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This issue of The Golden Paw is dedicated to the senior dogs AGR has rescued and to those yet to come into our Rescue program. Since our incorporation on March 11, 2009, Arizona Golden Rescue has taken in twenty-three dogs age 8 or older. Of these, two, 09\_018 **Duke** and 10\_064 **Lucky**, have already passed away; fifteen have been adopted; five are currently with a foster family; one, 10\_065 **Mandy**, is still waiting at her original owner's home for a foster or FWITA family to agree to take her – could that be you? There are numerous reasons why one should seriously consider adopting a senior dog (see page 6).

Those wonderful "sugar faces" will capture your heart very quickly.



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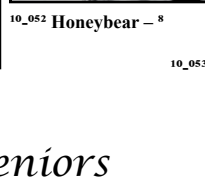
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## Editor's Assistant's Note



My mom, the Editor, told me this newsletter is about me! Well, not about me-myself-and-I-Rocky, but about senior dogs in general (I'll be <sup>12</sup> in February). A lot of us seniors have special needs. Please be sure you carefully read the articles about seniors. If your dog isn't a senior now (<sup>8</sup> or older), he or she will be at some point, so better to be prepared

to deal with all our foibles. One of the most common problems we seniors face is not getting enough exercise. We may walk more slowly now, but we *need* to walk or swim so our muscles don't atrophy and our bones can remain strong. We also need to eat less, as we are less active than when we were younger and our metabolism has slowed down. If our ideal weight is <sup>75</sup> pounds and we weigh even <sup>7</sup> pounds more, that is almost <sup>100</sup>% too much weight. For a human whose ideal weight is <sup>150</sup> pounds, that would be like weighing <sup>165</sup> instead! I have seen many of my senior friends carrying too much weight. Extra weight makes it harder for us to get up, harder for us to walk any distance, and may put a strain on our body systems, which will cause us to age faster. Don't let us sleep all day and all night! Take us for car rides! Take us to **AGR** Meet-and-Greets! Take us to **AGR** events! Take us to the park! Roll a tennis ball for us! Encourage us to swim in the pool! Provide us with a change of scenery and routine – we will live longer!

## Wags and Woofs

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The very hot summer we endured in Arizona did not slow down our volunteers one bit. In August, we collected almost \$<sup>5000</sup> for the *Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue* sponsored by **PACC** <sup>911</sup>, and we raised over \$<sup>30,000</sup> with our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament!* In addition, we were guests of the *AZ Diamondbacks* at **Chase Field Community Corner** at the end of July and again in September; the generous baseball lovers donated over \$<sup>1000</sup> to our dogs. Between the end of July and beginning of October, we also had <sup>4</sup> dates at **Choice Pet Market** and a total of <sup>10</sup> appearances at **PetSmart** stores. In addition, we were a featured group at the *Phoenix Mercury's Dog Days of Summer* and had a booth in Glendale's Murphy Park after the Firemen's Parade on October <sup>2</sup>.

A sincere thank you to all of you who participated in any of these

events and to all of you who helped collect donations for the *Bowl-a-Rama* (see page <sup>20</sup> for a list of donors). Special thanks to Sheila Jocewicz for chairing the *Bowl-a-Rama* and to the small but mighty group who earned us \$<sup>50</sup> for a second-place win for best cheer.

Rich Calta and Teri Turner with their Committee (see pages <sup>21-25</sup>) did a spectacular job with the golf tournament! Special thanks to Julie Hall for all her help collecting item donations and to John Gunby, who used his connections in the golfing world to get twosome or foursome donations from <sup>16</sup> different golf courses! The golfers were thrilled when they saw all of those in our raffle and silent auction.

At the head of it all is always Debbe Begley, who does an incredible job organizing and coordinating all our events, large and small. Don't miss the *Paws and Pasta Spaghetti Dinner* on Sunday, November <sup>14</sup> at **Little Bite of Italy** in Sun City – great food, and all the proceeds of each \$<sup>10</sup> meal will be donated to **AGR**! Debbe has already booked our **Barnes & Noble** gift wrap dates at Arrowhead and Happy Valley (we are not doing the Goodyear store this year). We will also be doing December <sup>19</sup>, <sup>2</sup> - <sup>10</sup> PM, at the store in *Tempe Marketplace* – Larry Jessup is coordinating the east valley effort. Those of you who live in that area will be contacted by Larry sometime soon. Connie McCabe and Angela Palumbo are finalizing a schedule for *Photos with Santa at PetSmart* – check the website for dates, times and stores. Please agree to help for a few hours during the holiday season. Debbe has also already booked our <sup>2011</sup> *Golden Paw Saloon and Gambling Hall* Casino Nite. It will be on May <sup>7</sup>, <sup>2011</sup>. In addition, she is working on finalizing a date for the <sup>2011</sup> golf tournament. Most likely, we will have it in September as an afternoon tournament followed by dinner and, of course, a raffle and silent auction.

We finally have a real storage facility! Thanks to Debbe Begley, Tony Cotner, Liz Tataseo and Bob Youhas for helping to move eight carloads of **AGR** stuff from my garage and guest bedroom to the storage bay. Special thanks to Kathi Youhas, who dogsat at Debbe's so that Debbe could come help with the move.

Our former Transport Manager, Fred Brown, has taken a job running a political campaign for the next two years, so he had to step down from his **AGR** job. Many thanks to Fred for all his efforts on our behalf over the last <sup>1 1/2</sup> years. You did a great job for **AGR**, Fred! Thanks also to Gail Haywood for offering to take over as Transport Manager. On her first day in this position, Gail got slammed with an emergency transport of a dog from one of the shelters. She handled it well, and we saved the dog from being put down.

A huge thank you to Connie McCabe, who has produced the best calendar I have ever seen! The <sup>2011</sup> **AGR** calendar, *A Touch of Gold*, is just fantastic! All of our rescued dogs are pictured in it somewhere, and if you volunteered at an event during the last year, a photo of you is most likely included, as well. You can

download an order form from the website, or use the one included in this newsletter. Calendars are \$<sup>12</sup> each including postage, \$<sup>10</sup> if you pick one up at one of our vets' offices or at one of our events. If you buy ten, we will give you an extra one for free! They make great holiday gifts for family, friends, and co-workers. Order today before they are all gone!

I would like to mention several other volunteers who have quietly done considerable work "behind the scenes." Mary Jo Courtney has written all the thank you letters that have needed to be sent to people who have donated money since January (we have yet to do Casino Nite, Bowl-a-Rama or Golf Tournament letters – please be patient). She has written and sent out at her own expense well over <sup>100</sup> letters, and that was the list only through July! Thank you so much for doing this great service for *AGR*, Mary Jo!

Karen Davis not only follows up with all our adoptive families to be sure the adoption is going well, but she also sends out lovely Rainbow Bridge cards designed by Connie McCabe to families who lose a beloved dog. Thank you, Karen, for doing these very important jobs.

Karin Forsythe has accepted the task of grant writer for *AGR*. She has already sent off requests to the Golden Retriever Foundation for April Fund monies and is working on several other grants. If any of you know of a possible source of grant money, please contact Karin at k4sythe@cox.net.

Cindy Tigges is our Organization Accountant. I cannot thank her enough for all the help she has been with keeping our Quickbooks account up to date and reconciled. As I make deposits every week and sometimes twice a week, Cindy has a big job keeping our account accurate. Thanks so much, Cindy!

Liz Tataseo, Director of Dog Care, and Teri Guilbault, Health Care Manager, also deserve special mention for their help with our rescued dogs. During the past quarter, we have had several dogs come into Rescue that have been very sick and have needed serious (and expensive) medical intervention. Despite our best efforts and those of the staff at *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* in Scottsdale, we were not able to save one of them, **Lucky**. He was old and sick when we rescued him from the *MCACCS* shelter, and when all efforts to help him get healthy failed, we had to make the difficult decision to euthanize him.

There are always jobs that need to be done for *AGR*. If you are interested in volunteering some time, whether it be just a couple hours or chairing an event, please contact us. All our upcoming events are shown on our website Events Calendar – be sure to check it regularly: [www.arizonagoldenrescue.org](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org)

*Blessed is the person who has earned the love of an old dog.*  
~ Sydney Jeanne Seward

## Who Let the Dogs Out?

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Since I have been home caring for my <sup>14</sup>-year-old **Sandy** while she recovers from a broken leg, I have seen first hand what my three seniors do all day. Not Much. The morning starts at about <sup>6:00</sup> AM with a polite demand, "Woof, Woof", for breakfast and a stroll in the yard to take care of business. It is then morning nap time. A couple hours later, it is dog bed swapping and nap time. Another stroll outside to tinkle and then, yes, you guessed it, afternoon nap time. There may be some toy playing included and maybe an opportunity to bark at the UPS guy and some treats to eat, but mostly it's nap time.

The excitement of the day consists of the people coming home from work, dinner and perhaps an evening walk. Then we have TV watching and nap time. Soon it is time for the evening stroll to the yard for business and bed time.

If this sounds boring, that is because it is. Dogs don't read books or do household chores, mow the grass, run errands or have hobbies. The only thing they have to do all day long is wait for the opportunity to interact with their people. These dogs need jobs, especially the seniors who are not able to go for a daily run at the dog park or roughhouse with the housemates.

If you look at the *AGR* Events Calendar on our website, you will find that we have some kind of activity or event scheduled for almost every weekend throughout the year. We schedule monthly Meet-and-Greets at four *PetSmart* locations around the Valley and *Choice Pet Market* in Glendale. We also attend several *PACC* <sup>911</sup> Adoptathons, walk in the *Parada del Sol* parade, participate in the *Glendale Fireman's Parade and Festival*, the *Phoenix Pet Expo*, *Chase Field Community Corner* and the list goes on. These are all events that include and require the attendance of the dogs. That means that those of us with the thumbs get to load up the stuff and drive the cars.

Public appearances are not limited to just the younger set. As a matter of fact, they are perfectly suited for the seniors, both <sup>4</sup>-legged and <sup>2</sup>-legged. An afternoon of interacting with the other dogs in the extended pack, socializing with friends and getting loved on by countless people gives our semi-retirees a true sense of value and purpose. Nothing is more destructive to the soul than loneliness and boredom.

When **Sandy** first came to live with us at the age of <sup>10</sup>, she was an empty shell of a sad, old, worn-out dog. We really did not expect her to be with us more than <sup>6-8</sup> months. We just wanted to give

this lovely old girl a nice loving home. In the beginning, she was a bit confused that we expected her to “work” for room and board, but she soon began to blossom into a delightfully happy dog with fun-packed weekends to look forward to. Children love all over her. Countless people tell her how beautiful she is and how they would love to have a dog just like her. We truly do believe that attending events has given her and our other two senior girls a true sense of value and purpose and has extended their lives. **Sandy** is now <sup>14</sup> and still completely enjoying her part-time senior job. I have noticed she and the other girls have been a bit depressed since we have been unable to go to “work” due to her injury. We are doing our therapy daily so she can get back up on her paws and we can all get out and enjoy our weekends. Having something to look forward to is not only great for the dogs, but very important for us humans, as well. All of you seniors out there, both <sup>4</sup>-legged and <sup>2</sup>-legged, get those chores done and those naps taken Monday through Friday so you, too, can come out and play with your friends. It truly is good for the soul.

## *Second Time Around*

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Seniors, seniors and more seniors!

The old, the infirm, the bewildered, they come into Rescue not knowing what happened to them. One moment they were living their lives in the comfort of a home with their people, and the next moment they are dropped off at the shelter or picked up and moved to a new home with strangers. After <sup>8</sup>-plus years, because of tragedy in the family, illness or just being “too old”, these lovely dogs find themselves homeless. Our Rescue is not the only one in the country experiencing an influx of senior dogs; it is happening everywhere. Right now, we have several older dogs being fostered that need you. Yes, you!

What are senior dogs? They are loving, caring and just want some place to lay their head, whether on your knee for petting or on the floor for sleeping. They are usually eager to interact with their people and can still play, swim and take long walks. I had the great fortune to adopt a <sup>9</sup> ½-year-old dog several years ago. He was with me for over three years. He was my swimming companion in the summer and loved to go for walks in the cooler weather. Did he have trouble getting up, yes; did he rather sleep than play ball, yes; did he love to be petted, oh yes; did he come running to be petted by visitors to the house, yes, yes. He was a great dog and because of sudden illness went too soon. But more than three years is a long time, especially in dog years. Many seniors live much longer given a good home, good food and love.

Other **AGR** members have adopted seniors that lived to <sup>15</sup> or <sup>16</sup> years, active all the way.

In an article co-written by Jude Fulghum and Deb Orwig in <sup>2003</sup>, *So Why Adopt an Older Golden?*, they noted that reasons are myriad. “Some folks are attracted to the mellowness and contentment of older dogs, their happiness at simply being by your side. There is just something comforting about having an older dog in your life – a stability, an evenness of temperament. One owner noted that although your time together will be shorter, it is far outweighed by what you will receive in return. Another said it is worth every minute you have together. Others say they look at the presence of their senior Golden as a gift to enjoy each day. People speak of an unconditional love that can’t be matched, the honor of just having the Old Gold in their lives.”

