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**Buddy Buechting** at about 6 months of age

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This issue is all about the fun we can have with our dogs and that they can have with each other! Having fun by attending events with your dog helps spread the word about **Arizona Golden Rescue** and collect donations that Rescue will use for new dogs that come in. So, what could be better than meeting new people and having fun with your dogs? Please join us at one or more of the upcoming activities (see pages 5-7).

In **Arizona Golden Rescue**, we have fun – a lot of it! But keeping an all-volunteer, nonprofit, charitable organization running well is no game – it is serious business. It involves a lot of time and effort, which would be made easier if we had more help. We are in need of some volunteers on our Home Evaluations Team and on our Transport Team. We would also appreciate it if someone would take on the task of writing *Magic Moments* every three months. We will provide training for all of these volunteer positions.

Editor's Assistants' Notes



Asher, Vin and Duffy Orwig

We have patiently been waiting for our mom's knee to heal enough that we don't have to be overly cautious around her. Because he is so exuberant, **Asher** was invited to spend 18 days at Carolyn and Peter Brown's house in July. He was entertained by resident canines **Cody** and **Joey** for a week and then joined by Debbie Ball's

furkids, **Shelby** and **Dillon**. They all had a blast! In the mean-

time, **Vin** and **Duffy** kept Mom company at home. When getting up on her bed, **Vin** was always very careful to stay right down by her feet. **Duffy** just parked himself on the floor by the side of the bed. Having been exposed to a walker before Mom went into the hospital, we weren't freaked out by it once she was home. When she graduated to a cane, that didn't bother us, either.



The Fab Five: Cody Brown, Asher Orwig, Shelby Ball, Joey Brown and Dillon Ball

Mom is rehabbing well, so now that the weather has cooled down she will be able to take us out for walks. She hopes that because of the months of no walking outside that we haven't forgotten our leash manners. We can't wait to show her we're still good on leash!

We also can't wait for all the fall/winter **AGR** events. We miss seeing our canine friends so much! **AGR** events are the time for us to socialize, meet-and-greet with the public and generally have a great time. We hope to see many of you in the upcoming months, especially at the two parades we walk in – *Glendale Home Town Christmas Parade* on December 11<sup>th</sup> and the *Parada Del Sol* next year on February 5<sup>th</sup>. These parades are such fun, and the crowds absolutely love us! Please plan to attend!

Whoever said money can't buy happiness has never paid an adoption fee!

~ Anonymous

Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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In a normal year, the November issue of *The Golden Paw* would be filled with adoption stories of 20-30 dogs, a several-page spread about the golf tournament, and articles about several other 3rd-quarter events. For the second year in a row, 2021 has not been a normal year. Although we have taken in a few more dogs – 45 so far – than we did all last year (only 37), dogs are still coming in at a trickle in comparison with years prior to 2020. Adoptions, consequently, are fewer than in normal years – only 9 in this issue.

Events? What are those? We have almost forgotten what it is like to get together with our dogs, meet-and-greet with the public and have some fun. In normal years, we would have had *Paws At The Park* in March, our annual members' picnic and fun day. Due to the continued prevalence of Covid-19 and the fact that vaccinations had just recently started becoming available to all who wanted them, we had to cancel the March event. Just to provide the opportunity for a get-together, we did reschedule *Paws At The Park* for the beginning of October. More **AGR** members are now fully vaccinated, but West Nile virus has been on the rise in Maricopa County, so the better part of valor was to cancel the October event, as well. We will have *Paws At The Park* at our usual time in March on the 13<sup>th</sup> in 2022. Please make plans now to join us then. It is one of the most fun events we have. I would like to thank all those who did register to attend in October – all donated their registration fee to **AGR**, which was very generous (see the list on page 29).

Helping others is what we do. Usually that help includes all that goes on to place a dog that needs a new home. However, we help our members, too.

Our Placement Team member, Joni Cipollone, has had a serious bout with viral meningitis caused by an unknown virus. She was laid up in the hospital for weeks as the doctors tried to diagnose her illness. While she was there, Connie McCabe made her a beautiful photo sculpture of her dogs so that she could keep them in sight. April Crow, who lives close to Joni, helped out around the house. Placement Team Manager Patty Mancini kept Joni in the loop about new intakes, even though Joni was unable to help find homes for them. Joni is now home and is getting home help from a friend who came from the Midwest, as well as from husband Woody Scoutten. She thanks everyone who sent well wishes by text, e-mail or Facebook and is working to regain her strength so that she can start attending **AGR** functions in the future.

Debbie Ball, our Director of Operations, lost her husband, Rick, in

September from complications due to Alzheimer's. She has also been dealing with significant hip and knee pain. Carolyn and Peter Brown, who live about 10 minutes from Debbie, have been a tremendous help with her dogs, with cleaning up her yard, getting her groceries and bringing meals over, and doing other errands for her. She thanks all who have given her help at home, sent wishes, and the many who have sent donations to *AGR* in Rick's memory.

I had knee replacement surgery in July. I want to commend all the Board members and Team Managers for getting their August newsletter articles to me a week early – I was able to get the copy to the printer before my surgery. Consequently, due to their help as well as the speedy return from the proofreaders, you all got that issue on time at the beginning of August. My husband, Larry, took over as cook, housekeeper, grocery shopper, dog attendant, and yard cleaner-upper. He also chauffeured me to doctor and physical therapy appointments for 6 weeks when I was not allowed to drive. Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson lent me some necessary rehab equipment – two raised toilet seats, a shower chair, and a cold-circulation machine. Carolyn and Peter Brown lent me their pedal machine and got some other equipment for me – a bed jack, a walker basket, and a bedside commode – from *Helping Hands* in Surprise. In addition, they insisted on keeping my youngest boy, **Asher**, for 18 days so that he wouldn't accidentally hurt me with his typical exuberant behavior. They also did all the stuffing and taping of the August issue of the newsletter. Larry helped me prepare the newsletters for mailing and helped down at the bulk rate post office in south Glendale. Kathy Blue has taken over answering by e-mail the myriad inquiries that come in about dogs we have rescued, as well as handling some questions regarding membership and/or volunteering. In addition to the many well wishes I received, as well as a few really nice cards, during my first weekend at home after the surgery Rebecca and Dustin Mackerman brought over a huge pot roast dinner with all the fixings that lasted us for four meals. Wow, was that good! Thanks to everyone for your support!

There are some events coming up in November and December that most likely will not be cancelled: a couple of *PACC911* Adopt-a-Thons, the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade* and the *Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce Winter Adoption Event*. We are also already registered for the *Parada Del Sol* and *Trail's End Celebration*, which will be on February 5, 2022. So, we hope you will be willing to come and bring your dog if he/she is good with other dogs. The dogs will wear donation vests, collect donations and be available for petting – they are absolutely our best ambassadors for Rescue! Please read Carolyn's article on pages 5-7.

