



Reaching out to you with...

The Golden Paw



Volume V Number 2

May 2013

Published by Arizona Golden Rescue

Kaitlyn

Colman

Ennis

Duffy

Colleen

**AGR's
2013
Pot o' Gold**

Nola

Story on pages 18 - 21

AGR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Deb Orwig President
 Liz Tataseo Director of Operations
 David Jewett Director of Dog Care
 Dana Haywood
 Director of Information Management
 Connie McCabe Human Resources Director

BOARD ASSISTANTS

Karin Forsythe Secretary
 Cindy Tigges Organization Accountant

TEAMS AND VOLUNTEERS

* Team Manager

Adoption Finalizations David Jewett
 Behavior Consultant Teryl Hall
 Data Transfer Karin Forsythe, Beverly Host,
 Jackie Sigafoose
 Facilities Managers Patrick Doyle, Dana Haywood
 Facebook, PetFinder.com, etc. Kathy Blue
 Follow-up and Bridge Cards Karen Davis
 Grants Cindy Ferrante
 Graphic Artist Connie McCabe
 Health Care Team Mary Lynn Ament,
 *Teri Guilbault, Linda Knight, Ingrid Wilson
 Home Evaluations Kathy Blue, Beth & Jon
 Chaffee, Karen Crawford, Marilyn Flynn,
 Teri Guilbault, Diane & Jim Henkel, Larry
 Jessup, Joyce Johnston, *Sheila Joyce,
 Don Krause, Connie McCabe, Keith Moser,
 Denny Myrick, Donna Novak, Deb Orwig,
 Angela Palumbo, Casey & Jane Pulis,
 Ruth Pulliam, Liz Tataseo, Carol & Don
 Thompson, Michele Wehry, Cynthia Wenström
 Intake Team Ben Fischer, Judy Petitto,
 *Michele Wehry
 Membership Manager Jackie Engelhardt
 Merchandise Sales Manager Deb Orwig
 Microchip Manager Sandra Hansen
 Newsletter Editor Deb Orwig
 Photography Team *Connie McCabe, Keri Schultz,
 Joy Slagowski, Pam Spicer, Linda Updike
 Placement Team Karen Crawford, Jim Henkel,
 Debbie Mikol, Pam Spicer, *Sue Vallie
 Shelter Walking Keri Schultz, *Michele
 Wehry, Kathi Youhas
 Transport Team Randy Dale, Nick
 Dodson, Dana Haywood, *Gail Haywood,
 Diane & Jim Henkel, Connie McCabe,
 Denny Myrick, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo,
 Sue Vallie
 Vet Records Manager Liz Tataseo
 WAGSLine Manager Gail Haywood
 Webmasters
 Dana Haywood and Dana Craig Haywood

TABLE OF CONTENTS

COLUMNS

President’s Message – “Today’s New Friend Is Tomorrow’s Family” 3 - 4
 Director of Operations – *With Paw Extended: Spring and Summer* 4 - 5
 Director of Dog Care – *A Joyful Journey* 5 - 6
 Director of Information Management – *The Information Highway* 6
 Human Resources Director – *The Human Connection* 6 - 7
Health and Safety – Fibrocartilaginous Embolism in Dogs 7 - 8
Glaucoma in Dogs 36
Service Paws – Thoughts of a Successor Dog 9
The Financial Picture 9

FEATURES

Magic Moments 10 - 14
Diamonds in the Ruff 14 - 15
Over the Rainbow 17
Golden Hearts (Donors) 38 - 39

SPECIAL FEATURES

12-100 Rusty Needs Your Help 16
A Puppy Chronicle 18 - 21
Do You Want a Puppy? 21
Have a Safe and Fun Summer! 35
Follow-up on 11-011 Prince and the Animal Hoarder 37

HERE AND THERE – Events from January 1, 2013 - March 31, 2013

Bedmart Meet-and-Greet 22
Parada del Sol and Trail’s End 22 - 23
Pre-Valentine’s Day Gift Wrapping 23 - 24
Golden Paw Gambling Hall Casino Event 24 - 25
PACC911 Spring Fling 25 - 26
Paws At The Park 26 - 29
Meet-and-Greet at Petco 29
Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart 29 - 32
State of the Organization Address 33

MISCELLANEOUS

Editor’s Assistant’s Note 3
Toxic for Dogs! 8
Are Your Dog’s Bowls Toxic? 15
 Book Review: *Lost & Found* by Jacqueline Sheehan 32
Villa La Paws 32
Annual August Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs; Fore! Paws Golf Tournament 34
 Congratulations! 35
 Frosty Paws ~ A Yummy Summer Treat for Your Dog 36
From the Editor’s Desk 39
 Bulk Rate Mail; Change of E-mail Address; Cell Phone Recycling 39

Cover Art by Connie McCabe

Masthead photo is of **13-010 Charlie Joyce**

Editor’s Note: Any personal opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those held by Arizona Golden Rescue. THE GOLDEN PAW is published quarterly by Arizona Golden Rescue and printed by AZ Correctional Industries, Perryville, AZ. Members receive it automatically, but nonmembers may subscribe for \$16 per year.

Editor's Assistant's Note

Aaack! On March 17th, my house was invaded by aliens! At least that's how it seemed to me. What else could those six yappy gold balls of fluff be? They took over my back yard – there's a huge fence out there now that encloses most of the grass. I made sure to mark the enclosure screens all the way around just to let those beasts know they are to stay INside and that

OUTside the enclosure is MY territory! Good grief! I even have to do my business on the gravel or in Mom's flower beds. (Actually, I rather like the space in the northeast corner underneath the citrus tree – I had not discovered that spot before.)

It's bad enough that most of the back yard is off limits to me and my canine siblings and foster guest, **Caesar**. The aliens have taken over my laundry room, too. Mom set up a play yard in there. The aliens spend the night in there. Notice I didn't say "sleep." Yes, they do seem to sleep – for a couple hours at a time. Then, they wake up the entire household (and maybe even the neighbors) with their strange language of squeals and grunts. Mom has already learned that the squeals mean "I want to go out!" She actually gets up out of bed and carries them out – they have trained her well. She says it's self-preservation because if she takes them out when they squeal, they don't mess in the indoor pen.

The first week the aliens were at my house, **Ladybird** and **Troy** ignored them, but I would run around and around the outside of the backyard pen. I have to admit that I felt a little magical, because all the aliens would romp around on the inside of the fence trying to follow me. Mom said that all I needed was a set of panpipes and I would be the Pied Piper.

It seems that at least once a day, one of them escapes from the pen. It always makes a beeline for ME, which reinforces my thoughts about my having magical powers. The one that usually gets out is called **Duffy**. Is that some weird kind of animal? No, Mom says that's his name and that it's Irish. The other five aliens have names, too: besides **Duffy**, the boys are **Colman** and **Ennis**; the girls are **Colleen**, **Kaitlyn** and **Nola**. They are not really Irish, they just have Irish names because *Arizona Golden Rescue* rescued them on St. Patrick's Day. Supposedly, these "Irish aliens" will bring good luck to *AGR* and to anyone who adopts them. Be sure to read their rescue story on pages 18 - 21. Mom says that by the time they leave our house at the beginning of May, we



will all be used to having them around. Just so we don't miss them all too much, she said **Duffy** will be staying forever. It is going to be my job to teach him how to behave like a dog, a good dog like me. I think I'm up to it!

Note: That cute photo of me with one of the "aliens" was taken by Greg Ahmann, who is going to take that little thing home with him one of these days soon.

*Wags and Woofs*

By Deb Orwig, President

dorwigaz@cox.net

"Today's new friend is tomorrow's family."

Since March 2009 when Debbie Begley and I cofounded Arizona Golden Rescue, many new members have joined our group. Our rescue "family" now numbers well over 500, but unfortunately, many of our members are not active participants. In fact, many members choose never to get involved in AGR at all – they adopt a dog and we don't see or hear from them again. We hope that when a family gets a great dog from AGR, they will want to pay it forward to help someone else get a wonderful companion. Our adoption fees do not begin to cover our average vet costs (last year, vetting averaged \$1030 per dog over 146 dogs), yet many adopters do not come to our activities and events to help us raise the difference. No, we don't expect you to pull more than the adoption and membership fees out of your pocket, but we really would appreciate your time! Something as simple as bringing your dog(s) to our Meet-and-Greets will help us bring in more donations. Please consider attending one of these or other AGR functions. You will meet new friends and so will your dog.

Several members deserve our heartfelt thanks. First, the new Board, which is actually the old Board with one exception. For the past year, Teri Guilbault has done an exemplary job as Director of Dog Care. Due to increasing family and work commitments, she has had to scale back her involvement in *AGR*, but she is, thankfully, remaining our Health Care Manager. David Jewett has taken on the daunting job of Director of Dog Care with joy and excitement, and we thank him for being so willing to shadow Teri for two months, thus allowing for a seamless transition in this Director's position. David also served for a brief time as Placement Manager, so he could get a feel for how a team concept would work in that department.

Michele Wehry was incredible in the three jobs she handled for 3 ½ years: Intake Manager, Placement Manager and Shelter Walking Coordinator. After some time as the lone person in all these positions, Michele created an Intake Team, which functions well and has given her some respite for two weeks out of every three. For a couple of years, we tried to come up with a way to make the

Team concept work for Placement, too, but we had to wait for the database to get to the point of being usable by a Placement Team. By that time, Michele's life was so full, she decided to concentrate her volunteer efforts on Intake and Shelter Walking. Thanks for all you have done for **AGR**, Michele!

Thanks to Dana Haywood and Dana Craig Haywood working with Jesse Scott of *The Cyber Image*, we now have what is one of the most sophisticated databases in use by any animal rescue organization. The fine-tuning of its various functions will continue, but we are really blessed to have such a wonderful tool. Thanks for your efforts, all of you!

Thanks go as well to Denny Myrick, who, as interim Placement Manager following Michele Wehry's double duty for 3½ years as both Intake and Placement Managers, helped bridge the transition from an individual handling that position to a team. Denny also was instrumental in helping troubleshoot the parts of our database that were custom designed so that a team could take over Placement. In addition, Denny continues to chair the monthly Mayo Blvd *PetSmart* Meet-and-Greet, consistently the highest money-maker of all our *PetSmart* stores. He also continues to do home evaluations in the Northeast Valley and transports all over the Metro area. Thanks for all you've done for **AGR**, Denny!

Numerous volunteers help with one task or another, but Jim Henkel deserves special mention. For two years, Jim has been doing most of the home evaluations for applicants who live in the East Valley. He is now in the process of training a couple of new volunteers in Ahwatukee and in the East Valley how to do home evaluations. In addition, he has done many transports, some from Gilbert to Glendale and back. Recently, Jim also joined our new Placement Team. A very busy man Jim is, but he says he loves it! Thanks so much for all you do for **AGR**, Jim!

All our Team Managers continue to do their various jobs with competence and enthusiasm: Gail Haywood, Transport Coordinator; Sheila Joyce, Home Evaluation Coordinator; Connie McCabe, Photography Team Coordinator; Sue Vallie, Placement Manager; and Michele Wehry, Intake Manager. Thank you all for your continued service. Inside the front cover of this newsletter is a list of all team members. We'd love to add your name to one of these team lists!

Thanks to Liz Tataseo's tremendous organizational skills, we had a fantastic Annual Meeting and Picnic at Papago Park in March. We received many compliments from those who attended. As our pattern is to alternate Eastside with Westside, this event will be held at Sahuaro Ranch Park in Glendale next year. I would also like to thank Jackie and Dave Engelhardt for donating the cost of the Papago Park rental fee in memory of my dog **Hayden**, who passed away last December.

We are starting to gear up for our largest fundraiser of the year, our

annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*. We could use more help on the planning committee and for soliciting item donations as well as monetary support. Are you a golfer? Mark September 28th on your calendar now! Not a golfer? There is plenty you can do to help make this tournament the spectacular success it has been in the past. Please contact Liz Tataseo if you are willing to help in any way, or if you have something you or someone you know is willing to donate for the golf tournament's raffle or silent auction.

Have you decided you would like to get involved with **Arizona Golden Rescue** somehow and become a member of our rescue core? We can especially use another one or two volunteers on our Intake Team and another on our Vet Team, and we can always use more home evaluators and transporters. Even one or two hours a week will help. Send Connie McCabe, our Human Resources Director, a note and let her know what you would like to do. She will put you in touch with the appropriate person or team.



Spring and Summer

It was exciting to see all the Golden Retrievers and their people at the **AGR** Annual Meeting and Picnic, *Paws At The Park*, on March 23rd. All of the members I spoke to were very happy to be out and about with their Golden to enjoy the day and see firsthand all the other rescued dogs that have found their forever homes.

If everyone who was at the picnic came to at least one event in April, May or June, we would have over 100 **AGR** members meeting and greeting with their Golden(s). Wow, what an abundance of Golden Retrievers! When the public sees what rescued dogs are like, be they purebred or mixes, they realize that rescuing a dog is not only the way to go, but that they will receive an abundance of doggie love from their new companion.

So, experience that wonderful feeling again throughout the spring and summer by going to the various Meet-and-Greets that **AGR** has at different locations in the Valley. Here are some of the upcoming events that you and your Golden companion can come to and, by being there, help **AGR** raise awareness and funds for new rescues and bring in applications which lead to more homes for rescued Golden Retrievers. A win-win for everyone, especially the dogs and their new people! All below are Meet-and-Greets except those noted.

May 10 & 11 11:00 AM-6:00 PM **Barnes & Noble** Gift Wrapping before Mother's Day at Happy Valley store

Sat May 18 Noon - 4:00 PM **PetSmart**, Tempe Marketplace
 Sun May 19 11:00AM - 3:00PM **Petsmart**, Arrowhead
 Sat May 25 11:00AM - 2:00PM **Petsmart**, Mayo Blvd
 Sun June 9 1:00PM - 5:00PM **Petsmart**, 91st Ave in Peoria
 June 14 & 15 11:00AM-6:00PM **Barnes & Noble** Gift Wrapping
 before Father's Day at Happy Valley store
 Sat June 15 Noon - 4 PM **PetSmart**, Tempe Marketplace
 Sun June 16 11:00AM - 3:00PM **Petsmart**, Arrowhead
 Sat June 22 11:00AM - 2:00PM **Petsmart**, Mayo Blvd

Be on the alert for other opportunities during May, June and July. As a reminder, Meet-and-Greet organizers and I will send out e-mail alerts about our events prior to the actual dates. Please frequently visit the event calendar on the website to check out dates and times: <http://arizonagoldenrescue.org/> Enjoy the summer with your Golden and **AGR**!

A Joyful Journey

By David Jewett, Director of Dog Care

davidjewettagr@gmail.com



My name is David Jewett and I was recently (3-23-13) elected Director of Dog Care. I am replacing Teri Guilbault in this position, as she is stepping down from one of her many roles with **Arizona Golden Rescue**. A special thanks to her for all she has done and will continue to do for **AGR** and, in particular, for mentoring me. She is remaining active as the Health Care Manager.

While many of you will not recognize my name, my real identity is that I am **Keller's** Dad. **Keller** is recognized far more widely in the **AGR** family. My wife, Sharla, and I have grown to accept that our primary role is to make "people and pups" available so **Keller** can have many new forever friends. While not readily apparent upon introduction, **Keller** is blind and has been since birth. As a result, he needs us to make contact with others more accessible. He takes over from there, making lasting friendships with anyone interested. People seem to be drawn to him, perhaps because he is so accepting of others.

In many ways, my experience with **Keller** represents a microcosm of what **AGR** is all about, bringing our Golden and Golden mixes together with others, hoping to establish forever friendships followed by forever families. Just as Sharla and I are very careful with all those introductions with **Keller** to make sure that, above all, **Keller** is safe, so, too, are we in **AGR** very careful with all of our rescues and to whom we introduce our dogs.

Placing dogs is not really what we do. Finding the right home is what really matters. That is why we talk about finding the right

match of homes for our dogs, not the right dog for a home. And yes, we do think of them as "our" dogs. That is why we are always so particular about making sure we have found the right home. Whether surrendered to us by a previous owner, rescued from a shelter, or found as a stray, every dog becomes a member of our **AGR** family. We are all they have at that time, and we take that responsibility very seriously. All rescued dogs then remain a part of our family forever, even following a successful adoption. That is why we are so careful when looking for a "perfect" match with a family. What we are actually doing is sharing "our" dogs with new families.

Many of the families that apply for a rescue often ask where they are "in line" and when it will be their turn. These are very fair questions; unfortunately, they are not ones with clear answers. It is not about them, really, but only about what the dog needs. As an organization, we are blessed with a long list of great families – they would not be accepted as potential adopters if they weren't. If we were only interested in placing our dogs with good people, it would be much easier, because we think our approved families are filled with great people. Unfortunately, it is more complicated than that.

Again, let me use another **Keller** example to help clarify. When Sharla and I decided to join **AGR** and become involved with rescue, we were asked to describe the dogs we were most interested in rescuing. On the application, we listed 2- to 5-year-old females with no special needs. After waiting for a few months we got "the call" asking if we would consider **Keller**. The Placement person, Michele, shared that while he didn't fit "our" criteria, she thought we might be perfect for him. She then went on to describe that he was an 8-week-old male puppy who happened to be blind. She asked us to think about it and get back to her. After hanging up, Sharla and I looked at each other, grinned, and I immediately called Michele back and said yes. Michele knew that I was retiring and would be home for **Keller**. She also knew that both Sharla and I had spent our careers working with children, many of whom had significant developmental disabilities. Yes, I had even worked with some kids who were blind. You see, it really was not what **Keller** would bring to us, but, most importantly, what we would bring to him. Hence, it really is all about the dog! Although, while the placement put **Keller's** needs first, we will forever be thankful to Michele and **AGR** for bringing **Keller** into our lives.