We have several seniors in Rescue at the moment and all are eagerly hoping for that new forever home. **Hazel, Maggie, Ricky and Lucy, Mandy, and Missy and Jazzy** need you. We do extensive vetting to make sure they are healthy, and in some cases, may continue to treat them even after adoption.

You might question whether an older dog would bond with you and become part of the family quickly. All of us who have adopted a senior see that they fit right in and are usually very happy to be with a family again. They also can be the mentor dog that tempers a much younger, hyper resident dog or become the close companion of an older family dog.

We can use fosters who will give these great dogs, and the ones yet to come, loving temporary homes. We have wonderful current fosters who have senior dogs in their homes so they can continue to get the care and love they deserve, but permanence is what we are hoping will happen for this group and the ones to come.

Take two! Adopt a younger dog and if you adopt a second one, it is half price and a senior has a lower adoption fee to start with. Seniors, often known as couch potatoes, unlike the younger ones, are quiet, peaceful and calm. And to be blunt, there is no guarantee that getting a younger dog means that you will have it for a long time.

Old Gold can be the dog of a lifetime if you give one a second chance.

*Old Dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well.*

~ Bonnie Wilcox, “Old Dogs, Old Friends”

## Ten Reasons To Adopt A Senior Dog

1. **Adulthood.** In most cases, senior Golden Retrievers are well past the chewing and digging stages of life. They cause less destruction than puppies and younger dogs. They also have a longer attention span for training.
2. **Peace of Mind.** Over 90% of older dogs are housebroken before they go to a second home; those that aren't are easily trained. An adult dog has a larger bladder and can go for longer periods of time without relief.
3. **Experience.** Most senior Golden Retrievers have been socialized with other animals. They can provide an example and a calming influence for younger dogs.
4. **Tolerance.** Older Golden Retrievers are good first dogs for children because they are patient with tail-tugging and rough petting. They'll generally walk away from a rough-playing child rather than hurt him.
5. **Companionship.** Senior dogs don't demand constant watchfulness and attention. They're content just to be in the same room while family members are working or relaxing. A Golden Oldie will be happier with a sedate walk than with intense exercise.
6. **Dignity.** Senior Golden Retrievers are generally calmer than young dogs; they won't scare small children or the elderly by jumping up to greet them.
7. **Adaptability.** An adult dog will adapt more easily to changes in your household, such as a new baby, relatives or guests visiting, or being left alone for long periods of time.
8. **WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get).** A senior dog is fully grown, and most of its health history is known (hereditary diseases, arthritis, hip dysplasia are some). There are no guesses about how big it will get, whether it will bark a lot, or what its energy level will be.
9. **Personality.** A senior dog arrives with its own set of likes (e.g., soft places, belly rubs, tennis balls) and dislikes (e.g., cauliflower, squirrels, vacuum cleaners), and each one is different. Discovering all the facets of a senior's personality makes life with them truly enjoyable.
10. **Memories.** Even if you have a senior Golden as part of your life for only a few years, or for just a few months, the days and adventures you share are precious. The love you receive will more than compensate for the sadness of eventually losing such a wonderful companion.

## The Information Highway

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We finally have someone working to construct our database interface. There is no estimated date yet for completion. We will be using each segment as it becomes available. The initial stage is to be able to input information about individual dogs.

I recently spent some time meeting with Ryan Englin, our webmaster, to learn about some website maintenance procedures. Also present were Debbe Begley and Connie McCabe. The first thing we changed was the formatting of the 2011 calendar order form to make it easier to read. Debbe learned some things about maintaining the events calendar. Connie made some new dog picture banners that appear across the top of the pages, and I installed them. I hope you enjoy the new pictures. I am currently looking into more applications for our PayPal account. I am also investigating the possibility of joining the Petfinders Board as a member. The website is a work in progress, and we'd like to know what you want to see on it.

### Good Deals for You and for AGR

Several businesses are now supporting **AGR** and may give you a discount, as well, when you make a purchase from that business. Please consider supporting the following sponsors:

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**Choice Pet Market** – two locations at 20028 N 67th Ave, Glendale and 72nd St/Shea Blvd in Scottsdale – all **AGR** members get a perpetual discount at either store, and they give **AGR** a \$50 gift card every time we have a Meet-and-Greet at the store.

**GoodSearch.com** – is an online search engine similar to Google. Choose **Arizona Golden Rescue** when you start an Internet search and **AGR** will earn a point for every search you do. When we accumulate enough points from everyone who specifies **AGR** as their beneficiary, **AGR** will receive a donation from **GoodSearch**.

**Hale Pet Door** – will give you a discounted price on purchase of a pet door and will send **AGR** a donation. When you contact them, be sure to tell them up front that you are a member of **Arizona Golden Rescue**. It is much easier for them to process the discount and the donation if they know you are a Rescue member before they do it. Contact information: Hale Pet Door, 5644 N. 53rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85305, 623\_931\_7979, www.halepetdoor.com.

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**DOGSITTING:** Going on vacation and can't take your dogs? Most of us would prefer to leave our furkids in a home rather than in a kennel. There are some **AGR** members who will care for your Golden(s) in their home for a donation to **AGR**. The dog owner would be expected to provide food, medications the dog takes and proof of vaccinations, and would need to donate an amount commensurate with what a kennel or private petsitter would charge. The donation would be tax deductible, of course, so **AGR**, you, and your dogs would all benefit. For a referral, contact Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net or call 623\_693\_0589.



## The Human Connection

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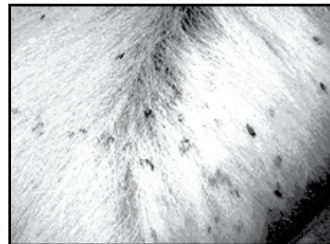
Times are tough for many people... illness, job loss and family problems are just a few of the many challenges we may have. Volunteering is such a breath of fresh air. At the volunteer events you are talking with other Golden lovers and all your cares seem to go away. You leave the event feeling very upbeat and ready to meet any challenge with a smile on your face. I encourage you to come and experience the joy of volunteering.

## Health and Safety

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### Ichthyosis – An “Icky” Condition

In my year and a half as Health Care Manager for **Arizona Golden Rescue**, I have become acquainted with various conditions and diseases that are common among Golden Retrievers. Recently, I have had the opportunity learn about an interesting skin condition. If you go to Meet-and-Greets and other **AGR** events, you have probably seen one of my dogs, **Blossom**. She is beautiful down to the bone (aren't they all), until you really look down that far and take a look at her skin. From the time we got her when she was 8 weeks old, she has always had this black, flaky skin condition. The pink Golden Retriever belly that she should have is black, as are her arm pits and hind quarters, and I am constantly brushing out dark flakes. No matter what I feed her or bathe her with, those flakes are always there. Recently, I took her to see a dermatologist and finally found what was going on. She has Ichthyosis.



Ichthyosis is a fairly common skin condition in Goldens. It is characterized by excessive dry, scaly flakes of skin. Some flakes are very small, but I've seen them the size of quarters, too. During gestation, the dog's skin membrane fails to develop completely, and as a result, there is a constant “shedding” of the skin layers. The skin of the dog is abnormal at birth, with it cracking and peeling off starting when the dog is about two weeks of age. Most of the dog's body is covered with tightly adhering, tannish gray scales and feathered “horny” projections which give a rough texture to the skin. Although some of these projections adhere to the skin, others constantly flake off, riding up hair shafts in large sheets. Large quantities of this scaly debris can also accumulate on the skin surface forming dry, reddened patches. Sometimes, this even causes hair loss, although in **Blossom's** case, she still has a beautiful golden coat. We have found that frequent brushing helps to some degree. Unfortunately, there is no cure for this skin condition, and trying to control the scaling is very difficult. However, although it looks terrible, it doesn't cause the dogs any itching or anxiety. Ichthyosis is not contagious to other dogs, to cats or to humans.

Dermatology issues, rashes, allergies, etc., are very common in all breeds of dogs. Sometimes they are easily controlled and sometimes not. As with all questionable conditions, however, it is always a

good idea to consult your veterinarian or veterinary specialist for a proper diagnosis.

### ***Bare Elbows***

This information came to us from friend-of-Goldens Ruthann Steffes, who said, *After I was asked if I knew what to do if a dog develops bare elbows, I did a survey of dog friends and veterinarians. Here's what I learned.*

- Use fresh Aloe Vera, Bag Balm ointment, or Tree Tea Oil on the site
- Use Neosporin ointment and a padded shirt to protect the areas; be sure the shirt has been washed and is free of bleach, laundry detergent and fabric softeners
- Keep your pet off concrete – your dog may have an allergy to something in it, or the concrete may just have rubbed the fur off, as it is very abrasive
- Ask your vet to do a scraping of the elbow and look at it with a microscope to see if there are any embedded foreign bodies
- Consult a Dermatologist – it will save you money in the long run
- Change dog food to a no grain variety, and do not use Science Diet prescription food as it is full of grains
- Sometimes allergies develop in older dogs
- Be sure the dog hasn't been lying in grass sprayed with insecticides or weed killers

### ***Signs and symptoms to Monitor As Your Dog Gets Older***

decreased general health  
 increased thirst  
 loss of house training  
 reduced activity  
 excessive panting  
 confusion and disorientation  
 less interaction  
 inability to recognize family  
 decreased hearing  
 decreased visual acuity/cataracts  
 sleeps more during the day  
 altered appetite  
 weight change  
 difficulty climbing stairs  
 increased stiffness  
 stumbling  
 coat drier and not as silky  
 shedding more

When your dog turns <sup>8</sup>, ask your vet to do a senior panel.

### ***Service Paws***

By Wendy Enos  
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The editor of *The Golden Paw* recently offered me the opportunity to share a few words about Golden Retrievers as service dogs. My name is Wendy Enos and my service dog is a Golden Retriever named **Sophie**. We have been together since she was a pup of three months. We trained up through the ranks of *PetSmart* puppy class, advanced obedience, and ultimately, *Happy Tails Service Dogs*, whose training she began at age <sup>14</sup> months. **Sophie's** service dog training took <sup>15</sup> months. The beginner class established her obedience skills and then the advanced work focused on the specific tasks I need her to perform for me. Out in the community – restaurants, malls and such – we learned and experienced appropriate conduct in public, the laws regarding service animals, and the vast extremes of public attitudes toward service animals. Our experiences were a complex and detailed journey in which every second counted; we loved it! **Sophie** and I became a certified team in <sup>2006</sup>. She is now six years old and growing more magnificent by the day.

A series of up to seven strokes left me with balance impairment, weakened legs and often crushing fatigue. Due to a visual disease which is an after-effect of the strokes, I'm behind dark glasses; in fact, **Sophie** is a double-duty service and guide dog. She was a service dog first and, two years later when my sight went sour, she had some further training and learned how to guide. I also have bouts of speech difficulties and an array of other annoying symptoms, so you can imagine the difference having a service dog like **Sophie** in my life can make. In or out of harness, she's always there for me when I need her.

I may be a touch on the prejudiced side because of **Sophie**, but a Golden Retriever is my ideal choice for a service dog. Their intelligence is astounding, they're always anxious to learn more and more, and their tails wag with pure joy when they're working and getting it right! While it's true **Sophie** can be a handful, especially in the grooming department, her sunny disposition and eagerness to please make her worth her weight in gold!

I invite you to check out **Sophie's** blog online at <http://www.dearsophiedog.blogspot.com>. **Sophie** and I also facilitate the Assist Animals page on CyberCIL.com, which is a local independent living resource site for persons with disabilities. I'll look forward to forthcoming issues of *The Golden Paw* and the privilege of sharing information on service dogs with the Golden community.





## The Financial Picture

### Reporting period: January 1, 2010 - Sept 30, 2010

Total Assets as of January 1, 2010: \$47,799.78

	Income	Expense
Adoptions	\$17,507.00	2,167.00
Bowl-a-Rama	4,948.75	
Bank, Legal & Professional Fees		11.50
Calendar Sales	1,350.00	
Calendar Sponsorships	2,370.00	
Casino Night	17,318.75	7,853.85
Credit Card & PayPal Processing	721.99	1,034.27
Donations	23,322.87	
Dues and Subscriptions (Quickbooks Online)		97.60
Event Expense**		1,800.00
Golf Tournament	35,471.62	6,597.49
Grants	200.00	
Insurance		240.00
Interest	4.39	
Memberships	8,175.00	
Merchandise	4,063.17	3,212.36
Newsletter Subscriptions	12.00	
Office Expenses		649.96
Paws At The Park Picnic <sup>1</sup>	904.42	372.00
PetSmart Charities PetWalk	4,287.00	
Phoenix Mercury Tickets	820.00	410.00
Postage		1,241.94
Printing and Stationery		2,522.71
Promotional		25.00
Raffle	719.00	
Santa Claws Photos 2009	605.00	
Supplies		286.10
Telephone		431.67
Vet and dog-related expenses:		
Collars, leashes, collar tags		1,884.98
Microchip expenses		661.00
Long-distance transports		254.38
Veterinary services		62,661.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$122,078.97</b>	<b>94,415.18</b>

**NET INCOME: \$27,663.79**

**Checking Account on 9-30-10: \$49,023.98**

**Savings Account on 9-30-10: \$21,035.88**

<sup>1</sup> Income from merchandise sales and the raffle at the event are included in the Merchandise Income and Raffle categories.

