

Reaching out to you with...



# The Golden Paw

Volume I Number 1

November 2009

Published by Arizona Golden Rescue



## Premier Issue



One of the most endearing, and, yes, sometimes exasperating traits of a Golden Retriever is the Golden paw – up and down, in your hand, on your arm, on your shoulder, on your chest, on your leg. That paw is up all the time! What does “the paw” mean? We like to think it is the dog’s way of saying, “Hello, I want to be your friend. I like you and I want you to like me.” Four-and-a-half years ago, and five weeks after **Ladybird Orwig** had her litter of pups in the Orwigs’ laundry room, families were being interviewed as prospective adopters. One family brought their 5-year-old son along. **Ladybird** kept trying to give him her paw. He turned to one of the adults there and said, “Why does she keep pawing me?” The adult answered, “Oh, she has the Golden Paw Disease.” Jerking himself away, the little boy responded, “Am I going to catch it?” Though he didn’t know it, he would be fortunate to “catch” that Golden paw. And actually, he did, because his was one of the families chosen to get a puppy. There is just something really special about that Golden paw, which is why we have chosen to rescue these wonderful animals. We hope you enjoy reading this and subsequent issues of *The Golden Paw* knowing we are reaching out to you in the best way we know how – through the Golden Retrievers, their stories and our work.

### In This Issue...

- Porcupine Quills?* p. 9
- From the Front of the Bus* p. 15
- Events from April - October 2009 pp. 17 - 28
- Goldstock 2009* p. 23
- Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* pp. 24 - 28

**AGR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Deb Orwig President  
 Debbe Begley Director of Operations  
 Liz Tataseo Director of Dog Care  
 Debbie Ball  
 Director of Information Management  
 Louise Carter Carreiro  
 Human Resources Director

**BOARD ASSISTANTS**

Teri Guilbault Secretary  
 Cindy Tigges Organization Accountant

**TEAMS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Adoption Finalizations Liz Tataseo  
 Behavior Consultant Teryl Hall  
 Facilities Managers Patrick Doyle,  
 Bob Youhas  
 Follow-up Karen Davis  
 Grants Liz Tataseo  
 Graphic Artist Connie McCabe  
 Health Care Team \*Teri Guilbault,  
 Linda Knight (grooming),  
 Beverly Ruth, Liz Sawtschenko  
 Home Evaluations Linda & Bill Atkinson,  
 Beth & Jon Chaffee, Mary DeMarco,  
 Mary & Bert Engstrom, Marilyn Flynn,  
 Larry Jessup, Joyce Johnston, \*Sheila Joyce,  
 Mike Lane, Deb Orwig, Angela Palumbo,  
 Jane Pulis, Ruth Pulliam, Liz Tataseo,  
 Carol & Don Thompson,  
 Chuck & Fran Shaner, Cynthia Wenström,  
 Melissa Williamson, Kathi Youhas  
 Intake Team Kathy Blue,  
 Judy Petitto, \*Michele Wehry  
 Membership Manager Kathy Blue  
 Merchandise Sales Manager Deb Orwig  
 Newsletter Editor Deb Orwig  
 Placement Manager Michele Wehry  
 Transport Team \*Fred Brown, Sally  
 Fetherston, Teri Guilbault, Teryl Hall,  
 Jane King, Phil Leavitt, Sue Lindley,  
 Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig, Karen Rivers,  
 Beverly Ruth, Liz Tataseo, Michele Wehry,  
 Bob Youhas, Melissa Zambelis  
 Shelter Walking Michele Wehry  
 Vet Records Manager Liz Tataseo  
 WAGSline Manager Larry Jessup  
 Webmaster Ryan Englin

\* Team Manager

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

COLUMNS

*Wags and Woofs* – President’s Message . . . . . 3 - 4  
*Who Let the Dogs Out?* – Director of Operations . . . . . 5  
*Second Time Around* – Director of Dog Care . . . . . 5 - 6  
*The Information Highway* – Director of Information Management . . . . . 6 - 7  
*The Human Connection* – Human Resources Director . . . . . 7  
*The Financial Picture* . . . . . 8

FEATURES

*Health and Safety: Porcupine Quills?* . . . . . 7  
 Toxic For Dogs. . . . . 7 - 8  
*Magic Moments*. . . . . 9 - 13  
*Diamonds in the Ruff* . . . . . 14  
*Over the Rainbow* . . . . . 16  
*Membership Matters*. . . . . 29 - 32  
 Meeting Recaps . . . . . 29 - 30  
 Notes About Members . . . . . 30  
**AGR** Personalized Business Cards . . . . . 31  
 Holiday Party! . . . . . 31  
 Book Reviews . . . . . 32  
 Around the Next Corner by Elizabeth Wrenn  
 Merle’s Door – Lessons from a Freethinking Dog by Ted Kerasote  
*Golden Hearts* (Donors) . . . . . 33 - 35

SPECIAL FEATURES

*From the Front of the Bus*. . . . . 15

HERE AND THERE – Events from April - October, 2009 . . . . . 17 - 28

**Ben & Jerry’s Free Cone Day; Be Kind To Animals Week Kickoff**. . . . . 17  
 Book Signings with Tim Link . . . . . 17 - 18  
*Big Boys & Their Toys* . . . . . 18 - 19  
**Chase Field** Community Corner . . . . . 19  
*Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue*. . . . . 19 - 20  
**Phoenix Mercury** Dog Days of Summer. . . . . 20  
*Glendale Firemen’s Parade* . . . . . 20 - 21  
 Meet-and-Greets  
**PetSmart** . . . . . 21 - 22  
**Choice Pet Market** . . . . . 22 - 23  
*Goldstock 2009* . . . . . 23  
*Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*. . . . . 24 - 28  
**Franciscan Renewal Center** *Blessing of the Animals*. . . . . 28  
**GRCA National Specialty** . . . . . 28

MISCELLANEOUS

*One For One* . . . . . 8  
 2008 Starfish Award Winners . . . . . 31 - 32  
 From the Editor’s Desk . . . . . 35

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; others may subscribe for \$16 per year.

## Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President  
dorwigaz@cox.net

Six months in operation. An approved 501 (c) (3). Two hundred members. Thirty-five dogs rescued. Over \$80,000 raised. Over \$21,000 spent on veterinary care. Eighteen (nine dates at each of two different stores) Meet-&-Greets at **PetSmart** stores and twelve at **Choice Pet Market**, four TV appearances by one of our rescues, two book signings, two gigs at Diamondbacks games at Chase Field's Community Corner, four membership meetings, several fundraising events – **Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day**, **Big Boys & Their Toys**, **Bowl-a-Rama**, **Phoenix Mercury Dog Days of Summer**, and the **Fore! Paws Golf Tournament** – and walking in the **Glendale Firemen's Parade**. And we've only just begun!

Normally, the focus of this newsletter will be on rescued dogs and dog-related articles of interest. However, this, our first issue, necessarily must feature our volunteers, because without them we wouldn't have an organization that is rescuing Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes. The cooperation and enthusiasm among Board members and Team Managers have been wonderful; volunteers at all our various events have been phenomenal; donors have been incredibly generous; our adopters, FWITAs, and fosters are the best there are. We thank each and every one of you so very much for your support. Even if you have done nothing more so far than to purchase a membership, you have been an integral part of helping to get **Arizona Golden Rescue** up and running.

Special thanks go first to all the Board members. Debbe Begley has coordinated every fund raising effort and has done a spectacular job. Yes, it IS her job, but she does it from her heart and with extreme competence. She can always use help, though. Fundraising is a huge but necessary and ongoing chore for an animal rescue group – we have to maintain the effort year round. Just because it seems like we have a little extra cash at the moment does not mean we can coast – we may have 5 dogs come in next week that are all sick, have bad hips, have broken legs, have valley fever, or have any of many other medically expensive conditions that could wipe out our cushion faster than Debbe's dogs can bark when "Who Let The Dogs Out?" comes on the radio. Please offer to assist at our public events whenever possible. Please consider sending **AGR** a donation as a holiday gift – all donations are tax deductible.

Liz Tataseo, as Director of Dog Care, has done an incredible job, too. She coordinates all aspects of dog care management and fi-

nalizes all adoptions. In addition, she is our Vet Records Administrator and keeps our GoogleDocs files on each dog updated. She also keeps track of our Avid microchip and Heartgard supplies and makes sure our participating vets have enough of both. She could use some help with these latter two jobs – neither takes much time and would not require someone being home during the day. Liz oversees Intake, Home Evaluations, Transport and Placement, as well as Health Care, which includes Behavior. All of these areas could use more volunteers. Michele Wehry, our Intake Manager, now has a rotating team of three volunteers, each "on" for one week. Michele is also trying to gather a team to rotate on Placement. You would have one week "on" and, hopefully, two to four weeks off, depending on how many volunteers offer to help. Our Home Evaluations group, managed by Sheila Joyce, has quite a few volunteers, but we can always use more, especially outside the Phoenix Metro area. Fred Brown is now ably handling the management of transports. Our Health Care Team just had another volunteer join their team. Teri Guilbault is our Health Care Manager. She, Liz Sawtschenko and now Beverly Ruth will be able to keep up with the three vet practices that work with us (oops, we just added a fourth in Tucson). Teryl Hall is our Behavior Consultant. Teryl worked extensively with Andrew Sherwood, one of the best dog trainers I've known in my 30 years of dog training experience, before he left to attend law school in Florida. If there is a behavior problem that Teryl cannot handle, she will not hesitate to contact Andrew for his advice, as he has offered to give it any time we need it. We are also fortunate to be able to tap the services of Brad Jaffe of **Team Canine** in Scottsdale and **Partners Animal Training** in Cave Creek if we need input or help with a training or behavior issue. Mentors on each of our dog care teams will provide training for new volunteers, so please consider offering your help.

Debbie Ball is our terrific Director of Information Management. She is responsible for overseeing the development and administration of our website and database (when we finally have one), as well as public relations. Erin Orwig got the initial version of our website up and running, and we thank her for her efforts. However, Erin knew her own limits and told us the website needed the attention of someone who has more experience with website design. Fortunately, Debbe Begley works with someone who has such experience, Ryan Englin. Ryan has volunteered many, many hours of his spare time working with Debbie Ball to upgrade and improve the appearance and usability of our website. We appreciate everyone's attention and contribution to the development of our website and would especially like to commend Debbie Ball for her diligence and persistence to get us recognized by Google, Yahoo, GoodSearch and many other search engines (you wouldn't believe how many different ones are out there on the Internet).

Louise Carter Carreiro has also done a marvelous job as our Human Resources Director. Working closely with Kathy Blue, our Membership Manager, who keeps our membership roster up to

date, Louise has welcomed new members and made sure that each has received information about what the organization is doing. Connie McCabe has also helped with membership by designing our membership cards, which Louise then printed and laminated. If you do not have yours yet, it will be mailed to you soon along with a name badge for you to wear when you come to help at a public event. Louise is one of the most personable people I know and is a great first contact for new members. She is knowledgeable about all aspects of our organization and will help put new volunteers to work in areas that suit their time and talents.

In addition to serving as our Health Care Manager, Teri Guilbault is our fantastic Organization Secretary. She attends all Board and Membership Meetings and takes very thorough Minutes, which she sends to the Board in a very timely manner. Any member is welcome to sit in on Board meetings at any time or to request a copy of the Board Meeting Minutes.

Our fantastic Organization Accountant is Cindy Tigges. She set up our online Quickbooks account and keeps it as up to date as possible with feedback from me on deposits and credit card processing. Grateful thanks to both women for their efforts!

Another important job being handled with diligence by one of our members is that of checking the telephone messages that are left on our WAGSline. Yes, the last four digits of our phone number, 9247, spell WAGS! Larry Jessup checks the line twice a day and then calls whichever member the message is for to let them know the message has been saved for them. Larry even keeps a log of all messages just in case one gets accidentally deleted.

Other volunteers who deserve specific mention are Connie McCabe, Rich Calta and Teri Turner. Connie has done so much for **AGR**. She designed our classy logo after her husband, Nick Dodson, gave us our name (thanks, Nick!); she has also designed all of the graphics for our golf tournament, taken hundreds of photos of our rescued dogs, recently completed the layout of our 2010 calendar, *A Touch of Gold*, and chairs everything that has anything to do with **PetSmart**. For the latter, at her own expense, she sends out paperwork to all new adopters. Once the paperwork is filled out by the adopter and returned to Connie in the envelope she provides, she takes it to one of our local **PetSmart** stores, gets it scanned and receives a fistful of coupons which she then sends to the adopter. In addition, the scanned paperwork generates a \$15 donation to **AGR** for every adoption. However, we do not get the donation unless the paperwork comes back to Connie. So, please, if you are one of our adopters, send that paperwork back as soon after you receive it as possible – it is worth money to **AGR** and great deals from **PetSmart** for you! Connie will also be handling *Photos with Santa* at **PetSmart** during the holiday season. We will get a \$5 donation from **PetSmart** for every photo Connie takes, so plan to bring your dog(s) for a photo session. She already has enough volunteers for all dates and times, so if you aren't on her

roster and would like to volunteer with **AGR** during the holiday season, please offer to help at one or more of the **Barnes & Noble** gift wrap gigs instead – check the website for locations and times.

Rich Calta and Teri Turner did a spectacular job co-chairing our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*. We thank them so much for all their time and efforts. It was a fabulous tournament, and we got some very nice compliments from the golfers. For more about the golf tournament, see the wrap-up article on pages 24 - 28.

Special mention needs to be made of Kathi and Bob Youhas. This couple drove back east to Lakewood, PA, to represent **Arizona Golden Rescue** at the annual Goldstock event held at Camp Weequahic in the Poconos over Labor Day weekend. The Youhas sold our merchandise and handled both silent and live auction items, bringing back over \$1400! When they are at home in Surprise, we can count on their help at every public event. In addition, Kathi has spent many hours in front of her sewing machine creating business card holders, checkbook covers, luggage tags, blankets and throws for us to sell, and, more recently, slings to help the families of dogs needing orthopedic repair work. The business card holders, checkbook covers and luggage tags would make great stocking stuffers, so be sure to look at our inventory when we have it at our Membership Meetings or some of our public events.

Fall events and the holiday season are fast approaching. We will need your help more than ever during this busy time. Now that we have some financial breathing room, increasing public awareness about our organization is our number one task. Dogs will continue to come into our rescue program, but we need fosters and potential adopters for these dogs. Public awareness is the key to success, and that means being in as many places on as many dates as possible. There will be numerous upcoming opportunities where you can help. Please regularly check the events calendar on our website – [www.arizonagoldenrescue.org](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org) – to see when and where you might be able to assist.

During the last seven months, I have sent out by email at least one message per month to all of our members. Those who do not have email have been sent hard copies by US mail. I have recently learned that these messages have ended up in the spam folders on some of your computers. I'm sorry that you have not been kept informed about what we've been doing, but I can't avoid the spam filters. We would like to be able to use our Yahoogroup more for general communication. If you are not already a subscriber, I urge you to sign up. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com> and enter **Arizona Golden Rescue** in the Search box and follow the directions for subscribing.



## Who Let the Dogs Out?

By Debbe Begley, Director of Operations  
khakidawg@cox.net

## Second Time Around

By Liz Tataseo, Director of Dog Care  
e.tataseo@yahoo.com

### The Value of the “Meet-and-Greet”

If you check the events calendar on our website, you will find that we have a Meet-and-Greet, Adopt-a-Thon or some other public appearance scheduled for almost every weekend. These Meet-and-Greets are very valuable to the success of our organization, as they give us the opportunity to attract potential fosters and adoptive families, as well as to raise money to pay the vet bills that come with each new intake. We set up our tables, display our beautiful banners, set out our literature, put Donation Vests on all of the dogs and watch them work their Golden magic on all of the people passing by. We have discovered that the more dogs that are in attendance, the more attention we attract, therefore, the more money we collect in donations. We also take this opportunity to educate people about the struggle of the homeless pet and responsible pet ownership. Volunteers in all of the rescue organizations work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of the unwanted, abandoned and abused dogs, cats, horses and all other domestic pets.

