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EDITOR’S NOTE:

The theme of the February issue of *The Golden Paw* will be Senior Dogs. If you have rescued a dog that is 8 years old or older at time of rescue, or if the dog you rescued as a younger dog is now 8 or older, we would love to receive a paragraph or more from you on what it has been like for you living with a Senior – joys, sorrows, trials, tribulations, quirks, funny behaviors, etc., whatever you would like to share. Send photos, too! The dog does not have to have been adopted from **AGR**, and it doesn’t matter if the dog is still living or not.

Copy deadline will be **January 5, 2025**. Email story (please don’t wait until the deadline!) and, if you have any, photos to dorwigaz@cox.net or send hard copy to **AGR**, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308; photos sent by mail will be returned if requested.

Masthead photo of **24-037 Milo** by Connie McCabe

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Asher, Cali, Vin and Duffy Orwig

We decided that our mom, the Editor, needed some help from a dog's perspective regarding the upcoming holidays. Many things may change in your home during the holidays. Packages and visitors come through the door (oh, boy!), pretty and festive decorations

adorn the house (mischievous time!), and big meals are made with special foods (yum!). Wrapped gifts (some for us?) may surround a new tree in the main part of your home, or there may be lit candles around. As much fun as this season can be, it can also create some stress and risks for us dogs. There are several good websites that have important holiday safety rules, tricks, and tips that can help keep you and your pets safe and happy during this season:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/holiday-safety-for-dogs/>
<https://www.aspcareg.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/holiday-safety-tips>
<https://www.aspcareg.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control>
<https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/holiday-pet-safety>

Please read the article about holiday safety on pages 20-21.

Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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We did not have any events between June 22nd and September 28th, so you might think we had a relaxing summer. Not particularly! The business of Rescue never takes a vacation.

Director of Activities Denise Padavano and her assistant Jeanne Wegener made several "field trips" in preparation for upcoming activities – sometimes Trishia Murphy and I got to go along, too – fun! We checked out three new venues that **PACC911** had lined up for adoptathons this fall and decided to attend only one of them (**Pet Supplies Plus North Scottsdale**). We met the owners of three wineries with tasting rooms in Scottsdale (**Aridus**, **Arizona Stronghold**, and **Carlson Creek**) and got donations from all three for our upcoming **Pavilion Art Gallery Wine Tasting** event. Thanks to a tip from Office Manager Jules at **Arizona Canine Orthopedics & Sports Medicine**, we introduced ourselves

at **Butta Cakes** (very yummy desserts!) and secured a donation from the employees of this company. We checked out **Dawn's NY Bakery** (excellent butter cookies), too, and they also agreed to donate. Meanwhile, Jeanne contacted **Fairytale Brownies** by phone and they promised to give us a **Tower of Brownies**. We had some nice lunches at Scottsdale restaurants (**Cien Agaves**, **Hula's**, **Schmooze**, and **Sugar Bowl**) and got donations from all except **Hula's**. Both Denise and Jeanne spent even more time driving around to pick up donations from other businesses. We ended up with more than enough great items to offer in silent auctions and raffles at both our **Wine Tasting Adventure** and our upcoming **Dine Out With The Dogs**. We also had some fabulous desserts at the **Pavilion Art Gallery**!

Thanks to Denise, Jeanne and the solicitation committee, the **Pavilion Art Gallery** event was lovely and quite lucrative with profit totaling \$8,659 – read about the event on pages 23-26. Special thanks to **Pavilion Art Gallery** owners Alicia Hidalgo and Jon Wendell for hosting our event in their beautiful facility.

Our thanks to the efforts of Denise, Jeanne, Rebecca Mackerman (the queen of online donation acquisition), Emilie Duncan and Jim Cogan (who walked all over Old Town Scottsdale getting donations despite Emilie's recent hip replacement) and to all who sent in or brought other donations over to my house. Peggy and Jim Alexander deserve special mention. For the **Wine Tasting** silent auction, they had offered a week's stay in their cabin in Alpine. It sold for \$550. After the event was over, I was contacted by someone who was willing to pay the same amount for another week, and the Alexanders agreed, so their donation brought in \$1,100! We appreciate the contributions of all who were involved in helping to make this first-time event such a success!

Also during the summer, planning for our upcoming **Dine Out With The Dogs** was ongoing. We secured some really great items for our raffle and silent auction (check out our Goldendoodle and Golden Retriever Christmas yard decorations!), and our merchandise inventory is full of new things you will want to buy for yourself or as gifts – you can't beat "handmade in Arizona!" Seamstresses Connie Wozniak and Deb Orwig have been very busy, as has artist Jean Klink, who hand painted some beautiful wood wine bottle carrier boxes. We hope you were able to come to **Paulie's Little Bite of Italy** on October 27th. Dogs were welcome, and we had some nice prizes for the best doggie costumes.



The Home Depot sells these, but there will not be any left in stock by the end of October, guaranteed! They have a Golden Retriever every year, but this is the first year they've had a Goldendoodle

Our Activities Department volunteers were not the only ones who were busy over the summer. Between June 1st and beginning of

October, Intake, Placement, Transport, Home Evaluations and Health Care volunteers dealt with 37 dogs (out of the 70 we have rescued in 2024). All needed profiles completed, homes designated (which first had to be checked out by our Home Evaluations Team members), moved from one place to another (most more than once), and vetting. Great job to all who helped!

Connie McCabe was also incredibly busy. In addition to driving all over the Phoenix metro area getting photos of dogs for the website and for the 2025 calendar, Connie is one of our two primary transporters, Darlene Kaminski being the other one; they do a wonderful job! Connie also prepared all the graphic displays we needed for the silent auction at the *Pavilion Art Gallery Wine Tasting* and for our donation to *PACC911* for their upcoming Gala fundraiser – we donated a collection of restaurant gift cards which we call *Eat Out Once A Month for a Year (or more)*.

Also busy were Director of Operations Debbie Ball and our Information Systems Team Manager, Rick Rogers. Our website and database are now much more user-friendly, and all back issues of *The Golden Paw* newsletter are now stored under the NEWS tab on the website. Please see Debbie's article for a description of all the improvements that have been made. Thank you both for all you have done!

Volunteering

Volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others, not being motivated by financial or material gain.

Arizona Golden Rescue is now in its 16th year of operation. As of this writing, we have taken in 1394 dogs and found forever homes for most of them. Most of the Board members and Team Managers have been with us either from *AGR's* beginning or for many of those 16 years. We are all getting older. The average age of the five Board members is 73 (range 68 to 79). If I include the Team Managers in the average, it is 72; if I include several others who always are helping in one way or another, the average is still 72. The range in current ages of our "core volunteers" is 61 to 80. Many of us have health issues we are dealing with; who knows if any one of us will even be still alive in another year or two? We need to start training replacements NOW.

Where are all of the younger adults in our membership? Yes, we know: still working full-or part-time, children, kids' activities, traveling a lot, taking care of elderly relatives, enjoying doing nothing with any responsibility in retirement. If you fall into the latter category, we need you! Our Director of Health Care, Liz Taseo, told us months ago that she will be resigning in June 2025, but no one has offered yet to mentor with Liz to learn the position before she leaves. Our Intake Co-manager, Sharon Flores, has plans to move out of state in two years. Sharon, not only serves in this position, but she also answers the WAGSline phone and does

home evaluations remotely via Facetime.

Most volunteer positions require a few hours per week. Yes, there are times when we get slammed with dogs coming in that would necessitate more of your time, but we may go a week or more without any intakes. Do you have a few hours per week you could devote to *Arizona Golden Rescue*? Would you be able to take on a position of responsibility? The jobs are volunteer, but the rewards of seeing a dog thrive in a new forever home are heartwarming!

We work with a database we rent from Rescuegroups.org. It is helpful if new volunteers have at least a working knowledge of Word and Excel files. We will train you on the use of our database!

Thanks to much effort by Debbie Ball, we now have a fairly complete *Policies & Procedures* manual. All Board and most Team positions are described in detail in this manual, often with step-by-step procedures. Learning to fit into a new position with *AGR* will not be difficult! Jobs are available on virtually every Team. We encourage you to let us know ASAP how you're willing to become more involved and on which team you are interested in volunteering. Please review the list of Volunteer Opportunities now on our website under our new SUPPORT tab and consider offering to help.

National Golden Retriever Day is February 3, 2025. For the February issue of *The Golden Paw*, I will be featuring stories and articles about senior Golden Retrievers. If you adopted a Golden when he/she was 8 or older or have one that age now, please send a paragraph about your dog to dorwigaz@cox.net.



What's Up DOC?

By Debbie Ball
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In the past few months, *Arizona Golden Rescue's* website continued to evolve with some significant improvements. Hearty appreciation to our Information Systems Manager, Rick Rogers! If you haven't checked out the website recently, I encourage you to do so: www.arizonagoldenrescue.org. Of special note is the new page beneath NEWS titled *Newsletter Index*. Here you will find a list of links to numerous articles that have been written over the years in our *Golden Paw* newsletters. Various topics include the categories of Food/Treats, General, Health, Safety, and Training. If viewing these links on a computer, the blue hyperlink will take you directly to the newsletter page that contains that article; however, if clicking the link from any mobile device (phone or tablet), it will only go to the first page of that newsletter edition and then you would need use the Table of Contents to navigate to the appropriate page that contains the article. This index is a quick ready

reference tool if/when you are discussing such topics with other dog-loving friends or if you just want to brush up your knowledge of the topic. It's a great new resource and a wealth of information! Please check out the *Index*, and if you have any comments about using it, please email me. Also, the full PDF versions of all our *Golden Paw* newsletters since the first one in late 2009 are now available on the website under the link for *Golden Paw Newsletter* beneath the NEWS heading.

Other recent improvements to the website include:

- Optimization of the Home page header to reduce empty space.
- The addition of the blue Facebook link to connect to our public page on that social media site.
- The Contact Us page was modified to avoid redundancy.
- The Home page footer was modified to include our full address, phone, and email information.
- Links to three articles (beneath INFO on the menu bar) for *Basic Supplies – New Dog*, *Basic Supplies – New Puppy*, and *Grade Your Dog's Food*.
- A *Rescue Resources* link (beneath INFO on the menu) showing numerous other breed Rescue contacts and “no kill” shelters.
- Additions to the Adoption FAQ page (beneath ADOPT on the menu bar) includes all relevant information from our handout brochure.
- The addition of a new page, *Pending Adoption* (beneath DOGS on the menu bar), displays dogs that have been placed in adoptive homes and are awaiting finalization.

These and other improvements have resulted in increased traffic to our website, which hopefully increases our exposure to the general public and to those interested in adopting from, surrendering to, or supporting *AGR*.

In recent weeks we have worked to develop a new online form for conducting Home Evaluations, which we hope will make the process more efficient and ensure all evaluators are handling the submission of reports in the same manner. Also, fewer files have to be emailed back and forth, as the pdfs of the Home Evaluations will remain within the database. Currently, the form is being slightly tweaked, and the processing will then be outlined for all evaluators to enter these through the database.

Lastly, progress continues on documenting our various *Policies & Procedures*. As of this writing, over 80 separate electronic files exist that will be mapped to various chapters and topics, then uploaded to one central repository within our database to provide a ready reference for the volunteers on our various teams. As with most non-profit organizations, we are always in need of additional volunteers to help. The Old English proverb, *Many hands make light work* is certainly still true today. Please consider volunteering YOUR help and contact us with your interests!

Golden Adventures!

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Woo-hoo! Our cooler weather has finally arrived and our furry friends are jumping for joy to get outside and experience new friends and odors! This is a magical time of the year as the holidays are fast approaching. Attending our fall and winter events will positively get you into the holiday spirit! We have some new and exciting Golden Adventures planned and hope you can spend some time with us volunteering and/or joining us for these upcoming events!

AGR would not be able to do all these FUNraising events without the help of our dedicated and WONDERful volunteers. So please consider helping for an hour or two, maybe all day if you are so inclined! We would sure love to have you join us! You will meet new people, have fun, get to love on the dogs and find it very rewarding knowing that you are supporting our magnificent Golden beauties!

My middle-aged **Lacey's** perspective... *So what if I'm not a Golden. My Golden family adds spice and adventure to my life. Now that the weather is cooling down, I get to take more walks and meet and greet new people with their dogs, and do more zoomies around the yard with my Golden buddies, Charlie and Winnie. They are looking forward to their Golden events, because they really enjoy their friends, socializing with other Golden, and getting lots of love from all the humans, while I get a chance to stay home and have some me time! Besides, I never know what they will bring home for me. My mom likes to buy some of the homemade and unique merchandise that is for sale, some for us and some for holiday gifts. Maybe I'll get to go sometime, join in the fun and pick out something I want!*



NOW is the TIME TO PLAN YOUR FALL GOLDEN ADVENTURES! Be sure to mark your calendars with the following dates!

NEW EVENT!

Dine Out With The Dogs II

P.F. Chang's

2420 W Happy Valley Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85085

Saturday, November 23, 2024; 2 PM to 7 PM

AGR will be enjoying a fun day out at **P.F. Chang's**. *AGR* will receive a percentage of food and beverages purchases by diners who indicate they are there to support *AGR*. There is an outdoor patio area where you can sit with your dogs and enjoy Chinese

cuisine with family and friends. Looking to shop for the holidays? You've come to the right place! We will have an array of items for purchase that were created by our skilled and talented members and include beautifully sewn cozies, holiday runners, place mats, Advent tree calendars for your dogs and much more!