\*\* Phoenix Pet Expo 2010 and 2011 booth fee and Casino Nite 2011 deposit

## THE OLD ONES

What do you do with the old ones?  
The ones that are past,  
Their glory gone by.  
They're eating their heads off,  
The food bills are high,  
What do you do with the old ones?

Find them good homes is the answer,  
it's clear,  
But the only good home  
That mine want is right here.  
Their own special sofa,  
Covered with hairs  
They all cut their teeth  
On the dining room chairs.  
The safe and familiar paths of their days,  
The garden, the outing,  
Their own funny ways  
That only I know...  
And even their food  
If not given by me,  
Wouldn't taste half as good.

So now I'm deep in old ones  
who're not good at all,  
Who clutter the sitting room,  
kitchen and hall,  
Who need to be brushed,  
To be walked, to be fed,  
Who only want me to put them to bed!

They're faithful and loving  
And set in their ways,  
So I'm stuck with them all,  
For the rest of their days.  
But I have to confess  
that when we do have to part  
I'll miss them so much...  
It will just break my heart.

~ Anonymous

## MAGIC MOMENTS

By Dr. Katie Donahue

*Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from July 5, 2010 through October 5, 2010.*



<sup>09-023</sup>: The dog that ate the house, also known as **Jimmy**, first came to **Arizona Golden Rescue** in the end of September, 2009. He spent 9 months with foster mom Deb, transforming from a completely wild, unruly 10-month-old puppy to a mostly well-mannered, obedient, almost-2-year-old. Along the way he had a few entertaining trips to the vet to have

things like socks and eye masks removed from his stomach. He made innumerable trips to Meet-and-Greets. He even took a trip to the **Chase Field Community Corner** at the ball park and got to wear special doggie moon shoes to protect his toes from hot July asphalt. And he did everything with a big goofy grin on his face. In August, **Jimmy** moved in with his new parents,



Lynn and Bruce, and their 5-year-old Golden Girl **Sophie**. **Jimmy** immediately made himself at home and jumped in the pool for a swim. This thrilled Lynn and Bruce to no end, as they've been dying for a dog to swim with, as **Sophie** finds getting her feathers wet undignified. My Creatures and I miss visiting **Jimmy** at Deb's house, and my youngest, **Jake**, misses his wrestlemania buddy, but we are all very happy **Jimmy** has found his permanent home. Mom Lynn writes: **Jimmy** arrived on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and he fit right in to our household! He's just a big goof! He loves teasing his canine Golden sister, **Sophie**. He enjoys swimming with us – he will jump in, retrieve, and climb out of the pool until he is so tired that he almost passes out! He loves pumpkin and green beans and fat free cottage cheese mixed in with his kibble. He enjoys a bite or two of cold watermelon on hot days and loves Pup-Sicles that I make especially for him and his sister. He enjoys his long early morning walks with us. It seems he would like chasing bunnies too, but he's not been off his leash – instead, he almost pulls Bruce's arm off while he tries to chase after the bunnies as they scatter about. We are working on correcting that behavior. **Jimmy** continues to be a

work in progress, but he's sure a fun guy to have around! He has definitely healed a big hole in our hearts! And we couldn't love him more! Be sure to check out the great picture of **Jimmy** that Connie McCabe took for our 2011 December calendar feature photo!

<sup>10-027</sup>: Eight-year-old **Major** came to **Arizona Golden Rescue** in May from TX with eight other dogs as part of *Operation Gold Dust*. Our Intake Team worked with **Gold Ribbon Rescue** in Austin to bring some of their dogs to us to enjoy the warm, dry weather we have in the Grand Canyon state. Since **Major** does not enjoy all the thunderstorms Texas has all year round, he decided it was time to seek out a new life with Casey and Jane in Scottsdale. Casey and Jane were initially only going to foster **Major**, but **Major** decided he enjoyed life with them and their other Golden, **Rocky**, so much he was going to stay put. **Major** now lives the good life, taking long walks, romping in the yard, lounging in the house and doing his best to avoid thunderstorms. Happy new life, **Major**!



<sup>10-028</sup>: **Dixie**, now **Daisy**, is a 3-year-old girl who made the trip from Texas to Arizona along with **Major** and the seven other dogs with *Operation Gold Dust*. She is enjoying her new life with Charles, Delia, and their family in Buckeye. We wish her all the best for her new life in the Desert Southwest.



<sup>10-039</sup>: **Nakita** came to **Arizona Golden Rescue** with our second out-of-state rescue operation in the springtime. She was part of a group of dogs **Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue** in Oklahoma sprung from a puppy mill auction in the Midwest. When her best pal **Kamie** (now **Nala**) went to her forever home, foster mom Michele was worried **Nakita** would never be the same. But with



a little time and the right family, **Nakita's** bouncy puppy personality blossomed. She found her forever home with Frank and Nancy in Phoenix. With her new home came a new name: **Molly**. She's now following her parents around and settling in quite well. Dad, Frank, writes: *We saw Nakita's picture on the Arizona Golden Rescue*

*website and knew right away that she would be the perfect replacement for our beloved Golden, Carmel, a 7-year-old family pet and therapy dog that we had lost a month earlier. And, so far, we were right. Since joining our household, Molly – that's her new name – has blessed us with love and companionship. Although frightened and nervous at first, she quickly settled in and became a full-fledged member of our family. She is eager to please and is slowly learning basic commands. She enjoys chewing on her own supply of stuffed animals, retrieving tennis balls and going on car rides. And, she has already claimed a key position on the couch in the family room. Now we are looking forward to starting her therapy training so she can spread her love even further.*

<sup>10\_044</sup>: **Mia** is a pretty 3-year-old Golden mix who went straight from the e-list at the shelter to the loving arms of her new family. She had a bath and brush and lots of play time with her new human brothers. Unfortunately, she didn't stay there very long. Less than a week into her new home life, she was back at the vet with pneumonia from her kennel cough. After a week at the vet receiving antibiotics, breathing treatments, and IV fluids, she was able to come home to several more weeks of antibiotics, steroids, and rest. Then she decided to participate in the greatest Golden sport of all: counter surfing. <sup>15</sup> chocolate chip cookies and some vomit-inducing later, Melissa and her family decided they still wanted to keep her as a permanent part of their family. So far, no more pneumonia episodes and they're working on her counter surfing. We wish **Mia** an uneventful rest of her life with her new family.



<sup>10\_049</sup>: If **Chirpa** sounds familiar, that's because this is her second time through Rescue. Turns out she was not a perfect fit for her first family, so we looked further to find this 8-year-old Golden mix just the right home. She and Jean will be now be sharing their Golden years together in Sun City West. Jean's daughter Anne was hoping she'd consent to have another Golden share her life when her last dog passed away. Jean decided she did,



indeed, need a four-legged friend to keep her young. **Chirpa** and Jean get along very well, and Chirpa even shares her mom when Anne's Golden comes for a visit. Jean said that although she really wanted a purebred Golden, **Chirpa**, with her funny ears and skinny legs, is a sweetheart. Jean loves her and she's staying put.



<sup>10\_050</sup>: **Dash** is a six-month-old red Golden who found his forever home with Phillip in Glendale. **Dash** had an exciting arrival as, not more than an hour after **Dash** came, Phillip and his family welcomed a second new family member from another rescue organization in the Valley. **Dash**, now called **Dasher**, and his new brother **Cody** enjoy chasing each other around the house, playing in the

back yard and studying basic obedience. We couldn't be happier for everyone!



<sup>10\_051</sup>: **Harley** is a 6-year-old female who came to us due to financial stress at her former owner's house. She is a lovely gold color and enjoys giving hugs and getting love. She is also a talker and likes to make sure you know when she's ready to play ball. She now makes her home with Susan and Zack and their Bichon in Peoria. She also has a distinctive new name: **Winifred**,

or **Fred** for short. She is loving life and greets each new day with a big Golden smile. New dad Zack writes: *Thank you to AGR and the former owner of Fred (néé Harley)! She is an affectionate, well-trained, and beautiful bundle of fun. She loves to play fetch, leaving the ball at your feet each time with a look in her eyes of "your turn."* She can be counted on to be under the table near the closest human, choosing the coffee table, kitchen table, or even the pool table as her posts, ready for petting and a hug. She has not resorted to food begging despite having free access to the kitchen. She is a joyful addition to our family and we will cherish her. Note that **Fred** has a distinctive "put food here" spot on her tongue. Many purebred Golden have such spots. Despite the lure of the spot, Susan and Zack have kept **Fred** at a good weight, as you can see in this photo of her collecting donations at **Chase Field**.



<sup>10\_052</sup>: **Honeybear** is a beautiful blond female who was an emergency intake from the shelter. This 7-year-old went straight from the shelter to the vet to have some basic work done, then it was off to her foster's house in Sun City West. Shannon and Eric's young daughter got a big surprise the next morning as she was already napping when **Honeybear** arrived. After some careful introductions to both child and the resident cats,



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**Honeybear** settled in quite well. She had some additional vet work done to remove a few benign cysts and had her teeth cleaned, then she let her new family know she was there to stay. **TBear**, as she now calls herself, couldn't be happier with her new parents, two-legged sister, and cat cousins. We hope she enjoys many more years with her family!

10\_055: **Zoe** came to us since her original family was moving and would no longer have a large yard for her to play in. She is a happy-go-lucky 8-month-old, but she only has a few of the normal puppy habits. **Zoe** has made her new home with Gloria in Tolleson and she has a new Chihuahua brother, **Uno**, to share her days. **Zoe** and **Uno** became fast friends and were playing and chasing each other around the yard in no time. Gloria sent us a great note about her new baby and we are thrilled things worked out so well for all three of them: *If I didn't get the BEST puppy in the patch, I'd be VERY surprised! Zoe is so good! She is learning more every day. Falling perfectly into the daily routine, Zoe acts as if she has been here forever. She has never had an accident in the house and has shown that she does not need to be crated (smart dog!). She loves going for rides to the doggy park, sleeping in bed with her mommy and brother dog, Uno, and loves her toys, especially tennis balls! She absolutely loves life and has made my house into a home. Coming home to her after a long day of work always makes me smile, as she has so much love to give! Zoe gets along with her brother, Uno, exceptionally well. If I am busy around my home, I can either find Zoe and Uno playing or sleeping next to each other. Zoe has not only made a difference in my life, she has made a difference in Uno's. Zoe LOVES the pool! She has learned to swim and loves to swim a few laps in the pool after most walks. After a swim, she takes great delight in shaking off the pool water near her mommy, just so she can spend a few more minutes outside with her as she gets dry! Zoe is well mannered and no longer jumps on people and understands that furniture is for humans and her doggy bed is for dogs! Zoe loves her tricks and is working on mastering the German language! Yes, she knows her commands in German and responds well, yearning for praise and pets! Overall, Zoe is doing really well. I am working on challenging her intellectually and so far she has exhibited great smarts! She is truly one of the*



smartest dogs I have ever encountered. **Zoe** is so much fun and I really love her to death! Adopting **Zoe** from **AGR** is one of the best things that could have happened. **Zoe** is a very happy dog and is full of unconditional love for life. She has made such a difference and is a very big part of my family. Thank you, **AGR**, for rescuing her and bringing her into my life!

10\_059: **Button** was an urgent intake from the shelter. They felt they would be unable to adopt him out as he was in very poor shape physically and psychologically. **Button's** fur was extremely matted, he had many ticks, and he sat curled in the back of his kennel and did not want to interact with anyone. What a difference a walk outside those shelter doors makes! Shelly, John, and their 3-year-old daughter Hannah collected this 4-year-old guy to take him to the vet, and he was a completely different dog once he hopped into their rescue-mobile. They drove him to his new home with Daniel and Shannon in Chandler where he made friends with their resident dog and settled in quite well. **Chance**, as he's now known, is undergoing treatment for a mild case of valley fever, but he's doing quite well and is enjoying his new life as a pampered pet.