These are not the only benefits of these Meet-and-Greets. The true value is to us, the **AGR** members, and to the dogs. Attending a Meet-and-Greet offers the opportunity for us to get to know each other better. Our organization is full of amazingly interesting people from all walks of life who share a common bond – our love for Golden Retrievers. We exchange stories about our dogs, share medical, behavioral and nutritional advice and just show off our beautiful dogs. The dogs seem to benefit the most by attending these Meet-and-Greets, as they can improve their social skills, interact with other dogs, overcome some of their shy or timid insecurities and get to spend an afternoon with their favorite person. By the end of the day, they are happy to go home and take a nap knowing that the person who adopted them has made them an important part of their life and is proud to take them along for a social gathering. They don't think of it as work. To them it is a dog party!

What could be better than spending a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday with your best four-legged friend(s) and your new-found two-legged friends? All members are welcome at any of our events. All dogs are welcome at most of them. Please put attending a Meet-and-Greet on your calendar as a priority for both you and your dog(s).

### Our Participating Veterinarians

Welcome to the first edition of the **AGR** newsletter known as *The Golden Paw*. We will, indeed, reach out to you with information and stories that we hope you will find interesting. As the Director of Dog Care, I am responsible for overseeing all dog-oriented teams of Rescue including Intake, Placement, Adoptions, Transport, Shelter Walkers, Health Care, Behavior and Follow-up – in other words, working directly with the wonderful Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes that **AGR** takes in and finds homes for so they can live happy and healthy lives. Fortunately, I also get to work with wonderful people who volunteer as managers and team members. We are still putting together all the teams – if you want to volunteer and help all the wonderful dogs and work with great people, just let me know.

One of the most important aspects of rescuing Golden Retrievers is the health care that **AGR** provides for all of the dogs when they first come into Rescue. **AGR** wants to ensure that all our rescued dogs go to their new homes healthy and happy. We are fortunate to have established partnerships with several wonderful veterinarians and veterinary hospitals throughout the Valley and state. The following groups have all agreed to work with **AGR** and provide reduced fees for vet work: **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** with Dr. Valerie Ferguson and her staff, **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** with Dr. Pullen and his staff, **Kennel Care Veterinary Clinic** with Dr. Hudman and his staff, **Anthem Pet Medical Center** with Dr. Ed Cohen and his staff, **Companion Pet Clinic** in Gold Canyon, and **VCA Animal Medical Center of Tucson**.

When a dog comes into rescue, the standard procedures for health care involve the following:

- ✓ Physical exam
- ✓ DHPP vaccine, unless the dog is up to date
- ✓ Rabies vaccine, unless the dog is up to date
- ✓ Valley fever test, completed for every AGR dog
- ✓ Microchip the dog with an AGR AVID microchip
- ✓ Fecal exam, if recommended
- ✓ Bordatella, if required for boarding
- ✓ Treat ear infections or other minor injuries
- ✓ Spay or neuter the dog, if not already done
- ✓ Heartworm test

If the dog is ill or needs surgery, once an estimate is approved, the dog is treated for all those conditions.

Our vets work closely with the Health Management Team to ensure that all these procedures are completed and follow-up care is done. So far this year, our vets have treated ear hematomas, serious dental problems, tumors, ligament damage, spinal damage, bullet wounds, tick fever and heartworm disease.

We are fortunate to work with these outstanding vets and their staffs who give our dogs such love and care. Here is just a snippet of what has been done for our dogs.

**Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital**,<sup>3131</sup> E. Thunderbird Rd., Phoenix: Dr. Ferguson has long worked with Rescues in the Valley and has always gone above and beyond to help the dogs. She and her staff are always ready to treat dogs who need that extra tender loving care. Rescued dogs need this special attention, since so many of them are often confused and unsure because they have suddenly lost their home and don't know why. The team of vets at **FLF** has, in addition to standard procedures, performed surgery for ear hematomas, spays and neuters, treated old wounds and completed x-rays for diagnosis of more severe problems. Dr. Ferguson has also diagnosed and is treating one of our dogs for valley fever. **FLF** has provided a safe place to stay for dogs that can't go to a home immediately and always treats them with great compassion.

**Animal Medical & Surgical Center**,<sup>17477</sup> N. <sup>82nd</sup> St., Scottsdale: Dr. Pullen and his associates are an incredible resource for dogs that need intricate surgeries or special treatment. All of our orthopedic surgeries have been done by Dr. Pullen with great success including the newest type of treatment called Biogel for osteoarthritis problems. In addition, the staff at **AMSC** is always ready to welcome a dog on short notice when an emergency intake occurs. Aside from the standard intake procedures, **AMSC** has treated our dogs for tick fever and heartworm disease, done spinal, ligament and tumor surgery, and, while treating a shelter dog for a vaginal tumor, discovered three bullets in the poor dog! The staff has always been especially helpful with questions and follow-up care for our dogs.

**Kennel Care**,<sup>6277</sup> W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler, came to us on the recommendation of two current clients who have adopted **AGR** dogs. Dr. Hudman and his staff, especially Nathan, have made a wonderful addition to our list of participating vets. They have treated our dogs for dental and gum issues and other problems. We know we will get great treatment for any of our dogs in the Chandler/Gilbert area as adoptions increase on the East Side.

**VCA Animal Medical Center of Tucson**,<sup>2661</sup> N. <sup>1st</sup> Ave., Tucson, has been of great help to one of our dogs adopted in Tucson and who needed follow-up treatment after her tumor removal. They

have stepped up to give her the special care that she needs.

As we have yet to have any rescued dogs fostered by families living in the North Valley, we have not had the need to engage the services of **Anthem Pet Medical Center**,<sup>42105</sup> N. <sup>41st</sup> Drive, Suite <sup>148</sup>, Phoenix. However, they are on board as one of our participating vets. Also, in the far East Valley, **Companion Pet Clinic**,<sup>5331</sup> S. Superstition Mountain Dr., Suite C-<sup>102</sup>, Gold Canyon, has also agreed to help us with any animals that are fostered way out east.

As more dogs get adopted all over the Valley and state, all of our vets will be ready to provide care for our Golden when they come in, whether it is only the standard care needed or specialized treatment. Even with the generous discounts given by our participating vets, several of these surgeries and treatments have cost **AGR** thousands of dollars. All the fundraising events staffed by our volunteers and donations made by members allow **AGR** to ensure that all of our rescued dogs are in the best health possible.

To see a dog free of pain and able to walk without struggling, to know that a Golden has been saved from a life-threatening disease, we give thanks to all of our wonderful veterinarians and their staffs for giving one more dog a chance at a long, healthy life in its forever home.

## The Information Highway

By Debbie Ball,  
Director of Information Management  
rlbdb@cox.net

**Arizona Golden Rescue's** website address is [www.arizonagoldenrescue.org](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org) The website, which was quickly launched by Erin Orwig so that we would have something about **AGR** at the address, was completely redesigned by Ryan Englin in early July for a new look! The website and corresponding email addresses have been generating much interest and increasing our exposure in cyberspace. There is an Events page showing all the dates, times and places of various fundraising opportunities, as well as a link to the most current events on the main Home page. Adoption application forms are available on the website along with links to the available dogs, as well as "Success Stories" of those dogs already adopted. Links have been established with various rescue sites, no-kill shelters, etc. Additional plans for website enhancement include more education articles, posting pictures after events, and a link to a shopping page where merchandise may be purchased.

Currently, our records for dogs, adoptions, and memberships are being kept in various spreadsheets and Word files. Investigative work continues toward moving these records into a more substantial supporting database.

**AGR** is established with [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as a search engine! Any time you need to search the Internet for information, please use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) then choose **Arizona Golden Rescue** from the drop-down box for the charity you want to support. GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine to get quality search results from Yahoo. **AGR** will receive a “click” every time it is selected, and for each <sup>100</sup> clicks, **AGR** will earn \$<sup>1.00</sup>. While this might not seem like a lot, those clicks and dollars add up, especially if you are a regular web surfer! So help spread the word among your families and friends. Ask them to use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as a search engine and choose **Arizona Golden Rescue** for their desired charity beneficiary!

## The Human Connection

By Louise Carter Carreiro,  
Human Resources Director  
[louisecarter72@yahoo.com](mailto:louisecarter72@yahoo.com)

**I** recently looked up the definition of volunteering, and I read: “volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others not being motivated by financial or material gain.” That’s very basic and does not tell you what the rewards are of volunteering. With **AGR**, it’s about helping the Golden Retrievers that need homes and providing any necessary medical treatment. Some medical treatment is long term and some short term. If you are considering transporting or fostering a dog, just imagine the joy you are going to bring to a forever family! Kathy Blue recently picked up a dog from the Eastside MCACCS shelter, her first transport. This dog had been scheduled for euthanasia when Michele Wehry found her during her regular Sunday walk through the shelter. She put **AGR**’s name on the dog and begged them to hold her until one of our members could get her on Tuesday morning (they were closed for Columbus Day on Monday). When Kathy reported back to us on the transport, she said, “I saw those sweet dark eyes looking back at me [as I was driving away from the shelter] happy as a clam telling me, “wherever you go I go, oh so very happy to be me.” Kathy had just saved a life – what a wonderful feeling!

The dogs benefit from donations and the visibility of our group. This visibility comes from our members participating at events.

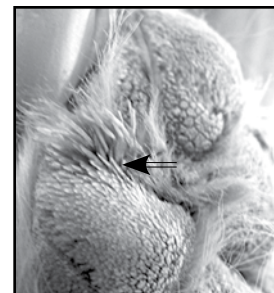
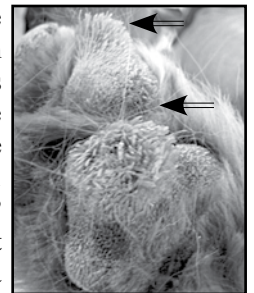
No event is too small or too big to volunteer. We can never have enough volunteers at any event.

With the holidays approaching, it’s a great time to participate! I guarantee you will leave any of our events with pride for our organization and a smile on your face.

## Health and Safety

### Porcupine Quills?

**C**heck your dog’s pads. Are there growths on the pads that look like miniature porcupine quills? Debbe Begley recently noticed such growths on the bottoms of her dog **Khaki**’s feet. As she had never seen anything like this before and was worried about what it might be, she took **Khaki** to see our vet Dr. Ferguson. Dr. F. immediately said “Arthritis.” Whaaat? How could that be arthritis? Well, it isn’t arthritis *per se*, but it is a result of a combination of things: arthritis in the legs causing the dog to favor her feet and to not want to walk very much, and foot fur and toenails that are allowed to get too long, preventing the normal scouring and wearing away of the footpad material.



What happens under these conditions is that the footpad material itself grows. In itself, it is apparently not painful to the dog, but it sure looks ugly and could eventually hamper movement even more. So, check your dog’s feet, keep the fur trimmed back and the toenails clipped as short as possible so the dog is walking on the pads, and you won’t have to wonder where those “porcupine quills” or that “fungus” came from!

### Toxic For Dogs!

**P**lease 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 <sup>50</sup>-pound dog would need to ingest more than seven <sup>500</sup> 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.

## One for One

As rescuers, we save one dog at a time. We do what we can to ensure that the dog is as healthy as possible, so that he or she can live as long and happy a life as possible. Sometimes we have to do very little, like a heartworm test, a valley fever test and a microchip. Sometimes we have to do a lot – read **Big's** story on page <sup>10</sup> and also the stories on pages <sup>14</sup> - <sup>15</sup> – but dogs with serious medical issues almost always also need the little things.

The standard “little things” we do for rescued dogs add up. These are average costs among our participating vets:

Rabies vaccine:	\$ <sup>10</sup>
DHPP vaccine:	\$ <sup>20</sup>
Heartworm test:	\$ <sup>20</sup>
Valley fever test:	\$ <sup>58</sup>
Microchip:	\$ <sup>10</sup>

To the health of our rescued dogs, though, little things mean a lot. We would like to invite you to help us with these little things by becoming a **One for One Sponsor** – one person sponsoring one small medical procedure for one dog. You could make a one-time donation, or you could allocate that one small amount once a month, like a payroll deduction. We are even willing to set up an automatic credit card billing for a once-a-month contribution. We will have a special section in future issues of this newsletter where we will list all **One for One Sponsors**. Your contribution will, of course, be tax deductible.

Won't you make that one little contribution that could mean so much to one dog? Make a difference in a dog's life **One for One**.

## The Financial Picture

### For the period of March 11 - October 15, 2009

revenues from Goldstock and the GRCA National Specialty are not included

	Income	Expense
Adoptions	\$ 6,087.00	
Calendars		2,604.62
Sales	1,631.00	
Sponsorships	2,700.00	
Donations	18,631.43	
Golf Tournament	43,216.02	8,161.27
Memberships	3,975.00	
Merchandise	4,120.90	5,084.63
Office Supplies & Postage		892.80
Organization Costs		
Bank, Legal & Professional Fees		924.09
Includes US Treasury for <sup>501</sup> (c) ( <sup>3</sup> ) application, AZ Corporation Commission, & Legal Notices		
Credit Card Processing		1,115.98
Insurance		219.00
Promotional		624.00
Quickbooks subscription		43.20
Telephone		364.88
Printing		1,989.96
<b>Phoenix Mercury</b> Tickets	1,240.00	620.00
Vet and dog-related expenses		
Collar Tags		182.75
Heartgard		790.00
Leashes & collars		1,174.05
Microchip expenses		624.00
Travel to El Paso		120.83
Veterinary services		18,613.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$81,601.35</b>	<b>\$44,149.93</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$37,451.42</b>	

## NOTICE

Arizona Golden Rescue can now accept all major credit cards for payment of adoption fees, purchase of memberships or merchandise, or for making donations. However, there will be a 3% convenience fee added to any credit card transaction.



## MAGIC MOMENTS

*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 March 2009 through October 31, 2009.*



**09\_001 Aspen** was the very first dog rescued by **Arizona Golden Rescue**, and what a gift she was to our organization! Who could ask for anything more for a first rescue than a 16-month-old beautiful blond female Golden that had been raised with 5 children in a family environment? Unfortunately, due to the economic recession, the mother of the family had to go back to work, so the family no longer had time for **Aspen**; she was relegated to

the back yard when no one was home. They knew this was not the kind of life **Aspen** deserved. One of our members, Cynthia Wenström, who knew someone who knew this family suggested that the family surrender the dog to **AGR**. As soon as we had a functioning website and a space on Petfinder.com, **Aspen** generated nine adoption applications, so Placement had a great selection of wonderful families from which to choose **Aspen's** forever home. After foster care at Deb's house, during which time she got used to being around other dogs, learned how to participate in "dog play," was spayed, had an umbilical hernia repaired, and was brought up to date on all her vaccinations, **Aspen** was placed in Paradise Valley with Gwen, a stay-at-home mom, Doug, two children and a house bunny. They had wanted a dog for a while and were thrilled when they were chosen for **Aspen**. After some serious deliberation, they renamed her **Jessie** – a new name for a new life. Since her adoption, **Jessie** has learned to swim and has enjoyed camping with the family in the cool northern parts of the state. She loves everyone she meets and everyone loves her. Happy new life, **Jessie**!