NEW LOCATION!
PACC911 Adoptathon
Pet Supplies Plus North Scottsdale
 31319 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85266
 Sunday, December 8, 2024, 10 AM to 2:30 PM

This will be a new location for **AGR**; we will have a booth for meet-and-greet activities, as well as merchandise for sale. Bring your dog(s), join the fun, relax and socialize with fellow dog-lovers! You will have an opportunity to greet the public, share **AGR's** story, and help raise money for the medical and behavioral needs of our rescued dogs.

PARADE!

Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade
 51st Ave & Glendale Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301
 Saturday, December 14, 2024, 10 AM to 1 PM

The energy and excitement of parades is contagious! Seeing thousands of smiling faces and hearing children squeal with anticipation, while they see all our beautiful Golden approach them in the parade, is exhilarating! So, come join us with your Golden and other **AGR** members with their dogs, while enjoying a stroll through downtown Glendale. Your dogs are sure to love the attention as they greet the public and receive a hug or pet from little children as they slide a donation into the vests! Dress yourself and your dog in holiday décor and join in the fun with some exercise too!

PRESENTS!

Gift Wrapping at **Floor & Decor Prasada**
 13230 N Prasada Pkwy, Surprise, AZ 85388
 Friday, Dec 13
 Sunday, Dec 15
 Friday – Sunday, Dec 20, 21, 22
 Tuesday, Dec 24
 11 AM to 3 PM on all dates

The staff at **Floor & Decor Prasada** are very happy to have us back again this year! They loved our dogs and were a tremendous help last year with set-up and donations. The surrounding stores have been completed. There will be many people shopping, and wanting their gifts wrapped! We scheduled a few more gift-wrapping days this year and will need assistance from our **WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!** Join the fun by meeting the public, socializing with **AGR** members, and wrapping some gifts. Learn to make elegant bows and bring your own gifts to be beautifully wrapped for the holidays! Hope to see you there!

PARADE!

Parada Del Sol Parade & Trails End Festival
 Old Town Scottsdale
 Saturday, February 1, 2025, 9 AM to 4 PM

AGR members and dogs are invited to march in this fun and memorable parade! Last year we had 32 dogs and 34 people walk in the parade. With so many new adoptions, let's try and beat those numbers this year! Following the parade, **AGR** will have a booth in the *Trail's End Festival* selling merchandise and having a meet-and-greet with the public. A FUN Day for all!



NEW LOCATION!

PACC911 Adoptathon at Berge Toyota
 2020 W Riverview Auto Dr, Mesa, AZ 85201
 Sunday, January 12, 2025, 10 AM to 2:30 PM

We will have our usual booth for merchandise sales and for sharing our information and success stories with the public. Bring your dog(s), join the fun, relax and socialize with fellow dog lovers!



PACC911 Adoptathon at Anthem
 Sunday, February 23, 2025, 10 AM to 3 PM

A well-attended event. Note: On a Sunday! We will have our usual booth for merchandise sales and for sharing our information and success stories with the public. Bring your dog(s), join the fun, relax and socialize with fellow dog-lovers!

ANNUAL **AGR** PICNIC!

PAWS AT THE PARK!
 Sunday, March 9, 2025; 11 AM to 4 PM
 Location: To Be Determined

Paws At the Park is **Arizona Golden Rescue's** annual members' meeting and a day of fun with family and friends, good food and uplifting music! We will be celebrating our 16th year in existence! Bring your dogs, especially the newly adopted ones, to participate in the picnic and Parade of Rescues! Children are always welcome! We will have merchandise for sale, raffle baskets and silent auction items. Mark your calendars for this memorable event!

NEW EVENT!

Chips, Sips and Yips

Beer and Wine Tasting; Games; Well-behaved dogs welcome!
 Saturday, March 29, 2025; 1 PM to 5 PM
 Location: Phillip and Sharon Wiesers' home
 27317 N 23rd Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85085

Please join us for an afternoon of lounging, food, beverages, games and dog competitions! We will have some very nice raffle and silent auction items to catch your attention! Stay tuned for more details.

All events are on the calendar on the **AGR** website (arizonagoldenrescue.org). Interested in VOLUNTEERING? please contact

Denise Padavano or Jeanne Wegener at (agrgoldenevents@gmail.com). Looking forward to hearing from you soon!



Health and Safety

**By Liz Tataseo
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When to neuter or spay and why!

We always say to wait until your dog is at least 12 months old before neutering or spaying. One of the biggest reasons is that the bone growth and joints are not complete until a dog is older.

This is an X-ray of a puppy's skeletal system. Even though it looks like none of the joints are connected, they are! You just can't see them well because the growth plates are not closed, and the bone density is not high enough to register on an X-ray. The dog's hormones play a big part in bone growth and need to be there until growth plates, ligaments and tendons are fully developed.



Growth plates are areas of cartilage at the ends of a dog's long bones that determine the shape and length of the mature bone. When a dog is skeletally mature, the growth plates harden into solid bone and growth stops. Dogs usually reach skeletal maturity by the age of 12 to 15 months. Larger breed dogs may not reach full skeletal maturity until they are 18 to 24 months old, with some of the giant breeds possibly taking up to 2 years.

Repetitive exercise can injure a puppy's growth plates and soft tissue. Some exercise can help build strong bones and muscles, but too much exercise can be damaging. A good rule of thumb is to assume that growth plates have fused by 9 months for small dogs, 12 months for mid-sized dogs, 18 months for large dogs, and 24 months for giant dogs.

So, how much exercise should a puppy or young large dog have? Short, frequent walks are best for a puppy and at a commonsense pace – no running, in other words. Chasing balls and toys should be limited for very young dogs and on a flat surface. Avoid throwing things that cause the dog to jump, twist and suddenly stop. Young dogs can have uneven growth spurts, meaning the long bones don't always grow at the same rate. A dog might limp for a while because of "growing pains" that still may need to be checked by a vet.

Are there stairs in the house? A trip up and down slowly will not be an issue. However, if dogs are allowed to run up and down, jumping down several steps, or twisting and turning, it is not good

for their bone growth. A gate at the bottom and top of stairs will allow your dog to grow without having any issues with stairs.

Aside from bone growth and age at spay or neuter, studies show other issues that can be harmful if spayed or neutered too early. Research conducted by the University of California at Davis reveals that for some dog breeds, neutering and spaying may be associated with the increased risks of certain health conditions such as joint disorders, including hip or elbow dysplasia, cranial cruciate rupture or tear, and some cancers, such as lymphoma, mast cell tumor, hemangiosarcoma, and osteosarcoma. The research conclusions are not surprising. Sex hormones are important in the development of any animal. We know they affect psychological development as well as the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, and the immune system.

- Retrospective studies have also shown some evidence in German Shepherds and Golden Retrievers that round cell tumors (hemangiosarcoma and lymphoma) may be slightly more prevalent in cases of early sterilization.
- Intact male dogs are more prone to developing benign prostatic hyperplasia (a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate), cysts or infections in the prostate, and testicular cancer.
- Also from UC Davis: data in the health records of 759 male Goldens were examined, revealing that a significant number of dogs neutered before 12 months old developed hip dysplasia as adults. The results indicated that early neutering had an adverse effect on young dogs' growth plates and joints, essentially preventing their proper formation.

In contrast, spaying a female Golden at any age increases her risk of cancer. And a Golden if the only breed like that. But every heat cycle an intact female dog goes through increases their risk of mammary cancer. Intact females are also at risk of pyometra, which is an infection of the uterus. Pyometra is life threatening and requires emergency spay surgery.



The Human Connection

**By Connie McCabe,
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"It's all about the dogs"

We say that a lot, because that is why we are all part of this wonderful group. You would not be reading this if it were not for your love for the dogs. But as much as that is true, it takes a lot of hard work from a lot of people to keep this organization, and therefore the dogs, alive and thriving.

So, since this is the "Human Connection" column, in every issue I am going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and stories about some of the people you might know. Hopefully, you will learn something new about them and gain more insight into how they got here. I know there are a lot of people who just wanted to adopt a dog and have no interest in participating in **AGR** activities. I will respect the privacy of those who prefer not to be active and just concentrate on those who are, or have been, most active in the organization.

By now you may have noticed that many of our members have stayed to be part of the organization long after their first-year membership has expired. And, many times, even after the **AGR** dogs they have adopted have gone to the Bridge. There are many members who have never adopted a dog from us and some who don't even have a dog at all! We are grateful to those who have continued to renew their memberships year after year and who contribute their time, money, and hearts to the group, whether or not they are interested in adopting a Golden.

Hopefully, you have taken advantage of the many new social and fundraising opportunities that have been made available thanks to our talented Director of Activities and her team. They have been



Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener

working hard to bring in new venues and to increase the scope of our regular events. They have also been diligent in updating everyone on what volunteer opportunities are available for every upcoming event. We introduced April Crow and Jean Klink in past issues, so now let's learn more about Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener. We thank them for all their hard work!

Denise is the Director of Activities and has really pulled out all the stops in order to bring more fun and productive events for everyone to attend. In her words: *Growing up in the Catskills in upstate NY, our family always had a dog. We had many different breeds of dogs that we loved, but no Golden. After graduating from college, I moved to Arizona in 1979 and finished my schooling to become a Special Education Teacher. While living in an apartment, I had sweet little dogs to keep me company. When I moved into a house, I was ready for a larger dog.*

My first Golden was a puppy named Molly, but, unfortunately, her life was short. She developed nasal cancer and didn't live to her second birthday. That's when I found out about Golden Rescue. Since then, I've had many wonderful dogs... some Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes, a Flatcoat Retriever mix, a Black Lab mix, and a Pomeranian Schipperke mix. All were rescued dogs, and I've loved every one of them! I found out early on that I'm not the best foster mom because once they step into my house, they

find their way into my heart. My first foster failure was Bailey, a 9-month-old Golden/Lab, and one of the sweetest dogs. After having two hip surgeries and bones chips removed from his elbows, he lived to be 14½ years old. My second foster failure now lives with me, and her name is Winnie. She came into my house when she was only 8 weeks old, had heart surgery and wouldn't be medically cleared for three months! My other dogs were very adamant about keeping her!

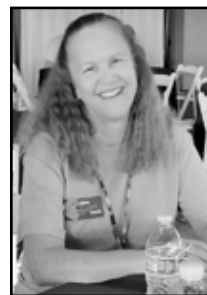
I've volunteered on and off through the years with AGR in different capacities. I started off helping at events when I had time between work and taking care of my mom. When I retired, I had more time to volunteer and started doing intakes, which was very rewarding. I've also volunteered to do home evaluations and riding along on occasional transports. These experiences have helped me communicate with the public about AGR and our rescued dogs. It has also opened me up to making new friends along the way!



Denise with 23-022 Charlie

My current dogs, Lacey, Charlie and Winnie, are great motivators for me, as they encourage me to get up early to go walking, get my exercise and enjoy the morning! In my spare time, I also enjoy reading mysteries, sewing, drawing, traveling, playing cards and shooting pool.

Jeanne and I met in 1986 when we both started teaching in Roosevelt School District. We shared an office between our classrooms, both worked with 7th and 8th grade special needs students and became best of friends. We planned many field trips together and had many fun adventures through the years!



Jeanne Wegener is the very creative assistant to the Director of Activities and has brought some great ideas to our event planning. *She says: My name is Jeanne Wegener, and even though I am not a pet parent right now, I have been auntie to the Padavano pups for many years. My husband Clif and I recently celebrated our 36th wedding anniversary. We have two grown children and one granddaughter whom we have the pleasure of baby-sitting 1-2 days per week.*

Currently I am an elementary school librarian in Phoenix; prior to that I taught Special Education for 34 years before retiring. I have been a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization for women educators, for 30 years, where I have held a number of leadership positions and am currently president of our chapter. In my free time, I enjoy gardening, reading, traveling, and exercising.

I have only been an official member of AGR for about 2 years but have found that planning and preparing for fundraising events for a worthy, well-run organization is both exciting and sometimes exhausting, but definitely rewarding.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

Our Summer Fundraiser was successful this year. A total of **\$13,010** was donated by 73 donors. Thank you all so very much! Donations ranged from \$5 to \$2,700 – we appreciated every one!

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Thank you, all!