Because we have not been able to participate in public events, I have decided to update an article about *Fun and Games* that I wrote for the November 2015 issue. There are lots of examples of fun things you can do with your dog. I hope you enjoy it!

### *Director of Operations*

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*Note from Deb Orwig: Debbie has been very busy dealing with end-of-life duties concerning her husband, Rick, who passed away in September, so I am filling in for her for this issue.*

### ***Where do the dogs come from that are surrendered to AGR?***

Most of the dogs we take in come from private owners. Some have been with their owners since they were puppies and stayed with them for years. Some come in after being with an owner for just a day or a week – these are usually dogs acquired from craigslist or pet stores. Some dogs come from one of several shelters in Arizona – these include Maricopa County Animal Care and Control, Pima County, and Pinal County. We also have a working arrangement with the *Arizona Humane Society* and the *Arizona Animal Welfare League*. Generally, shelter dogs have been picked up as strays by Animal Control; occasionally, a private owner will surrender a dog to a shelter, but that is uncommon since the shelters charge a surrender fee. The dogs we get from one of the shelters generally are old, sick and/or injured and need extensive – and expensive – veterinary intervention. The healthy, young, good-looking dogs are adopted out by the shelter. A few dogs have come from breeders, usually due to the fact that there is something wrong with the dog so the breeder cannot sell it. Once a year or so, we have also gotten a dog that has been surrendered to a veterinarian. These dogs are almost always sick or injured, and the owner cannot afford to fix the problem.

### ***What are reasons a dog is surrendered to Rescue?***

As I mentioned above, illness or injury that an owner cannot (or will not) afford to fix or cannot deal with physically or emotionally is high on the list of reasons. There is hardly an illness or medical condition which afflicts Golden Retrievers that we have not encountered in our 12+ years of doing Rescue! We have been able to save many ill dogs, but some have come to us beyond repair or rehabilitation, and we have had no choice but to send them to the Bridge to end their suffering.

We have seen the following illnesses or conditions with incoming dogs:

allergies (severe, requiring treatment); atresia ani; bladder stones; bloat; cancers of various sorts; cryptorchidism; Cushing's disease; dental disease requiring extractions; diabetes; distemper; ectopic ureters; entropion and other eye issues like glaucoma and blindness; epilepsy or seizures; eye or ear infections; follicular cysts; giardia; hypothyroidism; inflammatory bowel disease; kennel cough; kidney disease; lipomas

that inhibit mobility, thus requiring removal; liver disease; liver shunt; lupus; masticatory muscle myositis; megaesophagus; morbid obesity; myasthenia gravis; parvovirus; pneumonia or other respiratory infections; pregnancy; pyoderma and other skin diseases (bacterial or fungal); pyometra; ringworm lesions; sebaceous adenitis; starvation; subaortic stenosis; tick fever; transmissible venereal tumor; valley fever; and worms of various sorts (roundworms, hook worms, heartworms).

#### Injuries requiring surgery have included:

torn achilles tendon; broken jaw; broken leg; broken ribs; broken tail; torn cruciate ligaments; foreign matter in the digestive tract (rocks, bandages, bandanna or other fabric items, sleep mask, thong panties); and orthopedic issues like hip or elbow dysplasia. Sometimes we had to have a leg amputated due to injury or cancer. One dog came in with a front leg formed like an S curve, a congenital condition but fixable. Recently, we took in a puppy born with a short front leg – she may or may not require a prosthesis when she is full grown.

**Moving** (for reasons other than financial) and can't take the dog – out of state or out of country; having to downsize, especially from a house with a yard to an apartment; getting evicted and either moving in with relatives that already have too many dogs, or who have allergies to dogs; actually becoming homeless – we have encountered all these scenarios.

**Economic/financial** includes: can't afford to maintain the dog; loss of job; relocation for job or job search.

**No time for the dog.** This is a common reason for surrender, especially from owners who have been at home and then have to go out to work or suddenly have to travel a lot for work.

**Behavior problems.** Many owners either are unable or unwilling to train a dog when they get it. Golden Retrievers are generally smart dogs and need training, otherwise they will try to run the household. Some behavior issues we can fix; some have required professional intervention. Some Golden Retrievers we have refused to accept because they have exhibited aggression. It seems the latter are becoming more frequent, and we do not know why.

#### Illness or death of owner.

We take them all, except those that are known to be aggressive – regardless of age or condition – and do everything possible to render them healthy.

*Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.*

~ Vince Lombardi



### Goldens on the Go!

By Carolyn Brown,  
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As cooler and drier days and nights arrive in the Valley, it's time to get some human and canine socialization going again. As we look forward to fall, we have some great fun and fundraiser events planned. Getting out with your **AGR** friends and family is always fun for you, your family and, of course, your Golden.

We hope to see you at some – or all – of these fun upcoming events. Please consider volunteering to help, too. Sitting with your Golden sharing the **AGR** story with visitors, sharing insight into owning a Golden, assisting with the sales of **AGR** items (that literally sell themselves) or spending an hour or two helping to set up or pack up the supplies for an event is a great – and needed – way to support **AGR**. Our Golden Retrievers decked out in their donation vests help raise a lot of the funds we rely upon to continue the rescue and rehabilitation work **AGR** does for Golden Retrievers in need. To volunteer for an event please contact me at 602-781-1001 or e-mail me at AZgoldenlady@gmail.com.

Up next on the **AGR** calendar will be our annual...

#### DINE OUT WITH THE DOGS

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 7:30 PM

at **Paulie's Little Bite of Italy**

15456 N 99<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sun City, AZ

Last year's format proved to be a big success. **Paulie's Little Bite of Italy** in Sun City is excited to have us back. Order from the regular menu to get the exact dinner you desire. Everything is homemade from delicious Italian family recipes. **Paulie's** offers a variety of entrees, sandwiches, salads, pizza, and desserts and a full-service bar. 20% of everything you order will be donated to **AGR**. Dine-in or carry-out. The phone number is 623-972-3311. Be sure to tell your server or the person who answers the phone that you are ordering for **Arizona Golden Rescue**. Let's make this year even better than last year! Since we did not have the golf tournament, *Dine Out With The Dogs* may be our biggest fundraising event this year.



Paulie Ghiglieri in front of his restaurant,  
**Paulie's Little Bite of Italy**

Choose inside or outside dining options. The outside patio allows for Golden Retrievers to bring their owners and friends out for an afternoon

or evening of fun and great food. Inside seating is available for those without dogs, if you prefer. We will have a Silent Auction that will include tickets to Disneyland/California Adventure and other great surprises, raffle baskets and our spectacular assortment of custom-crafted gifts for you and your pets. Bring your Christmas list along ... there will be something for everyone. Make sure you bring your family and friends to this fun event.