**09\_002 Goldie's** owners were moving and had to give her up because the places they looked at to live wouldn't allow pets. They told us that **Goldie** is an eight-year-old Golden Retriever mix with a loving disposition and gentle mouth, a puppy at heart really. The owner had told us, *She loves children, is housebroken, will bark when people come to the door but will*



*sit and be respectful when directed. She is social with other dogs, except she's not too keen on unneutered males. People are often surprised to know her age, as she is still very playful. Goldie herself says: My name is Goldie and I have a new forever home. Originally, I was only going to visit my new family, but I liked it so much that I chose to stay forever. I have two new cat brothers that I play with once in awhile, but I also have two new Golden sisters and a Golden brother that I love very much. Even though I am a little older, I am very active for my age, and Jesse, my new Golden brother, and I play, play, play, but I really love going to all the AGR events with Blossom, one of my new sisters. My other new sister, Allie, is even older than I am and doesn't get around as much as the rest of us do. We have lots of fun. I have a nice soft blanket on my mom's side of the bed that I like to lie on every night and a ton of chew toys to enjoy. We are just a big happy family. Thank you, AGR, for giving me such a wonderful home!*



**09\_004 Chance** is a 3-4-year-old Golden mix who was abandoned near the east entrance of the Grand Canyon. There's not much there except wilderness and reservation, so he may actually have been a reservation dog that wandered off. He was picked up by the Grand Canyon Rescue Shelter people, who attempted to locate his owner to no avail. The

shelter manager, Karin, originally called another rescue to ask if they would take **Chance**; they refused since **Chance** is a mix but they referred Karin to **AGR**. Dr. Bush at **Flagstaff Animal Hospital** regularly goes up to the GC shelter to vaccinate the animals there. He graciously agreed to transport **Chance** to his clinic, neuter him, and board him until **AGR** could pick him up. Deb drove up to Flagstaff thinking she was going to bring home a mostly-Golden mix. She was somewhat taken aback when **Chance** was brought into the waiting room, as he is a mostly-not-Golden mix. But no matter. He has a little Golden in him and he needed a new home, so we took him. He fostered at Deb's, then for a week with

another foster family during Deb's vacation, and was great with all the resident dogs. She brought him to our June Membership Meeting. Two of our members, Kay and Michelle, who live in Maricopa and drove into Phoenix to attend that meeting, were very attracted to **Chance** and decided to apply to adopt him. They had recently lost a Golden. They and the two canine members of their household were all feeling the loss, so they wanted to add another dog. Their rescued Golden, **Tumbleweed**, accepted **Chance** as her new playmate right away, but it took their rescued German Shepherd, **Sadie**, quite some time to come around. About <sup>3</sup> weeks later, Deb got this message from Kay: ***Chance and Sadie** have started playing and interacting together! To the best of our knowledge it started Saturday morning around <sup>4</sup> AM. **Sadie** shot through the doggie door with **Chance** hot on her heels and they charged into the family room with toys in mouths. Later in the morning I peeked into the family room and there they were with their respective toys. **Sadie** of course was startled that we had caught her playing with any toys and quickly ditched hers. Anyway, the good news is they have acclimated to one another and the group is now complete with everyone playing together. **Chance** is a very smart boy! He took his time and let **Sadie** slowly warm up to him and didn't push things with her until she was ready, and now they are doing great together. **Sadie** has become very attached to **Chance**. When **Chance** had to have surgery to remove bone spurs in both his elbows and had to be crated when Kay and Michelle were not home, **Sadie** became destructive – she wanted **Chance** out of that crate! All's well that ends well, though. **Chance** has healed from his surgery, is back to being his spunky, adorable self, and will have a wonderful new life.*



<sup>09\_005</sup> **Bagel** was the first dog **AGR** received from **Golden Retriever Rescue of El Paso (GRREP)**. He is a <sup>9</sup>-year-old, very tall male, who was reported to be a great walking partner, loves kids, gets along with other dogs, sweet, loving, and very laid back with a wonderful spirit. The surrendering owner had **Bagel** since he was a puppy. He was an inside pet for <sup>5</sup> years until she remarried, and then he was housed outside. The owner was forced to move due to a domestic violence situation and needed to surrender **Bagel**. He had been a very good foster for two families in the <sup>2 1/2</sup> months that **GRREP** had him. When **Bagel** came to **AGR**, we discovered many problems that were causing him a great deal of pain. **Bagel** had to have surgery to cure an ear hematoma and to remove a large tumor from between his shoulders. He also had a large lick granuloma on his front leg that caused him a lot of discomfort, so he had to be outfitted with a full leg cast. In addition, he had hip pain due to a disc compressing the cauda equine, a nerve bundle in his lower back, and was unable to sit. **AGR** had surgery done to repair the disc problem with some screws and bone fusion. **Bagel** still has

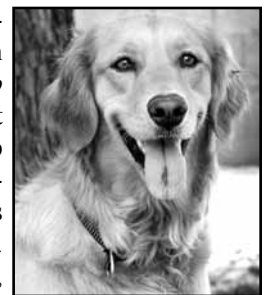
to wear a cone and be confined as he recovers from all his various treatments. Fortunately, he is now in his forever home with one of our Board members, Louise, and her husband John, and is living the good life with his Golden sister **Lily** and getting better every day. He can move better, get up and down without discomfort and play with **Lily** or just lie around on the cool tile in his new home. In explaining his new name, **Big**, Louise said, ***Bagel** is from Texas and the first time John and I saw him at his foster home we both said "he is really big." People give us a funny look when we tell them his name is **Big**. I like to tell the story that **Big** is from Texas and everything everything in Texas is Big!* You can see a picture of **Big** in the **Arizona Golden Rescue** <sup>2010</sup> calendar. John and Louise refer to him as "Mr. December!"



<sup>09\_006</sup> **Roxy** is <sup>1 1/2</sup>, a small Golden mix that had been living with a temporary foster before coming into Rescue. The foster received **Roxy** from a young couple who were getting married and had no time for a dog. She thinks the man obtained **Roxy** as a Valentine present for his girlfriend, but they had not trained **Roxy** at all and left her outside most of the time. **Roxy**

needed all her vet work including spaying, but this had to wait through her heat cycle. **Roxy** went to live with one of **AGR's** great fosters for a short while but soon found her new family. **Roxy** is now in her forever home with Linda and Tom in Glendale. She has a new name, **Daisy**, and a Golden sister who is <sup>8</sup> years old but loves to play. **Daisy** and the resident Golden are like a match made in heaven. **Daisy** now goes for long walks with Mom and sleeps on the bed at night. The family loves her and thinks she is wonderful, and she is great with their granddaughter.

<sup>09-007</sup> **Sandy**, age <sup>2 1/2</sup>, is a blond female Golden Retriever that came in from **Golden Retriever Rescue of El Paso** with her buddy **Fargo**. We were told that she was very submissive, liked to jump on people but had a very sweet disposition, lived outside with **Fargo** and was only brought inside during the winter. Her new mom, Barbara in Scottsdale, has renamed her **Sammie** and is thrilled with her. ***Sammie** is a sweetheart and she has adjusted to her new home very easily. She has a brother whose name is **Howie**, who is an 85-lb Golden Retriever. He is 3 months younger than **Sammie**. She loves him! They are best buddies and she follows him all over. They sleep next to each other; sometimes tail to tail. They really are a perfect match and we are so glad we have her. It's like she's always been here. Neither one likes the pool! They won't go in. That amazes us. She is just a sweet dog and we love her.*





**09-008 Fargo** is a very handsome, very curly and very large 3 ½-year-old male Golden who came to **AGR** with the group that was transported from El Paso. The couple who had owned **Fargo** and his housemate, **Sandy**, were divorcing and moving to apartments where neither could take a dog, so they surrendered both to **GRREP**.

Deb, who fostered **Fargo**, found that

he was sweet and gentle and interacted well with her resident dogs. A Gilbert family with three children and a little poodle had lost their other dog. The middle child, a son, wanted “a real dog” for a playmate. The family had friends who had Golden Retrievers, so they started looking on the Internet for a Golden and found **AGR**. Sean, Carrie and kids are the perfect family for **Fargo**, and he is the perfect dog for them. He loves to swim and play ball and spends his nights curled up on his boy’s bed. What a great new life for **Fargo**!

**09-009 Sandy/Holly/Molly**, 4 ½, was originally named **Sandy** since she was found in the desert. The Texas/Mexico Border Patrol discovered her caught between two fences. She was dirty and matted, very thin, infested with ticks, and dehydrated. She had barely enough energy to lift her head and lick the hand reaching out to her. It was amazing that she was still alive. The Border Patrol



took her to the facility where they house patrol dogs that are not working, a nice place in east El Paso, TX. The facility’s owner, Freddy, saw a beautiful Golden Retriever under all the filth, so he immediately called **El Paso Golden Retriever Rescue (GRREP)**. He had boarded some of their rescues and knew the organization would properly care for this dog. They took **Sandy** to their vet, who shaved her down, cleaned her up, and had to dip her twice in tick dip to kill all the ticks. It was no surprise that she tested positive for tick fever, so she was started on a 30-day regimen of doxycycline, the antibiotic of choice to combat this disease. She also tested positive for the dreaded heartworm disease. When the Rescue members were told **Sandy** had heartworm and that the treatment would cost about \$1000, they knew their fledgling organization would not be able to afford the treatment, so they called **Arizona Golden Rescue**. **AGR** is also a new rescue organization, but our support base is considerably larger than that of the El Paso group. **AGR** agreed to take **Sandy**. Deb Orwig and Bob Youhas drove to El Paso and transported **Sandy** back to Phoenix along with four other **GRREP** rescues. **Sandy** was placed with a long-term foster family that was familiar with the ramifications of heartworm treatment. Her heartworm treatment has now been successfully completed. However, once the heartworms are killed, pieces may slough off and can cause emboli in the lungs and/or arteries, so **Sandy** must still be kept quiet – crated when not being

taken outside on leash to do her business and not allowed to get excited – for another three months. Her coat is slowly growing back. She is now a beautiful, happy, healthy Golden girl who is lighting up the life of her new adoptive family, Joan and Bob in Chandler, with her shining personality and lovely smile. They have even given her a new name, **Molly**, to go along with her new life.

**09-010 Wendy**, now **Emma**, came into **AGR** from **Golden Retriever Rescue of El Paso** as a beautiful 11-month-old white Golden with a great disposition. Her foster mother reported that she is a wonderful dog, plays all day long with her 6-month and 2-year-old Aussies and she’s obedient, eager to learn and loves to walk. **Emma** was already housebroken and knew how to use a doggie door.



Even though she loves to play and snuggle, her foster mom said she is a couch potato and likes to watch TV. Her new family, Sanja and Admir of Phoenix, says: *We are totally in love with **Emma**, our beautiful Golden Retriever. **Emma** stole our hearts the very first second we met her. She just turned one and she is as curious as a puppy can be, but she has the gentleness of a more mature dog. It is amazing to see **Emma**’s transformation from shy and frightened to a happy, willing-to-learn and trusting girl. She loves to play with her Golden sister **Sandy** and enjoys daily walks around the neighborhood. It is hard to believe that anyone would give her up, but we sure are lucky and grateful to have her in our lives.*



**09-011 Mojo** was the last dog in the van from the El Paso Rescue this year but was first in the hearts of his new family. **Mojo**, although only two years old, was a mellow, sweet boy who tried in vain to get his foster brothers to play to no avail. Fortunately for him, he went on to a great home with Diane and Jim in Gilbert. His new family

writes: *After having to put our beloved 14-year-old Golden down (who we adopted through rescue 12 ½ years ago), we felt the emptiness in our home. Everywhere we looked we saw where he would have been at that particular moment had he still been with us. We quickly realized we needed to fill that void with another Golden, as life just wasn’t the same – no one to take a walk with, no one to greet us with a wagging tail when we came home and no one to share some dog-loving moments. We contacted **Arizona Golden Rescue** and began the process of adoption. We were fortunate to adopt **Mojo**, a 2-year-old Golden that **AGR** rescued from a Texas rescue organization. Since we received **Mojo**, we’ve learned a lot about him and he’s learned a lot about us. We have settled into a routine that satisfies all of us. **Mojo** was used to a doggie door, which we don’t have, so there was some confusion on his part*

for all of less than 24 hours. He was told when he needed to go out to go to the door. He only needed to be told once and has followed that system ever since. Although he loves to have us home with him, when we leave for work, he stays in a gated area of the house with no fuss. He loves everyone who comes to our home, especially our 3-year-old granddaughter who he treats very gently. **Mojo** has fit right in with his new family and his new home, and we are all much happier now. Thanks, **AGR**, from all of us.



The best stories of all are usually told by the forever family. Here is what Laura and Leigh of Chandler have written about 8-year-old **09-012 Benji**: After a few days of being unsure, the newest member of our family, the Golden shown on the **AGR** website as "**Ben**," now seems completely at home. He has shown us that his name really is

"**Benji**" (and not "**Ben**" or "**Big Ben**") by answering quickly to **Benji** and not so much to anything else. As he adjusts to life with us, we also adjust to more dog toys and balls. He has even located some we didn't know we had. While his ear infections and neuter stitches are healing, there is nothing wrong with his eyes. He has located stuffed doggies on high shelves and round objects on hidden platforms. As he was eyeing a baseball-sized round candle in the bathroom, it had to be put away. Though it was new to him and a challenge, **Benji** mastered the doggie door in just a couple of days with the help of Mom, Dad, and Golden Girl **Ginger**, who led the way through it many times to show him how. We are teaching him about hugs and that they are good and not to be feared. Until today he ignored the pool but this morning, when **Ginger** walked in, he followed her. He must have liked it. Right after we dried him off, he went straight back in. Happily, that is what our pool fence is for; keeping the "children" out of the water unless an adult is present. **Benji** and **Ginger** get along very well. The photo opportunities abound every day, like last evening when they were asleep on each other. They have even switched bowls when treats are passed out. Our "**Gentle Ben**" is a sweet, happy boy who seems more so each day. We are happy he is part of our family. Even Jarryd, our sailor son, didn't want to wait for his leave to see **Benji**. He asked us to send pictures so he could see his new "brother." Oh, and we now have an answer for that "Where will the dog sleep?" question. The answer is: just inside the door to the master bedroom, about six feet from **Ginger** and right next to his favorite ball. We are delighted that **Benji** has adopted us and look forward to many happy years with him! And **Benji** wanted to add... great food, balls galore, a sister to play with, sleeping anywhere I want, a pool to sneak into every once in awhile... ahhh, a dog's life... Can you say spoiled???

**09-014 Choco** came into Rescue as a young, untrained, good-looking red-gold male in need of some attention. **Choco**, now

known as **Orion**, is a one-year-old that was kept outside by his surrendering owners because they had two dogs and only one was allowed in the house. The family just put him in the back yard, and maybe the kids went out to play with him once in awhile. Carla and Jeff, his adoptive family, write: **Orion** is sooo wonderful! We love him dearly and **Shelby** (our Great Pyrenees) absolutely adores him. Not only that, but **Orion** is also best buddies with our cats, as Frodo the cat has been found licking and grooming his head. Before the neuter surgery, **Orion** went swimming for the first time. He quickly learned how and on his first retrieving attempt, he couldn't stop at one, but had to retrieve two balls at once to bring back to Jeff. He has become part of the family. Thank you for allowing us to love such a beautiful soul!



**09-017 Alex** is a somewhat shy, loving, light-golden 3-year-old boy who loves children. **Alex** was surrendered because the owner did not have time for him. **Alex** has now gone to live with Joe, Lisa and their resident dog **Chester** in Chandler. Joe and Lisa wrote: When we first met **Alex**, he immediately greeted us in the lobby with wagging tail and kisses and has been such a sweet boy ever since. He has been a great companion for our other dog and they get along great. He loves meeting new people and has even enjoyed camping and fishing, too! Within the first couple days at home the toy baskets were empty... he always loves to have a new toy in his mouth! We are grateful to have **Alex** in our home, and he, too, seems happy and relaxed. Thanks to **Arizona Golden Rescue**, we look forward to giving **Alex** the life he deserves and creating many more happy memories now that he is part of our family. We thank Joe for sending the beautiful photo he took of **Alex** when they went camping in the woods up in the north country.

**09-018 Duke** is an 11-year-old Golden mix who was surrendered to **AGR** because the dog was living with the owner's son who had to move and couldn't take **Duke**; the owner was living in an apartment that wouldn't allow dogs. At 90 pounds, **Duke**, who is small in stature, was seriously overweight with a very neglected coat that was extremely matted and with toenails that were so long they bent to the side when he tried to walk. He also had an ear infection and tested positive for valley fever and hypothyroidism. His ear



infection is now gone and he is taking fluconazole for the valley fever and soloxine for the thyroid condition, which is actually not uncommon in older Golden Retrievers. He has been groomed and is on a strict diet. He loves balls and squeaky toys, and a squeaky tennis ball is his idea of the best thing on Earth, except for his next meal! **Duke's** potential adopter, Sandra, who lives in Phoenix, saw a group of **AGR** members at **Choice Pet Market** in Glendale. **Duke** was there with his foster mom, Deb, and Sandra met him. She had wanted a dog for awhile but had never owned one, so she took her time, thought about **Duke** for two weeks, then came back to see us at **Choice Pet Market** and submitted an adoption application. Although the surrendering owner told us that **Duke** is OK around cats, Sandra found that he really wanted to chase her cats, and the cats did not like that at all, as there had never been a dog in Sandra's household. So, we asked our Behavior Consultant, Teryl, to work with Sandra and **Duke**, and we asked Sandra to have patience. After about 6 weeks as a FWITA, Sandra requested that we finalize the adoption, as the cats and the dog have come to terms with each other. Happy new life, **Duke!**

**09-019 Dylan's** owner had lost his job a few years ago, then lost his car, and finally faced foreclosure on his home. He was invited by his sister to come live with her in the Midwest, but she would welcome only one dog and he had two. It was an extremely difficult decision for him to relinquish 5-year-old **Dylan**, whom he had had as a companion since the dog was about 8 months old. Due to the owner's constant presence for the last three years, **Dylan** grew very dependent upon him and developed some rather serious separation anxiety. A month at Deb's foster home for homeless Golden Retrievers helped, but we still felt that **Dylan** needed someone home most of the time and who had at least one other dog. Deb took him to several local Meet-and-Greets at **PetSmart** and **Choice Pet Market**; **Dylan** met his forever dad at the latter. Earl, who is retired, lives close to Deb in Glendale. As his resident dog is 12 years old and not in the best of health, he was looking for another dog and saw in a mailer that **AGR** would be at **Choice Pet Market**. He decided to come see what we had to offer, and when he saw **Dylan**, he immediately filled out an adoption application. Deb did his home evaluation the next day and **Dylan** went to his forever home the following week. He is a wonderful boy, friendly and loving, and is especially enjoying having a daddy in his life again. He doesn't particularly like to share his toys, but that's OK, since the other dog in the household has no interest in toys at all. We all wish **Dylan** and Earl a long and happy relationship!