10\_066: **Wrigley** is the second Golden Doodle that has come to **AGR**. She was surrendered at the age of 6 months by a family that had two small children and another on the way and did not have enough time to devote to this adorable, high-energy little girl. Once she was pictured on our website, we received numerous inquiries and applications from people interested in adopting **Wrigley**. The lucky family that was chosen, Crystal and Michael in Oro Valley, just love her to pieces. Crystal wrote, *Michael and I got married a year ago and agreed we would wait a year to get a dog to adjust to married life first. Before we left on our 1-year anniversary trip, I found Wrigley. We sent our application in and had our house visit approved, and then we went up to Phoenix to meet her. We took her out for a walk and knew this was the dog for us. We picked her up the day we got back from our trip, and she is the perfect dog for us. So calm and loving, but has the fun playful puppy energy. In seven days she learned sit, down, stay, paw, and other paw. She is so smart and we can't wait to continue to teach her other commands. She loves to go running with Michael, playing fetch with tennis balls, chasing after her squeaky toys and we are going to take her hiking this weekend. We are so happy we found Wrigley – she has been an amazing addition to our family! Thank you Arizona Golden Rescue!*

## Diamonds in the Ruff

*Diamonds in the Ruff* are rescued dogs that require *AGR* to spend at least \$<sup>1000</sup> on their health care. In our August issue, we featured <sup>10-030</sup> **Scooby**, <sup>10-044</sup> **Mia**, <sup>10-043</sup> **Jackson**, <sup>10-045</sup> **Ricky** and <sup>10-046</sup> **Lucy**. To follow up... As soon as we find a foster or FWITA family that is willing to help **Scooby** through the necessary rehab following his second hip surgery, we will have the hip surgery done. He will need someone home most of the time or someone who can come home at least once during the day. **Mia** has recovered from pneumonia and has been adopted (see her story on page <sup>10</sup>). **Jackson** had surgery to remove a foxtail that had gotten embedded in his cheek. He also had to have two molars removed, as the infection from the foxtail caused them to abscess. He is all healed up now and doing well. We see **Jackson** regularly at our Meet-and-Greets. **Ricky** and **Lucy** are doing fine in the care of foster mom Susan, but these sweet seniors need a permanent home.

<sup>10-052</sup> **Honeybear**, about <sup>8</sup> years old, came from the westside *MCACCS* shelter. She had some ticks and some lumps but nothing we were too concerned about, especially when the biopsies on the lumps came back negative for cancer. Cysts though they were, one on her back broke open and another on one of her rear legs was so large it dangled, so we decided to have them removed and to have her rotten teeth cleaned while she was under anesthesia. We normally do not do dentals on new intakes, but some dogs' teeth are so bad, we will, especially if they have to have anesthesia for some other reason. **Honeybear's** vet bill amounted to \$<sup>1212</sup>.



<sup>10-054</sup> **Missy** so far has cost *AGR* almost \$<sup>3100</sup>. This <sup>10</sup>-year-old sweetie, who came to us in mid July, has really had a rough time. Her human mom passed away at the beginning of June and her human dad went on a road trip at the beginning of July, got disoriented and lost in the desert and died of heat exhaustion. No one else in the family was able to take **Missy** and her joined-at-the-hip, <sup>7</sup>-year-old Lab sister **Jazzy**. So, we now have both girls in foster care with Sandra. **Missy** has a mild case of valley fever (titer <sup>1:4</sup>) and is now taking fluconazole. She had very bad teeth due to a diet of canned dog food, so we had a dental done when we had a growth on her eye removed. She also had a malignant melanoma

on one of her toes, which had to be amputated. At a follow-up at the vet on October <sup>17th</sup>, she got a clean bill of health.



<sup>10-062</sup> **Sunshine** was rescued by the daughter of the owner of *West Olive Animal Hospital*. A man came into a local *PetSmart* with Sunshine on a rope and wanted to give her away. She was initially vetted by *WOAH*. They noted when they spayed her that she had the beginnings of pyometra, an infection of the uterus, but that condition was alleviated with the spay. Unfortunately,

when she came to *AGR*, she tested positive for valley fever (titer was <sup>1:8</sup>) and she was found to have heartworm, an uncommon disease in Arizona. She is taking fluconazole for the valley fever, has already undergone treatment for the heartworm, and her prognosis is good. She will have another heartworm treatment at the end of October. She is the second heartworm-positive dog we have rescued. The other, **Molly**, came from Texas. When all is said and done, **Sunshine's** vet costs will amount to over \$<sup>1200</sup>.

<sup>10-064</sup> **Lucky** is a case of "we did everything we could but it wasn't enough." **Lucky** came from the *Arizona Humane Society*. He was judged to be about <sup>10</sup> years old but could have been a lot older. He was so loaded with ticks he had to be shaved and was generally not in good shape. He had conjunctivitis and a fever of <sup>104.0</sup>, indicating an



infection, but he tested negative for tick fever. He had difficulty getting up off the floor and walked very gingerly. Due to his temperature and the facts that his white cell count was over <sup>39,000</sup> and that his liver was enlarged, the vet suspected he might have an advanced case of valley fever, but a VF titer test came back negative. After eight days on antibiotics, **Lucky's** white cell count was in the normal range. However, an ultrasound showed that he had a mass on his spleen. We decided to have a splenectomy done, and while he was under anesthesia, liver samples were taken for biopsy. **Lucky** never rallied after the surgery, so a few days later, we made the very difficult decision to have him euthanized. The biopsy results showed a lot of necrotic tissue in the spleen as well as in portions of the liver, but there was no indication of any real cause of his ill health, so it was concluded that his body just gave out due to complications of old age. Those complications cost *AGR* almost \$<sup>8600</sup>.

<sup>10-067</sup> **Toby**, now **Jasper**, is the second dog we have rescued who had kennel cough that segued into pneumonia that almost killed him. We rescued this one-year-old from the westside *MCACCS*. He was loaded with ticks, so we asked our groomer Linda



Knight (*Desert Knight Grooming* in Scottsdale) to shave him down. After he was shaved, we found that he had some skin dermatitis and put him on meds for that. About nine days after we sprang him from the shelter, he became sick very quickly. He started with coughing which quickly escalated into pneumonia.

For several days, he was in *AMSC's* critical care area on IV fluids, antibiotics and had to have nebulizer breathing treatments. He has now completely recovered and is enjoying life with his adoptive family. It cost *AGR* over \$<sup>3500</sup> to save his life.



<sup>10\_068</sup> **Lexie** also has incurred over \$<sup>3,300</sup> in vet costs. This 6-year-old Golden-Aussie mix was rescued from the eastside *MCACCS*. She had two broken teeth which had to be removed. Three days later she was starting to exhibit symptoms of kennel cough, so we started her on antibiotics as a precaution against the development of secondary illnesses

(kennel cough is caused by a virus so antibiotics do nothing for it *per se*). She started vomiting the next day – that was originally thought to be a reaction to the antibiotics, However, blood in her urine told us something else was going on. An ultrasound showed she had four large stones in her bladder, so she had to have surgery to remove them; lab analysis told us the stones were struvites. Struvite is the name given to the crystal composed of magnesium, ammonium and phosphate. Struvite stones are almost always formed because of urinary changes that occur with certain types of bladder infection, almost always *Staphylococcus* infection but occasionally a *Proteus* infection. In order to avoid the development of more such stones, **Lexie** will have to be on a special prescription food for the rest of her life. **Lexie** has recovered nicely from her illnesses, but at this writing we have no family for her. Her first placement did not work out, as she did not tolerate the resident cats. **Lexie** is a very people-friendly dog, housetrained, well behaved and loves toys! She fetches beautifully, is leash trained, knows “sit” and “lay down”, and would be a great dog for someone who does not have cats or another dog with an alpha personality.

If you do the math, you will see that over \$<sup>20,000</sup>, i.e.  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the money raised by the golf tournament, has already been spent on these six dogs. We need monetary donations, and we need volunteers to help with the various fundraisers that have been scheduled for the holiday season. Please offer to help when an event chairmen calls you.

## OLD DOG IN A LOCKET

*Old dog in a locket,  
That lays next to my heart;  
I will always love you,  
As I did right from the start.*

*You were right beside me,  
Through the darkest of my days;  
It was your kind and gentle nature,  
That made me want to stay.*

*Now I hold you in my arms,  
Your breath still warm against my hand;  
Our hearts still beat together,  
And I wonder if you understand.*

*Through the hours that I held you,  
Before the light did leave your soul;  
I knew a way to keep you,  
Forever in my hold.*

*I snipped the hair from around your eyes,  
So I would always see;  
The beauty that surrounds me,  
Even in times of need.*

*I snipped the hair from around your ears,  
So I would always hear;  
Music in the distance,  
To quiet any fears.*

*I snipped the hair from across your back,  
To bring me strength in time of need;  
And the power of your essence,  
Would always be with me.*

*I snipped the hair from around your heart,  
That beat in time with mine;  
So I would know that love would find me,  
At some distant time.*

*And so, your life slipped out of mine,  
On a quiet Spring-like day;  
But I knew that a part of you,  
Was always here to stay.*

*Old dog in a locket,  
That lays next to my heart;  
I will always love you,  
Even though we had to part.*

~ Heidi Stamm (Bainbridge Island, WA)

## TWO LOST SOULS

by Shelly Guidotti

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“Did you hear that?” the old dog shouted. They all ran to the front of their kennel doors to see if someone was coming to “pick them.” “Sorry,” he said to the other dogs as his ears fell down from their perked position. “I could have sworn I heard voices saying, *Isn't he cute? It's Christmas, can't we take him home with us?*”

“You must have been dreaming again old man,” said the dog in the cage next to him. “Anyway, what's the big deal about getting picked up as a Christmas gift? We've all been through that routine and look where it got us.” The word “home” meant little to these shelter dogs. “Just once, I'd like to feel the warmth of a hand stroking my head,” said the old dog. “I'd like to be the one who kisses the tears off a sad face. I'd like to curl up next to a fire instead of on this cold concrete. It hurts my bones.” He curled up and sighed as the others said, “The only place you're going to find that is in your dreams old man.”

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Hank's wife had only been gone a year but the pain was as fresh as if time had stood still. He was an old man now, alone, and longed for the comfort that he knew no other person would ever be able to give to him again. What would his life become without her by his side?

Hank's cupboards were close to bare now and, although he didn't want to go out, he knew he should at least pick up the basics. He drove slowly down the side streets, for freeway driving had become too challenging. Suddenly, the car started chugging and sputtering until finally the engine quit altogether. One of the basic needs he forgot was fuel for the car! So he coasted over next to the curb, spotting a building within walking distance. Hopefully, they'd let him use their phone.

He walked into an office area and rang the bell for service but no one came. He spotted another door going outside, failing to notice the sign posted “Employees Only.” As Hank walked out, he was overwhelmed by yaps, barks and insane jumping from dogs of all

*I only wish that the folks who turn their dogs out, the ones who can give them up so easily could take <sup>30</sup> seconds of their busy schedules to notice how much the dogs are giving to them and they are just too busy to notice. If they ever woke up and recognized the joy that they could get if they just opened their hearts and eyes, I don't think another dog could ever be brought to the pound – it would be like giving away a part of themselves, you know? ~ Patti Karas*

sizes and shapes. He then realized he had unintentionally gone into the dog shelter.

Slowly he walked down the concrete aisle looking for an attendant. Three kennels down on the right, the old dog calmly sat there. Why should the old dog get excited? No one would want him. But, he sensed a need and couldn't resist offering a kind look and a gentle wag of the tail. As Hank neared the old dog's cage, he laced his fingers through the chain link to steady his gait and the first feeling of comfort he'd remembered in over a year came from a wet nose and lick across his arthritic fingers.

Just then a voice of authority sounded and Hank jumped. “I'm sorry sir, you aren't supposed to be in this area!” she said. Luckily Hank didn't know he had walked into the “final area” where unclaimed dogs were scheduled to be put down. There went the nudge and lick thing again. Hank looked down to the most pleading eyes he'd ever seen. Ignoring the attendant's order to leave, Hank asked if could he see the dog closer. Her demeanor changed completely and her sternness melted away. She had forced herself to be this way so she could do the part of her job she despised.

She brought the old dog out and instantly the two souls – once so lost – found reason to hope. Hank's cupboards were now filled, a warm fire crackled and the old dog smiled inside as he remembered “only in your dreams.” Closing his eyes he felt Hank's hand stroking his head whispering “sleep in heavenly peace.”

It was Christmas after all.



# OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Cosmo Flynn



Goldberg Host



Tucker Morrocco



Duke Schwimer



Ladybear Thomas

Robert Avondo, beloved father of AGR member Sue Strong

## 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.



Morgan Wenström-Lane

On July <sup>21, 2010</sup>, our dear **Morgan** went to the Bridge. He was our first rescue, and we still wonder how we were so fortunate to have had this sweet boy in our lives. He was a stinker from day one, never meeting an open waste bin he didn't love (his specialty was Kleenex a la carte!) He was a tender soul as the years passed, maturing into such a gentleman. Nary a person had a harsh word for **Morgan**; he was a gem through and through. In Deb Orwig's words, he was "Mr. Personality" and that just about sums him up. He would talk your leg off with his deep whoo – whoo –whoo's and everyone knew he was happy when he wiggled his whole body; wagging his tail was never enough! **Morgan**, you live in our hearts and we love you.