Reporting period: January 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024

Total Assets as of October 16, 2024: \$312,232.81

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 6,125.00	\$
Adoption Expense		1,340.00
Adoption Income	28,640.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		3,000.00
Calendars		
Sales of 2024 Calendars	231.00	
Sales of 2025 Calendars	507.00	
Sponsorships for 2025	2,640.00	
Credit Card & PayPal Expense		579.59
Donations		
General Fund	31,913.82	
Honorary	5,288.24	
Memorial	4,883.00	
Summer Fundraiser	13,326.00	
Event Expense		849.39
Grants	12,400.00	
Interest Earned	4,069.64	
Internet Services		1,065.68
Insurance		1,645.62
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	25,275.00	
Merchandise		
Purchases		2,114.07
Sales & Shipping	4,746.66	
Office Expenses		1,231.31
Pavilion Art Gallery Wine Tasting	1,458.00	
Auction Income	5,010.00	
Paws At The Park	1,992.00	725.13
Auction	1,570.00	
Donations	1,075.97	
Prizes (Raffle Tickets)	1,075.00	
PetSmart Charities Pet Walk	581.00	
Postage		2,018.33
Rent or Lease (storage facility)		2,349.54
Stationery & Printing		6,522.52
Telephone		286.37
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		3,375.00
Boarding		18,707.00
Dog Food (Rx/Specialty)		711.30
Microchip Expense		851.19
Veterinary Services		188,491.52
TOTAL	\$148,406.26	\$230,034.36
NET INCOME	- \$ 81,626.10	
Old Checking Account as of 10-26-24:		\$ 102.00
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund Ckng Acct as of 10-26-24:		\$100,368.47
CD #1 as of 10-26-24:		\$100,000.00
CD #2 as of 10-26-24:		\$100,778.42
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-26-24:		\$ 16,875.99

Two CDs Now

Due to a good interest rate of 4.64%, we decided to create a second CD with a starting balance of \$100,000. Both CDs are 3-month CDs, one maturing on November 7th and one on December 3rd. When they mature, we intend to renew both unless a dire and expensive dog emergency happens.

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Debbie Ball
Director of Operations

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Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on which **AGR** has had to spend at least \$2,000. For the third quarter of 2024, we had seven dogs that met this benchmark. Please consider donating to help with the expenses of a specific dog, or just earmark it for *Diamonds in the Ruff*. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, of course, and will be acknowledged as such.

22-067 Raggy came into Rescue in 2022 as a 4-year-old neutered male purebred Golden. He was surrendered by his owners, as they could not afford any more medical care.

Raggy was diagnosed with valley fever that went to his brain, causing countless seizures. He has had radiographs, bloodwork, an MRI of the brain and medications. Because of his ongoing medical needs, he has been adopted into our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program by Connie and Nick in Glendale. They renamed him **Reggie**, and they have witnessed him suffering from multiple seizures. The recommendation from the neurology vet at *Animal Medical & Surgical Center (AMSC)* in late Summer 2024 was to start him on amphotericin infusions to more aggressively treat his valley fever. However, these infusions were stopped in mid-September due to high kidney values. In late September, **Reggie** suffered a nasal hemorrhage requiring emergency treatment. **Reggie's** third-quarter 2024 expenses were **\$5,556**, and overall expenses since his 2022 intake total **\$21,761**.



23-100 Leonardo came into Rescue in mid-December 2023 as a 2-year-old neutered male Goldendoodle. He was basically healthy, just requiring standard vaccinations, but he was in need of some serious training to curb his enthusiasm. An attempt was made in mid-January to place him with a potential adopter, but it was obvious after just a few days that **Leo** was not going to work out with the resident dog. He was

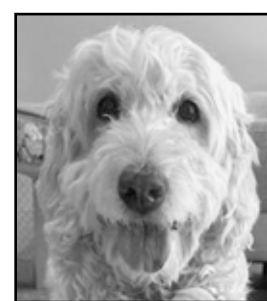
started on the med fluoxetine in late January but lingered in boarding while our Placement team searched for a home for him. In mid-July, **Leo** was transferred to board-and-train with behaviorist Sharon McKenzie, who transformed **Leo** into a gentleman! **Leo** has since been adopted by Mary Louise in Phoenix and enjoying his great new life! Third-quarter 2024 expenses for **Leonardo** were

\$4,991, and overall expenses since his 2023 intake total **\$6,401**.

24-040 Zeus is an 8-year-old neutered male Goldendoodle surrendered with his bonded sibling (female **24-041 Athena**), as their owner was moving. **Zeus** was vetted at *Four-Legged Friends* and only needed basic vaccinations, but his eyes were very irritated (his owner had told us his eyes had always been like that) so he was referred to *Eye Care for Animals*. They diagnosed him with cherry eye. In late August he had eye surgery at *Eyecare for Animals* and is recovering with Barbara in Phoenix who intends to adopt both **Zeus** and **Athena**. Third-quarter expenses for **Zeus** amounted to **\$4,337**.



24-045 Spam was rescued in early July 2024 as a 14-week-old purebred female puppy in need of medical attention. *Veterinary Emergency Group* contacted **AGR** as they had this puppy with neurological symptoms which the original owner surrendered to the ER vet. After evaluation by *AMSC* in Scottsdale with a CT of her abdomen, echocardiogram, and ammonia test, it was discovered she has an internal liver shunt. Essentially this means that instead of blood going into the liver to go through the detox process, all the waste is dumped into the dog's system. **Spam** is too young and her vessels are still growing, so surgery to repair this condition cannot be done until she is approximately 5-6 months old. She is currently being faithfully fostered by **AGR** volunteer Sharon, who must take extra care to ensure **Spam** gets all her meds on schedule with food and increasing dosages as **Spam** grows. **Spam's** vet expenses so far are **\$4,759**, which will increase significantly when she has her liver shunt pre-op evaluation and then surgery sometime within the next few months.



24-047 APillow is a 15-year-old spayed female Goldendoodle, named as a puppy because she was "soft as a pillow." Sadly, her prior owner could no longer care for her for personal reasons and surrendered her to **AGR**. She was vetted at *Academy West Animal Hospital* and brought up-to-date on needed vaccinations. **AGR** members Tiara and Paul in Chandler agreed to foster **APillow** and have since adopted her under our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program due to **APillow's** age and poor dental condition. **APillow** is currently enjoying meeting people and relaxing

around their cabin in Flagstaff. In late September, she was taken for emergency vetting due to lethargy and not eating, given fluids and meds to hopefully allow her to continue to enjoy her remaining time – as of October 29, 2024 she is still living with the family. Expenses for **APillow** have been **\$2,806**.

24-057 Maggie is a 5½-year-old spayed female Goldendoodle with Addison's disease. She was surrendered to **AGR** because one of the resident dogs was aggressive to her. In mid-August, she had basic vetting done at **Academy West**, then was fostered by Alex and Yoyo in Queen Creek. The fosters observed that **Maggie** needed constant supervision due to counter-surfing and garbage-picking. Due to these fosters' planned trip, **Maggie** was moved to a second foster home with experienced dog owners Joan and Keith in Scottsdale. At some point, she was able to tear up and ingest some pieces of a sock and headphones. So, she required abdominal surgery at **Vet Emergency Group** for removal of foreign objects. **Maggie** is recuperating with Tiffany in Phoenix who intends to adopt her. Vet bills for **Maggie** so far



have cost **AGR \$7,145**.



24-062 Tuesday was a 3 ½-year-old spayed female Golden mix. We were told she was being surrendered because she had been the mother's dog, the mother passed away, and no one in the family could keep the dog. As often happens, that was not the whole story. **Tuesday** was basically incontinent. She had had surgery for ectopic ureters before we got her, but that surgery was not very successful and did not fix the problem of urine leakage. Our vet discovered that **Tuesday** had a dysplastic kidney, a rampant urinary tract infection and vulvar dermatitis from urine leakage. She developed a septic abdomen, with free fluid in her abdomen loaded with bacteria. Due to the difficulty in removing all the fluid and with the prognosis of life-long chronic kidney and bladder issues, we felt it was best for the dog to relieve her suffering and send her to the Bridge. She was adopted posthumously by our Health Care Director, Liz Tataseo. **Tuesday's** total cost to **AGR**, including euthanasia, was **\$2,325**.

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Denise Padavano and Deb Orwig

*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 11, 2024 through October 15, 2024. All adoptions finalized after October 15th will be in the next issue.*



23-016 Jax, a 6½-year-old Golden mix, came to **AGR** in March 2023. We received a plea to take him from **Arizona Animal Welfare League**, as their shelter was full. Not much was known about him, as the owners who surrendered him to **AAWL** did not tell them anything except they were moving. He was reported to be friendly and did well with dogs of all ages and genders in play groups. The transporter noted that he was

adorable and very friendly. At his first foster home, although he behaved well until he saw strangers or strange dogs (he growled and lunged at them), he did not compare well to the previous dog in the family. After an undesirable encounter with the resident dog in the second potential foster home, the **AGR** Board decided **Jax** needed one-on-one training, with special emphasis on safely

meeting other dogs, so we enrolled him at **Partners Dog Training School**. His third foster, who lives in an apartment, found that **Jax** is an anxious barker and did not know what "Quiet!" meant, so he had to be rehomed yet again. We finally found a potential adopter who seemed to fit all of **Jax's** needs, Wendy, in San Tan Valley. She lives alone, has no other pets and was willing to take **Jax** to the follow-up classes we paid for at **Partners**. After considerable settling-in time at Wendy's, **Jax** finally started to relax, and Wendy did not feel it necessary to put him on any anti-anxiety medication. Wendy wrote: ***Jax** is such a sweet boy who loves everyone and is starting to learn not to be so reactive to other dogs. He gets along so well with my son's dog and loves when **Spire** spends a few days with us. **Jax** is still very scared of storms, but we are working through it, and I feel like it has helped us bond even more. **Jax** is my shadow and is the first dog that I ever let sleep in my bed. He enjoys his walks, but also loves running around and lounging in*

the yard. I love his warm friendly eyes, floppy ears and how he is always smiling. **Jax** is a very smart, energetic and vocal at times, and sometimes makes sounds like he is Chewbacca. **Jax** does well in the house and doesn't need to be crated, and I love the greetings he gives me when I come back home. **Jax** has been a great fit – I love him so much!



23-021 Clark, a Golden/Lab mix, was three years old when he was surrendered to **AGR** in April 2023. The 2-year-old daughter in the family that had gotten the dog from **Ghost Town Dog Rescue** developed allergies to the dog and **GTDR** would not accept the dog back, since he'd been adopted a year prior (NOTE: **AGR** will always take

a dog back). We were told that **Clark** was a bit anxious when first meeting people, then warms up and is friendly, gentle and very obedient. A "bit anxious" was understating **Clark's** behavior. He was so anxious and fearful of any new situation that he was started on fluoxetine, which really helped him calm down. We tried him as a foster in two homes, but he just couldn't adapt to either of them. Finally, we placed him with Denna, Kevin and their two teenaged daughters in Peoria. They had the patience to let **Clark** settle in without trying to make him do anything he wasn't comfortable doing. He found a "safe spot" by the sliding door and spent a lot of time there looking out the door. During the time **Clark** was in and out of foster homes and **Academy West Animal Hospital**, he developed allergies and the habit of licking and chewing on his feet. So, we started him on allergy medication. While with fosters Denna and Kevin, **Clark** had a meet-and-greet with three other families. None of these went well. After having **Clark** as a foster for 5 months and seeing that he reacted poorly to families other than theirs, Denna and Kevin decided they had to give him a permanent home. Since **Clark** will need anti-anxiety and allergy medications for the rest of his life and since he had a great home, the **AGR** Board approved accepting **Clark** into our **Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption** program, so **AGR** will cover any of **Clark's** vet and medication needs from now on.

We asked the family for an update on **Clark**. Denna wrote: *Once upon a time, in a warm and loving home, there lived a dog named Clark. One year ago, Clark found his forever family. He came with a heart full of anxiety, unsure of what the future held. But from the moment he stepped into his new home, he sensed something special. This family didn't just choose him; Clark chose them. Clark quickly discovered the joys of his new life. He loved going for walks, his nose always on the hunt for the scent of rabbits. Every corner and bush were a new adventure, and his tail wagged with excitement at every discovery. At home, Clark felt safest when all his humans were around. He knew he could go to any of them for hip rubbings and endless love. His ears were finely-tuned to the*

sound of any potential snack, and he never missed an opportunity to catch a treat mid-air. However, when it came to balls, Clark couldn't care less. Food was his true passion.

Clark's journey from anxiety to joy was a testament to the power of love and patience. He had found his perfect place, and his family had found their perfect dog. Together, they created a world where **Clark** could be his happiest, most carefree self. What a wonderful match!



23-042 Kai is a very sweet 1-year-old unneutered male Golden Retriever who came into Rescue in June 2023. He was surrendered because the family was unable to afford the cost of the hip surgery he required. When transporter Connie picked up **Kai**, she noticed that he had difficulty walking; he was scooting and holding his back end very low. He was taken to **Academy West**

Animal Hospital for vetting and neutering, and then placed with fosters Connie and Nick in Glendale. Connie described him as the sweetest boy ever and a perfect gentleman, following her everywhere she went! After a month with his fosters, **Kai** moved into his new forever home with Julie and Garrett in Glendale. In July, **Kai** was taken to **Vet Med** for an orthopedic exam and scheduled for his first hip surgery in September. **Kai** had his second hip surgery in April 2024 at **Arizona Canine Orthopedics and Sports Medicine (ACOSM)**. While taking him to many vet appointments and nursing **Kai** through 2 hip surgeries, Julie and Garrett fell in love with his sweet, mellow personality! After almost a year's time they have made his adoption final! He lives with two other resident Golden Retrievers, a 6-year-old female and a 5-year-old male. Julie commented: *What a year we have had! So blessed, so loved and so very grateful. Thank you for bringing this boy into our lives! Kai, now Kai Boy Wheadon, has had a puppy impact on his household. Now over a year since he entered his quiet, dog-less home, two new hips, two new dog siblings and a full-time dad have made his hip dysplasia a thing of the past. Kai runs circles around all of us, is the instigator of play time, wrestling time and a game of finishing his meals and treats quicker than everyone. On walks he follows the lead of big brother Cruz, giving a little bark to dogs passing by and quickly snuggles up next to Cruz just to make sure he agrees with the hello. He loves getting his sister Makena riled up by nipping at her back feet to get her to play with him. When he needs to really get everyone going, he jumps into the pool, to hear Mom and Dad say, "Again, Kai"? Cruz and Mak watch from the sidelines in awe. Once out of the pool, he runs like crazy and shakes near everyone to get them wet, too. Lover to all! We are so grateful he is a part of our family! Happy new life Kai!*

23-100 Leonardo, a Goldendoodle, has also had a storied history with **AGR**. He was 2 years old when he came to us in De-



September 2023, a big boy who was very overweight. The owners told us they had jobs that required a lot of traveling and could not give **Leo** the time and exercise he needed. He was described as energetic, loveable and sassy. **Leo** had been allowed to develop some bad habits, including jumping up on people and being very mouthy. We tried **Leo** with a couple of different fosters. One,

which looked promising, said after 5 days: *He does not listen to me whatsoever, does not respond to his own name, non-stop digs through trash and the whole house looking for food, non-stop barks and whines at everything, tries to hump when he's stressed and overwhelmed, does not get along with my other dog, doesn't seem happy in any way, and he opens doors and breaks through gates and blocks. I'm really sorry, I really tried to give him lots and lots of love and attention, but I just don't feel like I've gotten anywhere with him at all in the 5 days I've had him.* Sometimes love and attention are just not enough.