All of our dogs are like **Keller**: great dogs with their own unique needs. Forever homes are homes that help each dog feel safe, feel loved, meet the dog's needs, and create a "happily ever after". Thank you to all of you who have made this happen for "our" dogs and an equally big thank you to all the families waiting to be that forever home, as rescue wouldn't be possible without you.





The Information Highway

By Dana Haywood,
Director of Information Management

dhaywood480@gmail.com

As I am writing this article, we have just entered into the fifth year of our organization as a Golden Retriever rescue group. In the past year we have made many changes in the way that we handle our everyday business activities. One of the most challenging parts of it was – and still is – ensuring that everyone involved is comfortable with doing so much of the work online rather than on paper forms that had to be mailed in and manually entered into reports and spreadsheets. Even those who are becoming accustomed to data entry have had to have retraining to keep up to date with database enhancements. The good part is that the database, except for some additional cosmetic enhancements, is done and everyone can start getting comfortable with our present system.

Some of the achievements we have seen in the last years are:

- A brand new website built from the ground up. We tried to keep some familiar components to it such as the Dog Panel at the top of the home page, but for the most part the website is totally redesigned. To offer a cleaner, full-page view of each page, we now utilize dropdown menus on the top of the screen rather than a right-side menu. In addition, we have added new content to the website. All past issues of *The Golden Paw* newsletter are now available online. We have also included an events gallery displaying members and their dogs at various events. It is nice for people who meet us at different events and have their pictures taken to see their photos on the website in a day or so.
- All data entry is now done online, from applications for membership to adoption applications, which are automatically entered into our database directly from the applicant's online entry.
- Home Evaluators now enter their home evaluations directly into our database, where they can keep track of all the home evaluations they have done. Once applicants are approved by the Home Evaluation Coordinator, the Placement Team has instant access to both the adoption applications and the home evaluations.
- Transporters enter their transport reports online, after which two separate reports are generated and sent out by e-mail to all who need them. One report is the full transport report that goes to the Transport Manager and is entered into the database. Another report that contains just a

summary of the transport goes out to Intake, Placement, the Board and the Health Care Team.

- A Placement Team has been created and is up and running. A Team for Placement was able to be activated because of new features that were designed into the database.

We now have a working relationship with a service that allows people to donate cars, boats, RVs and motorcycles to **Arizona Golden Rescue**. **AGR** has chosen **Cars 4 Causes®** to process all of our vehicle and boat donations. All of the liability associated with each



vehicle donation rests with **Cars 4 Causes®**, thus insulating our organization from any risks associated with accepting, reconditioning and selling donated vehicles. **Cars 4 Causes®** reviews and evaluates each donated vehicle to determine which of their sales channels will bring the highest value for the vehicle dona-

tion. When it is cost effective to do so, they make mechanical repairs, detail the cars, and then advertise them for sale. They also use auction houses to sell some vehicles that do not warrant repairs and/or are located outside their proprietary sales location areas. However, in such cases, **AGR** will determine the minimum sales price, not the auction house. Because of this, **Cars 4 Causes®** receives the highest average return in the industry! They will also accept junk cars. However, in most cases accepting junk cars is a convenience for our donors and a benefit for the environment and, as such, **Cars 4 Causes®** will pay **AGR** only \$25 for such vehicle donations. A benefit to the donor to have the vehicle removed and handled is still offered, and we still receive a donation.



The Human Connection

By Connie McCabe,
Human Resources Director

photocraf@aol.com

“Many hands make light work.”

According to various sources, this proverb first appeared in English in the early 1300s in an anonymous knightly romance known as *Sir Beves of Hampton*.

“Ascopard be strong and sterk [physically powerful], Mani hondes maketh light werk! [c 1330 *Sir Beves* (EETS) I. 3352]”

It is such a powerful and universal concept that it was also written as “Many hands make light work” by John Heywood (1497-1580), an English writer known for his plays, poems, and collection of proverbs.

And stated again, in 1721, as a Scottish proverb: “Many hands

make light work. Because it is but little to every one." I like that one the best.

These are just a few of the many ways to state the obvious. An overwhelming task to few, when shared, becomes a very light task to many.

Which brings me to the point. Bluntly, we need more hands. I love to see so many volunteers show up for the Meet-and-Greets and gift wrapping. It is wonderful to see all the great people and their beautiful dogs. But we need some people to give just a little more. Not just for the casual appearance at Meet-and-Greets or other events. We also need people to help lighten the heavy load of putting a large event together. Many people do not realize it, but some of our bigger events require 8 or more hours during the days before to prepare and usually 3 or 4 hours to set it up and another 2 or 3 hours to take down the day of the event. Not to mention the countless hours that go into gathering and preparing the goodies and prizes and merchandise weeks ahead of time. The amount of work that goes into preparation is tremendous and very tiring when there are only a few to do it. Especially when it is often that those few are in their sixties or even older. And as the years go by, more of the core participants become unable to do the heavy work of loading, setting up and unloading. So then it takes fewer people even longer to get the job done. We do it for the love of the dogs and the organization, but really, we need help.

No special skills are required, so when the notice comes out that there is an event coming up, please drop us a line and let us know you can give even one hour. We really need some younger people to step up and offer to come help load the trailers, set up the tables and canopies and also help put it all back together again. Just carrying small stuff back and forth would be very helpful. The next big event that requires a lot of loading and unloading is the Golf Tournament in September. Please consider offering to help set up on Friday afternoon, September 27th, or, even more importantly, help us load everything when the event is done and we are all exhausted from working a full day. We welcome high school and college groups, and if your teenager needs to earn community service points we have just the thing for them!

And then there's the human connection of course! Not only will you be helping your fellow volunteers, but you will also be engaging in some great conversation, sharing stories about your pets, and making new friends.

You can call or e-mail Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo or me and let us know that you're willing to help for the next event. We really look forward to hearing from you.

Rescue is not about finding perfect dogs to adopt. Rescue is about helping loving dogs in need.

~ Anon.

Health and Safety

By Teri Guilbault, Health Care Manager

teri.guilbault@yahoo.com



Fibrocartilaginous Embolism in Dogs

It all began very early on the morning of February 28th, or actually, sometime during the night of February 27th. When we went to bed that evening, all was well with our pack of five, and everyone, as usual, found their favorite spot and went down for the night. We woke up to our usual routine – I normally get up first and let three of the five dogs out to do their business. **Fresno** stays in bed with my husband and **Blossom** does not usually come out until the other dogs are in and the treat jar opens and calls her name. That morning, **Blossom** did not come as usual, and I figured she had just decided to sleep in, as she seemed to be resting quietly when I stepped over her on my way to the kitchen. Shortly thereafter, I heard my husband yell to me that something had happened to **Blossom** and she could not get up. He carried her out to the great room, and when she tried to stand, all that would happen is her left leg would just go limp and her back end would drop down to the floor. When she tried to walk, she would end up dragging herself.

Needless to say, my first call at 7 AM was to one of our vets to see about getting her in right away for an evaluation. We knew that she had some hip dysplasia, so I initially thought that her hip had finally given out. That turned out to be the furthest thing from the truth.

After running blood work, including a valley fever recheck, doing x-rays and a general examination, the vet told us that there was nothing showing up but they suspected the possibility of an FCE, or fibrocartilaginous embolism. A blood clot? A stroke? They recommended taking her to a veterinary neurologist in Phoenix who would be able to diagnose her condition by doing an MRI of her spine. Good thing we have pet insurance! So off we went to **Veterinary Neurology Associates** in Phoenix. I was given three options, none of which were great: 1) an FCE, although he said that in 99% of the cases that would be caused by trauma (jumping, hard play, accident, etc.); 2) a blown disc which would require surgery; or 3) spinal lymphoma.

It turned out that **Blossom** had experienced an FCE, which in common terms is a stroke of the spine. All of us who have been involved in Rescue for a while have dealt with a lot of disorders, diseases, cancers and other conditions, but none of us had ever heard of this, even though the largest number of cases occurs in giant or large breed dogs with most cases occurring in the age range of 3 to 5 years. **Blossom** is almost nine.



What is FCE Anyway?

To understand FCE, you have to understand some anatomy of the spine or vertebral column. The vertebral column consists of numerous small bones called vertebrae that are linked together by joints called facet joints. In many ways, these joints are similar to the joints that connect arm or leg bones together. They allow flexibility between vertebrae so that you can arch or twist your back voluntarily, just as you can flex and extend a knee or elbow.

The facet joints are unique, as well. A joint, say a knee or elbow, has a capsule which secretes a lubricating fluid. The bones are capped with smooth cartilage to facilitate frictionless gliding as the surfaces move during flexion and extension. The facet joint is nothing like this. It is more like a cushion between the bodies of the vertebrae. It is round and fibrous on the outside with a soft gelatinous inside to absorb the forces to which the bones are exposed. This jelly-like material inside is called the *nucleus pulposus*, and it is this material that makes up the fibrocartilaginous embolus.

The vertebral column provides a bony protective case around the vulnerable spinal cord. In FCE, somehow the material from the *nucleus pulposus* enters the arterial system and is carried to the spinal cord where it causes a blood vessel obstruction: an embolism. This area of the spinal cord actually dies. There are many theories of how disk material might gain access to the arterial blood supply but no one really knows how this happens.

The majority of reports I have read tend to agree that once the event happens, most dogs should stabilize within the first 24 hours and no further deterioration should tend to happen after that period. Mild improvement may be seen in the first 14 days of treatment, with further improvement occurring between three to six weeks of treatment. From there on, recovery should progress until the dog is feeling energetic again. There are instances, however, where the event is so severe that there is little or no actual recovery. Fortunately, that seems to be seen in just a small number of reported cases.

When we brought **Blossom** home after her diagnosis, we were given a harness to use to help her get up and walk around. We were instructed to do the walking for her with the harness, gradually letting her take over until she could move around on her own. How lucky we were that **Blossom** started gaining some use of her rear leg and hip about a week after the event, while her right side continued to gain the needed strength to be able to help support her better. She continued to improve every day from there on out, while her energy also continued to return. Almost three weeks after this event happened, **Blossom** was able to walk around on her own, although she still had some difficulty navigating on smooth surfaces.

As I write this article, it is exactly one month since **Blossom** had

the embolism. I am happy to report that although **Blossom** still shows signs of mild atrophy on her left side, she is able to jump up on her favorite chair and is starting to run again with her pack during outside play.

As with most accidents, illnesses or other issues involving your furkids, it is always good practice to get them in to your trusted vet as soon as possible for an evaluation and diagnosis. In most cases, the earlier they are diagnosed and treated, the quicker the recovery process can begin.

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?A=1663>

http://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/neurological/c_dg_fibrocartilaginous_embolic_myelopathy

Toxic For Dogs!

Please do not give your dog(s) chocolate, onions, grapes, raisins, or chewing gum (especially sugarless varieties that contains xylitol). Each of these foods contains chemicals that are toxic to dogs. As few as seven grapes have been reported to cause death in some dogs.

Keep all medications out of your dog's reach and NEVER give your dog any medication without first consulting your veterinarian. Medications that should not be given to dogs include aspirin, acetomeniphen, and ibuprofen. Aspirin toxicity may cause gastrointestinal problems, respiratory difficulties, neurological problems, bleeding disorders and kidney failure. In addition to bleeding ulcers, increasing doses of ibuprofen eventually lead to kidney failure – and, if left untreated, this can be fatal. Symptoms include poor appetite, vomiting, black tarry stools, vomiting blood, abdominal pain, weakness and lethargy. Dogs are less sensitive to acetaminophen than cats are. A 50-pound dog would need to ingest more than seven 500 mg tablets to suffer toxic effects. If you ever suspect that your dog has ingested any amount of these medications (or any other human meds), please contact your family veterinarian or local veterinary emergency facility immediately. To ensure the safety of your dog, give him only medications prescribed by your veterinarian and only in the dosage prescribed.

*If I could grab a star
for every time you made me smile,
I'd hold the entire universe
in my hand.*

~ Anon.



Dr. Valerie Ferguson and 13-023 Duffy



Service Paws

By Wendy Enos

wendyenos@cox.net

Thoughts of a Successor Dog

It is true what they say... the older one gets, the faster time speeds away. With my service dog, **Sophie**, coming up on nine years old, I fully expect that, within a year or two at the most, her career will be over and she will enjoy her retirement as a pampered pet.

It took nearly 2½ years for **Sophie** to become fully trained and certified, so I realized the time to begin raising and training a successor is now. But the process is not as easy as 'go get another pup and bring him home.' Before proceeding, there are things to consider.

Acquiring a new dog to raise and eventually train for service requires the same considerations as bringing any brand new dog into the home. With a second dog comes double vet bills, double insurance, double Heartgard® and Frontline®, double food, double grooming... and double the work! With a disability to deal with, which is why I need the dog in the first place, it is a huge issue.

In this shaky economy, taking nothing about the job market for granted, am I reasonably sure I will be able to afford another dog? The above-mentioned expenses are just the obvious. Obedience classes, supplies, toys, treats, booties, and even fuel for driving all over town can bear a high price tag.

What about puppy vs. a year-old adult? I raised **Sophie** from twelve weeks and never worked so hard in my life, but she was raised exactly the way I wanted. I worried that, with an older dog, all the basic behaviors are already well established, and finding one with the right qualities would be difficult and time consuming.

Then I talked to *Arizona Golden Rescue* and my running list of everything I thought I wanted did an about-face! Yes, a rescue dog has his basic personality set in stone, but who says that is a bad thing? *AGR* evaluates each dog, gets to know his mind, body, and spirit, and goes to great lengths to ensure a good match. Adopting a 10- to 15-month-old dog would ensure he'd be tall enough to meet my physical needs for a service dog, whereas with a puppy it would be anyone's guess as to how big the dog would be at maturity. We could begin training right away instead of waiting a full year or more until he would be old enough. He could be fitted for a harness in a year or less, rather than waiting for two years. And I think best of all is the forever home and family love I could give a dog in need.

A lot of soul-searching, preparation, and patience go into the selection of a service dog. My next Golden is out there somewhere and, when the time is just right, I'll be ready!

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Reporting period: January 1, 2013 - March 31, 2013

Total Assets as of April 30, 2013: \$133,667.14

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Adoptions	\$ 6,326.00	\$ 324.05
Bank, Credit Card, Legal, Prof.		297.71
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	250.00	
Casino Event Total ¹	4,577.55	1,370.09
Auction	1,575.00	
Donations	1,182.55	
Raffle Tickets	265.00	
Registrations ²	1,415.00	
Wanted Posters	140.00	
Donations	8,850.14	
Dues and Subscriptions		42.81
Event Expense		100.00
Garage Sale		
Gift Wrap Events		
Golf Tournament		
Insurance		
Interest	23.05	
Memberships	3,877.00	
Merchandise	1,175.50	418.55
Office Expense & Supplies		355.00
<i>Paws At The Park Picnic 2013</i> ¹	1,819.00	283.46
Auction	520.00	
Donations	146.00	
Raffle	548.00	
Registrations	843.00	
Postage		432.65
Rent or Lease		300.00
Repair & Maintenance		61.35
Santa Claws Photos taken in 2012	1,250.00	
Stationery & Printing		3,834.68
Telephone		47.34
Utilities		
Vet and Dog-related Expenses:		
Boarding		778.00
Behavioral Training		4,571.00
Microchip & Heartgard® expenses		55.93
Veterinary services		22,871.72
TOTAL	\$28,386.24	36,144.29
NET INCOME:	- \$7,758.05	

Checking Account on 4-30-13: \$37,540.67

Savings Account on 4-30-13: \$81,963.71

The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 4-30-13: \$14,162.76

Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 4-30-13: \$16,860.11

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

² Includes registrations submitted in 2012

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Jude Fulghum

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from January 8, 2013 through March 31, 2013. All adoptions finalized after March 31st will be in the next issue.



12-075 Suzie Q was released by her owner who had four smaller dogs and a Lab mix and claimed **Suzie** just wanted to play too roughly. Once in Rescue, she seemed to have some hip issues, which are unusual in such a youngster. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with hip dysplasia and needed double hip surgeries.