Littermates **09-021 Prince** and **09-022 Princess** were obtained from a "breeder." The owner, who lived in Flagstaff, kept them chained up outside all the time and had to be convinced by a friend to find them a new home. One day they got loose and

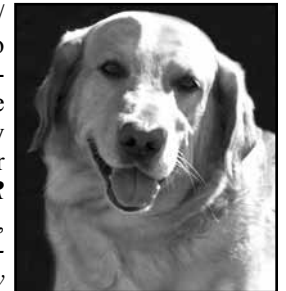


killed a chicken in a neighbor's yard. The neighbor just happened to work with the Sheriff's Department, and he said if they came back he would shoot them. So, the owner agreed to surrender them to a friend who called **AGR**. **Prince**, renamed **Presley**, went to live with foster Teryl until he could be vetted. **Presley** is a big, handsome, cream-colored boy and at 10 months weighed

in at 72 lbs. Teryl brought him to the *Glendale Firemen's Parade* where he was a huge hit with the many children and adults who visited our booth. He found his forever home with a young man, Jason in Phoenix, who said it was love at first sight when he saw **Presley's** photo on our Petfinder.com website and was very eager to get him. After **Presley** went to his new home, he had what was thought to be a congestion problem but the vet said it was because he loves to roll over on his back (and also sleep on his back) so his soft pallet sort of blocks his airway causing a gargling noise and snoring! His dad says, *Presley has been such a good little boy so far! We just began training and he is well ahead thanks to the great foster home he came from. Although he isn't even one year old yet, he is one of the laziest puppies I have ever seen! He loves to go for walks, pull me on my long board and hog the bed at night! I couldn't have asked for a better Golden! Thanks to everyone at AGR who helped me find my new best bud!*

*Ed. Note: Presley's sister, Princess, has also been placed in her forever home, but her adoption was not yet finalized at the end of October, so her story will be in the next issue.*

**09-025 Dakota** is a mellow Golden/Lab mix that had to be surrendered to Rescue because the owners were moving in two weeks and could not take him with them. He was immediately snapped up by a young couple, Jennifer and Peter of Glendale, who found **AGR** at **Choice Pet Market**. Jennifer wrote, *After celebrating our first wedding anniversary and buying our first home, my husband and I felt it was finally time to*



*find our first dog! Although we both work long days, we felt our active lifestyle could provide a loving home to a middle-aged dog. We contacted AGR and soon welcomed Dakota into our home. Dakota is between four and five years old, and from the minute he entered our home he has brought nothing but love to our family, even our two cats! He loves his early morning walks, playing catch with the football, and going for afternoon runs. He has become a great alarm clock by licking my face in the morning, and a wonderful companion at night when he is content just lying at our feet. He even insists that he is a 95-lb lap dog! AGR has been wonderful in educating us in how to care for a Golden and how to create a happy golden home. We are so happy Dakota has found his final home with us and look forward to all the happiness and memories he will bring to our family!*

## Diamonds in the Ruff

Even as a fledgling Rescue, *Arizona Golden Rescue* has already had to deal with several “high ticket” rescues. Rarely do we spend less than the amount of the adoption fee on a rescued dog. Several of these *Diamonds in the Ruff* have cost *AGR* around \$<sup>1000</sup> and three have cost us many thousands of dollars. We never regret the money we spend on improving the health of our rescued dogs – they are all worth the cost. However, we can always use the help of **Diamond Donors**, people who would like to sponsor some or all of the health care cost of a specific dog or just donate to the **Diamond Dogs Fund** in general. If you would like to be a **Diamond Donor** and be recognized as such in future issues of this newsletter, please send a check to *AGR*, <sup>5010 N. 95th Ave., PMB 502, Glendale, AZ 85305</sup> and note **Diamond Donor** for [dog’s name] on the Memo line. Alternatively, you may charge a donation to your credit card by calling Deb Orwig at <sup>623\_362\_9234</sup>, but there will be a <sup>30</sup>% convenience fee added to the charge.

<sup>09\_005</sup> **Bagel**, now known as **Big**, was brought to us from the *Golden Retriever Rescue of El Paso (GRREP)*. Please read his story on page <sup>10</sup>.

<sup>09\_005</sup> **Big** is a happy boy now that he is no longer in pain.



<sup>09\_013</sup> **Jake**, <sup>9 1/2</sup> years old, was surrendered by his owner because the owner had surgery on his feet and couldn’t negotiate his way around the house since **Jake** was always right in the middle of the floor. Poor **Jake** – he was just being his normal sociable self! **Jake** was fostered by Deb. She reported that he “talks” when he wants to go out; he “talks” when he wants you to fix his meals and tells you you’re not doing it fast enough; he “talks” when he wants you to pick up his favorite toy and bring it to



Jake used to take up most of a doorway with his considerable bulk

him; he “sings” when “Who Let The Dogs Out?” is played on the radio! He also had a lot of medical issues. There was a very obvious tumor on his eyelid. His owner had been told by his vet that it was cancerous and would cost \$<sup>1000</sup> to have it removed. Maybe that was why **Jake** was surrendered to *AGR*, not because he was a bulky floor rug. When Deb gave him a bath the day before he was to go in for the eye surgery, she discovered a walnut-size lump in his throat area, so we had that removed as well. Fortunately, both tumors were benign hemangiomas, but yes, the bill was about \$<sup>1000</sup>. Then we had to turn some attention to **Jake’s** hips. He



Jake always has a happy face even when having to wear an E-collar

struggled to get his considerable bulk (<sup>109</sup> lbs) up off the floor and walked with a noticeable limp. We put him on the green bean diet and had his hips and legs x-rayed and found that he had significant dysplasia in both hips. The vet determined **Jake** to be a good candidate for biogel injections into the hips, so we had that done, to the tune of \$<sup>1800</sup>. The vet also discovered that **Jake’s** left hind leg cruciate ligament was ruptured. After **Jake** had a couple weeks to heal from the biogel treatment, he had his cruciate ligament repaired – another \$<sup>2800</sup>. **Jake’s** leg rehabilitation has been handled admirably by Jackie and Dave in Chandler, his potential adopters. They agree with Deb that **Jake** is Mr. Personality and just love him to pieces.



Bandage on Jake’s leg after cruciate surgery; sling was made by Kathi Youhas



<sup>09\_020</sup> **Libby**, now called **Halo** by her potential adopters because they think she is an absolute angel, is a Golden mix who was rescued from the euthanasia list at the Eastside Maricopa County Animal Care and Control Services (MCACCS) shelter. The vet first thought she had a prolapsed uterus and needed to be spayed, but after further examination,

the diagnosis was changed to transmissible venereal tumor. **Halo** also had infected ears, infected gums and a ruptured right cranial cruciate ligament which made her limp. In addition, the vet discovered three bullets in her! *AGR* paid for surgery to remove the tumor and bullets and for <sup>6</sup> follow-up vincristine treatments to ensure that the tumor would not recur. While she was under anesthesia for the surgery, we also had her ears flushed and a dental done. On November <sup>12</sup>, she will have surgery to repair her hind leg. Since she is only about <sup>5</sup> years old, she will have a procedure called TPLO, or Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy. For those of you who are interested in an explanation of this procedure, visit: <http://vetsurgerycentral.com/tplo.htm> This type of surgery has been determined to be the best to use for **Halo** to restore complete range of motion without pain. When all is said and done, we expect **Halo’s** medical costs to amount to more than \$<sup>5,000</sup>.



Halo feeling much better and clowning around

We would be grateful for any contributions any of you would like to make to help with **Big’s** or **Jake’s** or **Halo’s** medical bills.

## From the Front of the Bus

By Deb Orwig

In early June, we were contacted by Connie Jimenez, the President and Founder of *Golden Retriever Rescue of El Paso (GRREP)*. They had an overload of dogs and not enough adoptive families to accommodate them. At that point, *AGR* was in just the opposite predicament – a lot of approved-to-adopt families and dogs coming in very slowly. During numerous email and telephone conversations with Connie, Dan Bultman, who was on Intake at the time, arranged for us to go get five dogs from *GRREP*. Placement Manager Michele Wehry lined up the families who would be taking the dogs upon their arrival back in Phoenix. We were told that one of the dogs, **SandyHolly**, was heartworm positive, but we knew we could afford to treat her, so we accepted her.



Approaching El Paso from the west on I-10 presents a pretty sight

my Dodge Grand Caravan during the 15-hour roundtrip. Fortunately, the scenery between Glendale and El Paso is interesting for the most part and Bob is a good conversationalist, so it was a pleasant drive. We had crammed 1 large crate and 3 medium-sized ones in the back of the van in preparation for transporting five dogs, although who the 5th one would be (**Mojo**) was not confirmed until we were about an hour west of El Paso.

It was an uneventful trip, although we did hit a passing squall on the way back somewhere around the NM/AZ border. Once in El Paso, we found *Pet Paradise Kennels* where the dogs were being boarded – it was about 50 minutes east of I-10, rather a surprise to us that it was so far out in the country. The kennel facility, which is owned by Freddy Serrano (photo above right with **Sandy/Sammie**), is only about 3 years old and very nice. The Texas Border



Bob with Fargo and Sandy



The “bus” to El Paso left dark and early at 5 AM on June 25. Bob Youhas and I switched off driving

Patrol board their non-working dogs there. Freddy gave us a quick tour of the place before we loaded the dogs into my van.

Connie (photo at right with **SandyHolly**) met us at the kennel and helped us get the dogs into the van. She was very well organized and already had each of the dog’s medical records in separate folders. So, for us, it was “Hi! Goodbye!” and we were back on



Mojo and Wendy/Emma in crates

the road towards home within a half hour. Two of the dogs, **Fargo** and **Sandy (Sammie now)**, had been housemates, so we put them together in the big crate. **Mojo, SandyHolly (Molly now)**, and **Wendy (Emma now)**, traveled in separate crates. Everyone was very good on the drive back – no whining, crying or barking – although none of them would do anything at the two rest stops we made.



Sheila Joyce holding Wendy while Sanja Tetaric meets her new girl;

We arrived at Michele Wehry’s home just about 8 PM. The prospective families, as well *AGR* members Debbe Begley, Patrick Doyle, Sally Fetherston, Carol Gebhardt, Sheila Joyce, Connie McCabe and Kathi Youhas who wanted to share in the excitement,



Barbara Merideth with her new girl Sandy whom she renamed Sammie

were waiting for our arrival. Two of the dogs, **Wendy/Emma** and **Sandy/Sammie** had been



placed with FWITAs; the other three went to fosters, **Mojo** to Liz Tataseo, **SandyHolly/Molly** to Joyce Pence (2nd from left in photo at left) and **Fargo** came home with me. It was a thrill witnessing that *magic moment* of connection between the FWITA families and their new companions.

**SandyHolly/Molly** had to finish her 30 days of medication for tick fever before she could be given the treatment for heartworm. Joyce fostered her for over a month until she was ready to go to her new forever home. **Mojo** and **Fargo** stayed with their fosters for only a short time before we found their forever families. All the dogs have now been placed and adopted, and the families are all thrilled with their new companions. We thank *Golden Retriever Rescue of El Paso*, Connie Jimenez in particular, for their cooperation and for passing along such great dogs to us!

# OVER THE RAINBOW

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

- Jozie Bailey / Correll
- Isabella Cantin
- Smokey (the cat) Chaffee
- Chester Engelhardt
- Samantha Foust / Korycki
- Pecos Host
- Phoenix Lindley
- Tigger Lindley
- Jessie McNab
- Cedar Meyer
- Lester Meyer
- Brandy Parker
- Justice Pellegatti-Lewis
- Bella Rivers
- Max Thomas
- Shasta Thomas
- Annabelle Lee Thompson

Bill Atkinson's Beloved Dad, Harry Atkinson

Linda Atkinson's Beloved Dad,  
Henry Vander Roest

Teri Guilbault's Beloved Mom, Julia Felstow

Teryl Hall's Beloved Dad, Bob Hall

## 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.



Beautiful drawing of Annabelle Lee Thompson by her dad, Don.



Cedar and Lester Meyer



Justice "Angel Wings" Pellegatti



*HERE and THERE*  
Events from April through October 2009

**Let's Show the Phoenix Valley Who We Are!**

By Debbe Begley, Director of Operations

After forming our new organization on March 11, 2009, we set about making our presence known to the Phoenix Metropolitan area.

**Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day**



Connie designed a great flyer about the event

The first public appearance we had was at **Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day** in Scottsdale on Tuesday April 21st. It was debut day for our beautiful banner, T-shirts and dog bandannas. We had a great turnout of volunteers and dogs. In attendance were Debbe Begley, Louise Carreiro, Ken Daurio, Patrick Doyle, Sally Fetherston, Cricket Forstrom, Teryl Hall, Deb Orwig, Liz Sawtschenko, Trystan Schuff, Jim and Sue Strong, Liz Tataseo, Cindy Tigges, Michele Wehry, Cynthia Wenström and Kathi Youhas. We had a nice

herd of dogs all afternoon lapping up ice cream and gathering donations. Included were: **Khakidawg Begley; Sandy Begley / Doyle; Annabelle Doyle; Beau Daurio; Hoover Forstrom; Tag Harding** (brought by Cynthia); **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird and Troy Orwig; Sunny and Gus Sawtschenko; Jake and Joey Strong; Pele Tataseo; Charm, Koso and Duey Tigges; NinAnnie and Shasta**



A large group of kids from Mission Montessori Academy came for ice cream and loved the dogs

**Wehry; and Krissie Youhas.** The day earned us \$1147.61 as well as great visibility for our new look. We got one adoption application on the spot and another came in by email later. Sincere thanks to all who volunteered during the day and especially to **AGR** member Cricket Forstrom for making the arrangements with the Scottsdale **Ben & Jerry's** franchise owner,



Kelly Edwards, for the donations to come to **AGR!**

**Be Kind To Animals Week Kickoff**



On Sunday, May 3, **Villa La Paws** at 10460 N 32nd St in Phoenix hosted a kickoff for **Be Kind To Animals Week**. Four Rescues, including **AGR** (thanks to member Eileen Proctor), were invited to be there, and there was a pet massage therapist at work

as well. The other Rescues all had dogs available for adoption, and a couple of them were actually adopted. The group next to us, **Arizona Rescue Center**, had two very cute Aussie/Border



Collie mix puppies that Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo got to cuddle (photo at left). Kathy Blue (at right with **Troy**) came by at the end of the event to chat for a few minutes and to help us break down the booth, very welcome help as Deb and Liz



had been there since 8:45 AM! During the 4 hours of the event, we collected \$85 in donations and merchandise sales.