Your Pack: Mike, Cynthia, **Bailey** and **Tag**



*This past quarter, AGR also lost four of our rescued dogs:*



10-005 Buddy Rivera

10-048 Marley/Chase Palumbo



*I miss the wagging little tail; I miss the plaintive, pleading wail; I miss the wistful loving glance; I miss the circling welcome dance.*

*~ Henry Willet*



10-061 Play-doh/Louie Pauly-Ford

10-064 Lucky Ruth



## *Euthanasia*

### *A Hard Choice, But Sometimes No Alternative*

In the first week of October, the Board had the sad responsibility to authorize the euthanasia of two of our rescued dogs. One, **Lucky**, was an old dog we got from the **MCACCS** shelter. He was sick when we picked him up and did not respond positively to considerable medical intervention including a splenectomy. He wasn't happy. He did not thrive. His quality of life was poor and getting poorer. We felt we had no choice but to end his suffering.

We also felt we had no choice other than euthanasia for the second dog, **Marley**. **Marley** seemed to be a typical 9-month-old puppy when he was surrendered to **AGR** by an owner who was moving to an apartment that would not allow large dogs. The owner had gotten **Marley** from a friend who'd had him since he was a young puppy but who was going to put him out on the street because he "grew too big." When he was transported to the first family that had been chosen as his FWITA, he growled and snapped at one of the resident dogs. The behavior persisted too long for anyone to be comfortable leaving him there, so our Placement Manager, Michele Wehry, found another family who had two kids but no other dogs. Everything was seemingly wonderful for over two months. The family loved him, and he seemed to be fine with them. We did have a report from the vet tech who helped with his initial exam that he seemed fearful around strangers and other animals, but we did not feel this was much cause for concern, as dogs often behave this way when at the vet. The family also noted that he would bark at anything that moved outside. In mid July when contacted about adoption finalization, the FWITA said,

*After losing our beloved Golden last year to cancer, it took our family some time to decide on getting a new dog. We didn't want just any dog. It had to be loving, energetic, and be able to stand living with my family – having two boys 9 and 7 may be hard for some. Then we found **Chase** (f.k.a. **Marley**), an adorable, loving, adaptable, and energetic little boy. From the moment he came home he fit right in. He loves to go on long walks, plays hockey with the boys and will occasionally get on the second step of the pool. He has brought our family such joy again! Scroll forward 2 months... The adopter contacted our behaviorist, Teryl Hall, to report that **Chase** had become very possessive of the family especially of herself, and tried to attack/bite people who attempted to come into the house. She hired a professional trainer, but he was not able to do anything with **Chase** and thought the problem was neurological. The adopter feared that **Chase** might start biting the kids; he had nipped recently. To be sure nothing was wrong physically, we had **Chase** evaluated medically by Dr. Pullen at **AMSC**. Dr. Pullen noted that **Chase** was extremely aggressive and reactive and even went so far as to say that his actions were schizophrenic and that anything could set him off. Years ago, some of the Board members had had experience with a couple of dogs that had similar behavior. Something in the dog's brain just wasn't "wired right," and it is not something that can be fixed. For the safety of any possible families for this dog and due to the liability that such behavior presented for **AGR**, we had no choice but to have the dog put down.*

## Protecting the Seniors

By Debbe Begley

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure... a classic old cliché that we have all heard and repeated thousands of times but sometimes do not heed the words. Since October is Fire Safety Awareness Month, let's just make it "General Safety Month."

As new parents childproof their homes with outlet covers, baby gates and childproof cabinet latches, we should be doing some of the same things when puppies move in. Since we do not always have the luxury of knowing what mischievous habits a foster dog may be bringing with him or her, puppy proofing should be in order for them as well.

By the time a dog is <sup>2</sup> years old, he is considered full grown even though the energetic puppy behavior may continue. His training should have reduced some of the chewing, digging and counter surfing, but just like toddlers, they can never be 100% trustworthy. By age <sup>5</sup>, dogs are considered adults and should have started to mellow a bit. That is when we generally don't notice the household hazards as much, even though they may still exist. At age <sup>8</sup>, dogs are put into the mature category and by <sup>10</sup>, <sup>12</sup>, or, hopefully, <sup>14</sup> or more, they are the equivalent of your <sup>90</sup>-year-old grandmother, very fragile, but still an active member of the family.

If you have an aged dog, please take the time to re-evaluate potential dangers around the house. Take a walk around your yard. Are there any loose fence slats begging to be chewed? Does your gate have spring action hinges that self close so your overly friendly furkids don't follow the pool guy out to his truck? Is the pool gate also self closing? A young dog can swim and splash for hours, but a <sup>10</sup>-year-old will tire easily and can get into trouble quickly if he chooses to jump in when you are not watching. Our furry shadows follow us from room to room, and the garage is no exception. That container of anti-freeze or bug spray in the corner can look and smell very interesting. It only takes a couple of licks of anti-freeze to be fatal to a dog.

A king-size bed is intended to accommodate two people and as many dogs as can jump up on it. Jumping down is a different story. Perhaps it is time for a step stool for those <sup>8</sup> and older so they are not likely to injure themselves as all <sup>75</sup>-plus pounds land on those aging legs. The same holds true for vehicles. Most of us drive vans or SUVs that are pretty high profile and can be challenging for the older dogs to enter or leave. A ramp or step stool might be a wise investment.

We have all heard the amusing stories of the counter surfer running out the doggie door with an entire roasted chicken in her mouth. Have you ever seen her pick all of the meat off and leave the splintery bones in a neat pile for you to collect when she is finished with it?

"Somthin' from the oven" can be just too much of a temptation even for the best-behaved Golden. Have those cleaning products found their way back under the sink? Even without thumbs, dogs can open cabinets. I know mine can. That innocent looking laundry basket on the bedroom floor does not look too threatening until a sock has to be surgically removed from someone's tummy. Any surgery is risky, but so much more for the older dogs. Is that lamp cord dangling right next to the toy box begging to be chewed?

The latest in home decor is to get rid of carpeting, which is a dog fur magnet, and replace it with low-maintenance tile or wood. Dogs love the tile and wood floors because they are cooler in the summer, but they can also be very slippery. Even at <sup>7</sup> or <sup>8</sup>, some dogs start to have problems with their hips and can very easily slip and fall on those slick floors. It may be time to put down some strategically placed area rugs for them. I never, in my wildest dreams, imagined that a simple slip while trying to get up could cause **Sandy** to break a leg. It was not as if she jumped off the furniture. She just could not get her balance on the slick floor. Don't overlook the patio. The concrete slab can have a nice smooth slippery finish, as well. Is it time to start closing the bathroom doors? A lot of dogs enjoy napping in the bathtub where it is cool or hiding there during a storm, but jumping in and out can be very dangerous, and they cannot grip a handrail like the ones we can install for our grandpas.

Weight management is critical for dogs of all ages, but especially so for the older ones. An extra <sup>5</sup> pounds on us people just means that our jeans are tight, but to a dog it is like carrying a <sup>5</sup>-pound bag of flour on his back all day. It may be time to switch to a lower calorie senior food. As our dogs slow down, they are not burning up as many calories and have a tendency to become overweight and very uncomfortable. Nutritional supplements are recommended for the aging dogs to help promote bone and joint health and reverse the damage of getting old. Why wait until your dog starts to show signs of pain and discomfort? Speak to your veterinarian and maybe add supplements to your dog's diet earlier in hopes of avoiding frail hips and brittle bones. And while we're talking about veterinary care, be sure you have a senior blood panel run when your dog reaches age <sup>8</sup>. Most likely, nothing will be amiss yet, but such a panel will be invaluable to your vet as a baseline when comparing a panel taken when the dog is older to determine what changes have occurred with aging.

All of these suggestions are basically common sense precautions that may help our dogs grow older safer and more gracefully. Take a look around your home from the dog's point of view. Eliminate the hazards, add extra, more convenient water stations and safer nap spots, and invest in some step stools and non-slip area rugs. There is nothing more precious than our dogs' health and safety. To help them live long happy lives as safely and comfortably as we can is worth the small preventative measures that may be required. We all should have the joy of living with Old Gold.

## HERE and THERE

Events from mid July through October 2, 2010

Despite the heat, we had a busy and fun summer quarter. Your membership in our organization will be more fulfilling for you if you get involved and join us, especially if you are one of our adopters. Our Meet-and-Greets are a great way to socialize both you and your dog. Our fundraisers are FUN raisers! Please regularly check our website calendar – [www.arizonagoldenrescue.org](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org) – for dates and times of upcoming events. We'd like to include your picture in this section in future issues.

## Chase Field Community Corner

By Deb Orwig



Twice this past quarter, we were fortunate to be the guests of the AZ Diamondbacks in their Community Corner at Chase Field. Both times, the D'backs were playing against the Los Angeles Dodgers, always a good show. Due to having to be

constantly on our feet for 3 1/2 hours and due to the noise inside the facility, especially when a player hits a home run, we try to work two shifts of volunteers. We are limited to bringing four dogs, so we usually need a total of 8 volunteers with dogs.

On July 24th, the first shift crew consisted of Dana and Gail Haywood with Riley, Larry Jessup with Honeybear, and Sheila Joyce with McKenna and Holly. Sheila brought the banner, literature, business cards and our precious Donation Vests. The



The entire July 24th group at shift change: Jane, Casey, Gail, Dana, Deb, Sarah, Larry and Sheila with Major, Rocky, Riley, Jimmy, Bunny, Honeybear, McKenna and Holly

Diamondbacks provided a display cabinet and an autographed photo of one of the players, which is used as a free raffle to draw the



Sarah and Bunny

crowd to the booth area. When I arrived around 6 PM with foster boy Jimmy for the second shift, Larry excitedly said, "We've already collected \$248!" Joining me for the second shift were Casey and Jane Pulis with Rocky and Major and Sarah Martin with Bunny. For the next three hours, the dogs were very busy collecting an additional \$250 and, of course, lots of pets. We handed out our informational brochure and business cards to dozens of people.



Jimmy is always a favorite with the kids



1st shift volunteers Larry, Dana and Gail with Honeybear, Hayden, Ladybird and Riley; we were too busy to get a photo of the whole group at shift change

Our gig on September 25th was even more lucrative – the dogs collected \$599.13, and the game was a fast one, only lasting until 7:30 PM. This was somewhat of a surprise considering that neither the Diamondbacks nor the Dodgers were in contention



Zack and Susan with Fred

for the playoffs, so we expected there to be fewer people at the game than in July, but there were more. In addition to collecting a lot of donations, we distributed lots of literature.



Ciara and Mark with Harley

There seemed to be a couple who were really serious about adopting. First-shift volunteers included Dana and Gail Haywood with Riley, Larry Jessup with Honeybear and Deb Orwig with Hayden and Ladybird. Deb stayed for the second shift and was joined by Mark and Ciara Petronzio with Harley, Susan and Zack Reynolds with Fred and Cindy Tigges with Charm. Between 2:45 - 6 PM when our second shift arrived, the first-shift dogs had collected \$311! The game lasted only another 1 hour and 45 minutes, but in that amount of time, the 2nd shift collected \$288.13. It was a good game – the D'backs won and so did we!



Cindy and Charm

## Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue

By Deb Orwig

Our thanks to Sheila Jocewicz for chairing the *Bowl-a-Rama* until her computer crashed a couple weeks before the event; Debbe Begley took over then and finalized the details. It was a team effort all around, with only a small group coming to cheer on the team. For



Our bowlers: Teri, Michelle, Mike and Angela

our efforts, though, we received a \$<sup>50</sup> check from *PACC '11*, the *Bowl-a-Rama* sponsor, for 2<sup>nd</sup> place for best cheer! Bowling for us this year were Michelle and Teri Guilbault, Zachary Jocewicz, Mike



Zachary

Mullaney and Angela Palumbo.

Michelle and Zach each bowled one game. In addition to our bowlers, who also helped with the cheering, our cheerleaders included

Tony Cotner, Larry Jessup, Bill and Sheila Jocewicz, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Michele Wehry. We had a rousing good time dressed in our silly patriotic hats and waving our red-white-and-blue pompoms, while we sang *I'm An Arizona Golden* to the tune of *Yankee Doodle Dandy*. At \$<sup>5</sup> per spare and \$<sup>10</sup> per strike, the bowling team cleaned me out of \$<sup>190</sup>!



Our small but enthusiastic group: Mike, Angela, Tony, Sheila, Liz, Zachary, Deb, Michele, Bill, Larry, Teri and Michelle (kneeling)

The *Bowl-a-Rama* is always scheduled for the first Saturday

of August and comes at a time of year when monies are getting tight due to the trickle of donations that we receive in the summer and the fact that our previous major fundraiser is in the spring. Numerous members helped collect donations in support of the ten special needs dogs we had as of July – **Jake, Halo, Jimmy, Bella, Tucker, Penny, Young Max, Sailor, Scooby** and **Mia** – reaping a total of \$<sup>4948</sup>! A great job by all! We thank all of you who participated and all who made donations. This is a really easy fundraiser that we hope more of you will help with next year. It isn't hard to ask your family, friends and co-workers to donate \$<sup>5</sup>, \$<sup>10</sup>, \$<sup>25</sup> or whatever they can afford; they will give you a donation when they know their money will support the care of our Golden – all you have to do is ask.

