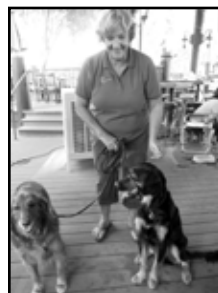
Fred offering treats to the dogs; both restaurants had plates of treats on the tables and ice water in bowls for the dogs; the Scottsdale location also had free toys for the dogs

was on September 4th, and joining the regulars Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sheila Joyce (in spite of a sprained ankle) with **Charlie**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; were Liz Sawtschenko and friend Dan Etnire with **Scotty**, **Gus** and **Sunny**; Trishia Murphy and Bill Richardson; Tammy Morgan



Tammy with Brinkley

with **Brinkley**; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with **Winnie**; and Sue Vallie with **Penny** and **Oliver**. Not too many total customers this time (heat and humidity), so we collected only \$72.



Sue with Penny and Oliver

We have not heard back on whether either restaurant location will be continuing the program, but we hope they do because the tacos and quesadillas are excellent! We ended up with about \$481 just for spending a few hours out getting our dinner – not bad!

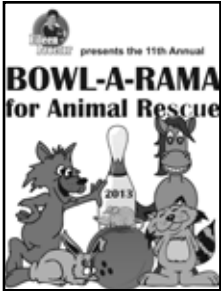


Liz Sawtschenko and Dan Etnire

Bowl-A-Rama for Special Needs Dogs

By Liz Tataseo

It was a near miss this year whether or not **Bowl-A-Rama** was going to happen. **PACC 911** had decided not to sponsor it this year, and the group that was going to oversee it finally dropped out because



they felt they didn't have enough support from the other Rescues. No worries. Despite now living in Colorado, Top Dog Eileen Proctor, who had always been the force behind the event for **PACC 911**, stepped forward to pull it all together.



Eileen Proctor and Connie McCabe

As before, all monies donated to **AGR** stayed with **AGR** and went to help our special needs dogs with their vet costs. We had a great morning cheering, bowling and being totally cool! We were sporting 60s "flower-children" costumes, and some of us really looked like we should have stayed in the 60s! Deb walked around passing out silk flowers to everyone.



Liz and Deb made terrific aging "flower children"

Bowling for **AGR** were Mark Hill, Michele Wehry, Joyce Hubler and Dana Haywood (photo at right). Deb Orwig again donated cash for spares and strikes. The rest of our small group helped out by cheering on the bowlers and making sure we did well on our cheer, which was again written by Teri Guilbault. Other members present were Tony Cotner, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Connie McCabe, Liz Tataseo and Kathi Youhas.



Liz, Patrick, Kathi, Dana, Michele, Mark, Joyce, Deb and Tony

One difference this year was the outcome of the Silent Auction. By donating at least two items, we were able to receive a percent-

age of the bid prices for **AGR**; before, all monies went to **PACC 911** for their *Emergency Medical Fund*. The *EMF* is a \$1000 grant that we have been able to receive every year for a special needs dog. Deb and I put together three nice auction items, so we will get more money for **AGR**.

Our 60s group won second place (\$50) for best costumes. In addition, with Joyce Hubler getting two strikes on red head pins, we received another \$20 for our dogs. Right now, with donations from adopters and others, most of which came in during the week following the event, our total is at \$6413, but we have not yet received the money from the actual event.

Bowl-A-Rama Donors

The following made donations in honor of **AGR's** Special Needs Dogs – thank you all!