**Book Signings with Tim Link**

Our next big invitation was from **Barnes & Noble Booksellers**. Because of our history as being the greatest gift wrappers in town, we were contacted by Jessica M, the manager of the Arrowhead store, to see if we would be interested in providing a couple of dogs to be on TV to promote a new book by Tim Link, an animal communicator, entitled **Wagging Tales**. Of course, we always love to have our dogs on TV! His publicist contacted us and the invitation grew into 4 television spots, **Good Morning Arizona, The Pat McMahon Show, Arizona MIDDAY** and **Sonora Living**. Representing us was **Max** (photo



at right with Tim), who was in foster care with Connie and brought by Deb and, for one show, **McKenna**, who was brought by Sheila Joyce (photo at left by Kim Link). We also provided dogs to accompany both of Tim's book signings. The first one was held at **Changing Hands Bookstore** in Tempe on June 9th. In attendance were Dave and

Nancy Kimmel with **Sadie and Trooper**, Kim Lindenmeyer, Michele Meyer, Deb Orwig with foster boy **Chance**, Ruth Pulliam and Michele Wehry. The second signing was at **Barnes &**



Dave Kimmel, Kim Link and Nancy Kimmel with Sadie and Trooper at Changing Hands Bookstore in Tempe

**Noble Arrowhead** on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Deb Orwig brought **Chance**, Debbe Begley and Patrick Doyle brought **Khakidawg**, **Sandy** and **Annabelle**, Sheila Joyce brought **Max**, and Bob and Kathi Youhas. Tim Link's book *Wagging Tales* is a collection of "conversations" he has had with various dogs and cats. He has a great insight into what our pets are trying to tell us. For our efforts to help promote his book, we received a check

for a portion of the proceeds of book sales during his signing in the amount of \$125. We also collected \$99 in cash donations from people attending the book signings. We thank Tim and the bookstores for their cooperation and donations!



AGR members with Tim Link at Barnes & Noble Arrowhead: Sheila Joyce with Max, Liz Tataseo, Kathi Youhas, Tim Link, Bob Youhas, Deb Orwig with foster boy Chance, Debbe Begley with Khakidawg and Sandy and Patrick Doyle with Annabelle

**Big Boys & Their Toys**



Father's Day weekend brought with it the **Big Boys & Their Toys Expo** at the Phoenix Convention Center. We were fortunate enough to obtain a great corner booth for the full 3-day show. We had a terrific turn-out of volunteers and dogs. Thanks to all who helped at the event: Friday: Debbe Begley and



Patrick Doyle, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo,

Cynthia Wenström, and Bob and Kathi Youhas; Saturday: Debbe Begley, Louise and John Carreiro, Patrick Doyle,



Mary Jo and John Courtney, Ken and Janell Daurio, Teri, Michelle and Jeff Guilbault, Larry Jessup, Shawn Jessup, Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson, Deb Orwig, Erin Orwig, and Casey and Jane Pulis; Sunday: Debbie and Rick Ball,



Debbe Begley and Patrick Doyle, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo, and Kathi and Bob Youhas.

Thanks, most importantly, to all our ambassadogs – there were as many as 10-12 dogs at the booth some of the time. The dogs all did their great Meet-and-Greet work:



**Rocky, Hayden,**



**Ladybird and Troy Orwig, fosterboy Chance, Khakidawg Begley, Sandy Begley / Doyle, Annabelle**

**Doyle, Tag Harding,**



**Honeybear Jessup, fosterboy Max, Yoshi McCabe / Dodson, Big (a.k.a. Bagel) Carreiro, Blossom and Goldie Guilbault, Beau Daurio, Rocky Pulis, Dexter and Bella Courtney, Shiloh Ball, Gonzo Tataseo, and Leo, Bennie and Krissie Youhas.** The dogs were all incredible, earning us about 2/3 of our income for the event, which



totaled \$1439.<sup>58</sup> – donations were \$929.<sup>58</sup> and we sold \$510 in



merchandise! Special thanks to Bob Youhas for helping Deb set up on Thursday and to Deb, Debbe, Patrick, Debbie, Rick, Kathi, Bob and Liz for helping to break down the booth on Sunday. This was great visibility for our organization. We were filmed by TV Channel 3 on Friday, and on Saturday

we even got a split-second shot in TV Channel 15 news of **Khaki** and **Sandy** singing “Who Let the Dogs Out.” We had a great time all weekend (but we were all tired when it was over)!



Photos in this article: Three of the many fancy vehicles that were at the show; Kathi & Bob Youhas and Liz Tataseo in booth on Friday; Cynthia Wenström with Tag Harding; Shawn Jessup, Larry Jessup, Patrick Doyle and Nick Dodson with Hayden, Troy, Annabelle and Max; Jeff, Michelle & Teri Guilbault with Goldie & Blossom; John & Louise Carreiro with Big; Jane & Casey Pulis with their Rocky; Mary Jo & John Courtney with Dexter & Bella; Erin Orwig with Hayden; Rick & Debbie Ball with Shiloh & Hayden; Sandy and Khakidawg singing for TV Channel 15 cameraman; tired Leo Youhas.

**Chase Field Community Corner**



We were given the opportunity to use the Community Corner at *Chase Field* twice during the 2009 *Arizona Diamondbacks* season. On July 24th we were represented by the group at left: Mike Lane and Cynthia with **Bailey**

and **Tag**, Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**, Debbe Begley with **Khakidawg**, Sally Fetherston with **Rocky**, Laura Fetherston, Patrick Doyle and Deb Orwig (photographer) with **Hayden** and **Troy**. On September 11, our volunteers included Debbe Begley with **Khakidawg**, Louise Carreiro, Teryl Hall, Deb Orwig with **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird** and **Troy**,



and Trystan Schuff. Since the ballpark does not allow us to display a donation jar, we unofficially collected \$112.91 for both dates and made some great contacts with the fans. A lot of business cards and brochures were handed out, as the fans could not pass the opportunity to stop to pet the dogs and thank us for the wonderful work that we all do.

**Bark for Books at Desert Foothills Library in Cave Creek**

In June, our group was contacted by Jaime Hansen, the children’s librarian at *Desert Foothills Library* in Cave Creek. Her aunt, Denise Padavano, who is an *AGR* member, had told her about Deb Orwig doing a reading program with her therapy-certified Golden **Rocky** in a local elementary school. Jaime decided she’d like to have a reading-to-the dog program at the library. She emailed Deb and made her request. Deb then asked several *AGR* members who don’t work during the day during the summer if



they could join her with their dogs at the library on July 16th. Children’s Librarian Jaime Hansen took the photo at left of Cynthia Wenström with **Morgan**, Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie**, Deb Orwig with **Rocky** and Liz Sawtschenko with **Sunny**. They were joined

for two hours of reading by children ages 7 through 12. It was a fun day! A reading specialist from *Black Mountain Elementary School*, Diane Friedman, attended the event and was excited about starting a reading-to-the-dog program at her school for children needing extra help with their read-a-loud skills. Deb and her dogs are now going there once a week – she rotates the dogs so that each of her four therapy-certified Golden works one week with the children. There is a demand for programs such as these, so if you would like to pursue getting your dog certified either by Therapy Dogs International or by Delta Society, contact Deb for information. Although the library has no such restriction, the schools will not allow non-certified dogs to come.



Liz with Sweetie (front) and Cynthia with Morgan surrounded by kids



Liz Sawtschenko and Sunny listening to young reader

like to pursue getting your dog certified either by Therapy Dogs International or by Delta Society, contact Deb for information. Although the library has no such restriction, the schools will not allow non-certified dogs to come.

**Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue**

For eight years, the first Saturday of August has been the date of PACC 911’s annual **Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue**. This year was no exception, and we were there with a new look and a new cheer. Our bowlers (photo below) were



Angela Palumbo, Mike Mullaney, Joyce Hubler, and Larry Orwig. We wore red, white & blue and silly patriotic hats to go with our new cheer, “I’m An Arizona





Golden,” sung to the tune of “Yankee Doodle Dandy.” Our great cheering section, which included (in the photo by Connie McCabe, left to right, back row then front) Patrick Doyle, Michele Wehry, Larry Orwig,

Larry Jessup, Debbie Ball, Louise Carreiro, Rick Ball, Deb Orwig, Angela Palumbo, Mike Mullaney, Debbe Begley, Joyce Hubler, Liz Tataseo, Kathi Youhas and Kathy Blue performed magnificently and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the “Best Cheer” category and an additional \$<sup>50</sup> for our team, bringing our total for **Bowl-a-Rama** 2009 to \$<sup>2336.72</sup>. Thanks for a great job by all who gathered donations and those who came out to cheer on our team and our organization.

**Phoenix Mercury Dog Days of Summer**



Thanks to *AGR* Member Eileen Proctor (at left getting a thank you kiss from **Hayden**), we were invited to participate in the *Phoenix Mercury’s Dog Days of Summer Phoenix Mercury vs. SA Silver Stars* on August 13<sup>th</sup>. With the purchase of <sup>50</sup> or more tickets (we sold <sup>62</sup>), we earned the opportunity to have

an information and merchandise sales booth in the lobby of *U.S.*

*Airways Center* and have a Golden with us to parade around the arena before the game while a spiel about *Arizona Golden Rescue* was being read on the PA. Deb Orwig’s boy **Hayden** was the star of the show, as he collected \$<sup>99</sup> in his Donation Dog vest pockets! Ticket purchasers got great court-level seats for less than half price (\$<sup>20</sup> instead of \$<sup>43</sup>) and *AGR* got to keep half of the revenue! In addition, everyone got a *Phoenix Mercury* jersey backpack and a chance to enjoy watching the winning *Mercury* team in action. Thanks to Debbe Begley, Patrick Doyle and Kathi and Bob Youhas for manning the booth, and to all of you who purchased tickets. Our total earnings for this event were \$<sup>830</sup>! It was a fun evening which we hope to be able to repeat in 2010. Now that the *Phoenix Mercury* have won the WNBA Championship for the second time in three years, we should have no trouble selling more than <sup>50</sup> tickets again!



Kathi Youhas, Debbe Begley, Patrick Doyle and Bob Youhas manned the merchandise table

**Glendale Firemen’s Parade**



On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had a rousing good time at the **Glendale Firemen’s Parade** with <sup>41</sup> participants and <sup>39</sup> dogs – just enough dogs for everyone to walk one except our banner carriers. It was a wonderful show, and, of course, all the parade watchers loved the dogs. There was a sizable crowd of several thousand at Murphy Park after the parade, too – lots of visitors at our booth petting our dogs until 1:30 PM. While Kathi Youhas with **Krissie**, Teri Guilbault, and Nick Dodson manned the booth while we walked, those who joined us in the parade included: Michelle Bailey with **Tumbles**; Debbie and Rick Ball with **Shiloh**; Debbe Begley with **Khakidawg**, **Sandy** and **Annabelle**; Carolyn Blean; Betsy and Fred Brown with **Sassy**; Louise and John Carreiro with their grandchildren Dom and Brooke Mueller; Beth Chaffee with



Rick Ball and John Carreiro proudly carrying our beautiful full-color parade banner

**Bailey** and **Darby**; Kay Correll with **Chance**; Michelle Guilbault with **Blossom** and **Goldie**; Teryl Hall with **Amigo** and foster boy **Presley**; Suzanne Johnson; Joyce Johnston with **Daisy** and **Rosie**; Sheila Joyce with **Holly**; Connie McCabe with **Sasha**, **Yoshi** and **Zoie** and foster boy **Max** joined us in the booth; Deb Orwig with **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird**, **Troy** and foster boy **Dylan**; Denise Padavano with **Buddy**; James, Kim, Amy and Andrew Schunn with **Yukon**; Joy and Todd Slagowski with **Amber**, **Bella** and **Happy**; Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie** and foster girl **Princess**; Sanja Tetaric with **Sandy**; Don Thompson; Cindy Tigges with **Charm**; Michele Wehry with **NinAnnie**; Sharon, Philip, Marcus and Ilan Wieser with **Max** and **Nala**; and Bob Youhas with **Bennie**. Our Donation Dogs collected \$249.63, with the prize going to **Bella Slagowski** who, herself, collected \$70.70, as she was at the back of our group as we walked down the street! We took in a total



James Schunn, Liz Tataseo and Sharon Wieser taking their dogs to the sideline to greet the parade watchers

of \$723.53 in merchandise sales and donations and got one new member family. There was a lot of interest in the four available-to-adopt dogs who were with us: **Dylan**, **Max**, **Presley**

and **Princess** – special thanks to their fosters for bringing them.



Thanks to everyone who came to walk with us, especially to Michelle Bailey and Kay Correll who came from Maricopa and Joyce Johnston who came from Sun Lakes, and to help at the booth. Also, special thanks to Fred Brown (photo at left) who motored down the street in his wheelchair with a small **AGR** banner proudly displayed on the back of his chair, to Andrew Schunn, who pulled our water wagon and to Rick Ball and John Carreiro, who carried our gorgeous new parade banner. Each of you helped us increase public awareness about our group – it was a wonderful day!

John Carreiro, who carried our gorgeous new parade banner. Each of you helped us increase public awareness about our group – it was a wonderful day!

All of these public appearances increase our visibility and our opportunity to locate and help the dogs that need us. They also earn us additional dollars that help pay for the veterinary care that comes with each new dog. To all of you who participated in these events, congratulations on a job well done! Going forward, we will continue to schedule various events and public appearances around the Valley. Please try to attend as many as you can. We have proven to ourselves many times over that the more volunteers and dogs we have in attendance, the more attention we attract and the more donations we collect.

*Editor's Note: Among Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig, Debbe Begley, Kathi Youhas and Michele Wehry, hundreds of photos (perhaps even over 1000 by now) have been taken at our events. Usually, these are posted online in a Kodak Gallery album that is sent out to our Yahooogroup within a week following each event. If you want to see all the pictures taken at our events, please subscribe to the Yahooogroup. Please forgive your editor if you were at an event and your photo is not shown – due to space constraints, only a representative sampling of photos can be included.*

**MEET-AND-GREETS**

**PetSmart – By Connie McCabe**

Between May 10<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup>, we had a total of 18 Meet-and-Greets at local **PetSmart** stores, nine each at two different **PetSmarts**, on the second Sunday of the month. The stores we visit are the ones located at 57<sup>th</sup> Ave / Northern Ave in Glendale and at 91<sup>st</sup> Ave north of Olive Ave in Peoria. We were also at the 57<sup>th</sup> Ave store on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, as that first weekend in May was the **PetSmart** spring National Adoption Weekend. Connie McCabe chairs the appearances at one store; Debbe Begley chairs them at the other store; they usually alternate stores each month. Thanks to Connie for setting us up as a **PetSmart** Adoption Partner even before we had our official 501 (c) (3) approval.



Members who have volunteered at some or all of these Meet-and-Greets include

Linda and Bill Atkinson, Debbie and Rick Ball, Debbe Begley, Carolyn Blean, Fred Brown, Dan Bultman, Karen and Phil Davis, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle,



Cricket Forstrom, Teri and Michelle Guilbault, Sandra Hansen, Sheila Joyce, Connie McCabe, Pat Morgan, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, Susan Parker, Michele Wehry, and Kathi and Bob Youhas. Our ambassadogs



have included **Sammy Atkinson; Shiloh Ball; Khakidawg Begley; Sandy Begley/Doyle; Sassy Brown; Mandeeshine Bultman; Caesar and**



**Star Davis; Annabelle Doyle; Hoover Forstrom; Blossom and Goldie Guilbault; Duke Hansen; Bear and McKenna Joyce; Yoshi and Zoie McCabe / Dodson and foster boy Max and foster girl Sierra; Zach Morgan; Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird and Troy Orwig**



and foster kids **Chance, Fargo, Ben, Jake**



and Dylan; Buddy Padavano; foster kids Shaggy and Teddy; and Bennie and Krissie Youhas.



Most of our PetSmart gigs have brought in anywhere from about \$40 in donations to over



\$100. However, the main purpose is not to gather donations – those are the icing on the cake – but rather to promote public awareness of our organization and, perhaps, to get some new members and encourage people to send in adoption applications. To these ends, our Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart have been very successful. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help – there’s always room for more!

**Choice Pet Market – By Deb Orwig**

Liz Tataseo introduced us to **Choice Pet Market** in Glendale. She got an advertising flyer in the mail and went to the store to see what it was like, since it is about two miles from her house. She mentioned to the store manager, Andy Avigdon (in photo at right with Liz and Deb’s dogs), that she was a member of **Arizona Golden Rescue**, so he gave her a discount on the items she bought and told her that the



discount would be applied every time she bought anything; he also mentioned that after the purchase of 10 bags of the same kind of dog food, she would

get a free bag. In addition, he told her that the store supports Rescue in many ways and asked if she would talk about the store to “the person in charge,” namely the **AGR** President. Deb went over to speak with him and found out that their support of animal rescue is extensive.