She was placed with a family who saw her through her first surgery, but they did not have the time to do the proper rehabilitation with her. Consequently, we had to reclaim her after a couple of months, so that we could proceed with her next surgery. A vet check at that time prescribed two hours of walking each day to build up muscle mass in the area of her first surgery so that she would be ready for the second. She was placed with Bob in Mesa who worked very diligently with her to get her to the point where she could have her second hip surgery performed. She is now home with Bob, and everything is looking up for this sweet girl who has been through so much. Here's to a healthy new life, **Suzie Q!**



12-141 Horton came into Rescue as a fun-loving, grinning 1-year-old Goldendoodle with the young dog crazies, wanting to play with every dog and person in sight. He initially had issues with drinking water too fast and then redelivering it wherever he thought appropriate. Using an elevated water bowl and a water bottle has controlled his intake and he is

now doing much better. When delivered to his new foster home with Cindy in Glendale and her dog, **Gus**, he was a bit snippy but calmed down after a good walk. It did not take long for Cindy to sign up for the Foster Failure Club, as she couldn't stand to think of parting with him. Since **Gus** and **Horton** are very similar in size and energy level, we hope they will be terrific for each other. Happy new life, **Horton!**



12-144 Samantha was surrendered to us by a caring woman with long working hours which resulted in **Samantha's** being home alone most of the time. Although it was a tough decision, the owner knew that the best thing for **Samantha** would be a new home. It was obvious this 8-year-old dog was an attention lover, as she insisted on being the center of attention her first night at

Kathy's home. The next day after helping deliver items for the gift wrapping at a **Barnes & Noble**, Dana drove **Samantha** to Gila Bend, where she met her new mom, Cherice, who lives in Yuma. As Cherice's husband works from home, **Samantha** will be in her glory all the time getting attention from her new dad. Her new family writes: *When our beloved Golden crossed the Rainbow Bridge last year, my 3-year-old son was heartbroken as he had lost his best friend. He asked almost daily when she was coming back. When we received the call about **Samantha**, my son was so excited, although I was a bit hesitant because my first Golden was perfect in every way and I didn't know if my son would be disappointed that all dogs are different, each with a unique personality. Any hesitation I had immediately disappeared after meeting **Samantha**. We are so fortunate to have found her, and she is also perfect in her own way. She has been a wonderful addition to our family and home. Thank you.*



12-146 Rosie was our cover dog for the last issue of *The Golden Paw*. On Christmas Eve, we received a call about a 6-year-old Golden that had been rushed to an emergency vet clinic with bloat, a very serious and life-threatening condition. Due to an illness in the family, **Rosie** had been staying in a kennel, and we

are glad the kennel folks caught this condition early. However, because the surgery and aftercare was to cost about \$5000, **Rosie's**

owner, a young soldier returning from a tour of duty in Afghanistan, sadly relinquished her to us. We quickly agreed to assume the costs of her medical care, and **Rosie** made it through the surgery with a good prognosis. **AGR's** Board of Directors agreed that the best home for **Rosie** would be back with her original family, who had not only experienced a serious illness in the family but also had lost their home to foreclosure. With an adoption fee of only \$1 and no medical bills to pay off, Michael and Samantha were overjoyed at having their **Rosie** returned to them as a little belated, but much loved, Christmas gift.



13-001 Duffy, now known as **Lexi**, came into Rescue from an owner who had taken her in from another family who was moving. The new owner of this petite little Golden/Lab mix quickly realized that **Duffy** was not for them, and called us. When we arrived, it was obvious that **Duffy** had also realized she was not in the right place, as she ap-

peared terrified and was quite submissive but settled down once in the car. Must be Teri's (the transporter) soothing vibes! After her initial vet visit, this 3-year-old little girl was placed in Maricopa with Timothy, who was severely injured in a motorcycle crash. Timothy sent the following: *Lexi has been an amazing dog, the best I've ever had! You guys ended up picking the perfect dog for me. She's very calm, patient, extremely low maintenance, absolutely adores my family, and pretty much lives off of love. She's perfect on the leash, and never pulls, which is great because I'm in a wheelchair and she just trots along beside me. She's the perfect companion dog. When we first got her, we were worried that she might have a number of "accidents", however, after one on the first day, she's been perfect since. The only issues we're still trying to overcome are her nervousness around people, especially men, and her standoffishness towards other dogs. She gets along great with children and women. Congratulations, Lexi, on finding a nice, safe place to be!*



13-002 Polly is a young, sweet Golden mix who was kept outside all during the first year of her life. She is very good with children and other dogs, loves chew toys, and is a total water dog. The surrendering owner told us she had learned "sit" and "come", skills which **Polly** chose to keep hidden when we first met her. There will be some more training in store for her

with her new owner Edna in Chandler, who has renamed this pretty girl **Gracie**. Edna wrote: *She is the gentlest, most loving girl ever. She howls a happy song to greet us when we have been away from the house, even if just for 10 minutes. She sings a similar*

song at meal time, but it's slightly less endearing at 5 AM when the rest of the house is sleeping. Gracie will lie on the floor beside her "little sister" Pixie, a 12-lb. Pekinese/ Chihuahua mix, who sprawls across Gracie's bed. Eventually, she gives up trying to get her bed back and makes herself comfortable on the couch. Daddy is the only real competition for her in a game of tug-of-war, but she gives the kids a shot every now and then. Aside from the racquet balls, her favorite toy is anything that squeaks. She enjoys going out, and finally started putting her head out the window of the car. Gracie gallops beautifully across the dog park to greet people; she definitely prefers people over other dogs, perhaps a bit asocial. She sits when we open the pantry, because she knows that's where the treats are. That's pretty much the only "trick" she knows. We start "school" this Sunday. We are starting with obedience classes but plan to pursue training as a therapy dog – she really is that sweet!

13-004 Lilly is a pretty 1-year-old girl who did not have the best first year of her life and went through several homes before coming into Rescue. Major trust issues beset this little girl especially with men, which can be typical in abuse situations. She is gradually adapting, with some one-on-one training, to her new home in Peoria with Patrice, who has short-



ened the spelling of her name to **Lily**. Patrice wrote: *I had always dreamed of having a Golden Retriever. When I heard of the Rescue organization, I knew this was the place to find my Golden. When Lily came into my life, I knew she'd found a forever home. When she arrived, she was nervous. She looked around unsure of her surroundings. Day by day her confidence started to build. She has a playmate, Penelope, whom she adores, and Penelope adores her. Each day I notice Lily coming out of her shell more and more. Every time I see Lily I feel such a strong bond with her. I, too, was nervous at first. I felt like a new mom. I wanted only to do what was right for my Lily. The people in Arizona Golden Rescue have been the greatest support system for me. Lily and I have started our journey together and look forward to years of blessed happiness and joy. Here's to a forever home for dear Lily.*

13-005 Abbey is a sweet 4-year-old Golden girl returned from her original placement, as the resident Bernese Mountain Dog did not get along with her. We were told that **Abbey** was a champion swimmer and would go in the water any place, any time, so either a fenced pool or none would be necessary. We took her to Kevin and Mary in Chandler, who shortly indicated that the splinted toe she arrived with was getting worse, prompting a vet



visit. At that visit not only was she diagnosed with a broken toe, but she also tested positive for valley fever. She is recovering well, and we hope that she is completely healed in time for swimming season. Mary and Kevin commented, *We love Abby! She is a wonderful addition to our home and so very very playful. I can also say the highlight of her day is when she can get into the pool. I think we are all more entertained by watching her and the joy she has jumping in! She is so cute and funny along with very puppy-like when she is in the water. We hope to have many happy years with her.*



13-006 Sammy simply stole the heart of his foster family (not an unusual occurrence). He came in as a stray from Westside **MCACCS** as a sweet 6-year-old happy boy who would do anything for a treat (or a home, apparently). He went to Connie and Nick for fostering. They discovered that he did not

hear very well and had some arthritis. He was put on an arthritis drug and pain medication, and these really helped. It was obvious that someone had worked with him, as he knew that people go first through doors! **Sammy** is now comfortably ensconced at home with Connie and Nick in Glendale, and his new siblings **Winnie, Sasha, and Grizzly**. Another Foster Failure! Happy new life, **Sammy**!



13-007 Ivory now has the name **Fast Eddie**. There is a story here somewhere, don't you think? Immediately licking the hand of our volunteer, Dana, at the Westside Shelter sealed the deal of coming into Rescue. However, a visit to the vet determined that "she" was actually a "he." This light blond, 2-year-old boy is now in Phoenix with Bill and Sandi who report,

*"He was a little thin and subdued initially, due to recent neutering and an upper respiratory infection and perhaps a rough life before he came to his forever home. **Eddie** took to his new home immediately, as well as the couch and both of his luxurious dog beds. Within a week he was starting to respond to his new name and enjoying walks on the golf course, by the canal, and through the neighborhoods. He loves all dogs, loves all people, and is an eager and willing player with all the neighborhood dogs! We absolutely adore **Fast Eddie**, nicknamed for his ability to become airborne when running! He has totally adapted to us and vice versa. He cocks his head when he is curious about something, is fascinated with anything with wings, and is nothing short of the Sweetest Golden! Sounds like **Fast Eddie** has won the lottery, with no billiard skills required.*

13-008 Sadie, now **Sadi**, was a young gold-and-white, very

cute, Border Collie/Spaniel mix stray whose Good Samaritan tried all avenues to find her people to no avail. After a few days, the finder felt the best option was to surrender **Sadie** to Rescue, as she was already at the two-dog limit her housing allowed. Not that **Sadie** had a bad time in the interim playing with the three children in the home, and the finder was



upset to have to part with this super young girl. It was obvious that **Sadie** had learned some commands along the way as she had no trouble with "sit", "lie down", and "shake." She was surrendered to us with a bag of toys, which she took with her to her new home with Joel and Paige in Gilbert. They wrote: *After searching for months, we found **Sadi** on Arizona Golden Rescue's website, and knew right away she was the dog we had been searching for. When we got the call that she was going to come visit our house, we were ecstatic! Since the day she became our baby girl, we have had a blast with her. She has really become a part of the family, as she and our Golden Retriever, **Kado**, get along so well. We like to call **Sadi** our little "lone ranger." She is very independent; she likes to have her "alone time" outside, without her brother **Kado** trying to pummel her every five minutes. But when she is done having her "me time" she turns into her sassy little self, running around the yard and getting into mischief with her brother. **Sadi** is such a special dog, we love her so much and are so happy to have her in our family. Not all who wander are lost, **Sadi**, and we can tell your wandering days are past!*

13-009 Apollo came into Rescue as a good-looking blond stray with some serious health issues. He was at least 8 years old, so these medical issues could be the reason that he ended up on the street. His initial trip to the vet indicated a possible spinal issue, and he also tested positive for valley fever. Kim and Kevin in Litchfield loved the boy on sight and took on his challenges, renaming him **Tahoe**. Sadly, within just a few days **Tahoe** suffered a probable stroke in conjunction with declining health and was sent to the Bridge in the arms of his family. You will be missed, dear boy. You were loved.



13-010 Charlie, a 1-year-old handsome blond boy, came in as a stray after the finder exhausted all efforts to locate his owners. During his initial vetting, x-rays revealed severe hip dysplasia and a need for hip surgery. Sheila, his FWITA, picked him up from the surgery and took him home

to Phoenix for recovery with his new sisters **McKenna** and **Tessa**. He is doing well with his rehabilitation, and new mom, Sheila, reported: *One-year-old **Charlie** was an instant hit at this house! **Charlie** loves playing with his fur sisters, **Tessa** (3) and **McKenna** (8)! **Charlie** is constantly playing or following me everywhere. He has begun his obedience classes, which are essential because he has entered a household of therapy dogs. Eventually he will be visiting senior citizens every week and using his Golden smiles, soft fur, and charm to light up the lives of others. When **Charlie** was neutered, an x-ray was done on his hips. It was discovered this sweet and wonderful boy had severe hip dysplasia. Thanks, **AGR**, for helping this boy be all that he can be with this surgery. **Charlie** will be treasured beyond measure in this forever home!*



13-011 Rusty came to us as a handsome, 8-year-old boy who was given to us by his owner who fell on hard times. A smart dog who loved to retrieve (especially golf balls), his specialty was picking out a rock with a particular person's scent on it from a yard full of rocks. Unfortunately, his relinquishing owner did not point out to us that **Rusty** had a history of not

being completely trustworthy and had potential aggression issues. After we placed **Rusty** in his new home, he proceeded to bite the owner and was immediately put into quarantine. After the ten days of required quarantine, he was sent to the Bridge. It is always an unfortunate situation when an owner fails to disclose particular behavior that would make a dog unacceptable for Rescue. **Rusty** was adopted by Deb under our Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption program, so that when he went to the Bridge he knew he belonged to someone and was loved.

13-012 Duke, now known as **Gus**, is a 4-year-old red boy described by his releasing owner as a "big sweetheart." He even brings his leash to you to let you know he's ready to rock 'n' roll. His only flaw was listed as his desire to wrap his Golden paws around you in a hug when you get home (some people might not find that a flaw). He was delivered to his new home with



Kim and Kevin in Gilbert, where he was introduced to his new Golden brother, **Jack**. His new family said, *We are blessed to welcome **Gus** (formerly known as **Duke**) into our home to be a buddy to **Jack**, our 6-year-old Golden, and another "little brother" to our teenage daughter. **Gus** is a beautiful boy, full of energy and affection. Always willing to give big sloppy kisses and ready to play ball at all times (yes, even in the middle of the night!). He is fascinated by shadows and frequently hunts them down in corners and underneath the kitchen cabinets. He is a joy, and we feel so lucky*

*to have connected with **AGR**. What a wonderful and genuinely caring group of people! Thank you, **AGR**! We are, once again, a happy 2-Golden family! Happy new home, **Gus**!*

13-013 Copper is a well-behaved, gorgeous, 7-year-old red gentleman whose initial rescue did not work out, as the resident Golden/Chow mix made it known he wanted to be the only dog in the house. **Copper** arrived with a bag of toys, good manners, was housetrained, figured out the dog door, and loved to ride in the car. In essence, the quintessential



Golden! After passing his vet visit with flying colors, this fun-loving boy was placed with John and Valerie in Peoria and is getting along well with his feline sister. His favorite game is tug-of-war, and he gives a cute little howl to let you know he's ready to play. Usually found with a ball in his mouth, **Copper** is off to a happy new life. Congratulations, **Copper**!



13-014 Logan, now known as **Jake**, is a young and handsome, dark gold, 1-year-old big boy, who weighed in at 92 lbs when he arrived (due to eating too much poor quality food). He was surrendered to us because his original family felt that 3 adult dogs was one too many. In addition to requiring some vet services, he was in serious need

of some basic training and leash work, as well as some house manners. Totally understandable for an active 1-year-old Golden with no training, although he was fairly calm for being so young. We delivered him to Tom and Diane in Lake Havasu City who reported: *Wanted to tell you about **Jake**. He is doing great and, great surprise, he is housebroken, he heels, sits, stays, etc. Loves the dog park and the back yard. I put a dog door in and he loves it. Welcome to the Golden life, **Jake**.*

13-017 Sandi is an adorable, petite, 8-year-old Golden/Chow mix rescued from the Westside **MCACCS** as a stray, so we don't know anything about her previous life. She was great with other dogs and people and generally ignored cats. During her vet visit it was determined she needed to have some small teeth removed but bounced right back from the surgery. She did not have much training, only knowing "sit." Very calm and mellow girl. We took her to Sheila and her family in Peoria, who have renamed her



Sophie. *After losing our German Shepherd of 13 years, we were*

heartbroken and thought we would never find an animal that could take her place, but after two months we decided we really needed another dog in our life. Then we saw **Sandi**, and thought she looked adorable, although she was older than we were planning. When we found out she was still available, we rushed to see her. Now she is part of our family, and we renamed her **Sophie**. She is just the sweetest dog, with such a gentle demeanor. We feel very blessed to have her live with us for the rest of her years. My husband and I have been very touched at the devotion and compassion of the volunteers that give their time for these beautiful creatures. From stray to much loved family member – congratulations, **Sophie**!

13-019 Jillian is a sweet, happy 4-year-old girl that came into Rescue from a loving owner in Sedona who provided a two-page document fully outlining all her dog's habits and did everything possible to smooth **Jillian's** transition. Unusually thoughtful! Upon arriving at her new home with Debbie in Fountain Hills, she and her new brother, **Sienna**, worked out who was going to be "the big dog" with few problems. **Jillian**, renamed **Rylie**, willingly accepted **Sienna** as being in charge. **Rylie** is one of the lucky dogs to have had two wonderful homes and a secure life. What a great adoption! We wish **Rylie** and her new family all the best!



13-021 Rocky's background is really unknown to us, as we heard about him from another local Rescue that found him being surrendered to one of the shelters. We grabbed him right up and found a high energy, very lovable, approximately 1-year-old handsome blond/gold boy with the gangly legs so typical of a Golden at this age. After the usual vet work, he

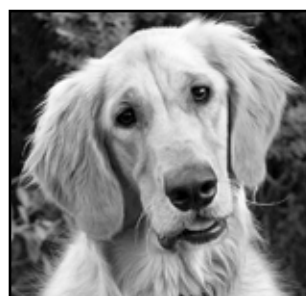
was taken to Sarah and her husband in Scottsdale. They had been waiting a long time for just the perfect dog. With his new name, **Darby**, he is off to a wonderful life. **Darby** came into our lives less than a month ago and we've never been happier. The day we finally got the call to meet **Darby**, we were in the middle of extensive landscaping projects for the front and back yards. Needless to say, **Darby's** first few days in our home were muddy. Although the three of us had a rough start with some surprise vet visits, Russell and I just knew that **Darby** was meant to be ours and that we were meant to be his. We have spent the last few weeks getting acclimated to our new routines. Instead of rushing off to work every morning and then working late, we now wake up early to play ball with **Darby** and come home early to go for a family walk. **Darby** is great on his leash with his dad, but he needs some work on walk-

ing with mom, as he pulls a bit too hard. **Darby** (but really Mom and Dad) will be beginning training in a few weeks. He sits well and has learned to shake his Golden paw. **Darby** loves his squeaky ball, treats, playing chase with his puppy friends and hanging out in the pool. Although we weren't sure if **Darby** would like the pool (especially since he seems to hate baths), our boy refuses to get out of our friends' pools until he absolutely has to. We've even decided to purchase **Darby** his own pool for the back yard this summer! We are so grateful to **AGR** for finding the perfect dog for us! We feel so fortunate to be part of an organization that cares for Golden Retrievers as much as we do. Way to go, **Darby**!