*Many hands make for light work*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:**

- Set-up – 9:30 AM to Noon.
- Golden Ambassadors and their humans – Noon to 7:30 PM
- Coverage at the merchandise tables – 11:30 AM to 8 PM
- Sales of raffle tickets – Noon to 7 PM
- Pack-up – 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Please contact Carolyn Brown at 602-781-1001 or e-mail her at AZgoldenlady@gmail.com and pick the time and the area that best suits your talents. Even an hour or two of your time will be greatly appreciated.

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**PACC911 ADOPT-A-THON**  
 Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM to 3 PM  
**All Saints Episcopal Church**  
 6300 N Central, Phoenix AZ 85012



A typical PACC911 Adopt-a-Thon – lots of rescue groups will be there, and there is usually a good crowd from the public

Bring a chair and your Golden and join us for the opportunity to tell AGR's story and raise funds through the sales of all our wonderful crafts. Our crafters have been extra busy during the lockdowns, and what we have to offer is exceptional. If you can't come to work at the event, please consider coming to shop our tables for many unique and personal holiday gifts.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:**

- Set-up – 8:30 AM to 10 AM
- Merchandise Sales – 10 AM to 3 PM
- Golden Ambassadors and their humans – 10 AM to 3 PM
- Pack-up – 3 PM to 4:30 PM

Please contact Carolyn Brown at 602-781-1001 or e-mail her at AZgoldenlady@gmail.com to volunteer for this event. Thanks!

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***Fundraisers are fun raisers!***

**GLENDALE HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM



The Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade was cancelled in 2020, but it will again be held this year on December 11, 2021

Everyone and every Golden loves a Parade! The one in Glendale during December has always been a fun and profitable event

for AGR. The one-mile parade gives our Golden a chance to spread smiles and tail wags on the entire route through Historic Downtown Glendale while having their donation vests stuffed with donations from the crowds. It's a fun day for all involved.

If you have never participated in a parade and can walk the mile distance with your Golden, this is your chance to kick off the Christmas Season with joy and merriment – it is truly a “More the Merrier” event! Staging will begin about one hour before the actual parade begins, about 9:30 AM. More information will follow in an e-mail after the Parade Committee holds its instructional meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Carolyn Brown at 602-781-1001 or e-mail her at AZgoldenlady@gmail.com to express your interest and watch for updates in your e-mail and on the Events section of the AGR web page. We will need some volunteers in the staging area and along the parade route. Don't have a dog you can bring? You can “borrow” a dog from one of us who has multiple dogs – just let us know.

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**PHOENIX METRO CHAMBER of COMMERCE**

*Winter Adopt-a-thon*

Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 3 PM at

**Floor and Décor**

5880 West Bell Road, Glendale, AZ 85308

The PMCC events have always been a fun time to get together in a relaxed fashion and showcase what AGR does for Golden in need. We raise money through our dog donation vests and, of course, by selling our beautiful assortment of custom-crafted items.



AGR volunteers at the PMCC Spring Adoption Event in March 2021

This will be a great opportunity to pick up those last-minute Christ-

mas gifts from all the beautiful hand-crafted items for humans and canines alike. We will also have some gifts for kitty-lovers, too.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:**

- Set-up – 7:30 AM to 9 AM
- Coverage at the merchandise tables – 9 AM to 3 PM
- Golden Ambassadors and their humans – 9 AM to 3 PM
- Pack-up – 2:45 PM to 4 PM

Please contact Carolyn Brown 602-781-1001 or email me at AZ-goldenlady@gmail.com for volunteer information. What better way to start off the Christmas week than donating a few hours to help out with this fun event.

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**Barnes & Noble** has done away with all gift wrapping, even by their employees in the stores. We are searching for other possible venues as this newsletter goes to press. All these events add to the income we need to provide for the Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes that come into **AGR**. We have survived the 22 months of lockdowns and cancelled events but need to rebuild our reserves. These events are important to our mission. They are also a great way to share your talents with our great organization.

We cannot do it without you. The opportunities are many and nothing is a long-term commitment. Just a few hours at a single event per year by each member would greatly lessen the load on the “regulars” who show up for every event. Come on and dip your toe in the pool... you will never know how much fun you can have until you try. Explore the Opportunities!

**Just added:**

Craft Sales at **Sam’s Club** in Surprise  
 16573 W Bell Road, Surprise  
 Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
 10 AM - 3 PM; set-up at 8:30 AM  
 Dogs and **AGR** members needed to help

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**Looking ahead to 2022 ...**

*Parada Del Sol Parade and Trail’s End Celebration*  
 Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Old Town Scottsdale

*Paws At The Park*  
 Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM to 3 PM  
 Eldorado Park, Scottsdale

We will be getting confirmed dates for many more events: **Petco** and **PetSmart** meet-and-greets, **PACC911** adoption events, multiple craft sales and possibly a garage sale. Be sure to check our website calendar and our Facebook page often.




**DINE OUT**  
*with*  
**THE DOGS!**

*When you order from the regular restaurant menu...*

**Arizona Golden Rescue receives 20% of the proceeds from food & beverage sales, including bar\***

\*does not include tax or gratuity

**Please be sure to mention Arizona Golden Rescue when ordering!**

**Dine in or Take Out if you prefer**


Raffles, silent auction, 50/50 raffle and entire merchandise inventory will be for sale  
 Dogs welcome if diners eat on the patio  
 No reservations required

**Paulie's LITTLE BITE OF ITALY**

Pizza, Pasta, Sandwiches, Full Bar

15462 N 99th Ave • Sun City, AZ  
 (corner of 99th Ave & Greenway)  
 623-972-3311

**Sunday, November 7th, 2021  
 Noon - 7:30 p.m.**



*The Information Highway*

**By Adam Cardinal,**  
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**What’s Your Sign?**

Let’s talk about change. If your 2021 and 2020 were anything like mine you’ve experienced a lot of change. Some changes you made yourself, some you made as adaptations to the changes implemented by others. And the changes implemented by others are likely the result of adaptations to outside conditions – laws and regulations, common and customary business processes, as well as customer expectations.

Given the choice of two or more competing businesses, customers will most likely take into account how convenient it is to complete a transaction – which organization makes it easier to complete a transaction? For me – and for many other customers – not having to visit the business physical location to conduct business is very high on the convenience scale.

If I can perform a transaction without having to physically appear at a business location, that's much more convenient for me. I'm also managing risk reduction for myself and my family – and a global pandemic has me valuing any opportunity to avoid in-person transactions whenever possible.

One transaction type that needed to change is the collection of signatures. Signatures are required for many types of transactions – most commonly contracts. Contracts require all parties to agree to the terms and conditions of a contract through a process called mutual acknowledgement. For in-person transactions, both parties (or their designated agents) would need to sign – in ink – at the business office or the office of the agent, usually a law firm but also could be a leasing agent, title firm, insurance agent or broker, etc.