The **AGR** Board finally decided that **Leonardo** needed one-on-one training, so we placed him with Sharon McKenzie in a board-and-train program. We also started him on anti-anxiety medications. He did well the first day he was there – got along with the other 9 dogs Sharon had at that time. Her assessment of him: *Overall his temperament and personality are very good. He is a smart boy with much potential.* His second day there was challenging, as he went after several of the bigger dogs. After a couple more days of true decompression time and settling into a new environment, he balanced out and started behaving much better. Sharon's comments after two weeks: *Leo continues to behave well and has learned many new house manners and boundaries. He understands OUT now and responds quickly when free flowing. He is very good at PLACE now – he will stay until he is given the break command up to an hour. That is really good! I am continually working him with the jumping up with visitors – so much better. Taking a second field trip to The Home Depot this Saturday to get as much consistency as I can with meeting new people. Overall, doing so well and a very sweet boy!*

The new-and-improved **Leonardo** was finally granted a meet-and-greet with Mary in Scottsdale. It went well, even when Mary had her 2-year-old grandson with her at a second meeting. As part of the training agreement with Sharon, Mary was given a couple private lessons so that she could follow through with how **Leo** had been trained. **Leo** now has a forever home and is doing well. Mary recently spoke about **Leo**: *He is doing great! I learned that Leo likes to swim when we were visiting someone with a pool. I've also learned Leo is a counter surfer. Recently my daughter and grandchild were over and brought a pizza. They went to give a slice to the baby, and when they turned around Leo had taken half the pizza! Leo is tall enough that his chin can rest on my kitchen*

counters, so I now know better than to leave food out! **Leo** does not demonstrate any food aggression though he likes to bark at me if I don't give him enough attention – I just laugh. All in all, I am very happy with **Leo**. **AGR** is happy that **Leo** finally has a forever home.

24-023 Maple is an energetic 1½-year-old Golden Retriever. The family had **Maple** since she was 2 months old and recently moved from a house with a large backyard to a second-floor apartment. The wife was recently diagnosed with postpartum depression, overwhelmed and realized an apartment was no place to raise a young active



dog. **Maple** came into Rescue just after going into heat and was boarded at **Academy West Animal Hospital** for two weeks. Playful and fun-loving **Maple** found her new forever home in Phoenix with Viki, Russell and their resident 7-year-old Golden Retriever, **Sadie**. For **Maple** and **Sadie**, it was love at first sight, and they have become best of friends! Since her new home is closer to **Four-Legged Friends** than to **AW**, **Maple**, now called **Mazie**, received the rest of her vetting there, which included vaccinations, bloodwork and spaying. Viki shared their story: *I had reached out to AGR to share the heartbreaking news that our senior rescue, Hope, had passed away and that our 6-year-old AGR rescue, Sadie, was lost without her partner. No sooner did I say those words than we were told that AGR was going to be taking in a 17-month-old female Golden. Would we want Sadie to meet her? We ran over as soon as we could for a meet-and-greet and the two started playing as if they had always played together – Sadie and Mazie have not stopped playing together ever since! Mazie has such a cute disposition... she is a hugger! We haven't had a dog that wants to hug you, but Mazie sure does! She starts each day eagerly, ready for her morning walks – which in this heat is before the sun rises – even on the weekends. She is so excited that it makes it more fun to get up and go. Mazie LOVES all toys.... we find lots of murder scenes where she unstuffs the toys, but she still loves them unstuffed. She loves to chase moths, grasshoppers, dragonflies and butterflies all over the yard, or any chance she gets. She forgets she can't fly, but it sure is fun watching her jump up and flip around trying! Most of all she loves to play and run around with Sadie. That is what makes us the happiest of all... seeing them run and jump and play. They play in my office while I am working, and it is such joy to have that energy in the office. At the end of the day, Mazie can't snuggle close enough to Sadie. We are so happy to have her silly personality in our lives, and so glad she has become a great companion for Sadie. Thanks, again, to AGR for the joy of Mazie! (Sadie says thank you too!)*

24-030 Goldie is a 10-month-old Golden Retriever who was surrendered because she had been left with a dog sitter for a month



and the owner didn't want her back. The dog sitter was unable to keep her, as he is moving and already has a Great Dane and two kids. **Goldie** is described as mellow, loving, and wanting attention. She was a little frightened when transported to **Academy West Animal Hospital** but gained confidence after 1½ weeks. Once transported to her forever home with Pam and Bob in Cave Creek, **Goldie's** puppy

personality came out. She is very feisty, happy and loves her new pool! After a week at her new home, **Goldie** went into heat. **Goldie**, now called **Mollie**, received her vaccinations and bloodwork at **Four-Legged Friends** and will be spayed when she is old enough (she was spayed before the adoption was finalized). **Mollie's** new family loves her very much! Joni, an **AGR** Follow-up Team member, spoke with Bob and Pam, and they responded: *Mollie... Our girl is perpetual motion. Mollie has settled into our "pack" and is a welcome addition to our family. We are now back to our old routines, (activities we enjoyed with our other "girls") running in the park, chasing the ball and jumping in the pool for a nice swim! Mollie keeps us in a much-needed exercise routine – she allows no slackers! We feel so blessed to have adopted Mollie from AGR. We appreciate your kindness, support and friendship! Thank you, AGR! Have a wonderful life, Mollie!*



24-034 Chip (left in photo) is probably 4 or 5 years old. He was found with a 1- or 2-year-old female, **24-035 Gale** (right in photo). **Chip** seems anxious if he is not with **Gale**.

Chip and **Gale** were

held for the required AZ Stray Laws. The finder could not keep the dogs as she was "very pregnant", had a 4-year-old child, 5 cats and 2 dogs. Not much information, as the finder only had **Chip** and **Gale** for 3 days, but she said **Chip** is friendly and affectionate.



24-034 Chip now called Marshall

Transporters Connie and Nick noted: *Chip is a handsome red boy, thin. Gale is a beautiful light blond, smaller and also very thin. They both seemed good-natured.* Both dogs needed heartworm, tick fever and valley fever tests, as well as vaccinations for canine influenza, Bordetella and leptospirosis. About three weeks after placement with Jackie and Roger in Prescott, **Gale**, who was renamed **Lily**, had to be treated

for a urinary tract infection. Once that was cleared up, she and **Chip**, who was renamed **Marshall**, were both given the DHPP

vaccinations. Neither dog had been sterilized, so we had **Marshall** neutered right away after placement; **Lily** was spayed about three weeks later. In a follow-up call at the beginning of October, Jackie commented: *Lily is definitely the Alpha dog even though she is younger. She will walk up to Marshall and take the toy he has away from him. Marshall doesn't seem to mind. Both dogs have been going to the Prescott Valley Dog Squad.*

Roger drops both dogs off at 8:00 AM and picks up at 4:00 PM. They get socialization at The Home Depot and other stores, along with

training in the afternoon. Both dogs come home happy and tired. While walking Marshall last week, I wanted to go one more block but Marshall did not. We got a little tangled up, and I fell and broke my femur. Marshall was so good and sat quietly with me until help came to drive me home. A fall due to leash tangles is not enough to ever want to give these pups back! The cat likes to be near both Lily and Marshall and there have been no problems. By winter the cat will probably be sleeping with Marshall to stay warm. All in all, we love these dogs, both get along great with each other. We are thankful that AGR chose us to be their new family.



24-035 Gale now called Lily



24-036 Dove came in as a stray in June 2024. **Dove** is a Great Pyrenees/Golden mix and approximately 3-years-old. She was picked up by a kind woman in South Phoenix who posted her, trying to find her owner. Unable to find **Dove's** owner or keep her, she surrendered her to **AGR**. **Dove** was placed with foster Cheryl in Scottsdale for less than a week, because

Cheryl was too busy to take her to the vet. She was transported back to **Academy West Animal Hospital** to receive needed vetting, vaccinations and bloodwork. After a month, **Dove** was taken to Barb and her resident Standard Poodle, **Pi**, in Phoenix. Hoping this would be her forever home, **Dove**, now **Belle**, became friends with **Pi** after a day. Barb had an in-house trainer work with **Belle**. She learned some basic commands, was housetrained and started to settle in her new home. Unfortunately, although on medication, Barb's allergies started to act up and were attributed to **Belle**. They say third time's the charm, and after 5 days, **Dove/Belle** was once again transported to another house. This time **Belle** found her forever home with Carson and John in Mesa. Once there, she was busy exploring her new place. A few of the cats came out to visit. Several were gutsy and when they ran, she chased them. After three weeks of settling in, and being spayed, **Dove** is doing well and getting along better with the cats. Very happy **Dove** has finally found a great home! Carson wrote: *Belle is a giant puppy. Very full of love and slobber. She shines best at the dog park when*

she's interacting with other people and children and dogs from small to large. She fills our house up with love and she's trying her best to make friends with our kitties. **Belle** is our little slobber monster and we love her.



24-037 Milo is a 1½-year-old male Golden Retriever who came into Rescue in June 2024. The owner lived with his parents, and they did not have time for him. **Milo** is very strong – they had been using a prong collar when taking him on walks. This was a very difficult surrender, and the parents and owner were very sad and tearful. During the transport to **Academy West Animal**

Hospital, **Milo** barked most of the way. While there, he received vetting with vaccinations and blood work and was scheduled for a future neutering. Within a week, **Milo** found his forever home with George in Scottsdale. After being in his new home for a short time, he was taken to **Partners Dog Training School** in Cave Creek for a two-week board and train, with the expense paid by his new owner (thank you, George!). For the short time **Milo** spent with him, George commented: *Milo is an absolute slice of heaven, and I can't thank you and everyone at AGR enough for the fantastic work you do and your commitment to being the best of the best.* **Milo's** new owner attended follow-up training classes with him and both are doing great! When asked about **Milo**, George wrote: *Milo is sweet, loving, healthy and well-behaved and immediately bonded with us. He is a great traveler, going on many trips to the mountains and to an assisted living home every afternoon where he gives all the residents a joyful experience with lots of licks and hugs. He loves his big yard to explore and has fun moving and hiding his toys. He then pretends he's never seen these before. He's very smart and learned all the basic commands after training classes. He also attends day care once each week where he gets lots of exercise with his new playmates. Everyone who meets Milo is greeted with lots of energy and love. He is also a comedian, bringing lots of laughs just before bedtime when he routinely decides he'd rather play and run around the house instead of settling in his crate. Eventually he tires and goes to bed more willingly.* Enjoy your loving new home, **Milo!**



24-039 Phoenix is a beautiful 1½-year-old red Golden Retriever who came into Rescue in June 2024. The family decided to surrender **Phoenix** because she played too rough and knocked over their 6-year-old child; in addition, the wife had been diagnosed with reactive air disorder and the dog hair irritated her throat. The owner described **Phoenix** as being terrified of riding in cars. However,

after transporter Darlene offered her a treat, she walked to the

car, jumped in on her own and lay down. **Phoenix** received the standard vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital (AW)**. **Phoenix** had displayed anxiety diarrhea, which usually occurred in the middle of the night. **AW** transitioned her off the puppy food she had been eating to an adult dog food, and the diarrhea resolved itself. After eight days, **Phoenix** found her forever home with Jennifer, Jeff and their resident tortoise, Oscar, in Phoenix. Once at her new home, she made herself comfortable, picked up a toy and lay by Jennifer's feet. After three weeks, **Phoenix** became more confident and started to play! Her new family decided to rename her **Lucy** because of her red hair and she loves balls! (Lucille Ball). After talking with transporter Darlene, Jennifer said when they got her "they landed in a tub of butter". Darlene looked up the meaning, and it is an Irish phrase which means *they came into a fortune*. So did **Lucy!** Jeff and Jen wrote about life with **Lucy**: *We couldn't imagine her not being a part of our family. She's well behaved and wants to be everyone's friend. She loves to play fetch or a game of losing her ball under furniture just so she can try to get it out. Throw in some ice cubes to munch on and it's the best day ever. A huge thanks to Arizona Golden Rescue staff for making this happen!* Enjoy your new life, **Lucy!**