## Bowl-a-Rama Donors

Janet Albrizio & Jerry Brummer

Debbie & Rick Ball

Melissa & Brian Beceiro

Debbe Begley

Melissa & Tyler Button

Melissa Carter

Deborah Collins

Joanne Debons

Katie Donahue

Patrick Doyle

Cristi & Steve Erickson

Karin & Jon Forsythe

Marsha Forsythe

Carol Gebhardt

Teri & Jeff Guilbault

Teryl Hall

Janie & Rich Hannes

Diane & Jim Henkel

Jim Hoag

Sheila & Bill Jocewicz

Joyce Johnston

Greg Korycki & Carrie Foust

Marilyn & Mort Leopold

Kyran & John McCormack

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Michele Meyer

Jeannette & Dave Morrocco

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Susan & Zack Reynolds

Kristie & Chris Rogers

Scott Schuff

Trystan Schuff

Karen & Alex Smith

Rachel & Ron Street

Sam & Felix Takach

Liz Tataseo

Sanja & Admir Tetaric

Heather & JR Tolleson

Nancy & Frank Turco

Tanya & Greg Underwood

Michele Wehry

## Phoenix Mercury Dog Days of Summer

By Deb Orwig



Bob, Kathi, Tony, Sheila and McKenna

This year we were again invited to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Phoenix Mercury's Dog Days of Summer**. The event was on July 29<sup>th</sup> at the **U.S. Airways Center** in Phoenix. Having a booth in the

**Center's** foyer was contingent upon selling at least 25 tickets, which we did. The deal the **Mercury** offers is that they give us \$45-per-seat tickets for \$10. We can then sell them for whatever we want and pocket the difference. We chose to sell them for \$20 and earned \$410 from the 41 tickets sold. Thanks to Liz Tataseo for coordinating the ticket sales and the publicity for this event.

Tony Cotner and Bob and Kathi Youhas helped me set up and man the booth. We were allowed to have one dog with us in the foyer during the pre-game festivities. Sheila Joyce was gracious enough to bring **McKenna** to be with us for 2 1/2 hours. She proudly wore a Donation Vest and really worked the crowd, collecting \$138.18! Way to go, Sheila and **McKenna**! We were also allowed to sell our



merchandise and brought home \$123 from sales. During this pre-game time, the **Mercury's Hip Hop Squad** performed some excellent routines in the foyer.

One side benefit from being at an event where there are other Rescues represented as well as merchandise vendors is the possibility for networking. Our booth was in a square of four booths right in the center of the foyer. Opposite us in the booth arrangement was a representative from **Hale Pet Door**. We got



to talking and he offered to give our members a 100% discount on the purchase of a **Hale Pet Door** and also would give **AGR** a donation. In addition, we got some really nice jewelry donated to us by **Gems 4 Paws**.

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets. We had a great time at the game, the seats were excellent and the **Mercury** won the game against the **Minnesota Lynx**.

## Phoenix Mercury Donors

Tony Cotner  
Teryl Hall & Trystan Schuff  
Jodi & Jay Koblick  
Greg Korycki  
Deb & Larry Orwig  
Liz Tataseo

## Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

By Debbe Begley



Our second annual **Fore! Paws Golf Tournament** was held at **Camelback Golf Club** on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success! We started off the morning with all of our volunteers dressed in argyle-fabric vests, wild plaid knee socks and cabby hats. It was kind of a 1940's Bob-Hope-dress-funny-on-the-golf-course theme. Our volunteers looked great as they checked in the 80 golfers who came out on the hot, muggy day to support our dogs.



Debbe Begley



Sandra Hansen and the Englehardts behind Deb

Our president, Deb Orwig, led the opening parade with her entire pack, **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird, Troy** and foster **Jimmy** to the tune of **Rescue Me**. Other paraders were **Daisy Cotner, Conrad, Ginger** and **Jake Donahue, Jake and Rex Englehardt** and **Miki Youhas**. Bringing up the rear in their parade wagon, singing for the golfers were **Khakidawg, Annabelle** and **Sandy Begley-Doyle**. After a few thank yous by Deb and Shiloh Hagey, the Director of

Golf at Camelback, the golf carts took off to the tune of *Who Let the Dogs Out?*



Co-Chairmen Teri Turner and Rich Calta

Upon their return from the morning of golf, our guests were served a lovely Tuscan Buffet Lunch consisting of chicken marsala, baked ziti, garlic mashed potatoes, steamed veggies and my personal favorite, tiramisu dessert. Deb thanked the golf committee members for their hard work,

then presented the awards to the golfers. The group of Greg Williams, Justin Gillham, John Gale and Jerry Mach took first place with a low score of <sup>52</sup>.



Second Place – Team Gaines

with a score of <sup>60</sup>. Our own *AGR* team of Jim Henkel, Larry Jessup, Barry McBride and Ali Hodjati won third place with a score of <sup>61</sup>. Longest drive for women was won by Toba Ingebrigtson. Longest drive and closest to the pin for men were both won by Jerry Mach.



1st Place – Team Williams

Second place was won by Graham Gaines, Dave Smallhouse, Doug Rogers and Tim Willcox with a



Third Place – Team Henkel

Graham Gaines (yes, a man) won closest to the pin for women. We also presented the team with the highest score, John Courtney, Beverly Host and Celeste Farrar, with cans of tennis balls.



Highest Score – Team Courtney

Then it was time to start the auction.

Both the foyer and the Latilla Room were filled with fabulous items for auction and raffle. A great many of the items were collected from generous businesses around town by Julie Hall, the “Queen of Donations.” She has a unique talent for getting stores to support our organization with donations of spectacular items. Our own Eileen Proctor was on hand to stir up the bidding with her unbeatable auction style. The big item of the day was a 1-week stay at a Rocky



Connie McCabe and Eileen Proctor

Point Condo donated by Cristi and Steve Erickson (at right). Eileen, herself, won it!



The day went well, and reports are that everyone had a great time. After expenses, the event netted a total of \$<sup>30,061.24</sup>! WOW, that will go a long way to help incoming dogs!

Our golf tournament is one of our major fundraising events and is quite an undertaking. The income derived from this event is what pays the ever-increasing vet bills. It cannot happen without the countless hours and



Kathi Youhas, Carolyn Blean & Denise Padavano

hard work of all of the volunteers. Co-Chairing the event were Rich Calta and Teri Turner. The auction, raffle and administration were handled by Deb Orwig and Debbe Begley; Connie McCabe used her amazing talent to produce all of the graphics, signage and photos; and Kathi Youhas sewed almost <sup>200</sup> neck coolers and a couple dozen argyle vests. Many other volunteers gave generously of their time and talents to help gather donations, assemble baskets, stuff goody bags, load and transport all of the stuff to and from the event, staff the registration, raffle/auction and merchandise sales tables, drive the water carts, and stay until everything was all cleaned up. Our sincere thanks go to all of these great people.

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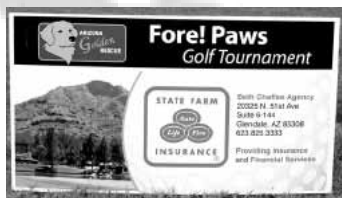
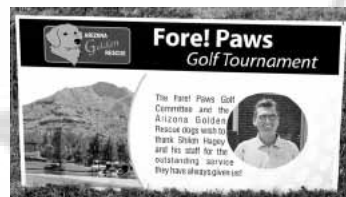
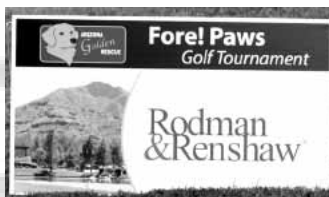
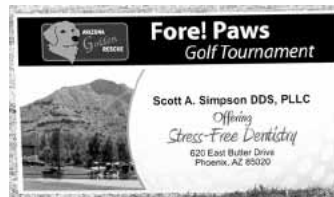
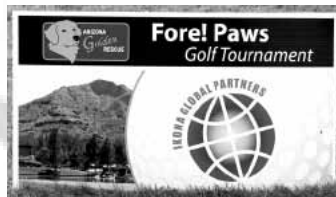
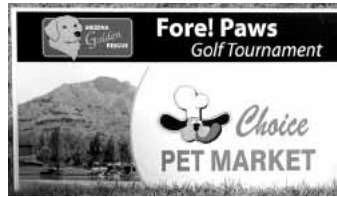
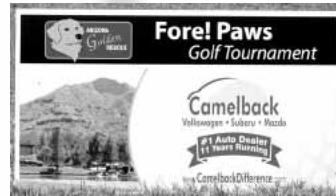
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At right, view of golf course from clubhouse patio



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## Hiking With Your Dog

By Jude Fulghum

*Editor's Note: A number of years ago when she was visiting me, Jude and I attended a workshop entitled "Hiking With Your Dog." The workshop was sponsored by the City of Glendale's Parks and Recreation Department and held at Thunderbird Park, about a mile north of my house. Jude took good notes and wrote an article, which I have saved for use at an appropriate time. As we are encouraging you to exercise your dogs, especially your older ones, you may find some useful suggestions in this article.*

Even though the weather is still quite warm in AZ, you can improve both your own and your dog's exercise regime by treating yourselves to some hikes in the nearby areas. But taking your furkid for an adventure beyond a simple walk around the block or to the local park requires some preparation on your part for both you and him.

Equipment and provisions must definitely be considered in advance. The most crucial concern is, of course, water. Can't carry your water and your dog's? Think about buying a dog backpack and collapsible bowl and let him carry his own! A dog in good condition can carry up to 25% of his weight in a pack (or about 18 lbs for a 75-pound dog), but build up to that weight slowly! Several manufacturers offer different styles (from day packs on up) with corresponding price ranges. Beware, you get what you pay for in outdoor equipment! In my experience, **Ruff Wear®** Dog Gear ([www.ruffwear.com](http://www.ruffwear.com)) makes excellent products. They happen to be headquartered in my hometown of Bend, OR, and I have visited them and know how they test for quality and durability. Other top brands are **Wolf Packs®** ([www.wolfpacks.com](http://www.wolfpacks.com)) and **Wenaha®** Dog Packs ([www.blackicedogsledding.com/page8.html](http://www.blackicedogsledding.com/page8.html)). They are very well made and will hold up under all kinds of conditions.

Before you order a pack from a catalog or website, it is extremely important to have the dog fitted to insure the correct size. Beware – all brands of packs are not the same and do not fit the same. Even if you plan to buy from a catalog, take the time to go to a good outdoor store [Note: try REI or some of the specialty dog supply stores locally] and have your dog properly sized. Some packs even come with top handles which can be useful for holding onto the dog through streams or when going up hill (who knows, maybe it's more of a handle for you!). Be prepared to pay \$50 or more for a good pack for a Golden. Look for padded straps, but make sure they don't chafe the dog. Make sure the pack sits forward on your dog's shoulders. Look for compartments for stowing not only water, but also treats, your sunscreen, a light jacket or shirt, first aid kit, etc. And be sure if you're hiking in an area where there is a river or lake and your Golden likes to swim that the pack can take it without ruining everything inside!

So how do you pack the water? An excellent idea is one of those Nalgene water reservoirs (flat packs) you see being used by bicyclists and hikers (you just need the Nalgene pack itself, not the tubing). The water stores flat and will fit easily in a backpack. As the

water is used, the load lightens instead of having to carry around a container that may weigh enough on its own. If you fill the water unit up the night before and freeze it, the ice will melt as you and your dog hike, and you will be rewarded with cold water.

Backpack manufacturers typically also sell collapsible bowls and, again, you will get what you pay for. Beware of \$5 ones in the box stores – they leak through the lining! Some brands have tops that can be secured to stow dry dog food or water. These bowls are also excellent to have in your car, as they take up minimal space. There are now dog electrolyte drinks (like human Gatorade) that may be beneficial on strenuous hikes or if you have a dog that overheats easily.

Always check your dog frequently for overheating! One of the more obvious signs to look for is discoloration in the gums. If you see bright red or bright pink coloring, your dog is in trouble. Do NOT immediately douse him in very cold water – this could cause a decrease in or loss of skin circulation, which delays cooling. Rest, shade and cool water baths are important. Heatstroke is more prevalent in larger breed dogs, so be careful with your Golden.



Jimmy wearing booties purchased at Choice Pet Market; he got used to them quickly and they protected his feet from the hot pavement when he walked from a parking garage to Chase Field for the Diamondbacks game

In areas where your dog might be walking on hot sand or paving, consider investing in a pair of dog booties. The rule of thumb is if the pavement is too hot for you to walk on with bare feet, it is too hot for your dog to walk on with bare paws. The best way to get your dog accustomed to wearing booties is to put them on him and immediately start walking. Your dog will look and feel goofy for awhile, but at least he won't burn his pads. If you feel you need to

use tape to keep the booties on, try putting vet wrap around the top of the bootie before you apply the tape – less pulling on the dog hair makes it more comfortable for the dog. And label your booties – when worn on the same paw they will mold better to the paw shape.