They encourage Rescues to set up information tables and bring adoptable animals to the store. When the weather is good, the groups can be outdoors on the nice large patio area in front of the store – there’s even a mister system in the patio overhang! In very hot or cold



weather, the groups can be inside the store in a large area right at the front. The Glendale store is in a great location at the

inside corner of the **AJ’s** shopping center at 67<sup>th</sup> Ave/Beardsley Ave in north Glendale. There is another store at 7119 E. Shea Blvd in Scottsdale; **AGR** members will also get discounts at this location. We do not have anyone to chair a regular appearance at the Scottsdale store, but we hope to



in the future. We would need at least 3 members who would be willing to be there with their dogs on a regular basis (once a month) for 3-4 hours on a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon. If you are interested and willing, please contact Deb Orwig at [dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net) or call 623-362-9234.

**Choice Pet Market** in Glendale has been very good to **Arizona Golden Rescue**, encouraging us to come as often as we can and giving us a \$50 store gift card each time we go there. We have used the gift cards to purchase some very nice items to put in the raffle and silent auction for the golf tournament, Goldstock and the GRCA National Specialty. If you are near enough to one of the two stores to shop there, you will find their dog food prices competitive with those of **PetSmart** and **Petco**. You will also get the Rescue-member discount if you mention that you are a member of **Arizona Golden Rescue**. In addition, they advertise for us in their monthly advertising flyer that is distributed to 5000 households in the areas local to the two stores. They list the appearances of all the animal rescue groups that come and when they will be there. We have gotten terrific exposure there, with several new members and potential adopters coming from our appearances. We thank **Choice Pet Market** for their cooperation and support.



Peter Wong has put on a trick-dog show twice for those of us who were at *Choice Pet Market*. He has trained his rescued Golden Sandy to perform more than 30 different behaviors – it's great entertainment to watch him work with the dog!

From May 9<sup>th</sup>, when we first started going to *Choice Pet Market*, through October, we were there twice a month on a total of twelve dates. Members who have attended on one or another of those dates (some only once and some on every date) include Debbie and Rick Ball with **Shiloh**; Debbie Begley and Patrick Doyle with **Khakidawg**, **Sandy** and **Annabelle**; Dan Bultman with **Mandeeshine**; Louise Carreiro; Cricket Forstrom with **Hoover** and foster boy **Bagel**; Teri and Michelle Guilbault with **Blossom** and **Goldie**; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**; Deb Orwig with **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird**, **Troy**, and, at one

time or another, fosters **Chance**, **Benji**, **Dylan**, **Fargo** and **Jake**; Liz and Christina Sawtschenko with **Gus** and **Sunny**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**, **Pele**, **Sweetie** and foster girl **Princess**; Peter Wong with Border Collie **Joey** and Golden **Sandy**; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Krissie**, **Miki**, **Leo** and **Bennie**. Thanks to all of you. Our presence at *Choice Pet Market* continues to generate interest in our organization and in adopting dogs that we rescue.

**GOLDSTOCK 2009**  
By Kathi Youhas

Every year I wait and wait for Goldstock, and this year it was upon me before I knew it.

My husband Bob and I drove back to Pennsylvania, this time to represent *Arizona Golden Rescue*. This was my 5<sup>th</sup> year attending Goldstock and Bob's 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Accompanying us were our canine quartet, **Miki**, **Krissie**, **Leo** and **Bennie**.



For those of you who are not familiar with Goldstock, it is a camp for Golden Retrievers and Golden Retriever lovers held annually every Labor Day weekend in eastern Pennsylvania and is a great support for Golden Rescue. *AGR* was one of about 15 rescue groups that attended this year. There were over 250 people, many of whom had more than one Golden, so you can imagine what a wonderful sight it is to see such a sea of gold.

This year the weather was absolutely gorgeous. It has always rained

one or more of the days while we are there, but this year the rain held off until Goldstock was over. The days were in the high 70s to low 80s and the nights were so nice and cool that I was glad I had my winter jammies with me. And did I mention how wonderful it was to get away from the Phoenix heat?

There are several activities for the dogs such as a hunting for hot dogs; Doggie Olympics (both on the ground and in the water), a rather unusual agility trial (like having the dogs go through a golf cart instead of a tunnel),



CGC testing and TDI testing, a Rescue Parade which all four of our dogs participated in, and a Senior Parade which **Miki** and **Leo** participated in. Unfortunately, Bob and I were mostly indoors with our crew to take care of the *AGR* merchandise table and did not get to see much or participate in the games. Oh well... it was worth it, as we brought back over \$1400 in merchandise sales, donations and proceeds from the silent and live auction items.

There is also a Candle Ceremony to remember those who left us in the past year, both human and animal. This is always an emotional ceremony and this year was no exception, as Bob and I remembered and celebrated the life of my heart dog, **Damon**, who unexpectedly journeyed to the Rainbow Bridge two days after we left Goldstock last year.

We got to see some old friends and made some new friends, too. It seems like such a long time coming each year and is over way too quickly.

Bob and I will be there again next year, and it would be great if some of you could join us. It is lots of fun. By the way, the camp cooks are amazing. They make many wonderful meals for the attendees, really good home-style cooking. The entire weekend is free, including all meals, for two representatives from each rescue;



if more than two attend, the cost in the past has been \$110 for each extra person, so if three go, each person only pays about \$37 for 5 days of meals and a cabin with camp beds, showers and flush toilets! You have to bring your own bedding or rent linens for \$15, but

you certainly can't find that kind of deal in any motel! Your dogs can stay right in the cabins with you, too!

# Fore! Paws Golf Tournament



Our first major fundraiser, our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, was held only 5 1/2 months after we formed *Arizona Golden Rescue*. On Saturday,

August 29, 2009, our day began at 5 AM at the *Camelback Golf Club* in Scottsdale. It was relatively cool, somewhere in the low 90s; the temperature reached 108° later in the day, but by then our golfers were already back in the clubhouse. Our 105 golfers (three who registered were unable to come at the last minute) enjoyed our 18-hole, 4-person scramble, morning golf tournament. Another 27 non-golfers joined us for the fabulous lunch catered by *Camelback Inn*. Debbe Begley had arranged for a Tuscany buffet, which included Caesar salad, tomato-and-basil salad, breadsticks, baked ziti, chicken breasts in red wine sauce, steamed vegetables, and tiramisu for dessert! It was wonderful!



Committee members and assistants set up everything but the silent auction in the Latilla Room on Friday afternoon, so just the silent auction items needed arranging in the lobby area on Saturday morning, and we had plenty of time to do that before the golfers started checking in at 6 AM. *Camelback Golf Club* staff had also set out all the hole sponsor signs (20 of them!). It was a terrific tournament!



Friday set-up crew of Debbe Begley, Kathi Youhas, Liz Tataseo, Bob Youhas, Phil Leavitt (not in photo) and Deb Orwig (photographer) in Latilla Room where there would be registration and raffles

Rich Calta and Teri Turner chaired the tournament, and committee members included Debbe Begley, Connie McCabe and Deb Orwig. Rich and Teri made a superb effort to contact potential

hole sponsors, cash donors and golfers, and Teri handled the online registration. Connie created the golf tournament logo and produced all the sign graphics for our spectacular hole signs (which were printed for us by *Fairway Recognition*), donor cards for the silent auction and raffle, the Mulligan tickets and signs for the registration table and raffle ticket purchase; Connie also donated items for the raffle and silent auction. In addition, she drove a golf cart all over the course taking photographs of all the hole signs and of the golfing teams. Debbe and Deb handled all aspects of the raffle and silent auction, and Deb produced the tournament program.



Tournament chairmen Rich Calta and Teri Turner

Many thanks go to the staff at *Camelback Golf Club* for coordinating the wonderful food, donating the use of tables and linens for the raffle and silent auction, handling the logistics and creating the fantastic atmosphere for this year's event – they could not have been more helpful. Special thanks to Shiloh Hagey (photo at right), *Camelback's* Director of Golf, who was a joy to work with, for his extra efforts to acquire some donations for our raffle and silent auction from



other golf clubs and from Camelback Inn.

Our silent auction and raffle were fabulous! We had 34 silent auction items and 50 raffles, none of which was worth less than \$50. Together, the raffle and silent auction generated over \$11,750! Deb and Debbe did most of the soliciting and collecting of items. Our generous donors are all listed at the end of this article. Please note who they are and patronize the businesses if at all possible. Economic times have been difficult for everyone recently, and these businesses and individuals should be supported and commended for their generosity. If you ever



Items in the silent auction included *Tommy Bahama's* Shirt-of-the-Month for a Year, a *Dooney & Bourke* handbag, "Photo of Your Dog Anywhere in AZ" by Connie McCabe, "Travel With Your Dog" Basket loaded with items to keep your dog safe and entertained, "Spa Day at Home" Basket and a lovely collection of skin care products plus a \$500 gift certificate for services from PCA Skin



have occasion to use one of our item donors, please thank them for supporting **AGR's** golf tournament. The committee has already thanked them, of course, but it never hurts for a business to get thanks from elsewhere, as well.



Other Silent Auction items included "Dinner Out Once A Month For a Year" at 12 of the best restaurants in the Phoenix Valley, and a "Cooking With Beer" Basket that included a cookbook by that name and every dry ingredient in every recipe!

Our first-place winning team included Jade Smith, Terry Bushman,



Norm Philips, and Sam Paugh (photo at left); second place went to Team Wilder consisting of Randy Hatch, Ralph Knight, Tyler Knight, and Mark

McNeece (photo at right); third place was won by Greg Williams and his playing partners Jayson



Danielson, John Gale, and Tom Haldeman (photo at left). Highest-score prizes of cans of tennis balls went to Team Friend: Richard Fleming, Dave Goldberg, Terry Friend and Justin Friend. Christi Miner (photo at

right) won both longest drive and closest-to-the-pin for women; for the men, Jayson Danielson won for longest drive and Dave Bourland won closest-to-the-pin. **Tommy Bahama** in Scottsdale was our prize sponsor this year, giving Rich a great deal on items he purchased and donated for all the prizes. The **Tommy Bahama** staff also packaged the items very attractively. First-place winners each received \$100 gift certificates to **Tommy Bahama**; second prizes were **Tommy Bahama** service-for-four luncheon sets; third prizes were **Tommy Bahama** barware sets; longest drive and closest-to-the-pin prizes for men were cigar ashtrays and a candle and relaxation CD for the women. In addition to the prize deals, **Tommy Bahama** donated their popular Shirt-of-the-Month-for-a-Year for our silent auction. There was a hot bidding war for this item, the winner at the last moment being Jack Craven.



Safeway, Inc. very generously donated reusable shopping bags for our golfers' goodie bags. There was some terrific stuff in the goodie bags, too: juice, breakfast bars, cookies, pens, small packs of candy, dental supply kits, hand sanitizer, pill caddies, magnet clips, tape measures, fancy-design paperclips, and assorted other items.



Jim Henkel (left) and Larry Jessup (center) were two of the seven **AGR** members who golfed and clean-up was provided by Golf Committee members and Louise Carreiro, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Teryl Hall, Cara Holland, Erin Orwig, Larry Orwig, Missy

Support for the tournament was given by many members of **Arizona Golden Rescue**. Phil Leavitt, Liz Tataseo and Kathi and Bob Youhas helped Deb and Debbe transport everything necessary for the tournament to the golf club on Friday afternoon and helped with the set-up. Assistance for registration, raffle ticket sales, processing of raffle and silent

au ct i o n winners, Powers, R u t h Pulliam, Trystan



Jack Craven (far left) and John Courtney (second from right) were also two of the seven **AGR** golfers



Elaine Hall (far left) and Teri Turner (second from right) are **AGR** members, too

Schuff, Hannah Strasser, Liz Tataseo and Kathi and Bob Youhas. Golf carts carrying cold bottled water and neck coolers were driven around the course by Erin Orwig and Jessica Trachtenberg. The neck

coolers were made by Deb and Kathi and were very much appreciated by the golfers. Members who golfed included Rich Calta, John Courtney, Jack Craven, Elaine Hall, Jim Henkel, Larry Jessup, and Teri Turner. Many members donated items for the raffle or silent auction and/or purchased hole



Rich Calta, **AGR** member (second from right) and his good friend Andy Formato (second from left), who came all the way from New York to golf, were two of our tournament sponsors

s p o n s o r s h i p s . T h e s e members are noted with an asterisk in the list of donors that follows this article.



We had quite a few dogs at the clubhouse to greet the golfers when they arrived for registration:



Deb's crew of **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird,** and **Troy** and foster boy **Jake**, and Debbe and Patrick's girls **Annabelle, Khakidawg,** and **Sandy** (photo at left). Debbe's "chorus girls,"

**Khakidawg** and **Sandy**, and Deb's foster boy **Jake** gave the golfers a

rousing send-off when they "sang" to "Who Let the Dogs Out?" After Erin had driven water and neck coolers around the course, she reported that some of the golfers were still singing that tune!



Debbe directing the chorus girls



Joining us for lunch were (left to right) Teryl Hall, Louise Carreiro, Hannah Strasser, Tony Cotner, Trystan Schuff and Cindy Conter

We received many nice comments from the golfers on how well the tournament was run, on the fabulous luncheon food (the tiramisu dessert was to die for), and on the spectacular silent auction and raffle items. One golfer who plays in many charity tournaments said it was the best he'd ever attended!

Heartfelt thanks to all who helped make this event come together. The golf tournament was very much needed to raise awareness about dogs that need our help and to raise the funding to continue to help these dogs.

Thank you, everyone – it was a wonderful event! The money raised more than paid for **Jake's** extensive medical rehabilitation – **Jake** says "thanks!" too! We hope you'll make plans to attend or help on the committee in 2010.



Hole sign for Rajo Ventures, Rich Calta's and Andy Formato's company

**TOURNAMENT SPONSORS (\$5000)**

\*Rich Calta Andy Formato Arnold Kraus

**FIELD RED SPONSORS (\$1500)**

The Lamb Foundation  
Harold & Jan Parsons

**EUROPEAN CREAM SPONSOR (\$1000)**

Global Prime Partners – Julian Parker  
Jeff Miller John Seiber Craig Seligman

**HOLE SPONSORS (\$200)**

Animal Medical & Surgical Center, Scottsdale –  
Dr. Charles Pullen

Diamondback Drugs

Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital –

Dr. Valerie Ferguson

Global Prime Partners – Julian Parker

\*Stephanie Harding In Honor of the Kosovo Shelter

Ikona Global Partners

Arnold Kraus – Wells Fargo Advisors

Landscaping Plus – \*Rob Turner

MAG Partners

Michaels Wilder

National Multimedia Marketing – Graham Gaines

Jan & Harry Parsons

Prudential/Sterling Fine Homes & Land –

Jeri Hyland

Rajo Ventures

Realty Executives – \*Cynthia Wenström

Dr. Michael J. Robb, D.C. – ChiroCare

State Farm Insurance – \*Beth Chaffee

The Cheesecake Factory

Tommy Bahama

Trane – Rocky Tarcola

**TAIL WAGGIN' SPONSORS (up to \$1000)**

\*The Cantin Family Paul Nacario  
Glen Davis Terry Ormsbee  
Alan & Katherine Fisher \*Deb & Larry Orwig  
Phil Hagenah Nanette & Stephen Porath  
Frank Manna

**SITE REGISTRATION SPONSOR**

Landscaping Plus – \*Rob Turner

**GOODIE BAG ITEM and WATER DONORS**

Animal Medical & Surgical Center, Scottsdale  
Arrowhead Dental Group and Orthodontics,  
8085 W Bell Rd, Peoria  
Banner Thunderbird Medical Center