24-040 Zeus is a 7-year-old Goldendoodle that was surrendered with his Goldendoodle companion, 6-year-old **24-041 Athena**. The owner was moving to a smaller home that did not allow dogs. Both dogs were already sterilized, thankfully. The



owner said **Zeus** is playful, friendly and a people pleaser. He loves to run in the yard and go for walks. **Athena** is more on the reserved side and the princess of the house. She can be playful and loves to cuddle. She is very bonded to her brother from the same parents 1 year apart. Our transporter Darlene noticed right away that **Zeus** had cherry eye; the owner said his eyes had always been like that and didn't seem to bother him. We also found out in short order that **Zeus** may have a sensitivity to chicken-based food. The owner had sent such food with him but said she'd always mixed it with lamb and rice. The plain chicken gave **Zeus** explosive diarrhea at the fosters' home, so no more chicken! Both dogs received our



standard vet exam and vaccinations, and **Zeus** was referred to **Eye Care for Animals** where cherry eye was confirmed. Cherry eye occurs if there is a weak attachment between the tear gland and the third eyelid, which can cause the eyelid to dislodge and form a small, pinkish-red bulge on the inner corner of one or both eyes. If untreated, cherry eye can lead to com-



24-041 Athena

plications like dry eye syndrome. The usual treatment is surgery to remove the third eyelid. **Zeus** had surgery on both eyes; he will need lubricating eye drops for the rest of his life. As soon as **Zeus** had his eyes fixed, his potential adopter, Barbara in Phoenix, was anxious to finalize the adoption of both dogs. Barbara comment-

ed: *Thank you for checking in with me. Both **Zeus** and **Athena** are very sweet. They are getting along with my 14-year-old standard poodle, **Pi**. I'm working at leash-training with them one at a time, so I can manage both of them better. I love them very much!*

24-043 Almendra is a quiet 5-year-old spayed Golden Retriever mix. She came to us from a Rescue in Guadalajara, Mexico in July 2024. After her long flight, **Almendra** was picked up at the airport by transporters Nick, Connie and Darlene. While in Mexico, **Almendra** had bloodwork for valley fever and tick fever; both were negative. During her trip to



Academy West Animal Hospital, she didn't make a sound and was a little nervous about all the new experiences. Although **AGR** didn't have much information on her, she was described as very playful, enjoys attention and was good with the children she encountered in Mexico. Transporter Connie described her as really cute, especially when she pops up those big ears! While being checked out by the vet, she was found to have a bacterial infection in her mammary area and received medication. She received the necessary vaccinations also. After just six days, **Almendra** was taken to her forever home with Wade in Peoria. Once at her new home, she explored the yard and house very carefully. **Almendra**, now called **Ally**, can look out the living room window at the golf course where she has a great view. Wade sent us some comments: *Ally is very calm and happy. After just three weeks at my home, Ally is starting to play with her toys. She is the perfect little dog. Great size, doesn't bark and good with other dogs. Likes to play when I first come home from work, but then she goes and hides under my pool table. Ally does like feet and shoes. She is not destructive at all. She is good with food, not aggressive. Once it gets cooler, I will take Ally out for walks more; so far she has been good on a leash. I am very happy with her.*

24-044 Jeyca is a very cute and petite 1-year-old female Golden Retriever mix. She also came to us from a Rescue in Guadalajara, Mexico in July 2024. **Jeyca** was picked up at the airport by transporters Nick, Connie and Darlene. While in Mexico, **Jeyca** had bloodwork for valley fever and tick fever; both were negative. She was very vocal on her way to **Academy West Animal Hos-**



pital, and when taken out of her crate she was all wiggles! **Jeyca** presents as happy, playful and very sweet. After just 3 weeks, **Jeyca** found her new forever home with Ann and Tom in Chandler. She seemed very happy when exploring her new home and backyard. Ann and Tom took **Jeyca**, now called **Jazzie**, to **Crosswinds Ani-**

mal Clinic to receive the necessary vaccinations, treatment for an ear infection and spaying at **AGR's** expense. **AGR** member Connie spoke to Ann, and she related: *We love her already and she seems very happy.* Later, Ann wrote: *She is a sassy little girl, and the name **Jazzie** fits her perfectly. At 15 pounds, we call her our "micro-mini Golden Retriever. Because of her life on the streets, she has some quirky behaviors. We soon discovered some reactive behavior with strange dogs and people. Thankfully, Deb Orwig referred us to Sharon McKenzie, the Dog Whisperer. Sharon was able to suggest some techniques to diffuse this behavior and we are having success working with her.* After a couple weeks of using Sharon's suggested techniques, the adopters reported: ***Jazzie** is doing great. I have been walking her in the mornings and she has been able to meet strange dogs/people with just a sniff and a tail wag; no barking or lunging. She will bark at strange noises, but settles down easily. We started training classes at **Petsmart** on Saturday and she did very well. **Jazzie** LOVES her toys, and she loves to scatter them all over the family room. Her favorite spot to rest is on top of the back cushions of our sectional. I think she enjoys being up high so she can see everything. **Jazzie** loves her "cousins" **BoBo** and **Maxx**, who are **AGR** dogs that were adopted by our son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Tiara. **Jazzie** will zip around and try to get them to play. They are very good with her, and it is fun to watch them interact. She is a very funny little dog. So full of spunk and energy. She LOVES to hunt for lizards in the backyard. It's really funny to watch her, **Maxx** and **BoBo** hunt for lizards when they are staying with us. Hilarious! When we lost our sweet **Willow** to cancer earlier this year, we were not sure we would adopt another dog. However, life had a different plan in mind. We are so thankful that fate (and **AGR**) brought little **Jazzie** into our lives – we are enjoying this little spark plug and love her to pieces.* Ann and Tom had **Jazzie** DNA tested to find out what kind of "Golden Mix" she is. The results? 35.5% small Poodle, 26.1% Cocker, 11.3% American Pit Bull Terrier, 11.1% Supermutt (!), 9.4% Pekingese, and 6.6% German Shepherd Dog (!), a most unlikely combination, but NO GOLDEN RETRIEVER!

24-048 Spring and **24-049 Summer** were strays found huddled under a bush on a land development site in the Glendale/Perryville area. The finder did due diligence in trying to locate an owner, but had no luck and could not himself keep the pair. They were named by Liz who met the finder at **Academy West Animal Hospital**. We thought they might be young Goldendoodles, which is why



24-049 Summer now Pebbles and 24-048 Spring now Peanut

we accepted them, but now we believe they are some kind of Terrier mix. They are small, only 20 pounds now at about 6 months, and will remain small as they

mature. Diane and Todd in Phoenix, who have fostered numerous Goldendoodle puppies for us, described these puppies: They are a lovely blend of fun and playful but calm and quiet! Curious, good-natured. Crate trained – no accidents over night. Good with resident dogs, but not exposed to cats. Love people – have done well with elementary-aged and up.

Quiet. Love toys and water. Great in the car. Will need leash work. They were first placed with a family in Glendale, but the wife did some research on raising littermates and found information on "littermate syndrome" that caused her concern, so they backed out of the placement.

Laura and Greg in Phoenix had no such concern and fell in love with these adorable puppies. In a recent phone call, Laura and Greg concurred that these are the cutest, cuddliest little girls, and have been really easy puppies. They renamed them **Peanut (Spring)** and **Pebbles (Summer)** and said **Peanut** always wants to have a toy in her mouth. If **Pebbles** picks up a toy, **Peanut** takes it away. They may not be Golden Retrievers, but they know the *Golden Property Law: If I can take it from you, it's mine!* (For the rest of the "Laws", see page 18.) They thanked us for letting them adopt this great pair. We issued an addendum for spays at **AGR's** expense when the girls are old enough for the surgery (about a year).

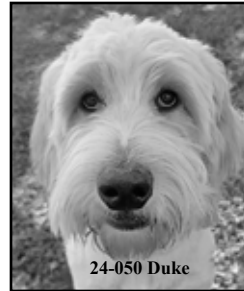


24-048 Spring now Peanut



24-049 Summer now Pebbles

24-050 Duke (left in photo) and **24-051 Lady** (right in photo) are a 1-year-old littermate pair of white Goldendoodles. Their owner got them when they were three months old. Now they are full grown and the owner said they were just too energetic and he could not handle them anymore. They both needed all our standard vetting. In fairly short order, Placement found a new home for this delightful pair with Christie and her son in Phoenix. Transporter Connie com-



24-050 Duke



24-051 Lady

mented: *These two gorgeous but scared and sad dogs changed into happy, friendly and rambunctious pups the minute we walked in the door to Christie's home. Her son and a young gal friend were waiting with open arms. The transformation was instantaneous and complete. It was just one big lovefest all around. They fit in beautifully and it was a joy to see how happy they all were. Christie was thrilled with them both. One funny thing is the dogs like to play with the water hose!* We wish the family all the best.



24-052 Tully is a 6-year-old Goldendoodle who came to **AGR** in July 2024. The owner said they have two small children (a 4-month-old baby and a 2-year-old toddler) and they no longer have time to take him on hikes or do all the things they did with him during their four years before kids. Although he was already neutered, **Tully** needed all our standard vetting with vaccinations, heartworm test and valley fever test. The three adults in the adoptive household have work shifts that complement each other and help **Tully** get attention and exercise from each of them. Cathy is home in the morning. Son Mike gets home at 11 AM and spends time with **Tully** until Dad Tom gets home at 5 PM and takes over the play routine. **Tully** loves to play ball and shows his retriever side by continually bringing the ball back and dropping it at Mike's feet. They will be allowing **Tully** on the furniture and bed. This home will provide **Tully** with much love, and between Mike's walks and the swimming pool **Tully** will get the exercise he needs. Cathy wrote: *Wow, what a perfect dog! Tully is crazy about fetching balls and loves to swim in the pool! He knows so many one-word commands, I believe he understands everything we say. When we adopted Tully, they had said his previous family didn't allow him on the furniture or let him sleep in their bed – we broke him of that bad habit the first night. We love Tully so much and are very happy he is part of our family. Thank you to Arizona Golden Rescue!*

24-053 Lightning is an adorable 1½-year-old Golden mix. He had been found as a stray but the finder, after doing due diligence, was unable to locate the owner and unable to keep the dog himself. During the three weeks he kept the dog, the finder even went above and beyond: he got the dog vaccinated and microchipped. **AGR** just had to do the heartworm and valley fever tests (fortunately both negative). Lyn and Pete, who live in Sierra Vista and have adopted from **AGR** in the past, saw **Lightning** on our



website and expressed an interest in meeting him. Lyn's mother lives locally, so they made arrangements to visit her and the dog. They liked him very much and had a proven adoption record with us, so we allowed them to take him home. Everything has worked out well. **Lightning**, whose name was changed to **Luke**, was neutered after he'd settled in with his

new family. Lyn reported: *We love him! He's a nice size. He gets along well with our senior dog. We also have a cat, which Luke tries to herd – makes us both laugh! He is good with the pet door. When Pete leaves, Luke will lie by the door until he comes back. We have paid for five private lessons to help with leash training and will let AGR know how it goes.* We love families who take a positive approach to helping a new dog become accustomed to a new owner and a new environment.



24-056 Jamie is a male stray named by our transporter. The finder thought he is about 18 months old. He was found with a collar but no tags. Finder took him to a vet, discovered he has no chip, and was unable to find the owner. The finder has a Golden of her own and says he is a very typical, high-energy young Golden who gets along well with dogs and people. He is crate trained and knows some

basic obedience commands. He is a little thin but seems healthy. She was glad to know he will have a vet exam and be neutered (Note: he received all our standard tests, vaccines and has been neutered). He has caused no trouble in the time they have had him. Our foster family found that **Jamie** knows how to go in and out a dog door and also knows how to swim. After Connie transported **Jamie** to his forever home, she reported: *Jamie, now Jazz, has a great new home with Jen and Ari and family in Phoenix, plus, a cute doggy girlfriend. What more could any dog want? He immediately began to play with Luz, his new girlfriend. Then he found a tennis ball and it was all over for any other toy – Jazz is hooked on tennis balls! The kids had made him some adorable signs and were super excited. The family has a lot of energy and is involved in numerous activities – I'm sure he'll do great there.* A note from adopter Ari: *Jamie (n.k.a. Jazz) has been a wonderful addition to our home. He has so much fun playing with our other puppy, Luz. He is so loving and often forgets how big he is when he tries to climb on your lap (even the kids' laps). We are so happy he is part of our family!*

24-058 Erwin is a 21-month-old purebred Golden. His original family was moving and couldn't take him. The owner reported that **Erwin** is very energetic and loves to go for walks. He gets so excited when he knows he is going for a walk that his teeth chat-

ter. He does pull on the leash but is kept close with commands. The owner provided a list of commands that the dog knows. At 66 lbs, **Erwin** is a perfect weight for a male Golden. He is sweet and smart and loves to snuggle in bed. **AGR** had to update all his vaccinations and test him for heartworm and valley fever. After he was placed in his forever home with Ciera, Colby



and daughters in Tempe, he was neutered. He needs some leash work and tends to jump up on people. With some training tips from Sharon McKenzie, **Erwin's** behavior is improving. Ciera wrote: *Erwin has been an absolute dream pup and perfect addition to our home! He is so sweet with our kids, loves lots of belly rubs and ear scratches, enjoys morning and evening family walks and playing ball and with his favorite toy rings. He is a quick learner of new tricks and enjoys relaxing to listen to family bedtime stories. He has brought all of us immense joy and we adore him! We are so grateful to the Rescue connecting us as his forever home!*

Golden Property Laws

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



Do Not Give These Foods or Meds to Your Dog

Chocolate, grapes, macadamia nuts, onions, or raisins. Do not allow your dog to have any product containing xylitol (like sugarless gum and some peanut butters – read the labels) – these all have toxic effects. Also, do not give your dog aspirin, acetaminophen or ibuprofen. These drugs can cause gastrointestinal problems, respiratory difficulties, neurological problems, bleeding disorders and kidney failure. Always check with your vet regarding medications.