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Teri Guilbault, Health Care Manager

To update you on February's *Diamonds in the Ruff*... **12-103 Dosha**, now **Murphy**, ended up with another nasty tummy bug which we feel may be related in some degree to the bug that he had last year before his knee surgery. He spent a few days at the vet getting better while they tried to figure out where he is getting this from, and we incurred an additional \$2700 (to the \$6550 he'd already accumulated) in vet bills between his stay and post-surgery expenses for adequate injections. Fortunately, **Murphy** is back to his wonderful young self and is now doing great. Paws crossed that we won't see that bug again!



12-075 Suzie Q came into **AGR** back in July, 2012 suffering from severe hip dysplasia in both hips. **Suzie Q** underwent her first FHO surgery at the end of July and spent several months recuperating. She did not heal as nicely as we would have liked, so her second surgery was postponed until the beginning of March. **Suzie Q** is now at home

with her new dad, and her recovery is coming along quite nicely. Like **Charlie** (see 13-010 on next page), she will have some additional post-surgery expenses, but currently we have incurred approximately \$2100 for the second hip and almost \$5000 in total to get this girl healthy, happy and pain free.

12-134 Sadie is a senior girl who was surrendered to **AGR** in November 2012 suffering from epilepsy. Over the last several months, **Sadie** has been with her foster mom, and we have been working with our vets to try and get her seizures under control



and get her off of phenobarbital, a seizure medication that is very hard on a dog's system when using it on a long-term basis. **Sadie** has definitely been a work in progress; unfortunately, that progress moved in the wrong direction, and we lost her on April 9th. We have incurred expenses of over \$1200 for her care.

13-003 Shorty, a.k.a Toby, is *AGR's* senior guy (we believe him to be 10 to 12 years old) who was rescued from the shelter, "filthy, matted, vision-impaired, very thin, and happy as can be." Unfortunately, he also tested positive for heartworm which required special treatment, and we have since discovered that he is somewhat hearing impaired, blind in one eye and without great sight in the other, and has a few other health concerns that we are currently trying to get under control. Expenses incurred in connection with his heartworm treatment, diagnostics and medication are currently at about \$1300, but we are hopeful that they are now on the decline and we are just incurring expenses for his general health maintenance. **Toby's** foster says that he is doing much better and is a really nice boy. He will be a great addition to a lucky family who is looking to care for and love a senior dog in his Golden years.



13-010 Charlie is a gorgeous one-year-old boy who was found as a stray and turned over to us by an acquaintance of our Home Evaluations Coordinator, Sheila Joyce, who decided she just had to adopt him! When he was first examined, our vet suggested that perhaps an x-ray of his hips might be in order because he had so much fur that she couldn't

get a good handle on his bone structure. Well, looks can certainly be deceiving, because to look at this young lad you would never guess that he had a pretty severe case of hip dysplasia in his left hip. **Charlie** recently underwent a very successful FHO (femoral head ostectomy) to correct the problem and alleviate the pain he was most likely having, and he is now recuperating at home with his new mom. **Charlie** will incur some additional post-surgery expenses, but to date his bills have totaled a little over \$2700.

13-020 Bo is a four-month-old Golden puppy who was surrendered to us as a result of a possible case of parvo that his previous family could not afford to treat. Although **Bo** did, indeed, have all of the symptoms of parvo, it turned out that he was suffering

only from a very nasty intestinal bug. After spending a few days at one of our vets being diagnosed and treated, his bill totaled almost \$2200. **Bo** went home to his new family feeling lots better and is now a very healthy, active puppy.



13-021 Rocky, now Darby, is a handsome 11-month-old puppy



that came to us from the shelter. He stayed with one of our vets for a few days getting his vaccinations and tests while he was waiting to go to his forever home. During the ride from the vet to his new family, he got sick in the car and over the next couple days continued not to feel well. He went back to the vet for a couple days while they worked to

find out if he had developed a virus or put something in his belly that didn't belong. We also discovered that **Rocky** had a funny way of sitting down, so we needed to figure out if there was a problem with hips and had to do some x-rays. Fortunately, at this time, he is over his bug and doing well, and we don't think there's anything to worry about with his hips, but we are going to keep an eye on him. All of these different health needs tend to add up, and to date we've incurred almost \$1400 in expenses.

It is a rare dog that *AGR* takes in that costs us less than the adoption fee to get vetted. But there are some whose vet expenses really set us back financially. During this past quarter, several *AGR* dogs have required extraordinary medical intervention. If you can make a donation toward the vet expenses of any one of them, you will be listed as a Diamond Donor in the August issue.

Are Your Dog's Bowls Toxic?

Do you eat off the same plate or out of the same bowl or drink out of the same glass every day without washing those items between uses? Of course not! Do you wash your dog's food and water bowls after every use or at least once a day? If not, why not? Bacteria can grow on minute food particles left in the bowls; mold can grow in water bowls not washed frequently. To keep your dog safe, please wash your dog's bowls every day either by hand or in your dishwasher.

A dog's normal body temperature is 100° - 102.5° F.

12-100 Rusty Needs Your Help!

By Deb Orwig, President

You can tell from his ID number (at the end of 2012, we had rescued 146 dogs, and he was number 100) that it has been a while since **Rusty** came into our Rescue program – over 7 months ago. He is a very handsome red-coated mix – we’re not sure with what, but most likely there is some Chow Chow in him, as well as a lot of Golden. He was a shelter save and is 4-5 years old, probably closer to 5 by now. Soon after we took him



in, we placed him with a family that has a mom, a dad who is wheelchair-bound, and an 11-year-old daughter. Everything was seemingly fine until the mother-in-law visited. **Rusty** became possessively protective of the family by displaying a protective posture. **Rusty** purposely knocked her down trying to get between her and the rest of the family. Since the



family was a busy one with people coming in and out all the time, we reclaimed him and put him back into boarding at *Academy West Animal Hospital*. There, he again exhibited the undesirable behavior trait of attaching himself to one person, in this case one of the vet techs, and becoming protective around her.

The Board met to discuss **Rusty**, and after consultation with *AGR’s* behaviorist, Teryl Hall, decided that he needed some serious behavior modification training. So, we took him to *Partners Dog Training* in Cave Creek. He has been there since January 9th and is now one of the best-trained dogs in Maricopa County. He knows all the basic obedience commands: *heel, sit, down, stay, and come*. He also knows *free*, which means “relax and play if you want to,” and *out*, which means to drop the tennis ball if he has one in his mouth. He will shake with either front paw, depending on which hand you offer to him when you say *shake*. He walks beautifully on leash and sits automatically when the handler stops.

Although he is still a little wary around strangers, due to having to work with numerous different trainers at *Partners*, as well as with me and with *AGR’s* Director of Dog Care, David Jewett, and also with a potential *AGR* foster, Randy Dale, **Rusty** has gotten over his protective thing with people. However, he does not like other dogs. In the classes and pri-



Partners trainer Kitra Tovar getting kisses from Rusty



Kitra instructing the group class; Rusty, working with David Jewett, is the third dog from the right

vate lessons David and I have attended with him twice a week for many weeks, **Rusty** has shown that he is okay in

proximity to another dog, as long as both are on leash. The *Partners* staff has tried to socialize him more closely with other dogs, but he is not comfortable if another dog is any closer than about three feet and will go into protective mode if the dog is not leashed.

So, here is where we need your help. We need to find **Rusty** a forever home and have not had anyone apply to adopt a dog from our organization who would be suitable. **Rusty** has some special requirements. He needs an individual or couple as “parents,” and we would prefer no children or at least none younger than mid teenage. The individual or family cannot have any other pets – no other dogs, no cats, no birds, etc. The family must have some experience with dogs, and someone in the family must have a fairly strong alpha-type personality, knowing how to be firm without being mean. The family must be willing to take **Rusty** for “refresher lessons” at *Partners* once a week – *AGR* has already paid for these lessons, so they will not cost the family any money, just time to get to *Partners* for an hour lesson and back home.

Once he gets to know you, **Rusty** is a lover. He is playful – he likes to entertain himself by playing soccer with a tennis ball. He likes belly rubs and is very smart. He has some experience on agility equipment. He likes to go for walks, but he cannot be taken to a dog park and let loose. If the family has a visitor, caution must be used in introducing the visitor to **Rusty**, allowing him to come to the visitor.



If someone comes to the home with another dog, **Rusty** would have to be crated, but he accepts crating readily. We do not know if he likes to swim. The ideal individual or family would be familiar with and accepting of the general personality traits of a Chow Chow. They will then be delighted at how personable **Rusty** can be due to the Golden he has in him.

Does anyone you know fit the criteria we have for **Rusty’s** adopter(s)? If so, please urge them to contact us by phone at 623-566-WAGS (9247) or by e-mail at info@arizonagoldenrescue.org

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Shadow Baselice



Coleman Calta



Maggie Compise



Bella Golla



Beethoven Hall



Sadie Hansen



Tahoe Moser



Howard Parker

The Rainbow Bridge

There is a bridge connecting Heaven and Earth. It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of its many colors.

Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge there is a land of meadows, hills and valleys with lush green grass.

When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place. There is always food and water and warm spring weather. The old and frail animals are young again. Those who are maimed are made whole again. They play all day with each other.

There is only one thing missing. They are not with their special person who loved them on Earth.

So each day they run and play until the day comes when one suddenly stops playing and looks up! The nose twitches! The ears are up! The eyes are staring! And this one suddenly runs from the group!

You have been seen, and when you and your special friend meet, you take him or her in your arms and embrace.

Your face is kissed again and again and again, and you look once more into the eyes of your trusting pet.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together, never again to be separated.

13-011 Rusty Orwig



Mary Kay Jewell
Beloved Mother of Larry Orwig and
Mother-in-Love of Deb Orwig

It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are.

~ Author Unknown

A Puppy Chronicle

By Deb Orwig, President



Mama Golden with 3-week-old pups

On February 22, 2013, **AGR's** Intake Team member Judy Pettito took a call from a family in Peoria. They had a litter of Golden Retriever puppies which had been whelped on February 1st that they needed to surrender. The litter had not been planned, and the

owner was involved in some family matters that prevented spending the time required to advertise and sell the puppies. Judy sent out this notice: *Exciting news everyone – I will be bringing in 5 purebred puppies second week of March. They will then be old enough to leave their mother. I was thinking St. Paddy's day pups with Irish names, if you all like that idea. Three girls and two boys. The surrendering owner has committed to our Rescue and to not sell any more of the pups (she has sold two). Thanks to Connie for putting us in touch with this litter, as it was through a friend-of-a friend-type deal.* A few days later, we were asked if we could take six instead of five, as one of the two buyers the family had found had to back out of the deal due to consequences from a serious motorcycle accident. So, six it was, three girls and three boys.

I offered to foster all six – they needed to stay together until they were at least 8 weeks old for socialization. I had the space, I don't work except for Rescue, and I had experience raising puppies – my rescued girl **Lady-bird** whelped 10 purebred puppies in my laundry room on Easter Sunday eight years ago, and I kept all 10 at my house until they were 8 weeks old. So, I was granted the privilege of fostering **AGR's** St. Paddy's Day litter, as we called the current group. Little did I know then how long the puppies would be at my house.



So little on March 17th when we got them!
Kaitlyn, Duffy, Nola, Colman, Colleen and Ennis

March 17, 2013, St. Patrick's Day, became an auspicious day for **Arizona Golden Rescue**, as that is the day we collected the gold – six gold puppies, that is! I had a list of five girl names and five boy names that I had culled from a list of Irish names on the Internet. I asked Connie, who rode with me to pick up the puppies, to choose three of each from my two lists. She picked **Colman**,

Duffy and **Ennis** for the boys and **Colleen**, **Kaitlyn** and **Nola** for the girls. Each name has a meaning for the Irish. **Colleen** comes from cailin, meaning "girl," and is used by the Irish in the USA and Australia as a way of connecting to their Irish roots. **Kaitlyn** is the modern spelling of Caitlyn, which evolved from Catherine and means courage and purity. **Nola** is a popular Irish name which is an abbreviated form of Fionnuala, which comes from fionn + ghuala and means "fair shouldered." **Colman** comes from a root word meaning "little dove." **Duffy** means "dark" and was suggested by Sheila Joyce as a name for one of the male puppies – he just happens to be the darkest red one of the whole litter. **Ennis** comes from inis, "island." **Ennis**, a town in County Clare, is situated on an island between two streams of the River Fergus. Little did we know when we chose the name **Ennis** that our boy who ended up with this name loves to dig the water out of the water bowl! I'm betting he will love to swim!



Connie's hair and camera strap (and anything else that dangles) entranced the pups



After Connie and I picked up the six puppies, I drove to the Bell Road **PetSmart**, where several **AGR** members were doing a Meet-and-Greet. They all loved seeing and holding the adorable puppies (see photo under Teri's Arrowhead **PetSmart** write-up on page 32) while I went into the store to purchase puppy food. After that, we headed to Connie's house and brought the pups into her large back yard. She took about a thousand photos, but the puppies weren't very energetic.



On Tuesday March 19th, Liz Tataseo and I took all of the pups for their first visit to Dr. Valerie Ferguson (at right in photo) at



Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital. After thoroughly investigating the exam room and getting into everything they could (like



pulling on the wastebasket liner in photo at right), they all got a check-up and their first DHPP vaccine. Dr. Ferguson said the parvo season around the Metro area was terrible this year and recommended that



the pups get a DHPP every three weeks until they were about 20 weeks old, a total of five vaccine combos. So, we have set up that immunization schedule for all of them. Dr. Ferguson also told me I should plan to keep all the pups at my house until after their third set of vaccines, a total of six more weeks, four weeks longer than I had originally thought I would have them!



We had another photo shoot at Connie's house on March 26th. In the 10 days since the first shoot, the pups had grown considerably physically and in energy level. They tore around her big yard investigating every leaf, twig, rock and plant and decided

t h e y l i k e d t h e h i b i s c u s , t h e p e t u n i a s a n d t h e r o s e s . C o n n i e ' s h u s b a n d , N i c k D o d s o n , w a s n o t t o o h a p p y a b o u t t h e p l a n t s b e i n g p u p p y

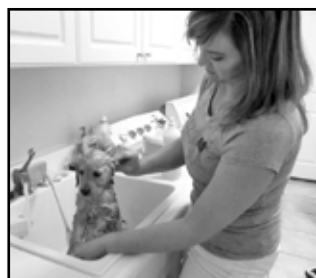


snacks! Sheila Joyce was there to help, as were Connie's neighbors, Steve and Marsha Kleinz (also AGR adopters); it was a challenge for all of us to keep the puppies away from Connie's unfenced pool. That was the first night they slept for eight straight hours!



During the second week the puppies were at my house, Karin, Rachel and Jacob Forsythe came over to help me bathe the puppies and clip their toenails. They have had numerous baths since (Ingrid always gave them baths on the weekends she kept them at her house), and I have clipped their toenails once a week.

Also during that second week, five prospective adoptive families chosen by our Placement Manager, Sue Vallie, as well as Sue, herself (in photo at right cooing over puppy), came to visit. It was very interesting to watch the interaction of



Above: Karin bathing pup in laundry room sink; left, Rachel drying pup while Jacob entertains another in pen



the puppies with the families. Each puppy picked his or her own family (**Duffy** had picked me the first day at my house – followed me around everywhere and gave me kisses when I picked him up, which the others did not do!) Once a puppy was claimed, I pulled him or her out of the group when the next family came over, so that only the available puppies were in the mix. Each puppy, except for the last one, their family. The last one also bonded with her family almost immediately. To preserve the confidentiality of the rest of the puppy adopters, I have not included any photos of them in this article.

We did a third photo shoot on April 7th. The pups were definitely bigger and more energetic than in March! They raced and chased around Connie's yard for 1½ hours while Liz Tataseo, Nick and I made sure they stayed away from the pool. The pups had the most



fun with an empty plastic bag that had blown onto the lawn. Connie again took about 1000 photos – the number of pictures is not an exaggeration! She took so many wonderful photos that it was very hard to pick just a few for this article. To see all the photos that are now in an online album, go to http://albums.phanfare.com/slideshow.aspx?i=1&db=1&pw=1rhPlcoH&a_id=5989226

On April 9th, the puppies went to see Dr. Ferguson again for their second DHPP vaccine. This time, they did not react with digestive upsets as they had the first time. They were all microchipped at this visit, too. Weight gain was incredible, an average of 6.38 pounds per puppy in three weeks! Little piggies!

It has been an interesting, entertaining and exhausting six weeks. The puppies were so little when we first got them, ranging in weight from about 8 to 10 lbs each. I could carry three at once. No more – one is now a handful! On April 30th, their weights ranged from 21 lbs 8 oz to 25 lbs 8 oz lbs, an average gain of 8 lbs 7 oz!

The interaction among the pups has been fascinating to watch. **Kaitlyn**, who will be



called **Ryn** in her new life, started out as the Alpha; she is now usually the Omega (bottom of the pack order), although she will play bitey-face with the rest of them. There is now really no strong Alpha – dominance among the pack shifts daily, sometimes hourly, from **Ennis** (now called **Murphy**, who is the smallest), to **Duffy** (the big mouth), to **Nola**, now known as **Nessa** (the largest puppy). **Colleen**, who has been renamed **Lucy**, is the quietest of the pack, but she is always right there holding her own in the mix, too.