**Bud's Best Cookies**

\*Rich and Tricia Calta  
\*Louise Carter Carreiro  
\*Patrick Doyle

**Dixon Golf**

\*Elaine Hall

**Landscaping Plus** – \*Rob Turner

\*Connie McCabe

**Office Depot**

\*Deb Orwig

**Premier Merchant Processing**

**Western Trading Post** – Judy, Steve & Leo Felsot

**ITEM DONORS**

**Alltel Ice Den**

**3 Amigos**

**Angie's Style Setters**, 5122 W Peoria Ave, Glendale –  
Marilyn and Mary

Anonymous **Arizona Golden Rescue** Members  
and Supporters

**Arizona Cardinals Football Club**

**Arizona Diamondbacks** and Bobby Freeman

**Arizona Inn**

**Barnes & Noble Booksellers**, Happy Valley Rd, Phoenix

\*Debbe Begley

\*Kathy Blue

**Blue Dog Bakery** – Margot Kenly

**Briarwood Country Club** – procured by \*Linda Atkinson

\*Rich Calta

\*Tricia Calta

**Camelback Golf Club**

**Camelback Inn**

\*John Carreiro

\*Louise Carter Carreiro

**Castles 'N Coasters**

\*Jon Chaffee

**Changing Hands Bookstore**

**Choice Pet Market**, Glendale

\*Tony Cotner

\***Desert Knight Grooming** – Linda Knight

**Desert Rat Forge** – Paul Diefenderfer

**Dixon Golf**

**Dolly Steamboat**

\*Dr. Katie Donahue

\*Patrick Doyle

**Fogo De Chão Churrascaria**

\*Cricket Forstrom

**Four Peaks Restaurant & Brewery**

**Frasher's Steakhouse**

\*Elaine Hall

Harkins Theatres



Cara and Connie

Helen Hennesey

**IMAX Theatre at Arizona Mills**

\*Larry Jessup

Cindy Luke

\*Connie McCabe

**McCandless Idealease AZ**

**McCormick Ranch Golf Club**

**Milliken**

**Mojito Cigar Lounge** – Bill Niederer

**Nails By Deborah** – Deborah Mannes

5122 W Peoria Ave., Glendale

**Northstar Graphics** – Scott Wenström

**Oak Creek Country Club** – Gabe Beronja

**Office Depot**

\*Deb & Larry Orwig

\*Erin Orwig

**Out of Africa Wildlife Park**

**PCA Skin** – Dr. Jennifer Linder

**Phoenix Mercury**

**Phoenix Rock Gym**, Tempe

\*Eileen Proctor and Sheri Fogel

**Pure Elements Salon** – Becca Conner

Paco Rudolfo

**Safeway, Inc.**

**Sassy Rox Designs** – Jill Partridge

**Satara Thai Restaurant** – Jon Graham

**Sawyer Aviation**

**Starr Pass Resort and Spa**

Kevin Strelman

**Superstition Mountain Golf Club**

\*Liz Tataseo

**The Boulders Resort and Golden Door Spa**

**The Cheesecake Factory**, 16134 N 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Peoria, and  
2402 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix

**The Golf Club at Chaparral Pines**

**The Rim Golf Club**

**Tommy Bahama**

**Trader Joe's**, 7720 W Bell Rd., Glendale

\*Teri Turner

**Vanguard Concept Offices** – Rob Stenson

**Villa La Paws** – Tom Murray

\*Cynthia Wenström

**Western Trading Post** – Judy, Steve & Leo Felsot

**Wildfire Golf Club**

**Wine Styles**

**Xocai, The Healthy Chocolate** – Janiell Vashon

and \*Elaine Hall

\*Kathi & Bob Youhas

In the above list of Item Donors, *names of contributing businesses are italicized and in boldface type*. Your patronage of our supportive businesses will help ensure their willingness to contribute to **Arizona Golden Rescue** for future events. Thank you. **AGR** member donors are designated by an \*.

Arizona Golden Rescue would especially like to thank:

- **Shiloh Hagey and the staff at Camelback Golf Club** for their generous support of and help with our tournament
- **Ashley Didea**, the *Camelback Inn* catering manager
- Many members and supporters for soliciting and/or donating
- For their help in securing some donations, **Bobby Freeman**, *AZ Diamondbacks* organist; **Bob Hamer**, *Phoenix Mercury*; and **Shiloh Hagey**, Director of Golf at *Camelback Golf Club*
- **Deb Orwig** and **Kathi Youhas** for making the neck coolers
- **Elaine Hall** and **Liz Sawtschenko** for helping to collect goodie bag stuffers
- **Kim Lindenmeyer** for her assistance in acquiring our adorable Golden Retriever golf club covers
- **Liz Tataseo** for proofreading the catalog draft

## Franciscan Renewal Center Blessing of the Animals

By Michele Wehry



Dave Englehardt with Connie's foster boy Max, Michele Wehry, Teryl Hall with Amigo and Liz Tataseo

There were a record-setting 273 adoptions during the October 24th-25th weekend at the St. Francis Festival/PACC 911 Adopt-a-thon! Is there anything more to say? This outstanding event that happens twice in a year at the church has never failed t h e

animals. More than 60 animal Rescues were there over the two-day event. Two Boxers at the event (rescued by a Boxer Rescue) were adopted and will now rest their heads at the St. Francis Renewal Center as well. Just a glorious day!

It was a warm day but we were tucked away in the back and under the trees, so we didn't even notice the heat. Dave Englehardt arrived promptly early AM to help set up followed by Teryl Hall



who brought **Amigo** for the afternoon shift. Both were priceless help in the morning. Before noon, Connie McCabe arrived with her fosters **Max** and **Sierra** and Liz Tataseo also came for the rest of the day. **Max** was very happy to know that the event included food in lots of different places. Liz and Connie were kind enough to finish off the day, so I could go take pictures at the Eastside MCACCS shelter. It was a wonderful event as always – the Best of the Best all around us with wonderful friends, four-legged and two-legged. At the Casa they ring a bell every time an adoption happens – I love bells!



## GRCA National Specialty



Photo by Dean Lake used with permission

The Golden Retriever Club of America's National Specialty was held in Enid, OK, from October 25th - 28th. Debbie Begley and Patrick Doyle, Deb Orwig, and Kathi and Bob Youhas represented *Arizona Golden Rescue*. It was a 2-day drive for us to get to Enid, with a stop-over in Santa Rosa, NM. There were four other rescue groups there: *Love A Golden Rescue* from MO, *Montana's Precious Gold Golden Retriever Rescue*, *Heartland Golden Retriever Rescue* from TN and the *Goldstock Fund*. *Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue* hosted the National Parade of Rescue, but their representatives were there for only a few hours on Tuesday the 27th for the Parade. In all, our group had 11 dogs with us and 9 walked proudly in the Parade (**Khakidawg** and **Krissie** are not from a Rescue). Each dog was presented separately and his or her rescue story was read over the PA system. After all the dogs had their moment in the spotlight, the entire group paraded around the large ring. It was a great sight! All the dogs received very nice goodie bags and a pretty rosette from *Sooner GRR*. A 10' x 10' booth space was graciously donated to each of the rescue groups by *Central Oklahoma Golden Retriever Club*, who hosted the Specialty. We sold over \$950 worth of merchandise and our 11 dogs collected over \$450 in their Donation vests! We had a good-sized crowd develop when Patrick put *Who Let the Dogs Out* on his CD player and Debbie's dogs started "singing." A great time was had by all. Next year's National will be in Denver, CO, from September 27th - October 2nd.

# Membership Matters



Group at organizational meeting on March 14, 2009

Back row: Teryl Hall, Susan Parker, Don Thompson, Deb Orwig, Larry Jessup, Tony Cotner, Bob Youhas, Debbe Begley, Teri Guilbault, Kathi Youhas, Dan Bultman, Ron Weddle, Anna Weddle, Bob Thomas, Debbie Ball, Rick Ball, Liz Tataseo, Louise Carreiro and Nick Dodson

Front row: Connie McCabe, Patrick Doyle, Michele Wehry, Joyce Hubler, Joyce Johnston, Cricket Forstrom, Karen Davis, Liz Sawtschenko, Sheila Joyce and Amy Thomas

Dogs: Sandy, Ladybird, Troy, Hayden and Rocky

Since we incorporated *Arizona Golden Rescue* on March 11, 2009, we have had four general membership meetings. At the first, which was held in Deb Orwig's large garage on March 14th, we presented our new name (thanks, Nick Dodson!), Connie McCabe's gorgeous logo, our organization colors (rust, gold and cream), our new address (5010 N 95th Ave, PMB 502, Glendale, AZ 85305) and phone number (623-566-WAGS [9247]). We reviewed the By-laws and elected the following officers: Deb Orwig, President; Debbe Begley, Director of Operations; Liz Tataseo, Director of Dog Care; Debbie Ball, Director of Information Management; and Louise Carter Carreiro, Human Resources Director. Teri Guilbault was appointed as Organization Secretary. Thirty-one people attended this meeting and everyone joined the group; by the end of March, we had 121 members, and we now have 200!

At the membership meetings we have hosted since that first one, we have had short presentations by the Board to bring everyone up to date about what's happening in the organization. We also have our merchandise available for sale and have a free raffle and an interesting program that lasts 30-45 minutes. Dogs are usually welcome at the membership meetings.



Our second membership meeting was held outdoors at beautiful Sahuaro Ranch Park in Glendale on April 26th. Everyone was invited to bring their dogs – there were over 50 present!

We had a short business meeting after which member Cynthia

Wenström presented each Board member and Connie McCabe with a gorgeous travel bag on which she had had her brother Scott's business (*Northstar Graphics*) embroider our beautiful logo.



AGR Board Members Liz Tataseo, Debbe Begley, Deb Orwig, Debbie Ball and Louise Carreiro and Organization Secretary Teri Guilbault



Troy, wearing his new AGR bandanna, was a willing subject for Linda Knight

Thank you so much, Cynthia! Then AGR member Linda Knight, who owns *Desert Knight Grooming* (9330 E Poinsettia Dr, Scottsdale, AZ; 480-451-6299) did a wonderful presentation on how to properly groom a Golden. She and her assistant, Regina Jones, also offered free toenail clipping for any dog present.

Our June 27th membership meeting was held at *Villa La Paws*, 10640 N 32nd St., Phoenix. We are very grateful to Tom Murray, owner of *Villa*

*La Paws*, who has kindly offered AGR the use of a large room free of charge whenever we want to use it. In addition to the central location of this facility, an extra benefit of having a meeting here is that you can bring your dog on leash if you want to. Our program for this meeting was presented by Grace Granatelli, a canine massage therapist and owner of *Pawsitive Touch*. She spoke about the benefits of and techniques used in canine massage therapy. Before the meeting, Grace wrote: *Throughout my life, animals have played such a large part in teaching me how to be a better person. I have experienced the unconditional love and loyalty only a pet can give so freely. I wish to return that love and give back to the animal kingdom in therapies which may seem unconventional but have proven beneficial to aid in healing and are now being recognized by veterinarians around the world. These modalities are used today to aid in an animal's overall good health. In 2003, I started Pawsitive Touch*

after becoming a certified canine massage therapist through Equissage, Inc., receiving my Reiki Master Teacher certification and acquiring an education in acupressure and T-touch. I use these modalities in combination with essential oils to give an all-



inclusive pet therapy session allowing the pet to become balanced and relaxed while at the same time aiding the pet in wellness and strengthening the immune system. Grace's very interesting program was especially enjoyed by our foster dog **Fargo** who was used as a demo dog. Besides **Fargo**, several foster dogs were in attendance including **Chance**, **Max** and **Mojo** (on chair in above photo); **Chance** found his forever family at the meeting! Grace's program was well received by all who were there.



Our thanks to Grace for sharing her skills

with our members. If you are interested in learning about the various services Grace offers, visit her website at <http://www.pawstivetouchtherapy.com/> A bonus at the meeting was a raffle for two dugout box seats at the July 7<sup>th</sup> **AZ Diamondbacks** game, which Fred Brown won. The tickets were donated by Bryan Blancett, a friend of Cynthia Wenström's. We raised \$240 from the raffle ticket sales!

602/954-8353

**Tamara "TJ" & Brad Jaffe**  
Owners/Instructors

Relationship-Based Training  
Private Lessons  
Group Classes

3935 E. Meadowbrook, Suite 2, Phoenix, AZ 85018      [www.teamcanine.com](http://www.teamcanine.com)



On September 26<sup>th</sup>, we had our fourth Membership Meeting, this one also at **Villa La Paws**. Brad Jaffe of **Team Canine** spoke about



how to truly communicate with dogs and how they learn. One of the subjects he addressed was how to read a dog's body language. There was plenty of time for questions and answers on behavior issues. Prior to co-founding **Team Canine, Inc.** in 1999, Brad was a veterinary technician and animal hospital administrator. He is a certified pet dog trainer through APDT and has been the trainer for Molly the Goldendoodle on Channel 3's "Your

Life A-Z" television show for two years. He also has worked with Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Maricopa County Animal Safe Hospice, training female inmates to work with severely abused and neglected dogs. He is a published author of the book *Conversations with Courtney*, trainer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance at Life Greyhound Prison Dog Program and says he is "a ridiculous, over-the-top, head-over-heels dog lover!" Using Anne Kowalski's dog **Sally**, he aptly demonstrated the meaning of his favorite word **p-a-t-i-e-n-c-e** as he worked with **Sally** not to lunge for a treat until he had put it on the floor and released her to get it. It probably took about 10 minutes before **Sally** complied, but she finally did. Cara Holland and Jack Craven had brought with them two premium-seat tickets to the **AZ Coyotes** game that was scheduled for that evening. None of our members were able to attend, so Cara and Jack generously gave them to Brad, who is a long-time **Coyotes** fan. He was thrilled! We really enjoyed Brad's presentation and thank him for coming.



Sally tried every trick she knew to get Brad to give her the treat - he ignored her until she waited for his OK to pick it up off the floor

### Notes About Members

On July 6, 2009, Louise and John Carreiro welcomed their new grandson Mason Carter Salva. He weighed 8 lb 11oz and was 2 1/2 inches, a big boy! His parents are Louise's daughter Rosemary and her husband Andy Salva. Congratulations to all the family!

**12 News Today** anchor and **AGR** member Tram Mai has been named to host a new local lifestyle news program that will air weekdays at 4:30pm. The yet-to-be-named show will launch in January 2010 and spotlight the best of Arizona people, places and pets. The cornerstone of the show will revolve around Tram exploring her passion for food, cooking up simple, creative dishes viewers can easily make at home with some of the Valley's most in-demand chefs, local celebrities, and newsmakers. "I'm thrilled to be a part of this new show and hope viewers will find it interesting, entertaining and useful in their everyday lives," said Tram. "From engaging in hot topics and relationships, to cooking everyday meals, to caring for our children and pets, I hope to have a little something for everyone, so they can live their best." Tram joined **12 News** in 2003 as a weekend anchor before being named co-anchor of **12 News Today**. Her career has taken her to FL and OH where she has been honored by the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists, the Casey Foundation and received a Rocky Mountain Emmy award. She also received a community partner award from the AZ Department of Juvenile Corrections for her weekly series on "Arizona's Children." The self-proclaimed Food Network addict is married; she and her husband, Stephen, are proud parents of two Golden Retrievers named **Napa Bella** and recently-adopted **Pressley** [f.k.a. **Princess**] from **Arizona Golden Rescue** group.

## Other Matters Pertinent to Members

### AGR Personalized Business Cards

We are offering our members the opportunity to get **AGR** business cards that have been personalized with your name and your own email address and/or own phone number. You can have the word Volunteer after your name, or not. No obligation to get personalized ones – we have plenty of “plain” ones that you are welcome to use. If you want to order personalized cards, the prices follow. You will need to contact Connie McCabe directly (email her at [photocraf@aol.com](mailto:photocraf@aol.com) or call 602-509-6428), tell her how you want your card to look and plan to send her a check right away: Connie McCabe, 4422 W Lupine, Glendale, AZ 85304. Prices include shipping; cards will be sent to Connie and we will see to it that you get them.

- <sup>100</sup> **AGR** business cards with your own name and email on them will cost \$<sup>16</sup>.<sup>74</sup>
- <sup>500</sup> will cost \$<sup>21</sup>.<sup>74</sup>
- <sup>1000</sup> will cost \$<sup>23</sup>.<sup>21</sup>
- <sup>2500</sup> will cost \$<sup>34</sup>.<sup>63</sup>

### Pet Supply Store Rewards for Adopters of Rescued Dogs

We have already mentioned that if you adopt a dog from **AGR** and you return the paperwork sent to you by Connie McCabe, both you and **AGR** will benefit – you will receive a stack of coupons for discounts and free stuff at **PetSmart** and **AGR** will receive \$<sup>15</sup> from **PetSmart Charities** Adoption Rewards Program.