A reputable outdoor store should be able to help you with outfitting yourself and your dog for your adventures. The library also has several good books on the subject. Be realistic about the kind of hiking you're really going to do. Don't gear up with equipment made for a hike to the bottom of the Grand Canyon when what you're really going to do is a 2-3 mile hike on gently sloping terrain! Save those bucks and donate them to **AGR!**

Finally, you should have proper identification on your dog at all times. There are frequently ads in the local paper for dogs lost while hiking with no ID. And if you have an accident, whoever finds you will need to know what to do with your dog.

Of course, you already know how to protect yourself, right? Don't forget to layer your clothing and wear good sturdy shoes. Positively do not forget to take sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and a first aid kit. Take it easy, work up to longer hikes as you and your dog become more fit, and enjoy the great outdoors with your dog.

***If you have a fat dog, YOU aren't getting enough exercise!***  
~Anonymous

### Cell Phones

Two items of note regarding cell phones...

1) Veterans, active-duty personnel, and non-military age 65 and older may be eligible for a 10-15% discount cell phone plan. **Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile** and **Sprint** all have such programs, but you have to ask and not give up if the first employee you speak with says the company doesn't have such a program. Most services require a military identification card, veteran identification card or military discharge papers as proof of veteran status. Some companies require online registration to get the discount. It never hurts to ask, and you may save a few \$\$, which, of course, you could then donate to **AGR!**

2) **AGR** is now participating in a cellphone recycling program that will bring us some cash. We have been approved to participate by **GRC Wireless Recycling**. They will pay us \$2 - \$10 for a regular phone and up to \$50 for a Smartphone, Blackberry or the like. If you get a new phone, save your old one and turn it over to us at any of our events or membership meetings. Thanks!



## Calendar Photos

By Connie McCabe

I want to thank everyone who contributed photos for our 2011 calendar. And many thanks to Deb Orwig, who had to proof everything at the last minute to get them back in time for the Firemen's Parade! Also, many thanks to Lisa at **Graffiti Graphics** for pushing the production to get them to us in plenty of time. I certainly hope you will enjoy seeing our precious pups and many of our volunteers. Many **AGR** members generously purchased sponsorships in the name(s) of their dog(s) to help with the cost of the calendar printing. These dog photos are displayed in the centerfold of the calendar. Because we added this 2-page spread this year, we were also able to add a 2-page spread of photos of our volunteers – if you came to any event during the past year, a photo of you is probably included. Look carefully!

Sincere thanks to the following members who purchased calendar sponsorships:

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Calendars are \$10, \$12 if you want one mailed. Our vets' offices (**AMSC, Four Legged Friends**) and **Desert Knight Grooming** (9330 E. Poinsettia Dr., Scottsdale) have supplies (**AGR** gets the money). You can also pick up one or more at any of our many scheduled events between now and the end of the year. All proceeds go to help **AGR** dogs.

It is not too soon to start thinking about the 2012 calendar! If you have any **AGR** dog that has not already been featured on a full page, then please take lots of photos and send them to me at photocraf@aol.com. Use the highest quality setting your camera will allow and do not do any cropping or editing. Please read the article on the page 28. I hope it will give you some good tips for getting great photos. High resolution cameras are now the norm, but you need to check your settings to be sure that you are using the highest quality.

***Want to see some really fabulous photos of dogs? Get a copy of our 2011 calendar today!***

Send a check for \$12 to **AGR**, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308 or pick one up for \$10 at one of our events.

## Tips for Great Dog Photos

By Connie McCabe

*Editor's Note: Connie originally wrote this article to help volunteers on AGR's Transport Team take better photos of incoming dogs. Even if you are not one of our Transporters, you will most likely find some great suggestions here.*

Photos are one of the most important ways we can reach out to potential adopters. If you ever go to the Meet-and-Greets, you can see the people just flip past the pages [in the display book] that are not attractive. But they stop and read about the dogs that look good. It's just that simple. And the same is true for the website. Adopters want to see PERSONALITY! Following are some tips to help you take better photos of your pooch and, if you're a volunteer on our Transport Team, of the dogs we bring into our Rescue program.

<sup>1</sup>. **Get down on the dog's level if possible.** This is RULE #1 as far as I am concerned. I am only <sup>5'2"</sup>, and I always get down! A photo of the top of the dog's head or back generally is not attractive. Plus, the dog is much more likely to connect with you when you are on his level. WATCH your background. What you see is what you get. If you take photos in front of rusty lawnmowers, people or trash cans, it is harder to edit the photos and there really is not usually any need to take them at that exact spot. WATCH your lighting. Take pictures either in the sun or the shade, but do not have the dog sitting half in sun and half in shade. Try for front and side body shots and head shots, but please don't get too close. If you have to go into the wide angle capabilities of your camera, the dog will be very distorted. The photos of the big nose and small body are real cute for memo pads but not good for the website, the newsletter or the calendar.

<sup>2</sup>. **Digital photos are FREE!** is important Rule #2. Take LOTS of shots. It drives me crazy when I see people take only <sup>3</sup> or <sup>4</sup> photos – you can always delete the bad ones. Just keep snapping. You may not realize it, but for every set of photos I put in a Kodak Gallery album online, you will generally only see ¼ to ½ of the number I actually take. **Be selective in what you keep but liberal in how many you take.** Actually look at the photos before you decide you are done.

<sup>3</sup>. **Do not take photos intended for AGR's use with a cell phone!** I don't care what cell phone you have – it can have a gazillion megapixels – but it's the lens that is important. Compared to real cameras, all cell phones have poor lenses. Cell phone photos are generally very grainy. Please carry a real camera for your transports. Set it to its highest quality.

<sup>4</sup>. For our Transporters: It is NOT necessary to take photos the minute you lay eyes on the dog. Photos do not have to happen at the surrendering owner's home or in the car. An intake is usually stressful and you want to get out of the situation as soon as possible, so don't even think about photography at that point. The dogs are usually much happier when you have reached the foster

or FWITA. Relax for a bit, let the dog get acclimated to his new surroundings. We do not ever use photos of people with dogs for the website or calendar and rarely in the newsletter. Please be sure that fat, hairy legs and arms are not in the photos. Please do not hold the dog for the photo, except on a leash and as far away as you can; don't put your hands on the dog's head or around his neck. If the dog is not trained, it is usually best to tie him to something (maybe a bush or tree) and tease him to get his attention. But for Kathy Blue, who puts **AGR** dog photos on the website, or Deb Orwig, who uses them in the newsletter, or myself to struggle to remove ugly body parts or background clutter is really time-consuming. Again, take LOTS of photos!

<sup>5</sup>. **Get the dog's attention.** Try a funny, high-pitched voice, a clicker or squeaky toy, throw a hat in the air, toy, treat or whatever. But try to get some help so that you can concentrate on capturing the dog at the right moment. Have your helper stand directly behind you and work with the dog if she is being difficult. Fried chicken, cheese, lunch meat, all good – the smellier the better! Have the helper let the dog smell the treat and then back away to behind you. Sometimes it works really well to have the other person walk away and then come forward and call the dog as they do, perhaps bouncing a ball. The dogs almost always put their ears up for that as their interest is piqued. Also, have someone walk a dog behind you – anything to get the dog to seem to be interested in you! Get down!

<sup>6</sup>. If you are going to the vet instead of to a FWITA, please don't take the photos in the office. **AMSC** has a gorgeous area right out front to take photos. And **Four Legged Friends** also has a nice area on the side of the building. Photos of dogs going through doorways are not the best either. Please, no children in the pictures. They are cute, but it's really the dog that is important and should be the focus of the picture.

<sup>7</sup>. **Inside photography – avoid if possible.** Most point-and-shoot cameras take poor indoor animal shots. The flash is simply too close to the lens. If you have an SLR you are in much better shape, and if you have an external flash, better yet. But if you have none of these, please turn on as many lights as possible to minimize the red eye. Be sure your camera's red eye reduction is activated. Some red eye can be fixed, but when the eyes are completely blasted out, it's just impossible to do anything with them that really looks natural.

Of course, it is always easier if there are two people. If no helper is available and you just can't get a decent photo, OK, but at least try. None of these things work 100% of the time, but the more photos you take, the greater your chances of getting good ones. I hope I have helped generate some interest in taking more/better photos. PATIENCE is the real key. We generally only have one opportunity at taking photos during a transport before the pictures are put on the website, so please take the extra few minutes to help them look their best.

## Meet-and-Greets at Choice Pet Market

By Deb Orwig

**Choice Pet Market** at 67<sup>th</sup> Ave and Beardsley Rd in Glendale has been a wonderful venue for regular Meet-and-Greets. This past quarter, we were there on July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and September 9<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We have adopted two dogs to families who met us at this store and received numerous applications from others. The donations that come from **Choice Pet Market** customers, as well as from people just strolling by the attractive storefront, have been great. **Choice Pet Market** also gives **AGR** a \$50 gift card every time we set up there and a 20% discount on anything we buy. I use most of these gift cards to purchase items for raffles and for items to sell in our merchandise inventory. I have used others to purchase good-quality food for some of our long-term foster families. All **AGR** members also get a perpetual discount on **Choice Pet Market** merchandise; once your name is in their computer, you will get the discount at either the Glendale store or the one at 7<sup>2nd</sup> St and Shea Blvd in Scottsdale. We thank **Choice Pet Market** for their terrific support! We encourage you to shop there if you are anywhere within a reasonable distance of either store.



Julie Hall stopped by with some raffle items; Tony, Liz, Katie and Jodi with Ginger, Jimmy Augie, Gonzo, Conrad, Jake and Daisy

Despite the heat of this past summer, we had to set up indoors only in July. Since the



Blossom came with Michelle and Teri

patio outside the store is in the shade and there is a nice mister system overhead, we were able to tolerate the slightly lower outdoor temperature on the other three dates.



During our indoor gig on July 24<sup>th</sup>, I purchased some booties for **Jimmy**, since I was going to be taking him to **Chase Field** for the **Diamondbacks** game right after being at **Choice Pet Market**. I didn't want **Jimmy** to have to walk on the hot pavement between the parking garage and the stadium. To get him used to walking in the booties, I put them on him in the store and immediately started walking him



around. He got used to the booties very quickly but put on the brakes when he saw the birds. I think he would have watched those birds for hours had I let him!

Also present in July were



Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Katie Donahue with **Conrad**, **Ginger** and **Jake**; Teri and Michelle Guilbault with **Blossom**; Jodi Koblick; and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Augie**. It was **Augie's** (above right) first time as an **AGR** ambassadog and he did very well.



In August, Tony brought **Daisy**, Liz came with **Augie** and **Gonzo**, Jodi joined us and Teri brought **Jackson**. Since I usually bring my whole gang of **Rocky**,

**Hayden**, **Ladybird**, **Troy** and whatever foster dog I have at the time, it is a huge help to have Jodi and sometimes her husband Jay come dogless. Also in August, Peter Wong brought **Joey**. He had been teaching **Joey** the trick of walking on his hind legs (photo at right) and, of course, he had to show us. Peter and **Joey** provide some great entertainment when they come!



As soon as Joe arrived with Teryl, whom he adores, (photo at right) he picked Ladybird as his special friend; due to his puppy mill history, Joe is most comfortable right in the middle of a pack

Joining me in September at one or both gigs were: Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and his **Rocky**; Teri Guilbault with **Blossom** or **Fresno**; Teryl Hall with **Joe**; Sandra Hansen with **Jazzy** and **Missy**; Joyce



Hubler with **Ripley**; Joyce Johnston with **Hazel**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Connie McCabe with **Grizzly**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Augie**; Ingrid Wilson with **Bailey** and **Jazzy**; Peter



Wong with **Joey**; and Kathi Youhas with **Krissie**. It may sound like we always have lots of volunteers and dogs, but there's always room for more! September 4<sup>th</sup> was



**Ripley's** first time as an **AGR** ambassadog; Joyce Hubler (above left) brought her because she felt **Ripley** needed some socialization. **Ripley** was a little timid at first but soon realized how much fun everyone was having getting hugs and pets and joined right in (**Ripley** with Tony above right).



September 25<sup>th</sup> group: Ingrid with Jazzy and Bailey, Tony with Daisy, Deb with her gang and Joe, Joyce with Hazel, Kathi with Krissie and Peter with Joey

We always have a really nice time chatting and getting to know one another, and the dogs get some great socialization with other dogs and with strangers. Why not join us?



Connie (at left with camera) brought Grizzly who promptly went into his charming meet-and-greet routine; Joyce (right) came all the way to north Glendale from Sun Lakes to give Hazel some needed socialization and so that Connie could get some photos



## Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart Stores

By Connie McCabe, Debbe Begley, Teri Guilbault and Angela Palumbo

We now do Meet-and-Greets at four different **PetSmart** stores. On the West Side, once a month we set up at 57<sup>th</sup> Ave/Northern Ave, 91<sup>st</sup> Ave between Olive and Peoria Aves, and Lake Pleasant Pkwy/Happy Valley Rd. In the East Valley, we are at **Tempe Marketplace** (1900 E Rio Salado Pkwy) in Tempe once a month. All stores are good venues at which we can spread the word about

our organization's existence and meet potential adoptive families. We thank Connie McCabe for chairing the 57<sup>th</sup> Ave store, Debbe Begley for chairing the 91<sup>st</sup> Ave store, Teri Guilbault for chairing the Happy Valley Rd store and Angela Palumbo for chairing the **Tempe Marketplace** store. Please offer to help when and where you can – the schedule of appearances is on our website calendar.