They act like a bunch of land sharks, each biting the others’ legs, tails, necks, faces, ears – whatever they can grab. Sometimes they will all be piled on top of each other engaging in a mass bite-athon. They like to sleep all piled together, too. They bark at each other when they get frustrated or annoyed, little yippy high-pitched barks that have gotten lower by the week as they have grown bigger.



The pups sleep in an indoor pen I have set up in my large laundry room. After not quite three weeks at my house, one or more of them would start yipping in the middle of the night – 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM. I would get up and carry them to the large pen in my back yard, where they would promptly either pee or poop or both. None of them has done anything in the indoor pen since they were a little over 8 weeks old! Amazing!

If they “sleep in” until 5 AM or later, we all just stay up. They will run and cavort and play in the outdoor pen for 1½ to 2 hours, then crash for an hour, then want their breakfast – yes, they let me know (and the neighbors, too) when they are ready for food! They will play some more for another hour or two, then settle down for a good nap of 2-3 hours. That is the only time I have gotten anything else done besides puppy-watching, feeding, filling water bowls and cleaning up!

They all seem to love water and water play! When I put down a



It started with just a paw in a 1-gallon bucket...



Progressed to digging water out of the bowl...

fresh water in the outdoor pen, immediately one or another of them tries to dig the water out of the bowl. If I fill the big bin that holds 20 quarts, somebody immediately gets into the the water with all four feet. If I try to fill any of the bowls or the bin with the hose, the pups all stand underneath the water stream trying



Trying to cram entirely into a 20-quart bin!

to lap it up, of course getting soaked in the process. **Nola/Nessa’s** favorite thing is to drape herself over the top of a full bowl of water and take a nap. It’s hilarious! They will all undoubtedly be swimmers when given the opportunity.



They love toys of all kinds, too.

Empty water bottles and squeaky toys especially charge them up! They carry them around, play tug, chew on them, and most have even figured out how to make the squeakers work. Of course, then they try to get the squeakers out...



They all come running when they hear the crackle of an empty plastic water bottle!

Duffy, already has his with the Orwig gang!

I know the other families all feel as I do, that we are blessed with the Luck O’ the Irish and have found the pot of gold at the end of the **AGR** rainbow!



My thanks to everyone who has helped with the puppies, even if it was just to stop by to hold one or three or to bring me newspapers. Special thanks to all the puppy adopters who have had the patience of saints in waiting for 6 weeks to be able to take their puppies home. The socialization the puppies have gotten by being with each other until they were 13 weeks old, from having innumerable strangers from age 1 to age 70+ play with them and hold them, and from their interaction with Connie’s, Ingrid’s and my adult dogs has been invaluable to their well-rounded development.

The following have visited with the puppies at one time or another or even on several occasions: Greg, Jeanie, John and Joe Ahmann and Greg’s parents, too; Donna and Eric Alt; Debbie and Rick Ball; Tammy and Tony Brockman; Beth Chaffee; Tony Cotner; Patrick Doyle; Jeri Dube and friend Tom; Jackie and



Dave Engelhardt; Karin, Jacob and Rachel Forsythe and Rachel's friends Ellie Chopping and Jerricka Wade; Tracie and Richard Freeland; Jude Fulghum; Teri, and Jeff Guilbault and grandson Lucas Miller; Teryl Hall and Trystan Schuff; Dana and Gail Hayward; Jim Henkel; Joyce Hubler; Merice and Bill Jednat and a friend from NY; Sharla and David Jewett and granddaughter Kat; Sheila Joyce; Marsha and Steve Kleinz; Sherry and Gary Landwehr; Kim Lindenmeyer; Diane and Allan Long; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson, **Grizzly, Winnie, Sasha and Sammy**; Martha McDowell; Debbie Mikol and children; Jeannette and Dave Morocco; Trishia Murphy, husband Bill Richardson, daughter Katherine, sister Kathy Reuter and friend Barb Gaber; neighbor Fran; Jan Newland; Deb and Larry Orwig, **Ladybird, Troy, Mufasa** and foster boy **Caesar**; Erin Orwig; Jack Panosian and son Chase and girlfriend Kayla; Art Schlichter and son Matt; Liz Tataseo; Carol and Don Thompson; Cindy Tigges and daughter Taryn; Ann and Howard Unger; Sue Vallie and friend Jan Hobbs; Michele Wehry and Mark Hill; Ingrid, Robert and Karie Wilson and **Sammy, Sadie, Izzy, Bailey and Jazzy**; and Kathi and Bob Youhas.

Special thanks to Connie McCabe for taking so many great photos of the puppies on three separate dates, to Nick Dodson for helping to keep the puppies out of their pool during the photo shoots and to both for lending me their x-pens; to Karin, Rachel and Jacob Forsythe for helping me give the puppies their first bath and nail trim; to Jude Fulghum and Jan Newland, who each stayed at my house for several days (at different times) and helped me clean up the indoor pen and feed and play with the pups; to Trishia Murphy, who stayed at my house with the puppies all day so that I could attend *AGR's Paws At The Park* event on March 23rd; and to the Wilson family for keeping the puppies at their home all weekend for two weekends (April 12-14 and 19-21) so that I could have a break. It really does take a village of rescue volunteers to raise puppies!

DO YOU WANT A PUPPY?

There are some things you should consider if you think you want to adopt a dog that is 6 months of age or younger, maybe as young as 8 weeks.

Feeding: puppies under 6 months of age need to be fed 3 times per day. If all adults in your household are gone more than 4 hours a day, you will need to make arrangements to come home in the middle of the day to feed and exercise the puppy or have a dog sitter come to your home to do it. An adjustable elevated feeding stand (better for digestion) and a quality dog food are recommended. Free-feeding (leaving dog food out all the time) is not a good idea, especially with Golden Retrievers, as most Golden Retrievers will

not self-regulate their food intake – they will eat until it's all gone and will become overweight.

Housebreaking: a puppy's bladder is not mature until it is 4 to 6 months of age. Although it can be done with diligence, it is difficult to housebreak a dog younger than 4 months. Puppies can usually only "hold it" for 2-4 hours. Will someone be home to let the puppy out often enough? We recommend crate training for puppies, as they are less likely to soil where they sleep.

Chewing: puppy teething occurs from 4 to 6 months of age. It is important to provide the puppy with "legal" things to chew on, otherwise the furniture or baseboards or carpet will be fair game. Nylabones®, Kongs®, sterilized bones like those produced by the **Red Barn Bone** company, and chew toys are good outlets for teething. If you catch your puppy chewing on something inappropriate, correct him/her and provide a "legal" alternative. Do not punish the puppy if you do not "catch him in the act." If he/she has chewed on something, punishing him after the fact will do no good. Correction must be timely.

Exercise: An unexercised puppy will be a bored puppy, and a bored puppy can become a destructive puppy, or lack of exercise can just be plain dangerous to the dog's physical development. Are you prepared to exercise your puppy a minimum of two times per day for 15 to 20 minutes? If you work, can you give yourself time to exercise the puppy, let it rest for a half hour, feed it, take it out to do its business and then get to work on time in the morning? Are you liable to be exhausted after a long day of taking care of children or working at an outside job? You cannot explain your lack of attention to a puppy.

Digging: Digging is instinctive, but many dogs do not develop the habit. Leaving a dog unattended outside is never a good idea, because a bored dog most likely will dig. Don't let the habit get started. Accompany your puppy outside every time and correct him with a sharp NO! if he/she starts to dig. Correction must be immediate – your puppy must know exactly what you are asking him not to do. Distract him/her with a toy or move the puppy to an area where it cannot dig.

Socialization: For a puppy to become a welcome addition to your household, you must work with him/her on some socialization skills. Handle your puppy frequently and encourage family members and friends to do so as well. Get a good quality brush and comb and start using them right away so that the puppy becomes accustomed to the experience. Purchase a guillotine-style toenail clipper and clip the toenails every couple of weeks. Practice taking the food bowl away when the puppy is eating. Play fetch-and-retrieve with him early but avoid tug-of-war games. Praise your puppy for good behavior; correct him/her for improper behavior and then help him/her to "do it right". Start training the puppy early – with persistence and consistency in training, an 8- to 12-week-old puppy will learn quickly.

No puppy should be allowed out of your yard until he/she has had the entire set of 3 (or more, if recommended by your vet) DHPP vaccines. Otherwise he/she will still be susceptible to parvo and distemper. The first set of vaccines will be given at 7 - 8 weeks, then again at 10 - 11 weeks and the final set is given at 13 - 14 weeks. The 1-year rabies is given at 5 - 6 months.

If you are willing to commit to all that is necessary to successfully raise a puppy, you will likely have a wonderful companion for many, many years! If you are not willing to put in this kind of time and effort, please consider adopting an older dog!

HERE and THERE

Events from January 1, 2013
through March 31, 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.



Deb with Mufasa, Ladybird and Troy; Cynthia with Hannah; Cindy with Charm; Patrick with Annabelle; Connie with Sammy and Grizzly, Dana with Riley; Denny with Jake and Liz with Trip and Gonzo. Photo by Pam Spicer.

we could see how well **Ricky** has been doing. This was a different kind of venue for us since it was not a pet-related store, but everyone had a good time and several people with Golden Retrievers in their cars stopped by to say hello. Our thanks to Wes

Harrington for inviting us!



Bedmart Meet-and-Greet

By Liz Tataseo



Parada del Sol and Trail's End

By Liz Tataseo



Thanks to Wes Harrington, adopter of **AGR's 12-143 Andie** and General Manager of the Arizona **Bedmart** stores, **AGR** was able to have a Meet-and-Greet at the new **Bedmart** on

Shea and Tatum in Scottsdale on February 2nd. Joining us for the afternoon



Andie's debut as an **AGR** Donation Dog

were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Mark Hill and Michele Wehry; Connie Mc-



Liz helping Wes get Andie into a Donation Vest



Liz, Wes, Pam and Gail

Grizzly and then-foster **Sammy**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Jan Newland; Deb Orwig with **Ladybird**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Pam Spicer with **Lexi**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; Cindy Tigges with **Charm**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Hannah**. Susan Parker dropped by so



Our annual adventure in the **Parada del Sol** in Scottsdale on February 9th had great weather and a fifth-in-line start, which meant we were right up front! All the attendees lining the streets were happy to see the Golden Retrievers, take their pictures and cheer for us. Parade walkers arrived early to meet, socialize and prepare for the walk which, with the distance from parking, was a two-mile stint. All the dogs and the people made it, although we had assistance for dogs if needed



– **Ladybird** rode in the Wilsons' stroller for about half the parade.



Grizzly and Winnie wore Western gear, too

At the end of the parade, we had our booth at **Trail's End** with other vendors and enjoyed the day except for the brief microburst that came through and pushed over our tents. Setting up in the morning at 6:45 AM were Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Dana and Gail Haywood, Connie



Don and Rusty Krause with Stormy and Sunshine watched the booth while the rest of us walked in the parade

McCabe, Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo. Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle** and Don and Rusty Krause with **Sunshine** and **Stormy** watched the booth while the rest of us walked in the parade.



Patrick and Annabelle also helped at the booth

Marching in the parade were Melissa Beceiro with **Murphy**; Vicki and Roger Comer with **Harley**; Nick Dodson and Connie McCabe with **Grizzly** and **Winnie**; Tom and Diane Ghezzi with **Mia**; Sandra Hansen with **Jasmine**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Mark Hill and Michele



Diane Ghezzi and Dana Haywood were the banner bearers

Wehry; David Jewett; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**; Sarah Martin with **Bunny**; Michele Meyer with **Abigail**; Deb Orwig with **Ladybird**, **Mufasa** and **Troy** and house guests **Daisy**, **Rocky** and **Goldie Cotner**; Casey, Jane and Carrie Pulis with **Rocky** and **Major**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**; and Ingrid and Robert Wilson with **Izzy**, **Bailey** and **Sammy**. Those who came without a dog helped out with those who brought multiple dogs. We had a smaller group than usual, but the weather had been iffy for the day so many may have stayed away.



The Wilsons dressed their dogs in sparkly red outfits and Robert wore a giant cowboy hat in keeping with our Western theme

At the end of the parade, many of the walkers stayed at Trail's End to meet and greet and enjoy the company and talk.



Melissa, Sheila, Vicki and Roger relaxing after the parade

ing out for part or most of the day were Melissa Beceiro with **Murphy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Vicki and Roger Comer with **Harley**; Nick Dodson and Connie McCabe with **Grizzly** and **Winnie**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Mark Hill and Michele Wehry; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**; Deb Orwig with **Ladybird**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**



How many of us felt after walking two miles in the parade!

and house guests, **Daisy**, **Rocky** and **Goldie Cotner**; and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**. Shuttle services to take people and dogs back to their cars were ably done by Nick Dodson and Patrick Doyle.

Clean up and take down involved Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Dana and Gail Haywood, Mark Hill and Michele Wehry, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo.

The parade fee was \$50 and the booth fee was \$100, but we still had a very profitable day at *Trail's End* adding \$759 profit to our treasury to help out all the new dogs coming into *AGR*. We hope you will be able to join us in February 2014.



Pre-Valentine's Day Gift Wrapping

By Liz Tataseo



Jay and Jodi Koblick with Logan and Katie; Mufasa under our nicely decorated table

On February 10th and 13th, *AGR* members did gift wrapping at *Barnes & Noble* on Happy Valley Rd and I-17 for Valentine's Day. We had not ever done gift wrapping before this particular holiday, but we are really glad we did! Even though our wrappers only did six items on Sunday the 10th and eight the day before Valentine's Day, our donations added up to \$725.33! *Barnes & Noble* customers love our dogs! From 11 AM to 6 PM on Sunday, several people joined



Patrick, Gail and Dana with Riley

Deb and Liz to meet and greet: Debbie and Rick Ball with **Shiloh** (photo at left); Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**;



Sheila, Liz and kids with Tessa, McKenna and Gonzo

Alex Fishkind; Teri Guilbault with Fresno and Jackson;



Alex Fishkind with Trip



Martha with Sunshine, Joy and Rusty

Gail and Dana Haywood with Riley; Sheila Joyce with McKenna and Tessa; and Jodi and Jay Koblick brought Logan and Katie. Deb came with Ladybird, Mufasa and Troy; Liz had Gonzo and Trip.



On Wednesday the 13th, Teryl Hall (at right with Gonzo and Trip) and Denny Myrick with Jake (at left) helped Deb set up and stayed for several hours. Joining in were Martha McDowell; Rusty Krause and her sister Joy Demmler with Sunshine and Stormy; Alex Fishkind; and later in the afternoon, Liz with Gonzo and Trip. Deb again had the big three. Teryl returned to help Deb and Liz take down the equipment.



course), a raffle and silent auction and a fantastic buffet. The Slot Machine Boss turned six slot machines into several rounds of competition among those present and donated half the winnings to AGR; the other half went to the winner of each round. Anyone with chips left over from their winnings from any of the casino games could turn them in for raffle tickets.



Dana as Marshall Matt Dillon, Teri and Liz as Saloon Girls, Deb as Miss Kitty; Saloon Girl Tessa, Sheriff Gonzo and Deputy Trip

Welcoming everyone to the Golden Paw was the infamous Saloon Girl, a.k.a. Tessa, with her person, Sheila Joyce. Also on hand were Sheriff Gonzo and Deputy Trip with saloon girl Liz Tataseo. Miss Kitty (Deb Orwig) was dressed in a magnificent red dress and fantastic

large, large hat and



Liz in jail with her Arrest Warrant

welcomed everyone to the festivities; Marshall Dillon (Dana Haywood) was there to round up those arrested and place them in the Golden Paw Territorial Jail. Teri Guilbault, our other Saloon Girl, made sure everyone had fun. Connie McCabe not only made Wanted posters, but also took great pictures throughout the event. Our thanks to Bert Easley's Fun Shop, 509 W. McDoiwell Rd, Phoenix, for allowing us free use of Liz's and Teri's costumes and Deb's hat.



The Golden Paw Gambling Hall Casino Event

By Liz Tataseo



On February 24th, AGR had our second Casino Event. This one took place on a Sunday afternoon. Villa La Paws graciously loaned us the use of their Training Room, several tables

and chairs and all without charge. The Golden Paw Gambling Hall had a small but mighty turn out, and the total profit has now exceeded \$3390. During the event, we had gambling (faux of



Nick Dodson, Pat Morgan, Connie McCabe, and Wayne and Jessica Neill spent most of the event at the poker table

Arizona Nights provided the gambling equipment, dealers and pit boss for the event and gave AGR a 30% discount, as well as half of their tips, since they were all animal lovers. They all enjoyed meeting and petting the three Golden Retrievers

there. Participants enjoyed blackjack, craps, poker, money wheel and the slot machines.

During the event, Ruth Pulliam, Sandra Hansen and Sheila Joyce



Mark Hill, Beverly Ruth, Michele Wehry, Perry Ruth, Darlene Kaminski, and Gerri Fedio

worked at registration; Gail Haywood was our cashier, raffle ticket and chip seller; Kathi Youhas worked at the merchandise table; and the food was supervised by Jackie Sigafoose and her sister Mary Backenstose. Additional thanks to Jackie and to Sherry Landwehr

for going out and securing gift card donations that offset food and beverage costs and also for obtaining several raffle items. Teryl Hall also donated gift cards and merchandise for the event, as did other members and businesses.