- 2B Healthwise, LLC** – Barbara Brownlee
- Arizona Pet Resort**
- Debbie Boshes and Craig Newton
- Joann Brueggemann
- Melissa Carter
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- Sharon Flores
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- Tracie and Richard Freeland
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- Nancy and Bill Goldcamp
- Carol Gora and Don Woods
- Wendy Hardenburg and Rand Drake in honor of **Bos'n**
- Arden and Wes Harrington
- Joyce Hubler
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- Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
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- Samson** Stevenson (via Rickey and Melanie)
- Liz Tataseo
- Top Dog Business Boosters** – Eileen Proctor
- Diane Traxler
- Melody and Joe Webb
- Michele Wehry and Mark Hill
- Kathi and Bob Youhas



5th Annual Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

By Liz Tataseo and Deb Orwig



Once again, we had a successful golf tournament thanks to loads of volunteers, generous donations and all our great golfers and dinner guests. The 5th Annual Fore! Paws Golf Tournament was held September 28th, with excellent weather out on the course, followed by a fantastic Fiesta Buffet in the evening.

Our golf tournament is AGR's major fundraising event and takes much time, energy and volunteers to pull off successfully. The income derived from the tournament is what pays for our ever-increasing vet bills.



Camelback Golf Course has many lovely, picturesque views, this one of Camelback Mountain

The tournament could not happen without countless hours and hard work from all of the volunteers. Chairing the event was Rich Calta, with Teri Turner helping him with golfer pairings. The auction, raffle and administration were handled by Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo. Connie McCabe used her amazing talent to produce all of the graphics, signage and photos. Thanks to Teri, Liz and Dana Haywood for working with our Golf Invite software to register everyone.



An egret was not disturbed by flying golf balls

We thank Vikki Burgoon and Sherry Landwehr, who gave generously of their time and talents to help find donations



Duffy, who came into Rescue at age 6 1/2 weeks with 5 littermates, and Mufasa, who was discovered to have heartworm upon his initial vet exam, are two examples of how golf tournament revenue goes to help AGR-rescued dogs



One of a pair of coyotes that was enjoying the spectacular weather on the tournament course

for the silent auction and raffle. Many volunteers helped to assemble baskets (Deb, Liz, and Martha McDowell), stuff goodie bags (Patrick Doyle, Sheila Joyce, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Kathi Youhas), load and transport all of the stuff to and from the event, help at registration (Teddi Axne, Beverly Farrar, Karin Forsythe, Teri Guilbault, Jill Prose, Ruth Pulliam, and Diane Traxler), sell raffle tickets (Martha McDowell, Trishia Murphy and Michele Wehry), help at the merchandise sales table (Kathi Youhas), watch over the raffle and silent auction areas when the golfers were out on the course, drive the water cart (Sarah Martin with Bunny and Diane Traxler), and stay until everything was all cleaned up. Special mention and thanks to Martha McDowell for her help with basket assembly and bow tying.



Registration Team - Back: Teddi Axne, Michele Wehry, Diane Traxler and Trishia Murphy; Front: Beverly Farrar, Karin Forsythe, Ruth Pulliam and Teri Guilbault



Diane Traxler and Sarah Martin with Bunny Martin drove around the course offering cold water and neck coolers

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



Taryn and Cindy Tigges with Charm

and set-up help on Friday, we thank the following for their assistance: Vikki Burgoon, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Dana Haywood, Sherry and Gary Landwehr, Sarah Martin, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, Fred Prose, Liz Tataseo, Diane



Members who watched over the silent auction and raffle while the golfers were out on the course: Gail and Dana Haywood with Riley, Beverly Farrar, Sheila Joyce with Charlie, Vicki Atwater with Grizzly, and Sandra Hansen

Traxler, and Kathi and Bob Youhas. In addition to those listed above, set-up help on Saturday morning added Vicki Atwater, Teddi Axne, Beverly Farrar, Trishia Murphy and Jill Prose. Registration and check-in were handled by Teddi Axne, Beverly Farrar, Karin Forsythe, Teri Guilbault (our cashier) and Ruth Pulliam. Selling raffle tickets were Michele Wehry with Diane Traxler out on the course during golf. The Premium Raffle was conducted by Martha McDowell, and Trishia Murphy handled the 50/50 *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* raffle. Taryn Tigges assisted.