To encourage “Think Adoption First” **Petco** also has an adoption rewards program. Once you receive your letter of adoption finalization, take that to any **Petco** along with your copy of the adoption contract you signed when your rescued dog was delivered and you will receive immediate savings on your initial purchase – <sup>50</sup>% savings on dog and cat food and <sup>10</sup>% off your entire purchase. You will also get monthly emails with up to <sup>25</sup>% savings in valuable coupon offers and customized care tips for your new pet. However, for **AGR** to qualify to participate, we must become Adoption Partners with a **Petco** store and do a Meet-and-Greet at the store on a regular basis (once a month is acceptable) like we do at **PetSmart** in the West Valley. If you would like to chair such at a **Petco** near you, please contact Deb Orwig for the information necessary to set **AGR** up with **Petco**. You will be benefitting all future adopters of dogs rescued by **AGR**.

**Choice Pet Markets** offer perpetual discounts to **AGR** members. Be sure to tell the cashier you are an **Arizona Golden Rescue** member the first time you purchase anything in either store.



## 2008 Starfish Award Winners

The National Rescue Committee has announced the <sup>2008</sup> Starfish Award Winners. Our congratulations to **Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue** (Program Winner) and the two Individual Winners, Susan Sampson of **Fairbanks Golden Retriever Rescue** and Deborah Nicolle of **Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue**. The awards were presented at the GRCA Annual Meeting in Enid, OK, on Sunday, October <sup>25</sup>, <sup>2009</sup>. Carol Allen, Chairman of the NRC, said, “Everyone nominated is a winner, as are the Golden Retrievers they serve.”

### PROGRAM WINNER: **Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue and Sanctuary**

Since <sup>1998</sup>, **Homeward Bound** has been rescuing Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes in the Sacramento and Northern California area and also accepts dogs from across the United States. They take dogs in need and show them perhaps the first kindness and love they have known. Last year, <sup>2008</sup>, **Homeward Bound** rescued <sup>810</sup> dogs. **Homeward Bound** also runs one of the few sanctuaries in the country where Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes can live out their lives if not adopted.

### INDIVIDUAL WINNERS:

Susan Sampson – **Fairbanks Golden Retriever Rescue**  
 Since before the founding of **Fairbanks Golden Retriever Rescue**, Susan Sampson has been taking in and saving Golden Retrievers in Alaska. Alaska is a huge state with a limited road system and small population. **GRRF** is the only Golden Retriever Rescue in more than <sup>570,000</sup> square miles. Susan has never taken a break from vol-

unteering, and works extremely hard. She always has room for one more dog, and sometimes travels <sup>600</sup> miles to promote the cause of Golden Rescue or pick up a dog. Susan is the vice-president, adoption coordinator, webmaster, volunteer coordinator, intake coordinator, bookkeeper and public relations – she does it all. **GRRF** rescues <sup>90-100</sup> dogs each year, and Susan is personally involved with every dog. Susan has an outstanding relationship with shelters, and the **Midnight Sun Golden Retriever Club** in Anchorage. Susan Sampson is the face of Golden Retriever Rescue in Alaska.

Deborah Nicolle – **Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue**  
Within its founding year of <sup>2008</sup>, **SCGRR** saved over <sup>300</sup> Golden Retrievers. This was done in large part by the efforts of Deborah Nicolle. When there is a dog that her group cannot rehome, Deborah makes the 7-hour-one-way drive to **Homeward Bound** to see that the dogs have a chance at a new life. She sometimes makes the drive several times a week, in addition to all the driving in S. Cal. to pick up dogs. She spends the better part of each day driving to all the shelters in the area. Deborah is always “on call.” Deborah’s dream is to have a sanctuary for Golden Retrievers in Southern California, and with Deborah’s efforts, it will become a reality.

### Book Review

By Jude Fulghum

#### *Around the Next Corner*

by Elizabeth Wrenn, ISBN: 0-451-21842-6

Ever thought about getting and raising a Guide Dog puppy? This is one of the major plots in this book, although the main theme deals more with a midlife crisis ordeal for the <sup>50</sup>-year-old housewife who decides to do it. After being a dedicated stay-at-home mom for her two children and doctor husband, she starts to question what she’s made of her life. Raising the puppy becomes the impetus for her meeting new people and taking new directions with a newfound feeling of independence and accomplishment. Going from a position of “Can I do this?” to “Of course I can” is a story familiar to many foster families and others who take on new challenges.

Although this is a “chick flick” story, I found the observations made about midlife to be believable and worthy of thought and consideration. The antics of a young dog and the problems and challenges of raising it do make for some hilarious moments. There are also enough references to a woman’s life at <sup>50</sup> to make those of us who’ve been there laugh out loud. The book is well written, moves along well and the characters are people the reader comes to care about. It is a book about growing and changing. This is the author’s first book and is a good and satisfying read.

### Book Review

By Jude Fulghum

#### *Merle’s Door – Lessons from a Freethinking Dog*

by Ted Kerasote, ISBN 978-0-15-101270-1

While out on a river run down the San Juan river in Utah, the author finds (or is found by) an obviously lost/abandoned large golden dog who is coaxed into the raft for the remainder of the voyage. At the end of the trip, the dog (now named Merle) is invited through the door of Kerasote’s truck and an uncanny relationship begins. This is perhaps the best, or one of the best, authored tale of someone’s bond with their dog I have ever read.

The author is a writer in Wyoming (a winner of the National Outdoor Book Award), and lives near the Yellowstone/Tetons area in a very small town. Kerasote and his friends are the epitome of outdoorsmen, and Merle happily leaps right into the lifestyle, bagging mountain peaks, skiing down diamond (or backcountry) slopes, becoming an integral part of elk hunting, and a bored but willing fishing companion. Part of Merle’s daily life includes visiting among the other dogs and people of the small town, as dogs are not fenced or kept indoors by apparently any of the townspeople. At one point, Merle even becomes the unofficial town mayor.

This is a wonderfully descriptive book of the author and his relationship with his dog. The words he speaks to Merle (and Merle’s “responses”) are priceless. Every dog owner will recognize the bond.

My issues with the way Merle lived is that the author decided early on that Merle was to be a “free spirit” – no collars (except when hunting), no leashes, no fences. The author also made a couple of comments leading me to believe that he would have bred Merle, had Merle not arrived neutered. I realize that Merle lived in a very rural area, but I am not a fan of loose dogs and especially am not a fan of no collars. I even wrote to Kerasote after I finished the book giving him my history of agonizing over losing my dog that was collarless. He did write back and thanked me for the insight saying he would remember my story when he gets another dog. Perhaps others have written him about the folly of letting dogs run free! Apart from these issues, I truly loved this book.

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





## Golden Hearts



Since we formed Arizona Golden Rescue in March <sup>2009</sup>, many of our members, as well as some non-members, have been extremely generous in helping us financially. There are lots of costs associated with setting up a new animal rescue organization and in caring for the dogs that started coming in almost before the ink was dry on the paperwork. We are so grateful to everyone who has taken a chance on our new group and has given us their support. You all truly have hearts of gold! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. Before the end of <sup>2009</sup>, you will receive a letter acknowledging your donation. The donations shown below were made between March <sup>11, 2009</sup> and October <sup>31, 2009</sup>. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

### General Donations from the Heart

Susan Adamson  
 Bill & Linda Atkinson  
 Debbe Begley  
 Beth Chaffee  
 Paul & Joan Cieslak  
 Tony Cotner  
 John & Mary Jo Courtney  
 Cari Dandy  
 Carol Gebhardt  
 Deborah Green  
 Teri & Jeff Guilbault  
 Elaine Hall  
 Teryl Hall & Trystan Schuff  
 Stephanie Harding  
 John Harper  
 Alice Henderson  
 Joyce Johnston  
 Gerald & Jane King  
 Dana & Linda Knight  
 Anne & Anthony Kowalski  
 Connie McCabe & Nick Dodson  
 David & Jeannette Morrocco  
 Earl Moser  
 Daniel Newsome & Julie Gess-Newsome  
 Jennifer Norman  
 Mike Novick  
 Deb & Larry Orwig  
 Gwen & Doug Parker  
 Karen Rivers & Melissa Zambelis  
 James & Kim Schunn  
 Liz Tataseo  
 Teri & Rob Turner  
 Cynthia Wenström & Mike Lane  
 Kathi & Bob Youhas

### Memorial Donations

*In Memory of **Mayday Ferguson***  
 Connie McCabe & Nick Dodson

*In Memory of **Sammie Korycki***  
 Connie McCabe & Nick Dodson

*In Memory of **Cedar and Lester Meyer***  
 Mike & Beverly Meyer  
 Brandy Pillar

*In Memory of **Brandy and Gunner Parker***  
 Connie McCabe & Nick Dodson

*In Memory of **Damon Youhas***  
 Kathi & Bob Youhas

*In Memory of **Julia Felstow, Teri Guilbault's mother***  
 Debbie & Rick Ball  
 Debbe Begley & Patrick Doyle  
 Judith Boch  
 Louise & John Carreiro  
 Teryl Hall  
 Connie McCabe & Nick Dodson  
 Deb & Larry Orwig  
 Liz Tataseo

### Honorary Donations

*In Honor of **Connie McCabe** for taking photos of our dogs  
 for the rug we won in the golf tournament silent auction*  
 Deb & Larry Orwig

*In Honor of the **Bergquist Family** for vacation care of **Rocky,  
 Hayden, Ladybird and Troy***  
 Deb & Larry Orwig

*Honorary Donations continued*

*In Honor of Deb & Larry Orwig for vacation care of  
Chopper and Harley*  
Lesley and Paul Bergquist

*In Honor of Zach Morgan to help future rescues*  
Pat Morgan

*In Honor of Bring Your Dog to Work Day*  
Shelly Little

*In Honor of Summer Read to Rocky program at  
Barnes & Noble Happy Valley*  
Anonymous

*In Honor of Danielle Vasta of Bella's House & Pet Sitting*  
Beth & James Robinson

*Calendar Sponsorships*

*When you purchase our beautiful <sup>2010</sup> calendar, you will notice that on each calendar page the boxes that do not have day dates have photos of dogs in them. By the time the calendar had to go to the printer, we had not rescued enough dogs to put a photo of an AGR rescue in each empty box. So, we offered the opportunity to our members to purchase a box for \$50 in which to put a photo of their own dog. We thank everyone who contributed, as the cost of printing the calendar was completely paid for by these generous donors. You'll want to get a copy or two of this fantastic calendar that Connie McCabe produced for AGR! Order yours today!*

Debbie and Rick Ball for **Shiloh**  
Debbe Begley and Patrick Doyle for **Khakidawg, Sandy**  
and **Annabelle**  
Carolyn Blean for **Daisy**  
Rich Calta for **Peanut**  
John and Louise Carreiro for **Lilly**  
Tony Cotner for **Daisy IV, Damele and Honeybear** and  
*In Memory of Daisy III*  
Karen and Phil Davis for **Caesar and Star**  
John Donahue for Katie Donahue's dog **Jake**  
Sally Fetherston for **Rocky Fetherston, Isabella Maggio** and  
one of the two puppies together  
Teri and Jeff Guilbault for **Blossom**  
Cara Holland for **Carmen**  
Joyce Hubler for **Copper and Charlie** and *In Memory of Lucy*  
Greg Korycki and Carrie Foust for **Bailey** and  
*In Memory of Samantha*  
Anne Kowalski for **Sally Kowalski and Daisy Kraus**  
Mike Lane and Cynthia Wenström for **Bailey and Morgan**  
**Wenström/Lane and Tag Harding**  
Michele Meyer *In Memory of Lester*  
Pat Morgan for **Zach**

David and Jeannette Morrocco for **Miles and Tucker**  
Deb and Larry Orwig for (one photo covering <sup>3</sup> boxes) of  
**Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird and Troy** and  
*one In Memory of Ben*  
Denise Padavano for **Bailey and Buddy**  
Angela Palumbo for **Cosmo**  
Susan Parker *In Memory of Brandy, Ruff and Gunner*  
Eileen Proctor and Sheri Fogel for **Cassie**  
Kathy Rice *In Memory of Rusty*  
Carla and Jeff Sager *In Memory of Aurora and Corona*  
Liz Sawtschenko for **Sunny**  
Liz Tataseo for **Cooper, Gonzo, Pele and Sweetie**  
Cindy Tigges for **Charm**  
Teri Turner for **Rocket**  
Kathi and Bob Youhas for **Krissie and Bennie**

*Bowl-a-Rama Donors*

Bill and Linda Atkinson  
Debbie and Rick Ball  
**Bank of America** employees  
Debbe Begley and Patrick Doyle  
John and Cheryl Bivona  
Linda Brown  
Jan Bruska  
Dan and Rosemary Bultman *In Honor of*<sup>09-008</sup> **Fargo**  
Wendy Carlson  
John and Louise Carreiro  
Tony Cotner *In Honor of*<sup>09-009</sup> **Molly**  
Kay Correll and Michelle Bailey *In Honor of*<sup>09-009</sup> **Molly**  
Ann Marie DeMarco  
Katie Donahue  
Laura Fetherston  
Cricket Forstrom  
Carol Gebhardt  
Deborah Greene  
Janie and Rich Hannes  
Ruth Harmon  
Jim Hoag  
**ISOWA** Employees  
Greg Korycki and Carrie Foust  
Cindy Luke  
Alvin C. Matthews, D.D.S.  
Michele Meyer  
Kelley Morrissey  
Kathleen O'Connor Norton  
Deb and Larry Orwig *In Honor of*<sup>09-013</sup> **Jake**  
**PACC** <sup>911</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award for Best Cheer  
Angela Palumbo  
Matthew Palumbo  
Amy and Fran Peca  
**Phoenix Rock Gym** climbers

Eileen Proctor and Sheri Fogel  
Lucy Rand  
Susan Seavers  
Lauren and Michael Shapiro  
John Smith  
Karen and Alex Smith  
Liz Tataseo  
Michele Wehry  
Peter and Anna Wong  
Kathi and Bob Youhas *In Memory of Damon*

### *Phoenix Mercury Game Donors*

Debbe Begley & Patrick Doyle  
***Bella's House & Pet Sitting***  
Teryl Hall  
Deb and Larry Orwig  
Marilyn Steffen  
Liz Tataseo  
Rosalie Tucker

### *Special Thanks*

To **Shana Pirtle** for her assistance in setting up *Arizona Golden Rescue* as a beneficiary of **AMEX** Employee Giving program

To **Debbe Begley** for her assistance in setting up *Arizona Golden Rescue* as a beneficiary of **Bank of America's** Employees Benefit program

To **Shani Federich** for her donation of a dog bed, leashes and collars, elevated feeder and toys in memory of her Golden who recently went to the Bridge

To **Shana and Tim Pirtle** for their donation of an elevated dog bed and a ramp

### *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament Donors*

*All cash and item donors to the golf tournament are listed on pages 26 - 27*

### *Corporate Donors*

Grant from **Phoenix Animal Care Coalition (PACC 2<sup>nd</sup>)**  
Emergency Medical Fund

**PetSmart Charities** Adoption Rewards Program  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Rewards

Percentage of Sales from *Wagging Tales* Book Signings  
Tim Link

### *One to One Sponsor and Diamond Donor*

**One to One Sponsor** for <sup>09-020</sup> **Libby/Halo**  
Linda & Dana Knight

**Diamond Donor** for <sup>09-019</sup> **Dylan**  
Teryl Hall

## *From the Editor's Desk*

By Deb Orwig

A publication such as this does not get done by just one person. Yes, the layout does, but columns and articles were contributed by all the Board members and several others as well. Thanks to all of you!

Special thanks to Liz Tataseo for helping me with the *Magic Moments* and *Diamonds in the Ruff* sections – there isn't anyone in our organization who knows our rescues as well as Liz does, as in her job she oversees all aspects of dog care.

Thanks to Dean Lake, Webmaster for the National Rescue Committee, for allowing me to use the photo she took of the Parade group at the National Specialty (p. 29).

Proofreading before publication is essential. For that daunting task, I thank Jude Fulghum, Teri Guilbault, Erin Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Kathi Youhas.

Once the publication comes back in from the printer, **Arizona Correctional Industries** in Perryville, every copy must be paged through to be sure there are no collating and/or printing errors and mailing labels must be applied. It is a big job, and I appreciate everyone who came over to help – they will be acknowledged in the the next issue.



*5010 N. 95th Ave.  
PMB 502  
Glendale, AZ 85305*

*623\_566-WAGS (9247)*

*www.arizonagoldenrescue.org  
info@arizonagoldenrescue.org*