Jackie and Mary baked and put together many wonderful food items for the buffet: cream cheese roll-ups, stuffed strawberries, cupcakes with dog faces, bone-shaped brownies (photo at right) and deviled eggs, yum!



Jackie and Mary clowning at the craps table; they made most of the food and took care to keep the buffet stocked all afternoon

Teri Guilbault cooked up BBQ chicken, Kathi Youhas made her special BBQ meatballs and Patrick Doyle contributed Drunk Wieners in his special Jack Daniels sauce. Sherry Landwehr made homemade pot stickers that were a big hit. Other food items and beverages were se-

secured from donations. Jackie and Mary supervised and kept the buffet going for the entire event.



Chaparral High School National Honor Society students morning set-up crew at left and evening clean-up crew at right



Thanks to our Saturday loaders and Sunday morning crew that used three hours to get it all set up after delivering everything



Banker Gail Haywood and cook and donations solicitor Sherry Landwehr

the day before: Patrick Doyle, Nick Dodson, Teri Guilbault, Dana and Gail Haywood, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Kathi and Bob Youhas. Also, special thanks to Chaparral High School's National Honor Society students, who not only had a crew help set up but brought in a new set of students to help clean up – they were fantastic! Taking down and cleaning up were Patrick Doyle, Nick Dodson, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Sandra Hansen, Dana and Gail Haywood, Connie McCabe, Jan Newland, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Kathi and Bob Youhas.

To thank *Villa La Paws* for their generosity, we donated to them six more chairs, since they had mentioned that some loaned-out chairs seemed not to come back.

Thanks to everyone who came and to those who could not attend but supported the event with a donation.



PACC 911 Spring Fling

By Liz Tataseo



Dana, Gail and Jan with Gonzo and Trip

The annual *PACC911 Spring Fling Adopt-a-thon* was held on March 2nd at the *St. Francis Renewal Center* in Paradise Valley. On hand in the morning to set up were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Jan Newland; and Liz

Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**. Joining us later in the day were Vicki Comer with **Harley**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Jackie and Dave Englehard with **Sage**; Jen Gittings;



Tony and Jackie with Sage



Vicki with Harley

and Mark Hill and Michele Wehry. Dropping by for the festivities and to show off their newly-adopted dog were Bill and Sandi Reilly with **Fast Eddie**. We only

brought in \$45 total in merchandise sales and donations, but the event was not as well attended as in previous years – we were told they only had half the adoptions they usually had for *Spring Fling*. We did hand out lots of information, and the dogs enjoyed all the petting and treats they begged off of participants.



Paws At The Park

By Liz Tataseo



Sandra Hansen waiting for Jeff Guilbault and Gary Landwehr to finish cooking some burgers and hot dogs

Arizona Golden Rescue held its Annual Members Meeting and Picnic on March 23rd at Papago Park South in Tempe. It was a great day, with temperatures in the low 80's, and attendance was terrific with 120 people and their dogs. **AGR** provided lunch that consisted of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the

condiments, baked beans, chili, coleslaw, water and soda, and a variety of desserts. Deb donated the beans, chili and some of the soda and water; Connie donated some of the coleslaw and got the rest at a discount from a **KFC** in Peoria; Karen Forsythe did a great job soliciting local **Albertson's** stores, getting donations of buns, soda



Ingrid, Robert and Karie Wilson with Izzy, Sadie, Sammy, Jazzy and Bailey. Robert owns Arizona Culinary Institute and procures the meats and condiments at wholesale cost for **AGR**, saving us considerable cost – Thank You, Robert!

and water. Board members and Team Managers donated the desserts. Thanks to all who helped with the food, our picnic costs were kept to a minimum.

We had only one vendor this year, **Origami Owl** represented by **AGR** member Judy Doseck, who set up a booth to display this beautiful jewelry that can be customized for each buyer. She also generously donated a coupon for the raffle to build your own necklace.



Teri Guilbault with Mark and Judy Doseck, who set up a display of **Origami Owl** products and donated a coupon for our raffle

We started the day with Musical Hoops for people/dog pairs. It was a hoot! Eleven pairs started walking around 10 hula hoops on the ground, and when the music stopped



When the music stopped, everyone scrambled to get their dog and themselves into one of the remaining hoops

only 10 made it into the center of the hoops. Thanks to Dave Kimmel for handling the sound system and creating a CD of some peppy music! After several more rounds, the winners were

Teri Guilbault and **Fresno**, a tripod and one of **AGR's** first rescues.



We then proceeded to the Tallest Dog and Shortest Dog contests. Tallest Dog was **Chico Tanner Collins-Fritzer** (photo at left with mom Lisa Collins) who measured out at 26 inches



Sheila Joyce cheering and Sue Vallie congratulating Teri and Fresno on their Musical Hoops win

at the shoulder; second place went to **Tux Bowman** at 25.5 inches. Shortest Dog winner **Ziggy Slagowski** (at right with mom Joy) had no competition at 12 inches, and second place was a tie with **Ruby Jane Cope** and **Izzy Wilson**, both at 20 inches.



Only two participants entered our Spring Costume Contest, but they were great ones. Judges Diane Henkel and Don Krause selected newly-adopted **Charlie Joyce** as the winner for his Armistice Day Soldier costume



time complete with the American Flag in his teeth. Second Place went to **Troy Orwig** who was covered in lovely silk flowers and had a vest decorated with flowers and a sign that said "Welcome Spring." Each game and contest winner was given a box of **Blue Dog Bakery** treats donated by **Blue Dog Bakery**.

Our business meeting was short and sweet. President Deb Orwig introduced the current Board and presented outgoing Director



of Dog Care Teri Guilbault with a lovely "Treasure The Moment" shirt for her service (photo below right). Teri will stay on as Health Care Manager.

Deb then called for a vote of affirmation for the new Board, which consists of President Deb Orwig, Director of Operations Liz Tataseo, Director of Dog Care David Jewett (left, showing off new name tag), Director of Human Resources Connie McCabe and Director of Information Technology Dana Haywood. The Board was confirmed.



The Bridge ceremony sadly had many participants. Each participant acknowledged their dog and received a rainbow ribbon rosette and a Bridge Booklet put together by Deb Orwig with their dog's story and picture.

We then moved to the Adoption ceremony, a happier event. Each newly-adopted dog received recognition and a Paw Medallion on a ribbon.



Liz led the Parade of Rescue

Then we had the most thrilling occasion of the day. Deb invited every rescued dog, regardless of from where or by whom they were rescued, to participate in our annual Parade of Rescue with their new family. It was exciting to see so many Golden Retrievers, Golden mixes and assorted other breeds that had found their forever homes.

Gonzo Tataseo again took his time and selected ball #10 in the 50/50 Tennis Ball Raffle. Our winner of the 50/50 raffle, Nancy Kimmel, generously donated her winnings (\$35) back to AGR.



Members took home many great raffle prizes and silent auction



Michele Meyer and Abigail check out AGR's merchandise; Jude and Kathi attended the booth

items along with checking out and purchasing AGR merchandise available.

Our thanks to Jude Fulghum and Kathi Youhas for manning the merchandise area during the day. Raffle basket creation and the selection of items for the silent auction was

done in advance of the event by Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo, with Martha McDowell's help with basket bowling. Martha sold raffle tickets at the event, as did San-



Martha above; left to right: Sandra, Jude and Kathi



Tony Cotner and Kathi Youhas at check-in manned by Gail Haywood and Ruth Pulliam



Sandra Hansen, Sherry Landwehr and Kathi



Sheila with Charlie

Ruth Pulliam. Ruth also helped Gail Haywood with registration and check-in; in addition, Gail handled the sale of the 50/50 tennis ball lottery tickets. Raffle and silent auction areas were set up by Teri Guilbault, Liz Tataseo, Sandra Hansen and Sheila Joyce. Thanks to all – it was an impressive display!

The raffle generated \$548, the silent auction \$520, and merchandise sales amounted to \$395. Income from registrations was \$843; donations amounted to \$146, making a total of \$2452. Since the \$50 park rental fee was paid for by Jackie and Dave Engelhardt as a donation in memory of Hayden Orwig, and since the food AGR purchased with Robert Wilson's help cost us only about \$284, our profit for the event was \$2168! Thanks to all who attended, as well as those who paid for the event but were unable to come.

It took a lot of work to set up and take down all the equipment, raffle and silent auction items, merchandise and get the BBQ put together. Thanks to the following for their tremendous help for a successful day: for set-up, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Dave En-

Paws At The Park is an opportunity for old friends to get reacquainted and new friends to be made. We hope you can join us in 2014 and become a part of our growing family! Our thanks to Liz Tataseo for putting together a wonderful event and to Connie McCabe for all the fabulous photos!



Jackie and Dave Engelhardt donated the cost of the venue in memory of Hayden Orwig. Both are very active in AGR – Jackie is our Membership Manager and both come to many of our Meet-and-Greets; they have adopted 4 senior dogs from AGR.

gelhardt, Jude Fulghum, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Dana and Gail Haywood, David Jewett, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo, Kathi and Bob Youhas; for take-down, Tony Cotner, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Jude Fulghum, Jennifer Gittings, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Dana and Gail Haywood, Mark Hill, David Jewett, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo, Michele Wehry, and Kathi and Bob Youhas.



Currently recovering from back surgery, Bob Youhas was AGR's Facilities Manager for 3 years; he came with Krissie and Carter



Cindy Tigges with Charm, Koso and Duey is our Organization Accountant; Karen Forsythe, our Organization Secretary, was unable to attend due to illness in the family



Dave Kimmel is our audio specialist; he and his wife, Nancy, donated the sound system to AGR; they also occasionally attend East Valley Meet-and-Greets



Joyce Johnston, who lives in Sun Lakes with Toby, Hazel and Max, does home evaluations and transports



Anne Kowalski with her 5-month-old puppy Salty; Anne has been an AGR member since our beginning



Michele Wehry with fiancé Mark Hill has been AGR's Intake Manager and Shelter Walking Coordinator since the get-go; they stayed to help take down the event



Angela Palumbo with Belle chairs monthly Tempe Marketplace PetSmart Meet-and-Greets and also their Photos with Santa



Patrick Doyle with Annabelle and Pat Morgan with Sunny both attend almost every West Valley AGR event; Patrick also helps as Facilities Manager



Kathy Blue and Luke; Kathy handles AGR's website Success Stories, Pefinder.com and Facebook



Karen and Roger Crawford live in Prescott, but that has not stopped Karen from volunteering to serve on our Placement Team

Below: Russ and Dawn Ingram with Reilly



Below: 1) Wendy Nelson with Jake; 2) Diane and Tom Ghezzi with Mia; 3) Gayle and Rich Milling with Chance; 4) Donna and Berek Novak; 5) Yanna and Rick Reid with Ciara; 6) Jack Craven, Nick Dodson and Cara Holland; Nick does many transports and helps at Peoria PetSmart Meet-and-Greets and other events



Deb presenting adoption medallions to the Copes with Ruby, Kim McVeigh with Gus, and Sandi and Bill Reilly with Eddie



Diane and Jim Henkel with Bella and Winston and friend Kelly Bowman with her Goldens; Jim does home evaluations, transports and serves on our Placement Team; Diane goes with Jim to Meet-and-Greets



A Few More Photos from Paws At The Park – Apologies to Those Whose Pictures We Missed Taking!



Fred and Jill Prose with Jasper



Jednat family



Debra Rothwell with beau and dogs



Rusty and Don Krause with Sunshine and Stormy



Jerry and Geri McHugh



 *Meet-and-Greet at Petco*
By Deb Orwig



Rusty, Don and Roger in front and Liz and Ingrid in back

We had a good day on January 19th at our first ever event at a *Petco*. The very nice manager, Jeremiah, invited us to be there on a regular basis. He told me the busiest day for them at this 91st Ave/Northern Ave store is Saturday between 2 PM and 7 PM, so when we do arrange to have some

Meet-and-Greets there, we will most likely do 2-5 or 2-6 PM on a Saturday. They have an east-facing store front with quite a wide overhang, so it will be comfortable there in the shade in the afternoon. We got some donations from some of the vendors there today, which was nice, and Jeremiah mentioned that *Petco* will be donating something for our Casino Event. Total donations collected today were \$114.85. We had all our regular merchandise there except for the toys and the magnets, but had no merchandise sales at all, not even a calendar, which was kind of a surprise. We've already received one application from someone who talked to us there, and I expect one more to come in. Thanks to all



Jackie gets Colby groomed at this store; it was she who made the initial contact for our appearance

who came: Roger Comer with **Harley**; Patrick Doyle with **Anabelle**; Sandra Hansen with foster **Sadie**; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna** and **Tessa**; Jodi Koblick; Rusty and Don Krause with **Sunshine** and **Stormy**; Connie McCabe with **Grizzly**, **Sasha** and **Winnie**; Deb Orwig with **Ladybird**, **Troy**, **Mufasa** and house guest **Shiloh Ball**; Jackie Sigafoose with **Colby**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; Ingrid Wilson with puppy **Brittney**; and Peter Wong with **Billie**.

Thanks also to Patrick and to Dana and Gail Haywood who helped Liz and me set up. Dana and Gail then collected some Donation Vests and headed down to help out at the Tempe Marketplace *PetSmart* Meet-and-Greet.

 *Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart*

We are now doing monthly Meet-and-Greets at four different *PetSmart* stores. Connie McCabe chairs the 91st Ave store, Teri Guilbault chairs the Bell Rd store, Denny Myrick handles the Mayo Blvd store and Angela Palumbo chairs the Tempe Marketplace store.

CONNIE: Despite the early afternoon microburst on January 27th, we had a wonderful group turnout and more visitors than I had expected to see in this strange and unpredictable weather. **Grizzly**, **Sammy** and I were joined by Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Karen Davis with **Star** and **Caesar**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Sandra Hansen with **Sadie**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Bob and Kathi Youhas with **Carter**; and Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**. Even Joy

and Todd Slagowski came by to meet our new foster, **Sammy**. What a charmer **Sammy** turned out to be as you will see. He loves children



Top: Bob, Grizzly, Sadie, Sandra, Kathi, Sammy, Carter, Star, Karen, Caesar, Pat, Sunny, Denny and Jake. Right: Sheila, McKenna, Dana, Riley, Gail, Kathi, Sammy and Carter. Below: Sammy giving kisses



you would never know it. Watching him with the kids was like seeing **Zoie** at the Meet-and-Greets all over again. He loves to give big



kisses and nose and chin nibbles. It wore him out though – he fell sound asleep right after dinner. Thank you to everyone who came by. Because of you, we earned another \$128.21 for **AGR** and met a lot of really nice people. Feel free to go see the rest

of the photos at <http://albums.phanfare.com/isolated/h4mw1e-br/1/5930915>



Grizzly with our foster **Sammy** for helping out on February 23rd. I had to leave for a good part of the event, and so extra thanks to Gail and Dana for wrangling **Griz** and **Sammy**. We were able to collect \$82.34 and have had at least one application come through. And thanks to Nick for helping me, too! Photos are visible at <http://albums.phanfare.com/isolated/fWCQJHLi/1/5961957>

Thanks for everyone's help on our March 10th successful Meet-

and eagerly greets all new dogs too! He is hard of hearing, but



Gail, Riley, Pat, Sunny, Patrick standing behind Connie with Charlie, Dana, Nick with Grizzly, Sasha and Sammy and Kathi with Krissie and Carter; photo by Sheila

ing out today were Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Kathi Youhas with **Maura** and **Kris-**



sie; Don and Rusty Krause with **Stormy** and **Sunshine** (at left); and Deb Orwig with foster **Caesar** (at right). We were very busy all day and collected \$121.55 in dona-



tions. Lots of people came by who wanted to adopt, and I am sure we'll be seeing lots of new applications. You couldn't ask for better weather – to **Grizzly**, **Sasha**, **Winnie** and foster **Sammy**, it was a super way to spend a Sunday afternoon with our dogs and friends. Today's photos are available for viewing at <http://albums.phanfare.com/isolated/JnNKMjHF/1/5980275>

DENNY: Our January 26th Meet-and-Greet at the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** got rained out. On February 13th, the following **AGR** members participated: Tony Cotner



Berek and Donna with Tanner, Bodie and Jackson; Denny with Jake and Pam Spicer's Lexi; Diane with Moon; Tony and Jan with Daisy



Sally with Rocky

and Jan Newland (Tony's sister) and dog **Daisy**; Sally Fetherston and dog **Rocky**; Denny Myrick (host) and dog **Jake**; Donna and Berek Novak and dogs **Jackson**, **Bodie** and **Tanner**; Pam Spicer and dog **Lexi**; and Diane Traxler and dog **Moon**. We collected \$201.95. As always, Pam Spicer took fantastic photos!

The following **AGR** members and their Golden retrievers attended the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-&-Greet on March 30th: Tony Cotner and Tony's sister Jennifer Gittings with dog **Daisy**; Patrick



Debby Sable with Rylie; Wes Harrington with Andie; Tony Cotner with Daisy; Tony's sister Jen Gittings; Gail and Dana Haywood with Riley; Denny Myrick with Jake and Pam Spicer's Lexi; Patrick Doyle with Annabelle

Doyle with **Annabelle**; Wes Harrington with **Andie**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Connie McCabe with **Sammy**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Debby Sable with **Rylie**; and Pam Spicer with



Lexi. This was the first Meet-and-Greet for **Andie Harrington** (above left) and **Rylie Sable** (above right). They both did a great job helping to collect \$218.