Tony Cotner was also there all day with Daisy to help where needed



New student volunteers Nick Ligidakis and Staci Gildersleeve helped with the dogs and with watching over the silent auction items during the tournament

Golfers began checking in around 11:15 to be greeted by some of our special dogs: Deb Orwig's **Mufasa**, who was heartworm positive when he was surrendered to *AGR*,



To open the Tournament, Deb Orwig welcomed all the golfers, while those who were wrangling the dogs looked on including Liz Tataseo, Cindy Tigges (behind Jill), Jill Prose, Kathi Youhas and Sarah Martin



Liz Tataseo with Trip and Gonzo and Shiloh Hagey

along with his new brother seven-month-old **Duffy**, who came into Rescue on St. Patrick's Day as one of a litter of six 6½-week-old puppies; Liz Tataseo's **Trip**, who had to have a leg amputated due to valley fever, came with his older brother **Gonzo**; also greeting our guests were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Cindy Tigges with **Charm**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, now a service dog, who was rescued from Prescott; **Grizzly**, who was found as a stray up in the Payson area and now resides with Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson; and Sarah Martin's **Bunny**, who was rescued from the Maricopa County Shelter.



Patrick Doyle and Annabelle helped watch over the *AGR* merchandise during the tournament



Long-time friends and business associates Dwayne Fontenot, Andy Formato, Jim Hawthorne and Rich Calta formed a foursome; Andy and Rich were our fantastic Tournament Sponsors and Rich chaired the event!

This year, thanks to a generous donation through our association with *PetSmart's* participation in the *Good360* program, we had lots of dog toys to give away to our golfing crowd. They must have liked taking the toys home to their canine friends, because we hardly brought any of the more than 200 toys back home!



Golfer R.L. Miller and Shiloh Hagey, *Camelback Golf Club* Tournaments Director; R.L. found the *AGR*-logo golf ball in his goodie bag and got another goodie bag full of lots of unique items and coupons

In addition to the above-listed volunteers, there are several other people who helped with the tournament in various ways. *Arizona Golden Rescue* would especially like to thank all *AGR* members who helped solicit or gave donations; Larry Jessup for lending us his trailer; Shiloh Hagey and the staff at *Cam-*



Tom Bauch played in a foursome with *AGR* members Jack Craven, Don Krause and Larry Jessup

elback Golf Club for their generous support and help; David Friedberg, *J.W. Marriott* Restaurant Sales Coordinator; Brandon, the dining room manager; Sam and his crew, who helped immensely with set-up on Friday and Saturday; and the dining room staff, who did a fabulous job taking care of all the meal details on Saturday. Special thanks to Shiloh Hagey, who acquired a donation from *Camelback Inn* and several foursome donations from *Camelback Golf Club* and other golf clubs (*Moon Valley, Orange Tree, Starr Pass, and Troon North*) that helped us raise money in our silent auction.



Another foursome of *AGR* members: Sharla and David Jewett, Jeff Guilbault and Mark Mikol; Sharla won Longest Drive, Women



Premium Raffle items: Kegerator and mountain bike

Thanks to Jeannette and Dave Morrocco and to Tony Cotner, we had two items for a Premium Raffle: a Kegerator from the Morroccos and a 7-speed mountain bike from Tony. Tickets for a chance at these items were sold for \$10 each or three

for \$20 and raised \$390!

Tremendous thanks also to pro golfer Kevin Streelman, who joined us for a while in the morning (many of our golfers were thrilled to meet him) and who gave us an autographed putter, an autographed hat and an autographed tee flag from this year's Tampa Bay Championship Tournament, which he won. We added these items as a group to our silent auction, and they brought in \$750!



Located near the San Pedro River, a major flyway for migratory birds, Casa de San Pedro is a beautiful bed-and-breakfast facility in Hereford, AZ; Proprietor Patrick Dome with his rescued boy Shadow, who greets all guests with a wagging tail



Two other items of note were stay-cation places in Arizona. Patrick Dome and Karl Schmitt, owners of the beautiful bed-and-breakfast Casa de San Pedro in Hereford, donated a two-night stay, and Helen Hennessy donated a two-night stay at her Vista View "cabin"



Helen Hennessy, who donated a two-night stay at Vista View in Prescott, could not golf with us this year but stopped by to see our silent auction display



(which can accommodate up to 10 guests, with dogs welcome) in Prescott. Both stay-cation items brought in significant cash.