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



10-067 Jasper Cargile

11-019 CJ Tucker



11-086 Sam Spitzer

12-024 Ciara Reid-Crow



12-057 Elsie Fischer

13-039 Lucca Tyree



14-030 Willow Sweet

15-059 Gideon Stevey



15-086 Zoey Rogers

16-068 Harvey McGill



17-077 Sultan Vinopal

17-090 Maddie Koppinger-Martinsen



18-081 Scully Brown

18-079 Moab Moore



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.

19-083 Bowie McCabe-Dodson



22-003 Sammy Zaner-Garcia



23-089 Daisy Casagrande-Deuberry



Thor Guilbault



Woody McKenzie



And

Nels Dutton
Valued AGR Member/Adopter

Dave Loge
Valued AGR Member/Adopter

Mary Pavillas
Beloved Sister of AGR Member Jim Cogan

Holiday Safety

By Deb Orwig, AGR President

As pointed out on page 3 by the "Editor's Assistants," it is the time of year where diligence about safety concerns must be exercised. Hopefully, the tips below will help you keep your pets safe during the upcoming holiday season.

Deliveries. Even if your pets are comfortable around guests, make sure you watch them closely, especially when people are entering or leaving your home. While you're welcoming hungry guests and collecting coats, a four-legged family member may make a break for it out the door and become lost. When expecting visitors, keep a leash and collar or harness securely on your dogs, with ID tags showing your cell phone number. All **AGR** dogs are microchipped, but do you have dogs you got from elsewhere that may not be? Pets can slip out the door in a heartbeat and be gone. If you keep an exercise pen set up at the door, you can open the door, but your pets can't escape.

Decorations. You may have more festive décor this time of year, so be sure to keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. The skinny cords on Christmas tree lights are not well insulated and easy for a puppy to chew into. Electrocutation can result, so safety is paramount. Keep the cords covered so pets stay safe. Also, consider keeping the lower branches of the tree free from lights. If you catch your dog chewing on a cord, unplug the cord immediately and move it out of their reach. A punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

If you display a menorah, be sure to keep it high above a dog's highest reach, especially if you have a dog who is a counter-surfer. Whether you are lighting a menorah or filling your home with scented candles, please do not leave any candles unattended – ever! Dogs can easily tip candles over or venture too close to the flames. Curious paws and happy wagging tails could knock them over, potentially burning your pet or starting a fire. Potpourri oils smell wonderful but are dangerous when licked from the source or off a dog's coat. Place these high up or avoid using them altogether. Consider plug-in room scent products as an alternative.

Christmas trees can pose quite a few potential threats to furry companions. If you are planning to put up a Christmas tree, make sure it is tightly secured so there is no chance it can tip over and hurt any pets nearby. Other tree tips include:

- a. Monitor and prevent pine needle and tree water ingestion. Tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria that could cause nausea, diarrhea or stomach upset.

- b. You can't see the contents of a wrapped present, but pets might smell it. Avoid putting food-containing gifts under the tree, wrapped or unwrapped, when your dogs will be in the room unsupervised.

- c. Steer clear of tinsel for decoration. Ingested tinsel can cause severe vomiting, obstructed digestive tract, dehydration and could even require surgery. Stick to lights and ornaments instead!

- d. Consider surrounding the tree with an exercise pen to remove any temptation for pets to munch on ornaments or pee on the tree.

- e. Strings of popcorn and cranberries may be especially enticing, so keep these out of reach.

Both mistletoe and holly can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems if ingested by pets. Be sure to keep floral decorations out of paws' reach or replace the traditional holiday plant with a faux alternative! Poinsettias, amaryllis, mistletoe, balsam, pine, cedar, and holly are among the common holiday plants that can be dangerous and even poisonous to pets who eat them. Poinsettias can make pets sick with mild to moderate gastrointestinal irritation. The **ASPCA** offers lists of plants that are toxic to dogs and cats: <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>

Foods. Please do not give your dog(s) chocolate, onions, grapes, raisins, or chewing gum, especially sugarless varieties that contain xylitol. Be sure to check the contents label on peanut butter, too, as some peanut butters contain xylitol. These foods contain chemicals that are toxic to dogs. As few as seven grapes have been reported to cause death in some dogs.

- Turkey – treat it as a topper, not as a meal. Turkey contains tryptophan, and in quantities that are more than “just a taste” it can be harmful to dogs. Fatty, sweet and spicy foods, as well as turkey or chicken bones, can all be dangerous to pets. While a small piece of boneless turkey is a fine treat, it is always better to err on the safe side and avoid accidentally feeding your pet something that could have a toxic spice or ingredient in it.
- Bones and fats from ham, turkey, and other meats can cause pancreatitis, choking or intestinal blockages. Table scraps, including gravy, sauces, dressing, and meat or poultry fat or skin, can be especially hard for pets to digest and can cause pancreatitis.
- If your celebration includes alcoholic beverages, be sure not to leave your drinks unattended where pets can get to them.

Make sure you take out the trash or secure the lids on any garbage cans that may have food, broken decorations or any other holiday

hazards inside. Clear the food from your table, counters and serving areas when you are done using them and make sure the trash gets put where your pet can't reach it. A carcass or large quantity of meat sitting out on the carving table, or left in a trash container that is easily opened, could endanger your pet if eaten. Dispose of carcasses and bones – and anything used to wrap or tie the meat, such as strings, bags and packaging – in a covered, tightly secured trash bag placed in a closed trash container outdoors (or behind a closed, locked door).

Miscellaneous Safety Items.

Snow globes are made with ethylene glycol, the same chemical used in antifreeze, which is highly toxic to all pets. If a snow globe breaks, the sweet smell can attract pets to taste it, leading to potentially fatal intoxication. Be sure to keep snow globes away from pets and thoroughly clean up any accidental breakages.

Antifreeze (ethylene glycol) is highly toxic to pets. It has a sweet taste and remains liquid when other water sources are frozen. Ingestion initially will mimic alcohol consumption, but quickly leads to irreversible and fatal kidney failure. Keep antifreeze wiped up and stored in covered containers. Suspected ingestion requires a trip to the veterinarian immediately.

Ice melt and salt-dough ornaments – even when dry – may be enticing to pets but can cause life-threatening imbalances in electrolytes. Pet-friendly ice-melting agents are recommended.

Medications. Keep your medication safely put away and out of paws' reach. If you are planning on having guests stay with you, make sure they keep any medications away from pets as well. Those unfamiliar with pets may not know how curious some of our furry friends can be, so ask houseguests to leave their medication in a closed cabinet rather than in a bag or suitcase.

Loud Noise. It can be easy to forget that our pets may be sensitive to loud sounds while having fun. Loud music, fireworks, celebratory poppers or noisemakers can scare our furry companions. Make sure there is a safe space your pet can retreat to if they need some quiet time, like an interior room.

Holiday travel. Whether you take your pets with you or leave them behind, take the following precautions recommended by the *American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)* to safeguard them whenever you're traveling.

<https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/holiday-pet-safety>

- Interstate and international travel regulations require any pet you bring with you to have a health certificate from your veterinarian – even if you are traveling by car. Learn the requirements for any states or countries you will visit or pass through, and schedule an appointment with your veterinarian to get the needed certificate within the time-

frames required by those destinations.

- Pets in vehicles should always be safely restrained and should never be left alone in the car in any weather. Proper restraint means using a secure harness or a carrier, placed in a location clear of airbags. Never transport your pet in the bed of a truck.
- If you're traveling by air and considering bringing your pet with you, talk with your veterinarian first. Certain pets, such as short-nosed dogs and cats, may have difficulty with air travel. Your veterinarian is the best person to advise you regarding your own pet's ability to travel.
- Pack for your pet as well as yourself if you're going to travel together. In addition to your pet's food and medications, this includes bringing copies of their medical records, information to help identify your pet if they become lost, first aid supplies, and other items.
- Boarding your dog while you travel? Talk with your veterinarian to find out whether and how to protect your pet from canine flu and other contagious diseases, and to make sure your pet is up-to-date on all vaccinations.

The *ASPCA* Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) is your best resource for any animal poison-related emergency, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you think your pet may have ingested a potentially poisonous substance, call **(888) 426-4435**. A consultation fee may apply. <https://www.aspcare.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control>

Life Lessons Learned from a Golden

~ Author Unknown ~

1. If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.
2. Don't go out without ID.
3. Be direct with people; let them know exactly how you feel by piddling on their shoes.
4. Be aware of when to hold your tongue, and when to use it.
5. Leave room in your schedule for a good nap.
6. Always give people a friendly greeting. A cold nose in the crotch is effective.
7. When you do something wrong, always take responsibility (as soon as you're dragged out from under the bed).
8. If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.

HERE and THERE

Events from September 28 through October 5, 2024

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



CARS and CANINES

By Denise Padavano



A DJ was set up under the small tent in front of the D Pet Hotel; he played loud, foot-stomping music all morning

The Cars & Canines Pet Adoption at D Pet Hotels in Scottsdale was a new location for AGR. Along with ten other animal Rescues, we were invited by Rachel Martin, Director of Events and Marketing of #Love-Pup Foundation, to participate in this event on Saturday, September 28th, 2024, from 8:00 AM until 11:30 AM.

Friday evening meeting at the Orwigs' house to pack vehicles with tables and merchandise were Jean Klink, Deb and Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener.

When we arrived in the morning at 6:30 AM for set-up, the temperature was already 80 degrees, and it was predicted to reach as high as 115 degrees by the afternoon. Fortunately for us, we were under a large canopy for shade with the other dog Rescue groups, and there were large fans on opposite ends to help with air flow. However, because it promised to be a very hot day, we decided not to bring any dogs.



For AGR, this was a no-dog event due to the heat, so we brought our large Golden puppy sign and several plush- stuffed Golden retrievers to draw in the crowd; we originally set up the merchandise tables facing the parking lot but rearranged later so they were facing into the shade of the tent; the large tent was provided by D Pet Hotels

Our set-up crew consisted of the following dedicated volunteers: Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, Jeanine Rogers and Jeanne Wegener. Everyone went to work to get the tables and merchandise organized. Although

we only had a limited area – a 10-foot x 10-foot space in which to set up – Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Jeanine Rogers, Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener rearranged the merchandise and repositioned the tables several times to make everything more visible to the public. Deb Orwig handled the sales table



Morning set-up crew: Patrick Doyle, Jeanne Wegener, Deb Orwig, Trishia Murphy, Jean Klink, Denise Padavano and Jeanine Rogers



Liz Tataseo and Trishia Murphy

all morning, and provided cooling neck wraps to help us handle the heat. Liz Tataseo came around 10:00 to join us for the fun and help us greet the public! Other AGR members who stopped by were: Andrea and Colin Decker, Mary and Bert Engstrom, and Darrin Torrey with Nava and Ezra. There were several other people who stopped by and told us they came because they saw the event listed on our website. We gave

out 4-5 informational brochures and newsletters to people who were interested in filling out an application. Hopefully, we'll get some new members!

After all the animal Rescues were unloaded, the cars started arriving! They brought in fancy Porsches,



Lamborghinis, Ferraris and Mercedes, and even some decked-out street racers, just to name a few. The cars proved to be

very loud, along with the music vibrating under the canopy area. We were all glad that our dogs weren't there to endure the noise! As promised, the event was very well attended, with many people bringing their own pets! Some owners were thoughtful and prepared their dogs for heat by having them wear doggie boots, but, unfortunately, the majority did not.



Jeanine Rogers (at left in the left photo) did a masterful job selling both AGR and merchandise; the other lady in the left photo submitted an adoption application that evening

AGR was the only Rescue selling merchandise at the event! Sales were pretty good considering that it was a toasty, hot day! Income for the event totaled **\$429.48**, including: \$373.48 from sales; and \$56.00 from donations!

When the afternoon heated up to 104 degrees, we decided to start packing up early at 11:00. Those who helped included: Stephanie Beard, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo, and Jeanne Wegener. We returned to the Orwigs' house that evening at 6:00 PM to unload our cars and load them back up with silent auction items and supplies needed for our wine-tasting event on Sunday at the **Pavilion Art Gallery**. Helping were Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Deb and Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. A special thank you to all who volunteered – you are all awesome!



*Celebrate Fine Art, Wine and Dessert
at Pavilion Fine Arts Gallery*
7034 E Main Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251



By Denise Padavano



Our hosts: Kathy Schafer, Alicia Hidalgo and Jon Wendell behind a jewelry display counter that has some really lovely pieces; on the wall behind them are dried flower-and-butterfly shadow boxes created by Alicia – lots of interesting items in their gift shop!