TERI: What a beautiful January 20th, a perfect day for a Meet-and-Greet. For our first event of the year at Arrowhead **PetSmart**, I brought along my boys, **Fresno** and **Jackson**. Joining me were Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**; Bill Atkinson with **Sammy**;



Teri, Liz, Ingrid, Sheila, Dana and Gail



Bill and Sammy

Ingrid Wilson, who brought foster puppies **Brittney** and **Bridgette**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; and Jacquelyn and Michael McWatters, who brought their newly-adopted **Zoe**. Special thanks to Deb Orwig who came to help set up and tear down since we were a bit short-handed. We passed out several brochures, talked to a few potential adoptive families and collected \$142 in the process. Here is the link to the photos: http://albums.phanfare.com/slideshow.aspx?i=1&db=1&pw=LKj8ZA&a_id=5922318

http://albums.phanfare.com/slideshow.aspx?i=1&db=1&pw=LKj8ZA&a_id=5922318



Gail, Dana, Liz, Sheila, Teri, Jared and Michelle; baby Lucas in front of Charlie

Joyce and her new boy and our most recent rescue, **Charlie**; and Michelle, Jared and Lucas Miller. Stopping by for a short while to say hello were Don Krause, Connie McCabe, who shot a few extra photos of the gang, and Deb Orwig. We made \$92.11, got a few inquiries on how to adopt a dog and enjoyed the fresh air. Check out our pictures at http://albums.phanfare.com/slideshow.aspx?i=1&db=1&pw=zXOIG3IV&a_id=5954786

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone! Another lovely day for a Meet-and-Greet. Joining me and my fantastic furkid **Blossom**, who is recovering from FCE (read about this on pages 7-8) were Liz Tataseo with **Trip** and **Gonzo**, who was celebrating his 10th birthday



Liz, Kathi, Teri, Dana, Tony and Jen with puppies



Teri getting puppy kiss

today; Bob and Kathi Youhas, who both were also celebrating birthdays, with their furkids **Lady Maura**, **Krissie** and **Cart-er**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Tony's sister Jennifer Gittings; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley** and houseguest **Trina**; Don and Rusty Krause with **Stormy** and **Sunshine**; and Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**. Deb Orwig and Connie McCabe stopped by with **AGR's** new 6-week-old puppy litter (after picking them up from their surrendering owner) to introduce all the incredibly beautiful little ones to our group. As always, we talked with great people, enjoyed each other's company and managed to collect \$76.86 in the process. Took a few pictures, which Connie will probably add to, and you can see those at: http://albums.phanfare.com/slideshow.aspx?i=1&db=1&pw= SX3o4JbJ&a_id=5988688

ANGELA: At our January 19th Meet-and-Greet at the Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart**, the following attended: Hannah Doseck with **Stella**; Tom Ghezzi with **Mia**; Dana, Gail and **Riley** Haywood; Jim Henkel with **Bella**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Kim and Kev-



in McVeigh with **Jack**; Jan Newland with **Daisy Cotner**; and some honor students from Chaparral High (photo at left) including John Walker, Shelby Moe and Bre-



Kim and Jack

ana Levandowsky. We brought in \$112 and sold two calendars.

February 16th was a great day! Thanks to Dana, Gail and **Riley** Haywood; Denny and **Jake** Myrick; Diane, Jim, **Bella** and **Winston** Henkel; and Dave, Nancy, **Sadie** and **Trooper** Kimmel (photo at right). We brought in \$118 and talked to a lot of interested people.



Maggie Muller (second from left) with **Benzo**; Gail Haywood with **Trina Kearney** and **Riley Haywood**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Jim Henkel with **Winston**; and Jenny Gittings

On March 16th, Dana Haywood hosted in Angela's stead so that she could attend the *Paws At The Park* event on the 23rd. Dana reported: March's Meet-and-Greet at Tempe Marketplace was a little

hectic, as another Rescue that shares the same time spot as we

do there was already set up and was occupying our normal set-up location. The store manager did come out and let the other group know that they would have to move, which took about 30 minutes since they generally come with a lot of dogs. It was a quiet day for us with just a few people inquiring about our adoption process, but most of the attention was received by the other



Benzo Muller and **Trina Kearney** enjoying the attention and each other – our Meet-and-Greets are good venues for dog socialization, as well as for developing people friendships

group who adopted out quite a few dogs that day. Joining Gail and **Riley** and myself was **Trina Kearney**, who was staying with Gail and me for a few days; Maggie Muller was there with **Benzo**; Tony Cotner and his sister Jenny Gittings came with Tony's dog **Daisy**; and Jim Henkel joined us with **Winston**. We collected

\$70.62, which wasn't too bad considering the sparse crowd.

BOOK REVIEW

By Jude Fulghum

Lost & Found, By Jacqueline Sheehan, 2007.
ISBN: 978-0-06-112864-6

When Rocky's 42-year-old veterinarian husband drops dead on the bathroom floor, she is devastated that her CPR is unable to save him. After grieving to the point that her job as a school psychologist is affected, she decides to move to an offshore island in New England for a winter to try to come to terms with her tragic loss.

Remembering an island she visited with her parents when she was young, she travels there and eventually meets the local public works manager. He offers her one of his rental houses for the winter and a job as the Animal Control Warden for the island. Soon after her arrival, she is notified of a loose dog with an arrow in his shoulder. She is able to rescue him and begins to try to heal him. But as the saying goes "who rescued whom?"

The story continues from here with life on the island, getting to know some of the interesting people who live there, and Rocky's developing fascination with archery that eventually leads her towards solving the mystery of the arrow embedded in the dog's shoulder. Of course, along the way, she falls for the dog that she has named **Lloyd**. **Lloyd's** family is located, and when he is taken back to Rhode Island with them, Rocky is devastated and realizes she must do whatever it takes to get him back.

There is death, intrigue, illness, and animal rescue all tied up in this *New York Times* bestseller. It is very well written and was impossible to put down (except to reach for the box of tissues several times). This is a great read!

Villa La Paws

Need fun, cage-free day care for your dog or even overnight boarding? Please consider using one of our sponsors, **Villa La Paws**. There are two locations, one at 10640 N 32nd St, Phoenix, and one at 2734 W Bell Rd, Phoenix. They also have a 12,000 square foot Training Center at 10630 N 32nd St, which they graciously allowed **AGR** to use for our Casino Event. Their PAWS University provides pet educational seminars and classes for the general public for a nominal charge. Check out their website at <http://www.villalapaws.com/>

State of the Organization Address, March 23, 2013

By Deb Orwig, President

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

We had incorporated a new rescue group on March 11, 2009.

Thanks to Nick Dodson, we had a name: **Arizona Golden Rescue**.

We had an address, which had to be changed after a year because the mail box facility closed down.

We had a phone number with a catchy name: 623-566-WAGS (9247).

Connie McCabe had designed a gorgeous logo and had chosen our colors of rust, gold and cream to symbolize the spectrum of colors of Golden Retrievers.

We had written By-laws and were working on a Policies and Procedures Handbook.

On March 14, 2009, those in attendance at our first membership meeting paid dues and elected officers: a President; a Director of Operations; a Director of Dog Care; a Director of Information Management; and a Human Resources Director. The only title that was familiar then was President; the rest sounded kind of weird. No Secretary on the Board? No Treasurer on the Board? No, but the Board then appointed Teri Guilbault as Secretary; a short time later, Cindy Tigges offered to be our Organization Accountant and her appointment was made by the Board. We have found this arrangement to work extremely well.

So, we were off and running. Only about two weeks later by the end of March 2009, we had 121 members in 77 families; we had an Intake and Placement Manager, a Home Evaluations Manager, a Health Care Manager, a Membership Manager, a Merchandise Manager, a Transport Manager and a member checking our telephone voicemail calls; we had an operational website; we had taken in \$4189; we had even rescued our first dog, thanks to a connection made by Cynthia Wenström.

NOW, today, March 23, 2013...

We have 519 members.

We raised \$110,808 in 2009, \$162,610 in 2010, \$162,261 in 2011 and \$202,880 in 2012 for a total earned income in 45 months of \$638,559!

Our bank account today holds \$30,086 in checking, \$81,960 in savings and \$13,975 in the Debbe Begley Memorial Fund for a total of \$126,021! Yes, it sounds like we're flush. However, if we take in 146 dogs in 2013 as we did in 2012, we will need an estimated \$155,198 to take care of them. We have already taken in 29; at a rate of 29 in a little over two months, that will amount to at least 150 dogs for this year!

We have rescued 391 dogs in four years [404 as of April 23, 2013], and we have spent an average of about \$1063 per dog.

Our website is terrific and getting better all the time.

Our database is incredible.

We have a live person answering our WAGS line from 8 AM – 8 PM.

We are on Facebook, Twitter, and GoodSearch and have numerous other Internet connections.

In the past 4 years...

We have done 156 Meet-and-Greets at 6 different **PetSmart** stores, 60 at 4 **Choice Pet Market** locations, 24 at **Trendy Pet & Rescue** in **Scottsdale Fashion Square**, three at **The Pet Shop** in Mesa, one at **The Pet Club** in Glendale, one at **Petco** in Peoria. We have attended 17 **PACC911** events including the Bowl-A-Rama, **Franciscan Renewal Center** Adopt-a-thons in October and March, and the Adopt-a-thon at Anthem in January. We had a booth at the **Glendale Firemen's Parade** and walked in that parade in 2009 and 2011; we walked in the **Parada del Sol** in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and had a booth at their **Trails End** event all four years. During the holidays, we took **Photos with Santa** at 2 different **PetSmart** stores, did gift wrapping at 3 different **Barnes & Noble** bookstores, and participated in the **Holiday Pet Festival** at **WestWorld**. We have provided stress-relief furapy for the students at **Grand Canyon University** during their mid-term and finals weeks in 2011 and 2012 and for the **ASU West** students in October 2012. We have sponsored four **Fore! Paws Golf Tournaments**, participated in the **PetSmart Charities PetWalk** in February for three years, and have held two **Golden Paw Casino** events; we have also had a booth at the spectacular **Phoenix Pet Expo** for three years and will do so again on April 20, 2013. We are Adoption Partners with **PetSmart** and **Petco**, Community Partners with **PACC 911** and Charitable Partners with **People Saving Pets**; we have rewards programs set up with numerous businesses whereby if one of our members uses the business or makes a purchase from it, **AGR** gets what amounts to a commission; we are an accepted beneficiary of donations through **American Express Employee Giving Program**, **Avnet**, **Bank of America Employee Giving Program**, **United Health Care Employee Giving Program** and **Valley of the Sun United Way**.

I would like to thank all 234 of you who volunteered for one thing or another during 2012, many of you for many things, and I would like to encourage the rest of you to get involved. In particular, I would like to thank the 2012-2013 Board Members: Liz Tataseo as Director of Operations, Teri Guilbault as Director of Dog Care, Dana Haywood as Director of Information Management, and Connie McCabe as Human Resources Director.

Also, we have a fantastic group of team managers: Michele Wehry as Intake Manager with assistance with Intake from Ben Fischer and Judy Petitto; Sheila Joyce as Home Evaluations Manager; Sue Vallie is our new Placement Team Manager and has assistance on her team from Karen Crawford, Jim Henkel, Debbie Mikol and Pam Spicer; Gail Haywood as Transport Manager; and Teri Guilbault as Health Care Manager with Mary Lynn Ament, Linda Knight and Ingrid Wilson as her Vet Liaisons. Karin Forsythe is our Organization Secretary and Cindy Tigges is our Organization Accountant. We have a fabulous team of home evaluators and a very active team of transport volunteers. Kathy Blue handles all our Facebook and Petfinder.com communications.

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

Annual August Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

By Liz Tataseo

The time is coming for the annual Special Needs Fundraiser for our special needs dogs. While we raise funds throughout the year, we always need that extra amount for dogs that need extra-ordinary vet care. Why does **AGR** go beyond what shelters and most rescues do for a dog? Just because a dog has a medical issue or behavior problem, doesn't mean it should not have a chance for a forever home. Also it is our policy to make sure that all dogs go to a forever home with the best chance of having a long and healthy life. Our adoption fees will remain as they are even though the average dog's medical costs far exceed the adoption fee that is paid.



Liz's boy Trip had to have a leg amputated due to valley fever causing a lesion on the bone, which was very painful for him

Whether it is emergency surgery, orthopedic reconstruction to correct congenital problems or an on-going disease that needs expert care, large chunks of money often need to be paid out quickly. Hence our fundraiser earmarked for special needs dogs. Along with sudden, high medical costs, **AGR** also does extensive training for dogs that otherwise might be put down because of their behavior.

In this issue, you will find a pledge form that we ask you to start using now and up to July 31st. Take it to work, to your church, share it with friends. Even a minimum of \$5 from a bunch of people adds up quickly. We know that many members will donate for themselves or on behalf of their own rescued dog(s) and send in the form and we thank you for that, but this year, take it with you and see who might forgo that latte and help out our dogs.

Read the *Diamonds in the Ruff* section on pages 14 - 15 about the lives that have needed that special angel; copy the stories and put them with the pledge sheet and encourage people to read about these wonderful dogs.

Another way to collect money for your donation is to start saving your change now and cash it in for your pledge; get your friends to do that also and the pennies will mount up. Get a jar or bowl and throw your change in it at the end of each day. It will not only mount up, but you won't have all that extra weight in your purse or pocket.

By August 1st, please send the pledge form along with any checks you collect to **AGR**, 5350 W. Bell Rd, Ste.C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308. Please do not send cash. If you collect cash, please

deposit it in your own account, write a check to cover the amount and append a list of the people who donated along with the amount they gave. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by the end of the year by US Mail.

In case you may be wondering... The *Bowl-A-Rama for Animal Rescue* that **PACC911** has sponsored each year for the past 10 years will not be done this year. **R.E.S.C.U.E.** offered to host the event, but they did not get the commitment of support they needed from enough other rescue groups. **PACC911** now has a thrift store called **Charity Boutique** and referred to as "Rescued Treasures." It is located at 40th St and Thunderbird Rd (3841 E Thunderbird Rd) in Phoenix, The profits from this store support their *Emergency Medical Fund* and *Lulu's Fund for Special Needs Dogs*. Grant monies are available from this fund for local rescues, ours included. So, the next time you are in the area, go visit this thrift store – they have some terrific merchandise! Check it out: <http://pace911.org/shop-retail-store>

Fore! Paws Golf Tournament



Arizona Golden Rescue's fifth annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the **Camelback Golf Club** in Paradise Valley. As usual, it will have a 1 PM shotgun start with 4-person scramble format. Following the tournament, a fantastic dinner will be served, which non-golfers may also attend, and we will have an incredible raffle and silent auction. In July, everyone on our mailing list will receive a large postcard with the details of the tournament, the dinner, and available sponsorships, but we wanted to notify you now so you can reserve the date on your calendar. All profits go to help our dogs, of course. We need volunteers to serve on the Tournament Committee, especially some who would be willing to solicit donations. Please contact Liz Tataseo at five.goldens@yahoo.com or call her at 602-938-5927 if you are willing to help now or on the day of the event when we will need lots of volunteer assistance.

Have a Safe and Fun Summer!

By Deb Orwig

Summer is rapidly approaching. There are fun things you can do with your dog this time of year, but precautions must be taken, especially here in Arizona. Walking, hiking and swimming are all good forms of exercise and play, but take care and use common sense in order to keep your dog safe.

Walk or hike early in the morning or very late at night. If the sidewalks are too hot for you to walk on with bare feet, then they are too hot for your dog to walk on without foot protection. Foot protection is also important if you take your dog hiking at any time of year. Dirt trails can have sharp stones, cactus spines and other hazardous objects on them. Various styles of dog booties can be found in some local pet supply stores, but you will probably find them to be less expensive on the Internet. Put "dog booties" in your Internet search engine and you'll come up with dozens of companies that sell them. The best booties are ones that have leather soles. Try accessing http://images.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?_adv_prop=image&fi=goodsearch-yhsif&va=dog+booties And here is another good site: <http://www.seniorpetproducts.com/dogs/mobility/boots-shoes/> Most Golden Retrievers will wear size large.

The *Humane Society of the United States* cautions dog owners to respect the heat. Dogs do not sweat as humans do. They lose heat only through their paw pads and by panting. Dogs can get heat stroke and/or become dehydrated. Always keep fresh, cool water available for your dog and limit outdoor activity during the hottest parts of the day. A dog can even get overheated swimming in a pool if the pool water is quite warm, so be careful with the duration of pool play also. In addition, always be present by your pool when your dog is swimming. I have personally known of a Golden who was a good swimmer who lost her balance and fell into her pool at an angle from which she could not recover. Fortunately, her owner knew CPR, but though the dog did not drown, she ended up with brain damage.

Arizona Golden Rescue does not recommend shaving a Golden in the summer. A Golden's coat actually insulates it from the heat as well as from cold – if you have your Golden shaved, he may get even hotter than if you had left the coat alone. If your dog is constantly in the pool and has a thick coat that never seems to dry out, consider having a reputable groomer give your dog a "summer cut" which will just shorten the fur, not take it down to the skin. Shaved Golden Retrievers are susceptible to sunburn and, therefore, to skin cancer.