We would like to thank the following for watching over everything during the afternoon during the time when some of us took our dogs home: Vicki Atwater, Teddi Axne, Beverly Farrar, Staci Gildersleeve, Sandra Hansen, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, and Nick Ligidakis, along with Tony, Dana and Gail, who stayed all day.

Dinner guests started arriving at 5:30 and were able to view the raffle and silent auction and buy raffle tickets or place their bids. After the golfers came in, everyone enjoyed a wonderful Fiesta Buffet consisting of chicken fajitas, condiments of red and green

peppers, onions, warm tortillas, salsa, guacamole, sour cream and cheese, cheese enchiladas, rice and beans, garden greens salad, Inn-baked cookies and brownies. The food was fantastic and the service impeccable!



Bill Herf (at left in above photo) not only brought a foursome, but also sponsored a hole for his company, Ziegler; for Ziegler, he was also our wonderful Nibbler Dinner Sponsor. Thanks, Bill and Ziegler!



Teri Turner (left) helped on the golf committee and brought a foursome, which included her mom, Elaine Weekly, and her friends Christi and Jim Miner; Christi won Closest-to-the-Pin for Women

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

winning teams. Winning 1st Place (photo below), with a team score of 54, were Nick Russo, Dave Sanders, Tyler Sanders and Trent Sanders. Each won \$100 gift certi-



Golfers Ali Hodjati and AGR Member Jim Henkel invited their non-golfer wives to join us for dinner



Team Russo won 1st Place, and Tyler Sanders, far left, won Longest Drive, Men

cates to **Veneto Trattoria**. In 2nd Place, with a score of 54, were Larry Eiteljorge, Tom Lombardi, Lance Mullins and Jon Schwartz.



Team Churchill won 3rd place; Brian Churchill also won the 50/50 raffle and donated his half, \$166, back to AGR



Team Eiteljorge, which won 2nd Place, got caught clowning on the course

Each golfer received a \$75 gift



Rick Hobbs, Jennifer Dworschack, Zoe Anderson and Jeff Anderson had a great time but ended up with the highest score and tennis balls for their prize

Jennifer Dworschack and Rick Hobbs, each receiving a can of tennis balls with the suggestion to try a new sport! All in good fun, of course!

Prizes were also awarded for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin for men and women. Each of the 4 winners got a \$50 gift certificate to **The Cheesecake Factory** or another restaurant group. Winning were Tyler Sanders (in Team Russo) for Longest Drive, Men; Sharla Jewett, Longest Drive, Women; Christi Miner, Closest to the Pin, Women; and Ralph Knight, Closest-to-the-Pin, Men. Congratulations to all!

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

certificate to **Pomo Napoletana**. Receiving \$50 gift certificates to **The DownSide RiSk** for 3rd place with a score of 55 were Dave Churchill, Brian Churchill, Fred Horvath and Jay Woz. Last Place, with a score of 76, went to Jeff Anderson, Zoe Anderson,



Team Michaels Wilder by the hole sign they sponsored: Ralph Knight, Nancy Knight, Tyler Knight and Randy Hatch; Ralph won the prize for Closest-to-the-Pin, Men

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Gail and Dana Haywood with Riley, Deb Orwig with Duffy and Daisy, Kathi Youhas with Maura, Patrick Doyle with Annabelle, Tony Cotner with Grizzly, and Liz Tataseo with Gonzo