In order to avoid conducting an in-person transaction, both parties would be expected to print out a copy of the document, sign it in ink, and then scan the signed document and transmit the document electronically – via fax or an e-mail attachment – to the originator of the transaction. To attest to the validity of the signature, the signer would also be asked to provide a photocopy of a driver's license, identification card or other form of ID which captured a signature when issued by a government entity. Not very convenient. Even more so given that it's likely an e-mail exchange would require the driver's license copy be sent unsecured. No convenience is worth having your identity stolen.

In order to promote the development of electronic signature solutions, the US Government enacted the ESIGN Act in 2000. The act ensures that:

- eSignatures can be used in a court of law as evidence
- eSignatures are as legally viable an option as wet signatures
- the effect, validity and enforceability of electronic signatures are not denied

In effect, the act ensured businesses that the validity of an electronic signature would be given equal reliance in a court challenge as a wet signature. Now I'm sure a number of you are asking, How can this be possible? When I use pen and ink, I have a signature they can compare to. Won't a check against the signature card confirm if it's a fraudulent transaction or not?

Well, the answer is no. The signature card was never used to verify your signature for any transaction – writing a check, making a withdrawal with a teller or performing a credit card transaction. The signature isn't collected with the intention of protecting you

against fraudulent transactions. Banks, brokerage houses etc. collect signatures to protect themselves from challenges over ownership/change of ownership of the account you hold with them. There is no ability for a teller or fraud specialist to validate a transaction by performing a signature check. Banks, credit card issuers and other financial services organizations rely on risk scoring to detect possible fraudulent transactions. As the cardholder you might ask to see the signature record for a transaction and include with the challenge the assertion that it's not your signature, but it wouldn't matter if it looked like your signature or not. The attestation by the cardholder that the transaction is fraudulent is sufficient to begin an investigation, and proof of fraud will not rely on matching your signature to the transaction record.

Theoretically the signature is checked against the credit card when the card is presented, but there is no incentive for a retailer or a restaurant to decline a transaction based on a lack of signature match. Your average restaurant server or retail clerk is hardly an expert in graphology, so are they a reliable source to compare signatures? And that signature... when you sign the back of your credit card do you capture a representative sample of your signature? Would a stranger be able to take a look at the signature on the back of your credit card and the signature on the sales slip and say reliably, "Yes, that's the card holder's signature"? What if the signature is on a point-of-sale terminal's digital screen? Not going to happen. Signature requirements on credit cards and on charge slips create the illusion of signature verification, which increased adoption of credit card use by reducing the fear of fraud but didn't affect the incidence of fraud at all.

But anyway - back to electronic signatures or eSignatures. There are two types of eSignatures - Electronic Signatures and Digital Signatures.

Various legal definitions exist for electronic signatures, but the term most generally refers to the acknowledgement or adoption of an electronic message, transaction or document. Some examples include:

- a typed name at the end of an email
- a typed name on an electronic form or document
- an image of a handwritten signature on a transmitted fax
- a personal identification number (PIN) entered on a bank ATM
- clicking "agree" or "disagree" on an electronic "terms of use" contract
- a handwritten but digitally captured signature made on a touch device, such as a tablet or smartphone (sometimes referred to as a "dynamic signature")

Any of these can be used as an e-signature. The validity isn't in the signature itself, it's in the transmission method. Whether you perform the transaction using a website or by sending an e-mail, the process of executing the documentation online provides



far much more reliable methods of validating the validity of a document than a signature comparison. The eSignature will be bound with information on the exact date and time the signature occurred, the physical location where the signing took place, the device used to perform the signature, and the characteristics of the e-mail account associated with the transaction.

Digital signature, sometimes referred to as a cryptographic signature, can add integrity to an electronic signature. This is often accomplished with a certificate of authority, such as a Windows certificate, to ensure the validity of the signatory (the signature's author and owner).

The parties on either side of a digital signature can also detect whether its associated electronically-signed document was altered or changed in any way that would invalidate it. Digital signatures are also often used for electronic messages, which are signed with the sender's private decryption key and verified by anyone who can access the sender's public encryption key; this further ensures that both parties are who they say they are and that the content of the message has not been changed or intercepted.

To provide a real-world parallel... an eSignature is like any wet signature, while a digital signature is more like a notarized signature – additional examination occurs to validate the person signing the document to prevent challenge of the signature, a concept called non-repudiation.

So fear not the electronic signature. It doesn't decrease security, especially when you realize reliance on signature validation and verification is – and always was – an illusion.



### 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 the some of the people you think you know. Hopefully you will learn something new about them and gain more insight into how they got here. I have generally been going in order of membership number, beginning at "one" and featuring several members every column. You may notice that there are some miss-

ing member numbers. I know there are a lot of people who really 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.

Hopefully by now you will have noticed how very 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* dog(s) they have adopted have gone to the Bridge. There are many members who have never even adopted a dog from us and some who don't even have a dog at all! We are very 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.

Let's start off with Rich and Keri Marchant, who also have been great volunteers and adopters. In Keri's words...



Rich and Keri Marchant with  
Max and Lily

*Rich and Keri have had numerous animals throughout their lives. Keri is an almost-native of Arizona, having moved to Arizona with her family at age five. Growing up, Keri had a dog, ducks, chickens, cows and horses in her life. Rich moved to Arizona with his family during his middle school years but comes from a family of ranchers, so they always had dogs, horses, and cows as well.*

*During our marriage we have had a few dogs through the years (Mandy, Kasey, Bobbie, and Bailey), all mixed breeds and all rescued and welcomed into our home.*

*Lily was our first rescue from AGR in 2018; she is a full-blooded red Golden. Her foster family referred to her as Silly Lily. Lily is very independent and can be found most often either near the back door or the door to the garage. We think this is because she knows we can't leave without her if she is in front of the door or the hallway to reach the door. Lily had severe allergies when she was surrendered to AGR, but since we have had her, the allergies have not been an issue. Her appetite is VERY good and she eats all of her food and will remind you it is treat time at 6:30 every evening. Lily likes to go on car rides, travels very well in the back-seat of the SUV, uses her dog door to be outside rain or shine, and she doesn't mind the rain falling on her. She drives us crazy with her need to roll in the dirt, mud puddles and grass.*

*Max arrived in 2019 from AGR. Max looks like a small Golden, but after DNA testing we found him to be a mix of a little over 50% Terrier (that is where all his hair comes from), 34% Chow-chow and assorted other breeds. Max is a very social dog, likes other dogs and people, and is always nearby. He tends to lie within visual distance of us no matter where we are, often sharing the couch*

with us. He also loves to go on car rides. Rich refers to him as the Velcro dog since he is always close. Both dogs like the opportunity to go on walks, spend time at our summer home in northern Arizona where the rabbits and squirrels are always visibly available to watch and chase. They have a gigantic fenced back yard at the cabin and a small backyard with artificial turf in Mesa. We are so glad that **AGR** was available to rescue both dogs and allow us to foster with the intent to adopt. We always joke there wasn't much foster time, we knew we would accept both dogs into our home and adopt them.