Bugs can be a problem in the summer. Biting flies, mosquitoes,

bees, ticks and fleas are all more abundant at this time of year and can be more than just a nuisance. Good protection against ticks and fleas will be provided by Frontline Plus®; if you're hiking in the woods with your dog, you might consider a protective tick collar as an extra protection. Mosquitoes and ticks may carry diseases, in particular heartworm or West Nile virus, and tick fever, respectively. Be sure there are no areas on your property where water can collect and stagnate – that is the type of place in which mosquitoes will breed. If you have a lawn, keep the grass cut short to minimize the possibility of ticks and other insects. Do not use fertilizer or pesticides unless these specifically state on the label that they are safe for pets, and then allow your pets on the grass only after the spray has dried.

Antifreeze is extremely toxic to pets, and its sweet odor is tempting to dogs and cats. In the summer, if your car overheats, antifreeze may leak out of the radiator and form puddles on the floor of the garage. So, check your garage floor often, clean up any spills and get your radiator repaired. When you are walking your dog, pay attention to your neighbors' cars and potential puddles of antifreeze on their driveways or in the street and avoid these at all costs.

Other toxic substances you should take care to put away behind closed doors are pool chemicals, citronella, insect repellents that contain DEET, charcoal-lighter fluid, glow jewelry (in use especially on the 4th of July), and such pests as scorpions, spiders and rattlesnakes. If you live in an area where rattlesnakes are prevalent, please consider getting your dog snake proofed. Two companies that offer snake avoidance training are *Partners Dog Training* in Cave Creek (<http://snakeproofing.com/>) and *Southwest Snake Avoidance Experts* (<http://snake-avoidance.com/>).

Congratulations!



Dan Farkas wrote: *Abbi and I passed the Delta Society/Therapy Dog Evaluation on February 24th! It was our goal for any dog we adopted from AGR. In fact, we evaluated for Complex Environments. I am so proud of her! We earned 2s (highest) for everything except Reaction to a Neutral Dog, where we earned a 1. Even with some special training for a few weeks, she is still a little too eager to greet another dog. I suspect this is due to her growing up with another dog in the family. Abbi earned her Canine Good Citizen just a week after we received her from AGR. We had not even completed the official adoption at that time. Over the next few months, I worked with her to get ready for the Pet Partner evaluation. We'll start visiting patients as soon as our registration is completed and we have our ID badges.*

Glaucoma in Dogs

By Liz Tataseo

Does your Golden hold his eye closed, paw at it, or do you see the third eyelid (red/pink membrane) covering the eye? Your Golden may be experiencing eye pain which could be due to glaucoma. Other symptoms are a red, teary, cloudy eye with a blue hue and squinting. You may also notice that one eye is bigger than the other, or both may appear larger than normal. This is due to the fluid buildup in the eye and is a dangerous situation for your dog. Dogs which have a sudden eye swelling need to go to the vet immediately.

There are two types of glaucoma in dogs: primary glaucoma, which is inherited and comes on very suddenly, and secondary glaucoma, which comes about as a result of an eye injury or infection. Golden Retrievers can have an inheritable inflammatory condition called "Golden Retriever Uveitis," which can cause blindness if untreated, but even if treated this condition can lead to glaucoma. This is what has occurred in my boy **Gonzo**, who has had glaucoma in his left eye for several months as a result of uveitis, is blind in that eye, and just underwent a treatment to permanently reduce the pressure in his eye.

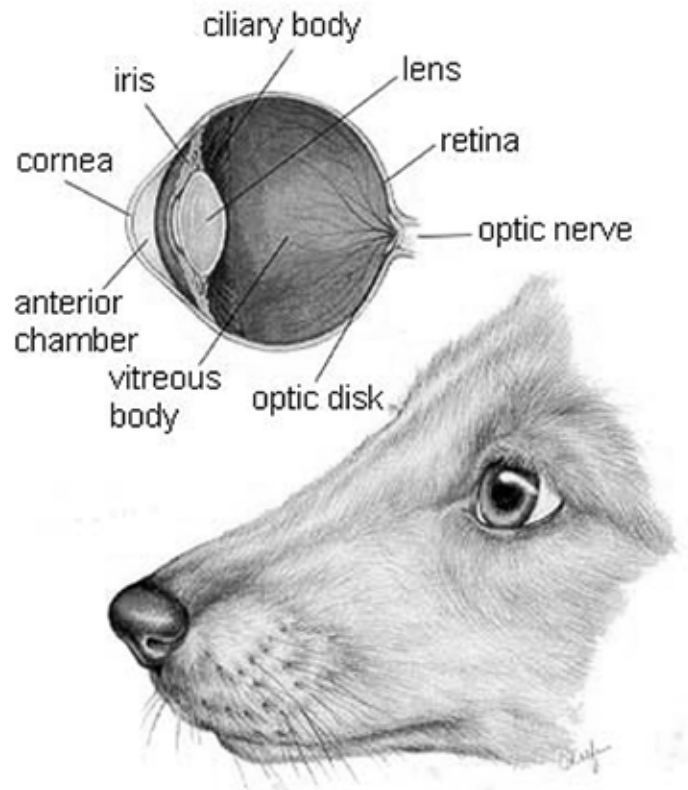
Due to the swelling in the eye, the optic nerve can be damaged and vision becomes limited or can progress to blindness in the eye without treatment. Treatment, if in the early stages of glaucoma, is most often eye drops that reduce the pressure in the eye, although the drops can cease to work over time.

You can test your dog's vision by bringing your hand, palm forward, towards the eye from the side of his head slowly so as not to create air currents. A sighted dog will react by blinking or turning toward your hand, but if the vision is impaired the dog will not react.

Treatments when the pressure cannot be controlled by eye drops include Cyclophoto Coagulation and Ciliary Body Ablation. Both procedures kill the ciliary body cells that produce the aqueous humor (eye fluid) which causes the buildup of pressure in the eye. The first is a surgical laser procedure and the other is an injection of an antibiotic called gentamycin. The laser treatment can be used for dogs that still have eyesight; the ablation procedure causes total blindness so would not be used if the dog has sight in the eye.

Other treatments can include Cyclocryotherapy (freezing the ciliary body) or shunts to drain off the fluid, but both can have post-procedure complications and recovery.

Another option: if there is total blindness and the pressure cannot be reduced with other treatments, the eye can be surgically removed with few complications afterward. Also, for those who want a cosmetic solution, the dog can have an intraocular prosthesis implanted inside the eyeball after the eye contents are removed.



Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in dogs and is usually detected after damage has occurred to the eye or the eye has literally blown out due to the pressure. Dr. Joanna Norman of *Eye Care for Animals* suggests all dogs, especially Golden Retrievers, have an eye exam by the time they reach seven years of age, then have one yearly to detect eye changes, diseases and possibly the early stages of glaucoma.

References: <http://www.eyevet.ca/glaucoma.html>, *EyeCare for Animals* in Avondale, http://www.ask.com/wiki/Ciliary_body

Frosty Paws ~ A Yummy Summer Treat for Your Dog

12 oz vanilla yogurt	2 Tbsp peanut butter
1 mashed banana	1 Tbsp honey

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

*Follow-up on 11-011 Prince
and the Animal Hoarder*

By Deb Orwig



In March 2011, *Arizona Golden Rescue* took in a dog, ID #11-011, whom we named **Prince**. This 1½-year-old purebred Golden had been a stray found in a dry wash in Tonopah. The woman who found him was an animal hoarder. She took him to her property where she already had over 80 dogs and numerous assorted other animals,

all in various stages of neglect, and many who were sick. It is unknown what condition **Prince** was in physically when the woman found him, nor how much time had passed by the time we were alerted about him by *Arizona Small Dog Rescue*.

Regardless, he was in horrible shape when *AZSDR* brought him to Phoenix for us along with a load of small dogs they had rescued. He had bite marks on his face, he had bad eye infections, most of his fur was missing and his skin looked awful. It turned out that he had, among other ailments, sarcoptic mange, a very contagious condition to both other dogs and to humans. I fostered him for the next 4½ months. *AGR's* vet, Dr. Valerie Ferguson, got him cleaned out – he also had internal parasites, as well as the mange, had low thyroid function, and was severely underweight – and I got him cleaned up by giving him medicated baths three times a week. Once he recovered from the parasite infestation, which took a month, we found out he also had allergies to most ingredients in most dog foods. After we got his allergy test results, I spent a couple hours in a local pet supply store reading dog food labels, finally finding that *Natural Balance Bison & Sweet Potato* had none of his allergens in it. He really started to improve physically after that.



Once liberated from his month-long isolation in my laundry room, this high-energy young dog became obsessed with tennis balls. He would chase and retrieve tennis balls for hours or until I got tired of throwing them for him. He also loved water and water play. He would cavort in sprinklers or chase and try to bite the water coming out of a hose. Once introduced to my pool, he

would get out only reluctantly.

I was about to despair of *AGR* ever finding an appropriate forever family for him when I got a call from a Youngtown police officer who was interested in acquiring a Golden he could train for drug detection work. He was getting ready to retire his current Golden and he needed another dog. Did we have one? We sure did – **Prince**!



With only 3½ weeks of intensive training, **Prince** qualified as a drug detection dog both locally and nationally, passing both certification tests after less than half the training time it usually takes a dog. He and his partner/adopter started working for the *Maricopa County Sheriff's Office* in February 2012. Since his certification, **Prince** has accumulated over \$100,000 in drug busts to his credit, as well as the capture of a key member of one of the Mexican drug cartels, whom he helped discover in a stash house in Litchfield.

In the summer of 2012, I nominated this fabulous dog for a Hero Award, which was bestowed upon him by the *Friends of Animal Care and Control* last October. You should visit our website, www.arizonagoldenrescue.org, and watch the video that was made about **Prince** for the Awards ceremony!

In late January of this year, almost 1¼ years after *AGR* rescued **Prince**, the court finally got to the trial of the animal hoarder. I was asked to testify about **Prince's** condition when we rescued him. The prosecutor had already visited the online photo album we had of **Prince** and printed off 8" x 10" color glossies of many of the photos I took the day we brought him into Rescue. They were pretty graphic!

So, what happened as a result of the trial? Not nearly enough in my opinion, but the sentence the judge imposed was better than a slap on the hand. The woman was ordered to pay a \$500 fine on two counts of misdemeanor animal abuse, faces three years of supervised probation, and cannot own more than 25 animals (she has considerable acreage in Tonopah, so this number is probably reasonable and is surely a lot less than the almost 100 animals she had at the time **Prince** was removed from her compound). Too bad the judge did not order her to pay the \$2500+ in medical costs *AGR* accrued for **Prince**! "Supervised probation" means that Sheriff's Deputies can go onto her property at any time without notice and without a warrant to check on how many animals she has and on their condition. The Deputies who originally were involved in the bust of this woman are angry enough at the condition of the animals she had and at the judge's ruling, they will be visiting her property frequently over the next three years. If they catch her with more than 25 animals or if any of the animals seem to be in bad shape, as many were when **Prince** was rescued, they can and will put her in jail.



Golden Hearts



We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support. You all truly have hearts of gold! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between January 16, 2013 and March 31, 2013. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

General Donations from the Heart

Amanda Jean Babcock	Marsha and Steve Kleinz
Stephanie Beard and Greg Konishi	Anne and Dan Kowalski
Mary Jo and John Courtney	Diane and Tom Lowther
LaBelle (Cricket) Forstrom	Gerald and Geri McHugh
Robert Hall	Gloria and Gary Oxley
Teryl Hall	Sandi and Bill Reilly
Marti Joyce	Rescue Chocolate
Nancy Kimmel	Walter Rogers
Jane and Gerald King	Gayle Watson

Honorary Donations

In Honor of 11-017 Bela Selznick

Hannah and Mitch Selznick

In Honor of my Golden/Lab mix Sandi's 3rd Birthday

Christopher O'Brien

In Honor of Michele Meyer for using my H & R Block Tax Preparation Service

M. Ellen Mayer

In Honor of 12-137 Holly

Charles Sandlin and James Lucien

Memorial Donations

In Memory of Debbie Begley

Jerry Brummer and Janet Albrizio

In Memory of a Lovely Golden named Booker T

Molly Sadler

In Memory of Coleman Calta

Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
Deb and Larry Orwig

In Memory of Bella Golla

Teri and Jeff Guilbault
Teryl Hall
Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
Deb and Larry Orwig

Liz Tataseo
Kathi and Bob Youhas

In Memory of Beethoven Hall

Teri and Jeff Guilbault
Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
Deb and Larry Orwig
Liz Tataseo

In Memory of Howard Parker

Teri and Jeff Guilbault
Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
Deb and Larry Orwig
Liz Tataseo

In Memory of 13-011 Rusty

Teri and Jeff Guilbault
Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
Deb and Larry Orwig
Liz Tataseo

In Memory of Shadow Baselice

Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
Deb and Larry Orwig

In Memory of Maggie Compise

Teri and Jeff Guilbault
Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
Deb and Larry Orwig
Liz Tataseo

In Memory of Sadie Hansen

Teri and Jeff Guilbault
Teryl Hall
Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
Deb and Larry Orwig
Liz Tataseo

In Memory of Tahoe Moser

Teri and Jeff Guilbault
Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
Deb and Larry Orwig
Liz Tataseo

In Memory of Leo Youhas

Kathi and Bob Youhas
Other donor were listed in the February issue

Corporate Donors and Sponsors

American Express Charitable Fund

American Express Company Employee Giving Program

Anchor Embroidery & Silkscreen

Bank of America Charitable Foundation**Event Wines – Benefit Wines****PetSmart** for 2012 Photos with Santa**PetSmart Charities** for 4th Quarter 2012 Adoption Rewards**Diamond Donors***Diamond Donor for 12-100 Rusty*
Deb and Larry Orwig*Diamond Donor for 13-028 Kelly*
Judy Petitto**Gift Memberships**

For Jude Fulghum from Deb Orwig

Special Donors

*When inclement weather cancelled the January Mayo Blvd
PetSmart Meet-and-Greet, several members made donations
to try to make up for monies not collected from the public –
very nice, thank you!*

Denny Myrick Pam Spicer
Deb Orwig Liz TataseoThanks to Nancy and Dave Kimmel for donating a dog door
suitable for installing in a sliding glass doorThanks to Carol and Don Thompson for donating an extra large
wire crate and numerous other items that can be used in raffles or
silent auctionsThanks to the following who have also donated items to be used
in raffles/silent auctions:**Albertson's**, Glendale**Albertson's**, Peoria**Arizona Cardinals Football Club****Bert Easley's Fun Shop****Blue Buffalo****Blue Dog Dog Bakery****Cheesecake Factory**, Phoenix

Tony Cotner

Dolly Steamboat

Judy Doseck

EyeCare for Animals, Avondale – Dr. Joanna Norman

Karin Forsythe

Fry's Grocery Store, Surprise

Marleen Stein Gold

Teri and Jeff Guilbault

Teryl Hall

Gail and Dana Haywood

Sheila Joyce
Rusty and Don Krause
Sherry Landwehr
Martha McDowell
Pat Morgan
Jeannette and Dave Morrocco
Deb and Larry Orwig
Out of Africa
Barbara and Bud Owings
Petco, Northern Ave**Safeway**, Glendale
Safeway, Surprise
Sam's Club, Surprise
Sprouts, Surprise
Liz Tataseo
The Home Depot, Surprise
Trader Joe's, Surprise
Valle Luna
Cynthia Wenström and Mike Lane*From the Editor's Desk*

By Deb Orwig

Thanks to Connie McCabe for creating the cover art and to every-
one who submitted articles for this issue. Special thanks to Jude
Fulghum for offering to write *Magic Moments* when Katie Dona-
hue had to study for her Board exam in Family Medicine.Proofreading before publication is essential. For that daunting task, I
thank Katie Donahue, Jude Fulghum, Teri Guilbault, Erin Orwig and
Liz Tataseo.**BULK RATE MAIL**Your address label on the back cover contains the verbiage "OR
CURRENT RESIDENT." The U.S.P.S. now requires that verbiage
on anything sent out by bulk rate mail. We qualify to use bulk rate
mail because of our nonprofit status and because we send out more
than 225 identical pieces of mail in each mailing. It is very cost effec-
tive for us to use bulk rate mail – the February issue of *The Golden
Paw* cost about 37¢ each, as opposed to the \$1.52 it would cost to
send one copy by first class mail. Sometimes, however, bulk rate
copies do not get delivered at all, or they may take a week or more
(especially to out-of-state recipients) to get to their destinations.
Bulk rate mail is not forwarded, nor is it returned to us if you no
longer live at the address on the label, which is why it is so important
for you to notify us if you move or if you leave for the summer.**IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS,
please send a message to info@arizonagoldenrescue.org***Cell Phone Recycling*

AGR participates in a cell phone recycling program spon-
sored by **GRC Wireless Recycling** that will bring us some
cash. They will pay us \$2 - \$10 for a regular phone and up
to \$50 for a smartphone, Blackberry or the like. If you get a
new phone, please save your old one and turn it over to us at
any of our events or membership meetings. Thanks!



5350 W. Bell Rd.
Suite C122-158
Glendale, AZ 85308

NONPROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
GLENDALE, AZ
PERMIT NO. 116

623-566-WAGS (9247)
www.arizonagoldenrescue.org
info@arizonagoldenrescue.org

Your membership expiration date is shown at
the top of the mailing label below