We started doing Meet-and-Greets at the Northern Ave/99th Ave **Petco** in Peoria and went on several Saturdays in July (the 6th and the 13th), August (the 10th), September (the 7th)

and October (the 5th). Generally, we are trying to schedule being there on the first Saturday of the month from 1 PM to 5 PM. Jeremiah, the manager, is happy to have us represent Rescue for his store, and we have been the only Rescue there on most Saturdays. Joining in on the fun on different days have been Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sandra Hansen with then-foster **Bonita**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Caleb** (their new dog adopted from an all-breed Rescue called **Furry Smiles** during our first Saturday there – we have not seen this group since then); Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Connie McCabe with **Grizzly**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Mufasa**; Jill and Fred Prose with **Jasper**; Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash** and her friend Bethany; Liz



Patrick with Annabelle, Deb with Duffy, Dana, Tony with Daisy, Sandra with Bonita and Gail with Riley and Caleb



Sheila Joyce with Charlie and Connie McCabe with Grizzly

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Fred and Jill Prose with Jasper



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Bob Youas with Carter, Kathi Youhas with Krissie and Maura, Patrick Doyle with Annabelle, and Fred Prose with Duffy and Jasper

Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Carter**, **Krissie** and **Maura**. We are able to be right up front, so customers see us as soon as they walk into the store and they love meeting the dogs. On October 5th, we set up outside in front, since it was such a nice day. On average, we have taken in about

\$53, with our best collection of \$93 in October, again demonstrating that we always get more donations when we set up outside. During our October visit, **Petco** also gave us a boxful of clean-up supplies, including bottles of *Nature's Miracle*® and packages of poop bags. We have given some of these products away and will use others in raffles. Our thanks to **Petco** for their kind donation and for letting us have Meet-and-Greets at their store.



Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

91st AVE, PEORIA – Connie McCabe, Chairman



Susan with Ricky on floor and Winnie on chair (her favorite spot), Caesar and Star with Karen, and Krissie and Maura with Kathi

As usual in July, it was too hot to set up outside on the 14th, so Nick helped me set up indoors. The following joined me with **Winnie**: Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** (at right), Susan Parker with **Ricky**, and Kathi Youhas with **Krissie** and **Maura**. It was a slow day, and we



On 8-11-13: Karen with Rufus, Jane with Sandy, PetSmart Store Manager Ray with Grizzly and Pat with Sunny

collected only \$26 in donations, but we did distribute some information to a few interested people.

On August 11th we had a busy day,



Kisses from Sandy

more foot traffic than all summer so far. Donations were still low at \$42, but we made lots of friends and gave out a lot of info. Many thanks to Nick for setting up and packing up. Also to the regulars: Karen Davis with **Rufus**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Dana Haywood with **Riley** and Pat Morgan with **Sunny**. Also joining us were Jane Triplett with new foster, **Sandy** [Ed. note, **Sandy** has now been adopted by Diane Elliott, who has also adopted our boy **Gambler**, whom she renamed **Sirius**]. Looks as if **Sandy** will be a terrific Meet-and-Greet dog – she is very free with the kisses. I love the store personnel here – they are always very helpful and friendly.



Store Manager Wayne with kids and Grizzly



Rand with Sunny Morgan and his own boy Bos'n – this was Bos'n's first Meet-and-Greet and he did great!



One-year-old Lucky, a Golden mix, is much smaller than 6-month-old Buddy



Handsome Bos'n

shine and **Stormy**, Pat Morgan with **Sunny**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**. Pam Spicer dropped by with **13-100 Buddy** so he could come play with our foster **13-093 Lucky** (who has since been adopted by Sue and Jeff in Maricopa) for a few days. What a doll **Buddy** is, too! And of course, hubby Nick Dodson who helped transport, set up and break down, despite a painful knee.



Susan with Ricky, Fred with Grizzly and Jasper, Pat with Sunny, and Karen with Caesar and Star; Photo at right: Patrick Doyle with Annabelle

On September 14th, we enjoyed the company of Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**, Patrick Doyle with **Anna-**



belle, Pat Morgan with **Sunny**, Susan Parker with **Ricky**, Fred Prose with **Jasper**, and of course, Nick and **Grizzly**. We had a great day for being inside. Made \$97 and lots of friends.