Keri and Rich both participated in our 2019 Fore! Paws Golf Tournament – Rich golfed and Keri helped with registration and auction/raffle set-up

Editor's Note: Keri just joined **AGR**'s Placement Team.

Now let's meet Jean Klink, foster, adopter and volunteer, and her late husband, Al.



Alan and Jean Klink with Toby

Al and Jean met in Omaha, Nebraska, but both were raised in Iowa. Al was an insurance adjuster and Jean a teacher, and they enjoyed many friends. When Jean's brother was stationed at Luke Air Force Base, he was in a horrible motorcycle/car accident. While he was rehabbing, they came to Phoenix to visit and moved here within days. They continued their careers, bought a home and adopted a Golden mix. After she passed at 15 yrs. they got another Golden, followed by two Labs. Each time one went to "dog heaven" as they called it, they'd say that was the last, but they had an "empty nest syndrome."

While browsing the internet, Jean came across the **AGR** site and applied to adopt. They got **Toby** and enjoyed him for a few years. In the meantime, Al passed and then **Toby** died. Jean had such an empty feeling – she had so enjoyed the connection she had with **AGR** and all the volunteers, so applied to foster. Her first foster was 21-031 **Stanley**, but he was so sick when he came to **AGR** that he passed away after only a few days. **Ginger** (21-027) is now residing with her, and even though challenging at times, is learning to become a real joy for Jean. They are attending **Partners** classes and **Ginger** is beginning to overcome her anxieties. From Jean: *I'm pretty sure she has found a permanent home and hope we will contribute to this wonderful group of people and dogs.*



Jean Klink with Ginger

## Health and Safety

By Liz Tataseo, Health Care Manager

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### Rare but serious medical issues

This year we have had a few dogs surrendered to **AGR** with serious and unique medical issues. As with all medical issues, our goal is to diagnose and treat the dogs so they can live a healthy and happy life. Sometimes it takes a long time to achieve a diagnosis, and there is often more than one issue affecting the dog.

### Multiple Issues

Dogs with multiple issues included a stray from the shelter who came in skeletal, barely able to walk, as well as with many other health issues. After his exam and neurological consult, an MRI and spinal tap were done and he was diagnosed with multifocal forebrain and brainstem meningoencephalitis, tested positive for Ehrlichia and also had an enlarged testicle diagnosed as septic neutrophilic inflammation and necrosis. Thanks to several months of antibiotics and outstanding care by his adopters, this sweet boy is, today, a healthy, happy dog.

An unvaccinated female was surrendered to **AGR** with untreated valley fever and having recently had a litter of puppies. After initial vetting and being treated with needed medication, **Brighton** unfortunately had to go back to be at the vet overnight because of lethargy, high temperature and not eating or drinking. After going home with more medication, she returned for a follow-up vet visit the next day, and more blood work and X-rays were done. She was given more fluids and went home with some to be given at home. She was slowly getting better, and with great care by her adopter was able to make regular vet visits for follow-up blood work and her vaccinations. This lovely English Cream Golden was finally well enough to be spayed and is now happily playing with her Golden brother.

### Liver Shunt

A liver shunt is an abnormal blood vessel that shunts blood around the liver instead of the blood flow going through the liver, as it should, to filter out all the toxins that the body accrues from its own metabolic processes. Because of this shunt, the toxins/wastes continue to circulate through the body and cause dangerous issues. Liver shunts can be outside the liver or inside the liver. Most are congenital issues that show up early in life or are acquired due to another problem with the liver. Issues from liver shunts include hepatic encephalopathy, failure to grow, nervous system issues, seizures and eventually death from all the excess toxins circulating in the blood stream. A sweet, small Goldendoodle puppy

had such an issue. After much testing and several medications including a prescription food, she was scheduled for a CT scan to determine the type and location of her liver shunt so she could have surgery. After liver shunt surgery, which slowly closes the shunt over time, so that the liver and body are not shocked from a sudden change, **Zuzu**, now **Maple**, has returned to health and is enjoying her new life with her adopters.

### Rectal Prolapse

Rectal prolapse is not uncommon, but **AGR** had our first dog with this condition this year. With this problem, the rectum protrudes through the anal opening and literally hangs outside. Usually this occurs in puppies due to gastrointestinal parasites, but veterinary medicine is still unsure if that is the only reason. Rectal prolapse can also occur in adult dogs. Definite signs of prolapse are a tube of flesh protruding from the anus, straining when pooping and excessively licking. Always get your dog to a vet if you see these issues happening. Depending upon the severity of the prolapse, the tissue may be sutured in place, but only for 48 hours. If this procedure doesn't solve the problem, then further surgery may be needed to anchor the large intestine to the inside of the anus or body. Complications of prolapse can be fecal incontinence and infections. A sweet Goldendoodle was surrendered to us with prolapse surgery already completed, but, unfortunately, he came in with the complications of incontinence and rectal bleeding. After a vet visit and the discovery of a nodule or lump in his rectum and pain and straining when he did try to poop, he was seen by specialists where his surgery was initially performed. After initial treatment of pain meds and antibiotics he went back for a CT scan. He will be seeing internal medicine to determine the next step of his diagnosis and treatment.

### Limb Deformity

Deformity of a leg is not something we often see, but it is not uncommon. Limb deformities are usually congenital and sometimes caused by an accident during birth. Interestingly, front limbs are affected more than back limbs. Forelimbs can be deformed when one of the two bones in the forearm grows faster than the other. This will cause the forelimb to be bent or twisted. Years ago, we had a Golden with one limb twisted and bent but otherwise normal. One of our vets was able to completely untwist the limb by breaking bones, using appliances to hold them together and using an outer metal cage to keep the limb in alignment until it healed.

Another limb issue is when the limb is deformed and is shortened, often with an incomplete paw. **AGR** recently took in a puppy with such a deformity. Of course the dog does not know she is incomplete and is currently having a great time with her foster brothers, one of whom has the same issue. He is showing her that being different does not make a difference. After an exam and X-rays by a specialist, it was determined that in addition to her deformed right paw and shortened limb, she has congenital luxation of her right

elbow, which can mean arthritis in her future. The recommendation is to monitor her function and comfort as she grows, and after her growth plates have closed, to fit her with a prosthetic limb. If more serious issues develop, then amputation may be the best option. Right now she is enjoying life at breakneck puppy speed.

## The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

### Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

In July, all **AGR** adopters with living dogs received a mailing with a plea for donations to support our 2020-21 Special Needs Dogs, including many of those mentioned in *Diamonds in the Ruff* columns in the last year. Many (60!) answered with donations for a wonderful total of \$9,505! We counted all donations that were sent without some other kind of dedication between July 1 and August 30. Several more dated before August 30 arrived a few days later, adding another \$1,025 to our fundraiser total. This money certainly helped us get through the summer months. Thanks to all who donated. Please see the list of our generous donors on pages 12-13.