Arizona Golden Rescue's new fundraising event, *Celebrate Fine Art, Wine & Dessert* at the **Pavilion Fine Arts Gallery**, was a delightful experience for all who attended! Jon Wendell approached **AGR** at our booth during the *Parada Del Sol Parade and Trail's End Festival* in Scottsdale in February, and



As AGR's Director of Activities, Denise Padavano was involved in every aspect of creating and producing this new event

at the Orwigs' house to load vehicles with equipment and silent auction items were Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Deb and Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. Jean Klink returned to the Orwigs' the day of the event with ice and to assist Deb and Larry load their cars with wine, desserts, coolers and paper goods.

wanting to give back to the community invited us to do an event at his art gallery. Owners, Jon Wendell and his wife Alicia Hidalgo hosted the event on Sunday, September 29, 2024, with assistance from their employee, Kathy Schafer.

Friday before the event, Jeanne Wegener and Denise Padavano picked up several desserts for the event. On Saturday, after another **AGR** event in Scottsdale, Deb Orwig picked up the desserts from **Butta Cakes**.



The desserts table -- looked gorgeous, loaded and enticing – we did not have a lot left at the end of the event!

Gathering the night before

Our dedicated and remarkable set-up crew met at **Pavilion Fine Arts Gallery** at 11:00 AM to get ready for this new adventure! Employee Kathy Schafer opened the Art Gallery because Jon Wendell and Alicia Hidalgo had been delayed at the airport and came a little later to assist. People went right to work unloading cars,

setting up tables for registration and auction items, arranging the graphics and items for auction, displaying the large variety of available wines (34!), and cutting and preparing the scrumptious dessert trays. Volunteers included Stephanie Beard, Sophia Campbell, Mary and Bert Engstrom, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Deb Orwig, Kathy Schafer, Tricia Reichard, and Jeanne Wegener. Penny Mavroudis and Denise Padavano came at



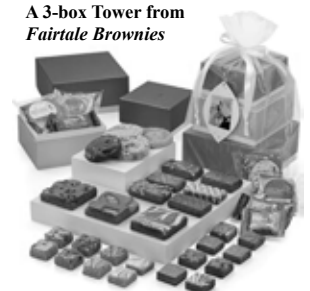
Jeanne Wegener and good friend Penny Mavroudis – Jeanne supervised the set-up and pack-up activities and monitored registration check-in; Penny helped keep the desserts table re-supplied with goodies



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Our scrumptious desserts were donated by employees at *Butta Cakes* in Scottsdale, *Dawn's NY Bakery* in Phoenix, *Fairytale Brownies* in Phoenix and *Sprouts* in Glendale; Elizabeth VanEvera donated gift cards to *Crumb Cookies* (we got their mini-cookies); also, Trishia Murphy made gluten-free chocolate cake, and Nick Pappas made the best Baklava anyone had ever eaten! Our thanks to all our dessert sponsors!

12:30 PM to help with the dessert trays.

Managing the registration table and

(gift cards donated by Elizabeth VanEvera), cookies from *Dawn's NY Bakery*, brownies and cookies from *Fairytale Brownies*, Gluten-free desserts from *Sprouts*, Trishia Murphy's gluten-free chocolate cake, Nick Pappas's homemade Baklava (fabulous!), and *See's Candies* and a large *Edible Arrangement* "bouquet" donated by Deb and Larry Orwig.

wine cork sales throughout the afternoon were Debbie Ball, Dean Mortimore, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener, with Debbie Ball and Deb Orwig completing the day with checkout of Silent Auction winners.



Elegant *Aridus* wine tasting room at 7173 E. Main Street in Old Town Scottsdale



Arizona Stronghold tasting room, 4225 N Marshall Way in Old Town Scottsdale, donated a dozen bottles of Arizona wines

"Raising a glass to our Golden s" were wine pourers, Sandie McTavish, Trishia

Murphy and Liz Tataseo. Thank you, ladies! The variety of wines served were all donated by the following: *Aridus Wine Company*, *Arizona Stronghold Winery*, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Deb Orwig, and Denise Padavano.



Carlson Creek tasting room, 4142 N Marshall Way in Old Town Scottsdale

Our wine sponsors donated 34 different wines – we had 16 different reds, 2 rosés, 10 whites, and 4 dessert wines, plus red and white dealcoholized wines (I tried both and they were decent). Wine donors included *Aridus* in Old Town Scottsdale, *Arizona Stronghold* in Old Town Scottsdale, *Carlson Creek* in Old Town Scottsdale, Teri and Jeff Guilbault and Deb and Larry Orwig.

Karie Lurie and Penny Mavroudis monitored our desserts, adding more delicious sweets as needed. Desserts were provided by *Butta Cakes* (donated by Kirsten Testa and Lauren Saccuci), *Crumb Cookies*



Connie McCabe did her usual excellent job creating all the graphics and table signs for silent auction items that were not in baskets; she is standing by the "Eat Out Once A Month" display, our most popular offering

Monitoring the silent auction items during the event were Louise Carter, Teri Guilbault, and Jake and Brody Lurie. Patrick Doyle was a roaming monitor and helped where needed. At 3:30 PM when the silent auction closed, Jake and Brody Lurie handled the forms for check-out.

As soon as the doors opened at 1:00 PM, attendees started arriving with enthusiasm. A total of 54 people pre-registered, with 51 attending the event. Two people who had paid couldn't come because a babysitter cancelled at the last minute, and another was sick, so their registration fees became donations.



Patrick Doyle – always available to help wherever needed



Trishia Murphy and Sandie McTavish served the wines. The Swag Bags Trishia assembled contained the following: flyer for "Dine Out With The Dogs," 2025 Calendar order form, *AGR* brochure and business card, an *AGR* bag clip, an *AGR* can lid, an *AGR* Puppies nail file and a paw print key chain bottle opener. *Total Wine & More* donated the wine bottle paper bags.

The *Fine Art, Wine & Dessert* event could not have happened without countless hours and hard work from many volunteers. Solicitating gift cards and items for the silent auction



Jon Wendell got Connie's power-point slide show of rescued dogs to work on his big screen – a lot of attendees stopped to watch the show

were Teddi Axne, Debbie Ball, Joni Cipollone, Emilie Duncan, Karie Lurie, Rebecca Mackerman, Penny Mavroudis, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. Our impressive silent auction baskets were assembled by Deb Orwig, along with making the beautiful bows and producing the paw-shaped descriptive labels for the baskets. Deb arranged the items and packaged the baskets with cellophane with help from Denise Padavano. Jean Klink and Denise Padavano prepared the bid sheets for the silent auction items. Trishia Murphy spent time at her home preparing items to go into the Swag Bags for those attending the event. Connie McCabe created the outstanding table graphics for the silent auction items, captured the day's activities by taking impressive photographs, and provided the photos for the *AGR* power point presentation of rescued dogs. Our thanks to Connie and to Jon Wendell who was able to project the power point slides onto a large wall area. Many of the attendees stopped to watch the presentation.



Stephanie Beard helped with set-up and pack-up

Clean-up and packing went quickly with many people volunteering to help! Thank you to Patrick Doyle; Stephanie Beard; Jean Klink; Karie, Jake and Brody Lurie; Trishia Murphy; and Denise Padavano for staying and helping with this important task!



We offered 14 items for silent auction bidding – on this table were a *Ninja* Electric Wood-fired Table-top Grill with a basket of BBQ tools, accessories, and seasonings; "Visit Beautiful Sedona", which included golf at *Oak Creek Country Club*, a gift card from *Oak Creek Coffee Shop*, and a gift card from *Dahl Restaurants*; also on this table was an autographed football from *Arizona Cardinals'* Will Hernandez plus the opportunity to win 2 great seats at an upcoming game vs Los Angeles Chargers donated by Diane Heller

We had two fun wine-themed items for prizes. Our only raffle prize consisted of a wine tasting for 8 people at *Carlson Creek Winery* in Scottsdale or at their vineyard in Wilcox, along with



Debbie Ball was thrilled to win the cork raffle prize!



Mary and Bert Engstrom with their winning bid sheets; Mary said she was doing some early holiday shopping

beautiful Alpine were donated by Peggy and Jim Alexander. Other auction items included: a beautiful sterling silver and turquoise cuff bracelet handcrafted by Louise Carter; a Photoshoot by our own talented *AGR* member Connie McCabe; *Eat Out Once A Month For A Year*; *Enjoy Beautiful Sedona* with golf at the *Oak Creek Country Club*; a *Ninja* Woodfire Electric Grill with accessories; two



Leonor Hidalgo and *AGR* member Joni Cipollone have been friends for years; Joni won the dog bed package



Friends for years, Kathy Flick and *AGR* member Darlene Kaminski, who is one of our primary transporters; Kathy came down from Dewey for this event

a basket of goodies! Attendees could buy a cork for \$10 to have a chance to win this raffle. The other wine item was part of our silent auction and included 7 *Wines of The World*, donated by Deb and Larry Orwig. Other wonderful items in our silent auction included two hotel accommodations – *Hotel Valley Ho* in Scottsdale and *The Hermosa Inn* in Paradise Valley. In addition, two one-week stays at a cabin in



Lucky day for Beth and Jon Chaffee and their friends Joe and Michelle Fanelli – Beth won the "Eat Out" gift cards and Joe won the football package – on October 21st Joe got to watch the Cardinals win the exciting game against the Chargers by one point!

tickets to the *Arizona Cardinals* vs *Los Angeles Chargers* game donated by Diane Heller; *ASU Gam-mage* tickets to the play "Some Like It HOT!"; a large Memory Foam Orthopedic Dog Bed with accessories; a bottle of Jameson's Whiskey and etched Golden Retriever glass donated by Mary and Bert Engstrom; and a *Kneader's* basket with a gift card donated by Rebecca Mackerman.



Liz Tataseo, *AGR's* Director of Health Care, helped with wine service

The winner of the cork raffle with the wine tasting event at Carlson Creek Winery was our very own *AGR* member, Debbie Ball! Congratulations! Beth Chaffee won the "Eat Out Once A Month" auction item, and Mary and Bert Engstrom came away with five silent auction items.



Tiffany Berry and Robin Mish; Tiffany won a week at the Alexanders' Alpine cabin



Mike Lane and Cynthia Wenström wanted the cabin item, too; after the event, they asked if the Alexanders would be willing to host a second week, and they agreed – our thanks to Peggy and Jim Alexander!

Thank you to all who participated. Cheers to all the winners!

Expenses for the Fine Art, Wine & Dessert event were minimal, totaling about \$66. The wine was all donated and the desserts were donated or purchased with gift cards. Silent auction items and the cork raffle prize were all donated. Owners Jon Wendell and Alicia Hidalgo donated the facility for the event!

Income for the event totaled \$8,765, including: \$1,350 for registration



Jake, Karie and Brody Lurie helped in multiple ways – Karie secured the donation of show tickets from ASU Gammage; Jake and Brody monitored the silent auction items and Brody earned community service credit for his participation in his high school's National Honor Society; all helped with pack-up



Julie and Garrett Wheadon took home the "Wines of the World," Jameson's Whiskey, and made a nice donation for most of the left-over desserts, as they were expecting some out-of-town company the next week; Julie volunteers on AGR's Intake Team

fees; \$697 for cork raffles; \$6,010 from silent auction sales; and \$708 from donations! The total profit from the Fine Art, Wine & Dessert event was **\$8,699!**

Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended and contributed in any way to the success of this fundraiser! A special thank you to all who volunteered, you are all amazing!

A heartfelt thank you to Jon



Michele Wehry and Mark Hill came to socialize

Wendell and Alicia Hidalgo for inviting AGR to hold our event at their **Pavilion Fine Arts Gallery!** They have already issued another invitation for sometime next year. Stay tuned!



Dean Mortimore helped sell cork raffles

Editor's Note: Apologies to those who attended and/or helped with our wine-tasting event for whom we did not get photos.



Pet Supplies Plus Moon Valley
Meet-and-Greet
By Denise Padavano



Peter Wong with Max. Clockwise in back: Debbie Ball with Dillon, Trishia Murphy with Rosie, Denise Padavano, Deb Orwig with Asher and Dean Mortimore with Sugar

Silvia Ciarlo, event coordinator for **Pet Supplies Plus Phoenix** in Moon Valley, 245 E. Bell Road, Suite 16, invited **AGR** to do another Meet-and-Greet (we were there previously on June 24th). A

small group of us met in the Community Room on October 5th from 11 AM to 2 PM. We had a nice representation of different colors, hair coats, ages and sizes of dogs! Debbie Ball came with **Dillon** (a big male golden Golden), Dean Mortimore brought **Sugar** (a big English Cream Golden female), Trishia Murphy came with **Rosie** (a small red Golden female), Deb Orwig brought **Asher** (a medium-size red-gold male Golden), Denise Padavano came with **Winnie** (a medium-size female light-colored Golden), and Liz Tataseo



Dean Mortimore with Winnie

brought **Guinness** (a black Goldendoodle). This was **Winnie's** first outing as an **AGR** ambassadog, and she did great! After we were set up, quite a few store customers came to visit the dogs, and we had the opportunity to share our **AGR** story. Everyone enjoyed watching Peter Wong put on a little show with his well-trained dog **Max**. The dogs wore donation vests, and we

collected **\$82** in donations. Silvia and Julio, another store team member, spoke with us about future possibilities of working together. They agreed to allow us to leave our donation box in their store for the month of November. What is collected during that time will be transferred into a **Pet Supplies Plus** gift card for our benefit. They enjoyed having us at their store, and **AGR** is planning to participate in future events at our convenience. Please regularly check our website calendar of events for new dates and times.