Gail with Caleb, Dana with Riley, Karen with Lucky, Rusty and Don Krause with Stormy and Sunshine, Pat with Sunny, Patrick with Annabelle, and Rand with Bos'n

Thank you to everyone for such a great turnout on October 13th. It was a beautiful day, we collected \$86 and met a lot of great people, too! Joining foster **Lucky**

and me today: Karen Davis, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Rand Drake with **Bos'n**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Caleb** and **Riley**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Don and Rusty Krause with **Sun-**

BELL ROAD, GLENDALE – Kathi Youhas, Chairman

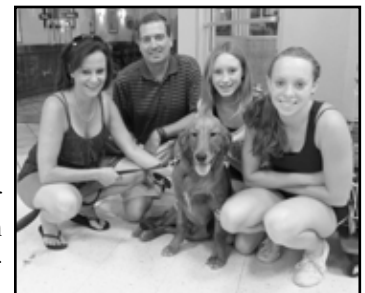


On July 21st, we had a small group at the Arrowhead **PetSmart**, only Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**, and **Maura** with me. It was slow customer-wise as well – we collected only \$44 in donations, but we all had a good time anyway.



Kathi with Maura, Patrick and Liz with Gonzo

On August 18th, we did somewhat better with donations, \$72, but we had a larger number of volunteers, which is what made the difference, I am sure. Thanks to the following for helping out: the Burgoon family with **Buddy**



(photo at right), Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Gail and Dana Haywood with **Caleb** and **Riley**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**, and **Maura** with me. Peter Wong also stopped by for a while with his very-



Gail behind lady with shoulder purse, Tony on floor with Daisy and kids, Peter with Billie and Patrick

well-trained Border Collie **Billie**, and, of course, they put on a little trick show for the customers – that really drew the crowd to our spot!

It was still too hot to set up outside on September 15th, but we had a good day anyway, and our small



Tony with Maura and Daisy and Dana with Riley



Daisy loving the kids loving on her

group collected \$104 in donations. Attending were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Gail and Dana Haywood with **Caleb** and **Riley**, and me with **Krissie** and **Maura**.

MAYO BLVD – Denny Myrick, Chairman



Sally with Rocky, Teddi with Palmer, Denny with Lexi and Jake, and Diane with Moon

The following *Arizona Golden Rescue* members participated in the July 27th Mayo Blvd *PetSmart* Meet-and-Greet: Teddi Axne with **Palmer**, Sally and Tom Fetherston with **Rocky**, Denny Myrick with **Jake**, Pam Spicer with **Lexi**, and Diane

Traxler with **Moon**. It was a hot and muggy day, but our dogs were kept cool with numerous servings of ice. Though proceeds were down (\$92), we did make numerous contacts for *AGR*.

Due to the forecast of very hot weather (which didn't materialize) August's Meet-and-Greet at this location was cancelled. I learned a lesson: despite the weather that is forecast, since we are outside under a north-facing overhang, plan on having the event, regardless. If necessary, I will cancel at the last minute.



Beverly with Rusty, Deb with Mufasa and Duffy, Tom with Molly, Sally with Rocky, Teddi with Lexi and Palmer, Cynthia with Hannah, Denny with Jake and Diane

The following *Arizona Golden Rescue* members participated in the September 14th Mayo Blvd *PetSmart* Meet-and-Greet: Teddi Axne with **Palmer**; Beverly Farrar with well-behaved *AGR* foster dog **Rusty**; Tom and Sally Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**; newcomer Gary Flagg with recently-adopted *AGR* dog **Pepper**; *AGR* President Deb Orwig with **Mufasa** and **Duffy**; host Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Debra Rothwell with **Sassi** and **Chloe**; photographer Pam Spicer with **Lexi**; Diane Traxler sans an under-the-weather **Moon**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Hannah**. The *AGR* turnout was great and resulted



Gary and Pepper



Beverly and Rusty

in the highest donations yet for this location... \$276! As we have seen over and over, the more volunteers we have with dogs, the more money we collect. Please join us!