During the summer, we usually take in more dogs than in any other 3-month period, but we have no significant fundraisers between beginning of April after Arizona Gives Day and end of September's golf tournament. Due to the coronavirus, the golf tournament was cancelled for the second consecutive year; our regular Meet-and-Greets and other events were also cancelled due to the virus. With a few of our rescues, the money we need to spend to ensure that the dog is healthy is less than the dog's adoption fee. However, for the majority of dogs we have placed in new forever homes, our costs have been more than the adoption fee, and in some cases thousands of dollars more — the average spent on each of 35 dogs between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 was \$1,784!

We do not begrudge any amount of money we have spent improving the health of our rescued dogs. But the money we have spent above and beyond what was covered by the adoption fees has to be recovered by other means, and those means are our fundraisers.

You do not have to be an adopter of an **AGR** dog to help us raise some needed funds. If you can help **AGR** financially, please send your check to **AGR**, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308. Or, you can contact Deb Orwig by e-mail ([dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net)) or phone (623-693-0589) to let her know you want to donate using a credit card. Zelle transactions (**Chase** bank, **Arizona Golden Rescue**, [info@arizonagoldenrescue.org](mailto:info@arizonagoldenrescue.org)) are also gratefully received, as they do not cost the donor or **AGR** anything. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you have already sent in a donation by the time you receive this newsletter, we sincerely thank you!

### The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund

Years ago when **AGR** co-founder Debbe Begley passed away, we established the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. The money in this account has been used for dogs coming into Rescue with cancer (we have had several) or to help with medical bills that amount to over \$5,000 for any one dog (again, several dogs are always in this category in a given year). In years past when we hosted *Paws & Pasta* or *Dine Out With The Dogs*, we deposited that revenue in the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. We have also occasionally received individual donations to this fund outside of dedicated events. This year, we again dedicate the monies raised at *Dine Out With the Dogs* to this fund. Order right from the restaurant's regular menu – we will receive 20% of your entire bill, including your bar tab! The proceeds from our raffle and silent auction will also go into this fund. Merchandise sales will remain a separate addition to our General Fund. We hope you can attend or at least order take-out. The event is held at *Paulie's Little Bite of Italy*, 15462 N 99<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sun City – see the ad on page 7. When you order, whether by phone (623-972-3311) or in person at the restaurant, please be sure you mention that you are supporting **Arizona Golden Rescue**.

### Transactions Through PayPal, Facebook and Zelle

I have discussed PayPal's fees several times in the past. When a donation is made to **AGR** via PayPal, **AGR** does not charge a "convenience fee," but we get charged the same fee for any transaction made through PayPal no matter what the money is for. From a \$25 donation made using PayPal, we actually get \$24.01. You may not think 99¢ is very much to lose from \$25, but it adds up after a while. Your tax-deductible credit will be for the \$25, not for \$24.01. For adoption application fee and membership fee transactions, we automatically attach a 4% fee. For example, with the \$25 application fee for which applicants pay \$26 on PayPal, **AGR** gets \$24.99. However, we have never thought it was right to charge people extra when they give a donation. So, we get what we get. This morning I saw a \$100 donation come in from someone as a memorial donation. We actually got \$97.52. But I'd rather have people donate through PayPal than not donate at all because they don't have checks or stamps, or if they want the convenience of making a donation "right now while I'm thinking about it."

If someone makes a donation through **AGR's** Facebook page, Facebook covers the 4% transaction fee, so we get the entire amount someone wants to give.

Zelle transactions are free to both the donor and the recipient. If you bank at one of the major (and some minor) banks or credit unions that will do Zelle transactions, all you need to know to set **AGR** up as a recipient of funds is that our **Chase** bank account name is **Arizona Golden Rescue** and our email address is info@arizonagoldenrescue.org. Using Zelle, you can send money to **AGR** for membership renewal or as a donation with no extra fee.

### Reporting period: January 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021

Total Assets as of October 18, 2021: \$252,314.26

	Income	Expenses
Adoption Application Fee	\$ 3,550.00	\$
Adoption Income	11,928.00	
Calendars		
Sales	647.00	
Sponsorships	2,200.00	
Credit Card & PayPal Expense		449.96
Donations		
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund	800.00	
General Fund	31,118.29	
Honorary	8,264.88	
Memorial	4,329.00	
Summer Fundraiser	9,505.25	
Event Expense		50.00
Grants	3,150.00	
Insurance		627.85
Interest	12.34	
Internet Services		490.35
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Memberships	17,290.00	
Merchandise & shipping	3,283.20	
Microchip Expense		606.72
Office Expenses		880.62
Paws At The Park Donations	516.00	
Postage		1,081.45
Rent or Lease		2,483.82
Stationery & Printing		3,165.47
Telephone		151.08
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		5,134.70
Boarding		703.50
Microchip & Heartgard® Expenses		1,426.00
Miscellaneous		398.17
Veterinary Services		74,320.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$96,593.96</b>	<b>\$91,979.72</b>

NET INCOME: \$4,614.24

Checking Account on 10-18-21:	\$149,044.44
The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 10-18-21:	\$ 9,141.32
Savings Account as of 10-18-21:	\$ 94,128.50
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-15-21:	\$ 4,900.19

### Summer Fundraiser Donors

Patricia Amaral – In honor of the Goldendoodle puppies  
 Debbie and Rick Ball  
 Stephanie Beard  
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 Sharon and Philip Wieser  
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 Marilyn and Richard Zangl

## Diamonds in the Ruff

By Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo

*Diamonds in the Ruff* are dogs on whom **AGR** has had to spend at least \$2,000. In this column in the August issue of *The Golden Paw*, we featured **21-011 Raya** and **21-019 Brighton**, now called **Brooklyn**. **Raya** is recovering from her first hip surgery. Once that hip was repaired, it became obvious that we will have to have the other hip done as well, probably early next year. After revisiting the vet twice and having to stay in the ER overnight, **Brooklyn** finally recovered from the infections, lethargy and lack of appetite that accompanied untreated valley fever. She has been taking fluconazole since she came to us and has now been spayed.

In the third quarter of 2021, we had five dogs that cost us more than \$2,000 each. 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.