Liz Tataseo with Guinness

The Dog Rules

by William Thomas

1. Dogs are never permitted in the house. The dog stays outside in a specially built wooden compartment named, for very good reason, the doghouse.

2. Okay, the dog can enter the house but only for short visits or if his own house is under renovation.

3. Okay, the dog can stay in the house on a permanent basis provided his doghouse can be sold in a yard sale to a rookie dog owner.

4. Inside the house, the dog is not allowed to run free and is confined to a comfortable but secure metal cage.

5. Okay, the cage becomes part of a two-for-one deal in the yard sale, and the dog can go wherever the hell he pleases.

6. The dog is never allowed on the furniture.

7. Okay, the dog can get up on the old furniture but not the new furniture.

8. Okay, the dog can get up on the new furniture until it looks like the old furniture and then we'll sell the whole works and buy new furniture on which the dog will most definitely not be allowed.



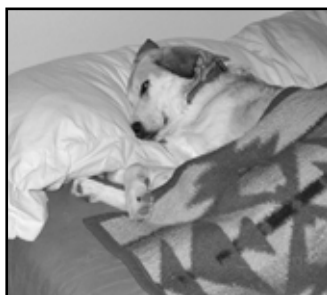
13-023 Duffy Orwig had to test out his new furniture as soon as it was delivered

9. The dog never sleeps on the bed. Period.

10. Okay, the dog can sleep at the foot of the bed only.

11. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, but he's not allowed under the covers.

12. Okay, the dog can sleep under the covers but not with his head on the pillow.



09-004 Chance Bailey-Correll in his favorite sleeping spot

13. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, under the covers with his head on the pillow, but if he snores, he's got to leave the room.

14. Okay, the dog can sleep and snore and have nightmares in your bed, but he's not to come in and sleep on the couch in the TV room, where you're not sleeping. That's just not fair.

15. The dog never gets listed on the census questionnaire as "primary resident," even if it's true.

Why We Support Rescue

Editor's Note: I have had this piece in my file since 2001 when it was circulated among Rescue groups. No one knew who the author was then, and I have been unable to find it since.

"Mommy, please. Can't I please have a puppy?" Sarah cried. Sarah had wanted, in fact, felt she NEEDED a puppy for months. Her friends all had puppies or older dogs, so why couldn't she? Sarah was after all, a very grown-up girl now that she was going to turn five years old next week.

"Sarah," Mom tried to explain, "You know we have been through this before each time you ask. A puppy is a big commitment. A puppy becomes a family member and has to be fed, walked, played with, and I'm not sure you're ready for that." Sarah's big brown eyes filled up with tears as she turned to walk back to her room and play with her dolls and stuffed dogs.

While Sarah was asleep that night, Mommy discussed the problem with Daddy. "Joe, Sarah asked again for a puppy today. To be honest, I think she is now old enough for us to consider getting a puppy." Joyce never quite understood Joe's objection to having a dog. She knew he liked dogs, in fact loved dogs. Everywhere they went, when they saw a dog, he would bend down and pet it so tenderly with much love in his eyes.

Joe leaned his head back in his comfortable chair and closed his eyes before he spoke. "Remember, Joyce, when we were in college and I did volunteer work?" Of course Joyce remembered, because Joe was kept very busy between volunteer work and studies. "The work I did for the Rescue group was to do the intake of dogs that people didn't want any longer." Joyce vaguely remembered this, and she recalled he was often called to pick a dog up from a home that didn't want it, and Joe would take it to a foster home or a vet. She also knew he hadn't been doing this since Sarah was born, and now he traveled for work so much. But every year Joe would make sure a generous check was mailed to the Rescue group. She never understood quite why.

Joe sat back up and looked at Joyce. She could see the pain in his eyes but really couldn't understand how getting a dog for Sarah could cause this. "I learned a great deal while helping to rescue those dogs." Joyce sat back now, knowing Joe would tell her why Sarah couldn't have a puppy.

"Joyce, do you know what a puppy mill is?" Joyce admitted she had heard the term but didn't really know what it meant. "A few of the dogs I picked up had originally been purchased at pet stores by the owners. The owners weren't bad people, and they spent a huge amount of money to buy the 'puppy in the window'. The pet store owner would assure the people and their young children that the puppy they were buying was 'top quality' and even

'had papers'. But the truth of the matter is, there are businesses out there, especially in the Midwest, that keep dogs in deplorable conditions. They do not pet or love the dogs. The dog's entire life is spent in small jail-like kennels, and the dog's only function is to sire or produce puppies as often as they can to supply the pet stores. When the dog is too old to breed or have large litters, the dog is killed because it can no longer make enough money." Joyce sat back a moment to ponder this and picture it in her mind. It was almost unbelievable and too horrendous to contemplate. "So you see, Joyce, while the puppy at the pet store is so very sweet and cuddly, if we bought Sarah a pup from a pet store, we are giving money to the large companies to support their inhumane treatment of these dogs. We would be supporting the pain and suffering of thousands of dogs that are not loved. They are only a business."

Joyce immediately made the connection: if everyone stopped buying puppies from pet stores, there would be no market for the puppy mills and maybe, just maybe, they would go out of business. It would take a while, and dogs would continue to suffer – but still, maybe it would be possible, if only enough people knew. "I agree Joe, getting a puppy from a pet store is not an option, so how about we call some ads from the classified section of the newspaper. I've been checking the paper the last few Sundays. There are many puppy ads in the paper. People say they have both parents of the pup, and this is a private home so the dogs are loved and not treated poorly." Joyce was proud because she knew she had come up with an alternative to supporting a puppy mill.

Joe gave a heavy sigh before he continued. "While some of the dogs I helped to rescue came from pet stores, the huge majority of them came from backyard breeders, and these are the people who advertise in the newspaper." Joyce had to admit she had not heard the phrase "backyard breeder" before. "You see, Joyce, some dogs are very popular because people see ads on television that feature a particular dog breed, or movies where the dog is a star. Children see these and they want a dog just like the beautiful one they saw in a movie or an advertisement." Joyce had to admit it was difficult for her to understand. Of course, people would want to buy a beautiful, well-mannered and well-trained dog they had seen in a movie. "Sometimes, Joyce, people will buy a male and female and allow them to have puppies just because the puppies are so cute, popular and sell for so much money. I have even been told, when I've gone to rescue a dog, the people wanted their dogs to breed so their children would have the 'experience' of raising puppies, or they thought their own adult dogs would be better pets after they've had puppies. It cost the owners hardly any money at all to allow their dogs to have puppies, and now they can sell the puppies for \$2,000 to \$2,500 each! This is like a puppy mill but on a smaller scale. Backyard breeders are sometimes misguided and often times greedy. Very rarely do they really know much about the health defects or bad genetic traits that are being passed on to a whole new generation of puppies, nor do they care."

Joyce was astonished at the passion she heard in Joe's voice. It had all seemed so simple to her before they started this discussion. You make up your mind to get a puppy. You go to a pet store or answer an ad in the paper and buy a dog. "But certainly, Joe, you see the parents when you go to buy a puppy, and some even say they have AKC papers. That has to mean you are getting a healthy pup."

"Joyce, there are no guarantees from backyard breeders. That's the whole point. They don't care who they sell a puppy to, and they don't care about the puppy after it's left their home. I wish you could have seen all the dogs I took into Rescue because the people that bought them, after seeing both parents and clutching the AKC papers in their hands, couldn't afford to deal with the later medical or behavioral issues. A young puppy doesn't show the signs that its heart is bad, or its hips will give out in a year and need to be replaced, or that its kidneys will go into failure as it grows. This will cost the unwary buyer thousands of dollars, or they will have the dog put down, or they will turn it into a Rescue organization. And why, Joyce, why? Just because the original owners wanted their children to experience new puppies! Or just because these people wanted to make a fast buck! What about Sarah? Aside from the devastating financial part, which could break our budget, how do we explain to Sarah if her new puppy gets ill and has to go to the vet to be put to sleep? The odds are great this could happen. Is it best for Sarah to be sad because she doesn't have a pup, or be sad because the pup she has gotten and loved for a month or a year now has to "go away"?"

Faced with a question like this, Joyce understood the only logical answer. She wouldn't hurt Sarah for the world, and their tight budget, saving for Sarah's college education, wouldn't allow for too many emergencies. "I guess you're right, Joe. A pet store pup, and supporting puppy mills is not the answer. People that advertise pups in the paper may have a hidden agenda or not be experienced. The only answer is: Sarah may not have a puppy."

Seeing the anguish on Joyce's face, Joe decided to broach the subject he had been waiting for. "No, Joyce. Sarah can have a puppy or a dog." Joe sat back again, but this time with a look of hope on his face. "But how, Joe? You've just explained to me that we can't get a puppy for Sarah."

Joe had been patiently waiting. Waiting for Sarah to be old enough to learn care and responsibility of caring for a dog. Waiting for Joyce to understand a dog is a family commitment. "Let's do this, Joyce. Let's fire up the computer and get on the internet. We can go to a Rescue website and start doing research. Do we want a pup, or do we want an older, proven dog? What breed do we want? A bona fide Rescue, one that has been in operation for years, can tell us the names of "reputable breeders" if we do want a puppy, and they will have resource material available to help us make this life-long decision." Joe was so excited now he could

hardly contain himself with the thought of having a dog.

“Wait a minute, Joe. You just mentioned ‘reputable breeder.’ I guess you thought you’d just slip that by me, but explain please. What in the world is a ‘reputable breeder?’ To answer your question... a ‘reputable breeder’ is one who does not ‘make’ money from their dogs. They pay strict attention to the genetics of the breeding pair and they screen the people who purchase their dogs. They have a written contract to ensure the safety and well-being of the puppy. A ‘reputable breeder’ almost always shows their dogs in competition, and they obtain clearances on their dogs before they breed them. The clearance is done by licensed, specialist veterinarians, and the examination includes the heart, hips and eyes of a dog. A ‘reputable breeder’ does not put an ad in the paper, because their dogs are in demand and they usually have waiting lists. And yes, before you ask me, a pup from a reputable breeder may cost a few dollars more. But, in the long run, it saves money. Reputable breeders have pups they sell to “show” and pups they sell as “pets.” The pet-quality pups are every bit as healthy and beautiful as the show pups. A reputable breeder will also require that a pup sold as “pet” rather than “show” will be spayed or neutered. This is not to eliminate competition. This is to eliminate people acquiring a great pup and using it for backyard breeding. Reputable breeders care about their dogs and the pups they produce.”

Joe continued: “There are basically four ways, Joyce, to pick a new family member. We have eliminated pet store puppy mill dogs. We have eliminated backyard breeders. Those are not the best ways. That leaves two. We can purchase a puppy from a ‘reputable breeder,’ or we can fill out an adoption application and rescue a dog from a legal, nonprofit Rescue organization.

“I guess, Joe, we have a big decision to make. Do we want to rescue a dog or obtain a pup from a reputable breeder? I have to tell you, I am so glad we’ve made a decision to add a new family member. And you know what, after everything you’ve told me, I’m not sure a dog or a pup as a surprise gift is a good idea. Let’s buy a collar and leash from a pet store that does NOT sell puppies, only pet supplies. We’ll wrap those up to give Sarah as her birthday gift with the promise that she is now old enough to help in the selection of our newest family member. She will be so excited to take part, and we’ll explain to her why the ‘puppy in the window’ is not the best choice. Joe, even if we get a pup from a reputable breeder, I would like to help the Rescue group. Maybe I could make phone calls for them, write letters, do something to help. What do you think?”

Joe thought back to the many dogs he had helped rescue, knowing that one person can truly make a difference. It may be a monetary donation, giving of time, or educating family and friends, but yes, one person does make a difference. And Sarah will have a happy birthday that she will remember her entire life.

... *But It's Just A Dog* ...

By Nancy Campbell*

If it were my brother, I'd find an allergist to help him with his allergies,
no matter the cost.

But they tell me, it's just a dog.

If it were my sister, I'd find the best laser eye surgeon so she could see again,
no matter the cost.

But they tell me, it's just a dog.

If it were my mother, I'd hire a staff of oncologists for the cancer that is stealing her away from me,
no matter the cost.

But they tell me, it's just a dog.

If it were my father, I'd find the best orthopedic surgeon to enable him to walk again,
no matter the cost.

But they tell me, it's just a dog.

If it were my husband, I'd hire every medical professional necessary to put him back together after that terrible accident that almost took him away,
no matter the cost.

But they tell me, it's just a dog.

If it were my child, I wouldn't skimp on dental care,
no matter the cost.

But they tell me, it's just a dog.

If it were my best friend, I would go with her to the doctor, every day that she needed me, to help her through the worst pains in her life, taking off work if necessary and putting my own needs aside,
no matter the cost.

But they tell me, it's just a dog.

If any member of my family were dying, at that moment I would pull out all the stops and do whatever was in my power to save their life,
no matter the cost.

But they tell me, it's just a dog.

Just a dog.

Just my friend.

Just my family.

Please . . . my dog . . . no matter the cost.

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