Pam briefly snuck behind Deb's camera and got this photo of the group that was present at that time: Jerry with Buddy, Sally with Rocky, Cynthia with Hannah, Tom with Molly, Denny with Jake, Deb with Troy and Duffy and Wes Harrington with Andie

We had a nice-sized group of volunteers on October 12th for our monthly Meet-and-Greet. The following attended: Beverly Farrar with **Rusty**, Sally and Tom Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**, Gary



Flagg with **Pepper**, Wes Harrington and daughter Courtney with **Andie**, Linda Kinkead (at right with **Duffy**), Laurie and Jay McFarlane with **Rufus** (at left), Denny Myrick with **Jake**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Troy** and Cynthia Wenström with **Hannah**. Pam and Jerry Spicer stopped by to



show off their foster-for-one-night, 6-month-old **13-100 Buddy**. Linda, Laurie and Jay were first-time volunteers, and we are so glad they joined us! It was a great day to be outside, and we collected \$200 in donations!

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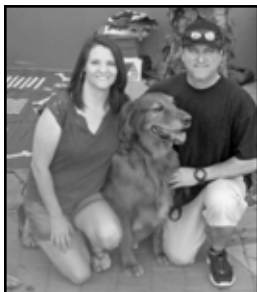
Megan Bender with Lilo

Due to very hot weather, we cancelled our appearances here in July and August. Dana Haywood chaired the event on September 14th. He said: "We had a pleasant return to Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart**. It was especially nice since we had a great mix of our fam-



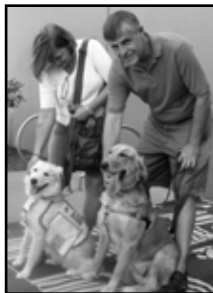
Candice and Neal Greff with Teddy

iliar regulars, along with several members who had not been to one of our Meet-and-Greets before." In atten-



Anne and Keith Martin with Sparky – they hope to foster

dance were regulars Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Maggie Muller with **Benzo**, Jim and Diane Henkel with **Bella** and **Winston**, Dave and Jackie Engelhardt with **Sage** and **Abbie**, and Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Caleb**. First-time volunteers were Candice and Neal Greff with **Teddy**, Keith



Paula and David Thomas with Chloe and Bear

and Anne Martin with **Sparky**, David and Paula Thomas with **Chloe** and **Bear**, and Megan Bender with **Lilo**. It was a real pleasure to have you all join us to help support **AGR** and our rescue efforts. Thanks to everyone who attended – I hope to see you all again in the months to come, as we will be at this location normally the third Saturday of each month from 12 PM to 4 PM. Any change in weeks for **PetSmart** Adoption Events will be emailed out to you and also listed on our website. As always, we cannot do it without our volunteers, and you are very much appreciated. We did very well, especially because Tony made a very generous donation. In total, we took in \$432.78.

New Meet-and-Greet Venue: Pet Planet

Beginning in November, we will have a new location for Meet-and-Greets in the southern portion of the East Valley: **Pet Planet**, located at 1949 W Ray Rd in Chandler on the corner of Dobson and Ray Roads. We will be there on the second Saturday of the month from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. We hope that **AGR** members from this part of the Valley will join us here to help us raise awareness of and \$\$ for **AGR**!



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In Honor of my friend Cricket Forstrom, who gives so much time and love to these dogs
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Trina Kearney for her donation of money from aluminum can recycling

Erica Mueller, an artist in Gilbert, for painting and donating a portrait of **13-017 Sandy**, now called **Sophie**, after she saw this Connie McCabe photo on our website



Craig Newton for choosing to support **AGR** with his donation through **UnitedHealth Group Employee Giving Campaign**

Carla Schneider for donating a crate, food storage bin, Thunder-shirt and toys after losing her 9-year-old Golden

Fran and Jan Stroock for their donation of unused medications and dog food in memory of **Ginger**

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