**12-100 Rusty** was the third dog that we included in our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption (GPHA)* program since creating the program in 2010. He was a shelter dog with difficult behavior issues – he did not like other dogs and was very wary of strangers. We enrolled him in *Partners Dog Training School's* Training Camp, and then had to continue the training there once a day for two months. Then we took him to *Academy West* for boarding. Deb Orwig (President) and David Jewett (at that time **AGR's** Director of Dog Care), who had shared the duty of taking **Rusty** through group classes at *Partners*, divided up the week, each taking every other day to work with **Rusty** at *AW*. They did that duty for a couple months until we found a single woman, Beverly, who needed a dog and lived relatively close to *Partners* so she could take **Rusty** there for training. Although she and **Rusty** bonded with each other, she was not and has since not been in a position to assume financial responsibility for him. Because we had not had any success for months finding a Foster-With-Intent-To-Adopt for **Rusty**, we decided we needed to keep him with Beverly and pay his vet bills for the rest of his life – he was 6-7 years old in 2012. He had been relatively healthy until just recently. Earlier this year he developed a tumor on his chest, which we had to have biopsied and which was diagnosed as an extraskelatal osteosarcoma with pulmonary metastasis. Prognosis was, unfortunately, poor. Options at the time included palliative care, surgery followed by chemotherapy, and palliative radiation.

Rather than proceed with chemo and/or radiation treatments on a 15-16-year-old dog, we made the decision to just keep him comfortable with pain meds. He was sent to the Bridge in early October. His expenses during third quarter were \$3,677.



**21-023 Zuzu**, a 7-month-old Goldendoodle now called **Maple**, had been diagnosed with hepatic encephalopathy. Her family could not continue to afford her medical care. We had a CT scan done that confirmed the diagnosis. She had a portosystemic shunt (PSS) which is an abnormal connection between

the portal vascular system and the body's systemic circulation. The shunt can be in or out of the liver. That means that a portion of the toxins, proteins and nutrients absorbed by the intestines bypass the liver and are shunted directly into the systemic circulation; it is mostly a congenital condition. Toy breeds usually have the shunts outside the liver while larger breeds have them inside the liver (which are harder to detect). Fortunately, **Maple's** shunt was outside the liver, which made the surgery much less complicated (and less expensive). While she was under anesthesia for the shunt surgery, she was also spayed. She has recovered well and is now exhibiting typical puppy energy (see her adoption story on pages 15-16). Her expenses for third quarter were \$7,253.

**21-025 Lucy** is a 5-year-old Goldendoodle whose family was moving and could not take her. Her foster noticed that **Lucy** was limping, so we had a work-up done at **VetMed**. The diagnosis was a tear in the cruciate ligament that would require TPLO (tibial plateau leveling osteotomy) surgery. She had the surgery on September 1<sup>st</sup> and is recovering well. Her expenses for third quarter were \$6,017.



**21-027 Ginger** was surrendered to Rescue due to excessive barking. She was not good on leash and had some other behavioral problems. So, we enrolled her in the three-week intensive training camp at **Partners Dog Training School**. She did not work out with the first or second foster we tried her with, but three times seems to

be the charm, as she is now attending group classes with her third foster, and they are doing well together. Her training fee for the

**Partners** program was \$2,893.



**21-031 Stanley** was a 5-year-old shelter rescue. He was in bad shape when we got him, with several broken teeth and a possible old jaw fracture. He had advanced heartworm disease, had breathing problems, a cough and a fever. His bloodwork showed very elevated liver enzymes, which continued to climb. Despite some rather heroic veterinary intervention, he went down-

hill relatively quickly. In order to end his suffering, we had to send him to the Bridge. His expenses were \$7,894. We thank **PACC911** for their generous \$250 donation to help with **Stanley's** expenses.



### Facemasks

Although mask mandates have been lifted in many places now, you may still feel the need to wear a mask when you go shopping or to some public event where there are more than just a handful of people. It's a smart precaution, even if you have been fully vaccinated, especially considering the increased prevalence of the Covid-19 delta variant that is apparently much more easily transmitted and could be just as deadly as the original. I repeat, a smart precaution. We have quite a few facemasks still available that were made from paw and/or bone design fabric; a few that were made larger for men are in camouflage, flame or other fabrics that appeal more to men. We can make either the standard size, which most women can wear comfortably, or the man-size, from any fabric in Deb's large collection. There are a few sports-team fabrics that have been requested that we just cannot get because they are not sold anywhere, but otherwise just about any color or print design is probably available. If you would like to support our facemask fundraiser, just e-mail me at [dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net), give me an idea of what you want, and I will send you photos



of the masks we have already made or fabric that could be used.

Many who have purchased our masks have said they really like the style we are now making with the inset nose piece and elastic ear pieces. Because we donated the fabrics, the entire cost of the mask – \$10 each at first, \$12 each more recently – helped us raise over \$3,050 to keep people safe and help the dogs.

## MAGIC MOMENTS

By 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 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. All adoptions finalized after September 30<sup>th</sup> will be in the next issue.*



**21-012 Jangles** was 19 weeks old when he came to **AGR** in March. He is a black Goldendoodle puppy who was not neutered. He was coughing, hacking and had some respiratory problems. He was seen by an internal medicine vet at least three times and evaluated for upper and lower respiratory issues. Despite extensive testing, none of the

vets who examined this puppy could give us a definitive diagnosis as to what was causing his “percolator cough” – he tested negative for megaesophagus. The vet advised the foster family to employ food (raised feeding stand with food he can swallow easily) and water management techniques. **Jangles** had a bout with diarrhea (not uncommon in puppies), so he was started on prescription puppy food, which seems to have solved that problem. He was neutered in August and has now been adopted by Cindy and Jim in Surprise. They also have a 4-year-old Golden, **Chloe**, whom they adopted from **AGR** in 2019. **Jangles** and **Chloe** are the best of friends and play non stop. Jim and Cindy wrote: ***Jangles** is a very lovable and vocal dog. Always giving out hugs and licky smooches. He lets us know when he wants to go outside and when he wants to come back in. **Jangles** easily makes friends wherever he goes – out walking in the neighborhood and at the dog park. Although **Jangles** still has unknown respiratory issues and sounds like a percolator, it doesn't seem to bother him. Actually his condition has gotten much better – less frequent. After their morning routine walk, **Jangles** and **Chloe** look forward to going with Jim for a ride to Starbucks drive-through, and the girls know them very well. **Jangles** loves Starbucks. He doesn't drink coffee; but because I do, he likes to sniff at the empty cup when I'm through drinking it. **Jangles** and **Chloe** both love, love, love their new home and back yard on the golf course. Lots of room to run and so many rabbits to chase after. Due to his first and last names, Jim's nickname in high school was JANG. Adopting **Jangles** is a sign and was meant to be! **Jangles** has easily blended into our lives – and yes, he has found his forever home.*