Angela with Jimmy, Ladybird, Izzie and Rocky

July 17<sup>th</sup> was our first gig at the Tempe Marketplace store. We had a nice group of volunteers consisting of Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**, John Gunby with **Ingrid**, Gail and Dana Haywood with poodle **Gonzo**, **Keegan** and **Riley**, Diane and Jim Henkel with **Winston**, Larry Jessup with **Honeybear**,



Erin, Angela, Tony, John G, Diane and Larry



Dave Kaiser with **Izzie**, Kyran and John McCormack with **Young Max** and chihuahua **Tex**, Angela Palumbo, Deb Orwig with **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird**, **Troy** and foster **Jimmy**, and Erin Orwig. Store Manager, Don Tatarelli (at right), always comes out



to greet us and chat for awhile. We appreciate the warm reception we have gotten at this store!



John M arriving with Tex and Max

On August 21<sup>st</sup> at **Tempe Marketplace**, we enjoyed the company of Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Dana and Gail



Rocky Cotner on Erin's lap



Zoey Pinho did a great job in her debut as an AGR ambassadog

Haywood with **Riley**, Sandra Hansen with **Missy** and **Jazzy**, Diane and Jim Henkel

with **Winston**, Deb Orwig with **Hayden** and **Ladybird**, Angela Palumbo and Mike Mullaney, Jackie Pinho and daughter with **Zoey**, Kristie Rogers with **Lucy**, and Michele Wehry. Also Laura and Leigh Rivers were there for a short time with **Ginger** and **Bella**. We collected \$90 collected as well as a \$20 donation for the Bowl-a-Rama.



Kristie with Ladybird and Lucy, who also had a wonderful debut as an AGR ambassador



Barbara and Magic

Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Diane and Jim Henkel with **Winston**; Deb Orwig with **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird**, **Troy** and foster **Joe**; and Barbara and Ciara Petronzio with **Magic**. Diane and Jim's daughter and granddaughter stopped by to say hello and pet the dogs (photo at right). We collected \$109.<sup>03</sup>.



on the 22nd. Connie reported: *Many thanks to Sheila with Tessa and McKenna, Carolyn Blean, Denise Padavano and Sandra Hansen with Missy and Jazzy for joining Sasha and me at PetSmart today. We met some very nice people even though traffic was very light. One lady who is having a home visit next week came down to meet us. Also a nice man who adopted a very handsome Golden mix from the eastside shelter last month. Sunny, a very*



Tessa and friend

The weekend of September 11th-12th, was **PetSmart's** fall National Adoption Weekend, so we were in Tempe on September 11th and again on our regular third Saturday date of September 18th. On the 11th, Angela, of course, set up the table and was joined by new volunteer Debbie Fuller with **Vanna**, one of our Texas rescues; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; and Michele Wehry, who brought foster dogs **Maggie** and **Wrigley**. On the 18th, joining Angela were Tony



When we have a sizable group in Tempe and the weather is too hot for us to set up outside, quarters can be a little tight, but we have a really good time



Karen Davis with **Star** and **Caesar** and Sandra Hansen with **Jazzy** and **Missy** (at right). Connie said, *Thanks again to Nick, who always helps me set up and tear down. I was gone most of the day, so EXTRA thanks for holding down the fort and Grizzly while I was gone. We had a wonderful turnout of people and donations - \$86 and change - plus met lots of new people we had not seen before.*

nice dog, blended in with the others and was very happy to be a meeter-and-greeter also. This was a first Meet-and-Greet for **Jazzy**, **Missy** (photo of the pair at left) and **Tessa**. They all did very well! In September, we had our regularly-scheduled gig during the **PetSmart** National Adoption Weekend. Joining Connie and foster **Grizzly** at the Northern Ave. store were Pat Morgan with **Dixie**,



Teri and Jackson

Our regular gig at the Happy Valley Rd/Lake Pleasant Pkwy store in Peoria is on the third Sunday of the month. On July 18th, joining



Tony, Karie with Daisy, Ingrid and Jazzy

Teri and daughter Michelle with **Jackson** were **Tony Cotner** with **Daisy**, Deb Orwig with **Hayden**, **Ladybird** and foster **Jimmy**, Liz Tataseo with **Augie** and Ingrid and Karie Wilson with **Bailey**, **Izzy** and **Jazzy**. We set up indoors, had quite a few visitors, and collected \$59 in donations. After our August 22nd appearance, Teri Guilbault wrote: *We spent some time at the Lake Pleasant PetSmart store today. Joining my daughter, Michelle, and me with Fresno were Deb Orwig with Jimmy, Tony Cotner with Daisy and Rocky, and Jodi Koblick. We made a whopping \$138 in donations, \$50 of which came as a result of Fresno's wonderful charm! It was a good day. We were out there again on September 11th. Teri said, Joining me and my five furry kids, Blossom, Goldie, Jesse, Fresno and Jackson, were Liz Tataseo with Gonzo and Augie, Ingrid Wilson with Jazzy and*



Fresno says, Look at the \$50 bill I got Mom, aren't I a good boy!



Tony, Jodi, Teri and Michelle with Rocky, Daisy, Jimmy and Fresno

Bailey, and Liz Sawtschenko and her daughter Christina, with Sunny and Gus. We collected \$78 and had at least a



Gus makes some friends

couple folks say they were going home to fill out an application.

## Glendale Firemen's Parade and Festival

By Debbe Begley



October is Fire Prevention Awareness Month and to kick it off, the City of Glendale hosts an event on the first Saturday of the month.

They sponsor a parade that goes west on Glendale Avenue from 51st Ave to 58th Ave followed by a family festival at Murphy Park. Lots of the fire trucks and emergency vehicles are on display. The day also included a classic car show, clowns and various safety demonstrations.

We have participated in this event for several years. This year, the City of Glendale did not permit any animals to walk in the parade. We were told the prohibition was for safety reasons. The dogs always draw so much attention that they slow down the parade progress and encourage the kids to run out into the street. That turned out to be a good decision for us, as we had plenty of time to get our booth set up under the big shade tree on the corner and have all of the dogs dressed in their Donation Vests ready to greet the public as soon as the parade ended.



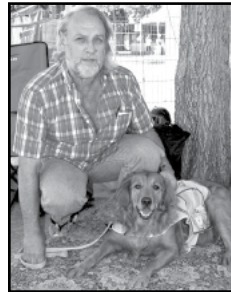
Our corner at 58th Ave/ Glenn Dr looked like this much of the day; a huge crowd attended, as the weather was just spectacular



In attendance for the day were Deb Orwig with the entire Orwig Pack of Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird, Troy and foster Joe. Rocky (left) and Troy (right) had to inspect the fire truck to make sure it was properly equipped. I didn't think Troy could get any cuter until I saw him with his fireman's hat on crooked. Daisy



was there with Tony Cotner in the new chartreuse donation vest requested by Tony, and Bob Youhas was accompanied by Leo. Gail and Dana Haywood came all the way from Apache



Tony with Daisy in her pretty new Donation Vest

Junction to join us with Riley, Cynthia Wenström brought



Tom and Maggie; Maggie jumped right into the toy bins to find the one she wanted!



Cynthia and Bailey

Bailey, and Sandra Hansen came with her two fosters Jazzy and Missy. We had some new faces in the group. Tom and Roseann Compise were there with Casey Jo and Maggie Mae (an AGR rescue) and Gloria Delisio brought beautiful



Zoe (right). Connie McCabe, with her camera ready, and Nick Dodson (photo below) brought



Sasha, Zoie and their foster (soon to be adopted) Grizzly – the parking

was too far away for Yoshi to walk, so he stayed home to nap. Karin Forsythe, accompanied by her daughter Rachel and friend Amber Servin had Penny with them, and Sheila Joyce stopped by with



Rachel, Amber and Karin with Penny





Jodi and Jay sold lots of merchandise for us

not-so-little-any-more **Tessa**. Good grief, how fast these puppies grow! Jay and Jodi Koblick were on hand to help staff the merchandise table. Patrick Doyle and I brought our trio, **Khakidawg**, **Annabelle** and even **Sweet Old Sandy** with us (at right).



**Sandy** was really happy to get back to “work” – she has been missing all of the loving from the kids due to being laid up with a broken leg.

It was a bit warm, but there was plenty of shade and the water bowls were filled with ice for the dogs. We sold \$335.<sup>50</sup> in merchandise and collected \$200.<sup>77</sup> in donations for a total of \$536.<sup>27</sup>. We realized that by not walking in the parade, we still get plenty of attention from the crowd and the dogs are not quite as exhausted by the end of the day. We are looking forward to occupying the same shady spot next year.

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## ONE BY ONE ...

By Leslie Whalen

*One by One, they pass by my cage,  
 Too old, too worn, too broken, no way.  
 Way past his time, he can't run and play.  
 Then they shake their heads slowly and go on their way.*

*A little old man, arthritic and sore,  
 It seems I am not wanted anymore.  
 I once had a home, I once had a bed,  
 A place that was warm, and where I was fed.  
 Now my muzzle is grey, and my eyes slowly fail.  
 Who wants a dog so old and so frail?  
 My family decided I didn't belong,  
 I got in their way, my attitude was wrong.  
 Whatever excuse they made in their head,  
 Can't justify how they left me for dead.*

*Now I sit in this cage, where day after day,  
 The younger dogs get adopted away.  
 When I had almost come to the end of my rope,  
 You saw my face, and I finally had hope.  
 You saw through the grey, and the legs bent with age,  
 And felt I still had life beyond this cage.  
 You took me home, gave me food and a bed,  
 And shared your own pillow with my poor tired head.*

*We snuggle and play, and you talk to me low,  
 You love me so dearly, you want me to know.  
 I may have lived most of my life with another,  
 But you outshine them with a love so much stronger.  
 And I promise to return all the love I can give,  
 To you, my dear person, as long as I live.*

*I may be with you for a week, or for years,  
 We will share many smiles, you will no doubt shed tears.  
 And when the time comes that God deems I must leave,  
 I know you will cry and your heart, it will grieve.*

*And when I arrive at the Bridge, all brand new,  
 My thoughts and my heart will still be with you.  
 And I will brag to all who will hear,  
 Of the person who made my last days so dear.*

Ms. Whalen wrote this poem, originally entitled “Tray’s Poem”, in honor of her dog Tray and all senior dogs who await a new home and deserve a second chance at life and happiness.



## Golden Hearts



Since we formed Arizona Golden Rescue in March 2009, 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 an 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. The donations shown below were made between July 5 and October 5, 2010. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

### General Donations from the Heart

Tony Cotner  
Jackie & Dave Engelhardt  
John Gunby  
Carla & Jeff Sager  
Jane Williams  
Peter Wong

### Honorary Donations

*In Honor of Tony Cotner for turquoise jewelry donations*

Teri Guilbault  
Jodi Koblick  
Deb Orwig  
Liz Tataseo

*In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of  
Ray & Barbara Pieczynski*

Joan & Paul Cieslak

*In Honor of the 60th Birthday of Dave Swamstrom*  
Michele Meyer

*In Honor of Connie McCabe*

Cynthia Wenström & Mike Lane

Cynthia, an **AGR** Founding Member wrote:  
*As AGR members, we are all acutely aware of the endless hours of photos and graphic artistry Connie McCabe provides us. What you may not know or have experienced is her graphic abilities for your business or personal needs. If ever there was a creative treasure, it is Connie and her abilities to build an image or a brand on which to build your business and all with a can-do spirit. I challenge each of you to call Connie when your next business project is due. Let her create a masterpiece for you! Thank you, Connie, for all you do for AGR and all you have done for me.*

*In Honor of Deb & Larry Orwig for vacation dog care for  
Jimmy and Sophie*

Lynn & Bruce Panic

### Memorial Donations

*In Memory of Duke Hansen*

Connie McCabe & Nick Dodson

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*In Memory of Play-doh, Lucky and Chase*

Teri & Jeff Guilbault  
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*In Memory of Robert Avondo, beloved father of  
AGR Member Sue Strong*

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## *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 new columnist Wendy Enos.

Special thanks to Dr. Katie Donahue for compiling the *Magic Moments* section and to Liz Tataseo for helping me with the *Diamonds in the Ruff* section.

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Once the publication comes back 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. Thanks to Liz Tataseo for helping me with the mailing preparation for the May issue.

Due to the size of our mailing list, we now qualify for a bulk rate mailing permit. Please be sure to notify us if you move, because bulk rate mail is not forwarded.

*I used to look at my old dog, Smoky, and think, "If you were a little smarter, you could tell me what you're thinking," and he'd look at me like he was saying, "If you were a little smarter, I wouldn't have to."*  
~Fred Jungelaus

## *Special Thanks*

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