**21-019 Brighton**, now called **Brooklyn**, is a lovely 3-year-old Eng-

lish Cream Golden. She had been used as a breeding dog, but she contracted valley fever, so the owner did not want to breed her again. The owner was treating her only with “natural remedies” (garlic and vitamin C), which were not effective, and ibuprofen, which should never be given to dogs. **Brighton** had a litter eight weeks previous to her coming to **AGR**; she had not been spayed and had never had any vaccines. She was started on fluconazole right away, but was not vaccinated immediately due to the high valley fever titer (1:32). **Brighton's** valley fever caused her to be lethargic and have no appetite, and she developed a real fever. She spent a night in the ER, where she improved after treatment with antibiotics, fluids and pain medications. She was vaccinated at the end of June and put on a specialized hydrolyzed protein diet. She was finally well enough near the end of August to be spayed. She was adopted by Meredith and Ross in Scottsdale. They have a Golden puppy named **Jeter**, who was only tolerated by **Brooklyn** at first, but they are great buddies now. Meredith said: *We definitely got lucky when **AGR** reached out to us about rescuing her! It was scary in the beginning with her health, but she is healthy, happy, and doing amazing! She is so sweet and pretty! **Brooklyn** is a very loving and a calm dog. She loves nothing more than to be close by getting tummy rubs and lots of snuggles. She can also be very needy and possessive, but I'm sure that comes from not having love from her previous home. She loves the pool and likes to drink water from the hose. She will also sit on the steps of the pool just to be with her humans. When **Jeter** grows out of his puppy behavior, we are sure he and **Brooklyn** will become great friends. Here's to a happy and healthy new life for **Brooklyn**.*

**21-023 Zuzu** is a Goldendoodle who was only 7 months old when she came to **AGR** in June. She was surrendered because her owner could no longer afford her medical care. She had been diagnosed with hepatic en-



cephalopathy (see her story in *Diamonds in the Ruff* on page 14 and also in the Health column on page 10) and needed a CT scan to confirm the diagnosis, as well as follow-up surgery to repair the liver shunt. She also had Giardia, for which she was being treated. She was placed in one of our terrific foster-only homes with Cindy and Rick in Fountain Hills but had to be moved to another when guests arrived to stay for a month – the extra people and dogs would have been too much commotion for this sick little girl. Cindy had made a wonderful spreadsheet for keeping track of all the medications **Zuzu** had to take and when **Zuzu** needed to eat. Just before surgery was done to repair the liver shunt, we moved **Zuzu** to Sue in Phoenix. Sue saw to it that **Zuzu** got to all her several follow-up vet appointments and took her numerous medications. While Sue was walking **Zuzu** on the grounds of her condo complex, another family living just across the courtyard from Sue saw **Zuzu** and fell in love with her, submitted an adoption application and were approved in short order. Nicole and Greg both work from home and are up to the challenge of a puppy, who has a lot more energy now than before when she was sick. They have renamed the dog **Maple**, because her color is that of maple syrup. They have sent us several messages about **Maple's** life with them. After **Maple's** first night there, they reported she was up early for a walk and ate and took her meds just fine. Their Day 4 update was a little more specific: *She's making herself comfortable while we work. She is doing great learning some new commands: leave it, down, and settle. She is settling in really well with early morning and late evening walks, indoor play sessions during the day with plenty of nap time in between. She did pee in the house once, but I figured out she was trying to tell us she needed to go before it happened – I think we have her bathroom schedule figured out.*

Recently, we received the following message from Greg: *There are so many places to start with sweet, little Maple when it comes to quirks and thirst for life after how things started for her. This little one loves to be outside, in the middle of a busy park or patio, and just watch the world happen around her. When another dog or people walk by, she puts on a big smile along with a slow, almost drunk-with-happiness tail wag that she is having this experience. At home she loves to play fetch and tug-of-war, get belly rubs, and find the most comfortable place to sleep throughout the day. She loves to rough house with Dad and takes little breaks to snuggle up. Mornings are a hoot with her big stretches and her "AROOO-ROOOROO" to let Mom know it's time to go for her morning walk. Maple is very food motivated and very trainable; she has learned to shake, roll over, jump, stay, and lay down. Maple also loves her time at doggy day care once a week and her report cards reiterate how great she is – other dogs and attendants love her! Nicole and I love being outside and go camping and hiking often. Maple went on her first of many camping trips she'll go on with us; she just loves to be outside and she couldn't have loved sleeping in a tent with us more. Since adopting Maple, not one day has gone by that we haven't said "I can't believe how lucky we are to have her." She*

*has been a perfect fit for our life; she has been an absolute delight, and puppy energy has been such a shot of energy for us too! At her follow-up vet appointment near the end of September, Maple was pronounced healed from the shunt surgery, and the vet predicted she will now live a normal and healthy life – so good to hear!*



**21-024 Finnley** is a 15-month-old spayed female Goldendoodle. She has anxiety over anything out of place – grocery bags, people coming into home, anything new – she runs and hides. She also has stressed-induced colitis, and depending on how stressed she is it can range from just soft stools to diarrhea. **Finnley** loves dogs and loves going to day care. The owner

thought **Finnley** needed a companion dog, but she could not have another dog in her new town home – **Finnley** did not adapt well to the move. We placed **Finnley** with Kathy and Chad, who live in Flagstaff and who have three other dogs including a puppy. They renamed her **Molly**. After about a week, Kathy reported that **Molly** was now eating well and was playing all the time with the other dogs. **Molly** was having a difficult time sleeping at night due to her anxiety, so the vet recommended starting her on trazadone. With this sedative, **Molly** is much calmer and although she still wakes periodically during the night, she no longer paces, which is an improvement. As long as **Molly** takes her medication, everything is working out well.

**21-026 Simba** is a 4-year-old handsome, energetic male Golden, who was surrendered because the owner could no longer keep him. **Simba** came from Colorado two months ago; the current owner was supposed to temporarily keep him for his cousin, but the cousin couldn't take him back. **Simba** was reported to be great with other dogs and kids. We tried



him with a foster who has five other dogs, but **Simba** made a pest out of himself trying to hump, especially the female dogs in the household. So, we moved him into boarding at **Academy West Animal Hospital**. At **AW**, he received all his vaccines and tests for valley fever and heartworm. The foster had noticed that **Simba** walked with a bowlegged hind end and has a hunch in his spine, so we had his back evaluated. He does have a type of scoliosis called kyphosis, but the condition does not seem to bother him or hamper movement. Carol and Don, who live in Chino Valley, came down to Glendale to meet **Simba** and fell in love with him. After he was neutered, he was transported to their home where the meeting with the two resident dogs went well. They changed his name to **Murphy**. Here is what Carol wrote recently: *Adding Murphy into our lives has been a pure joy! He took no time at*



all adopting us as his new family and let everyone know early on that he was alpha dog; even though **Jackson** and **Sara** are 10 and 9 years old respectively. **Murphy** is very smart and cunning. He knows if he's doing something that's naughty, but gives me "those eyes" when I go to scold him. **Murphy** and I attended obedience training the week after he came to his forever home. He is a quick learner and got bored very fast if the class didn't progress quickly enough for him. He'd just lie down and put all four feet up in the air; wag his tail, and give me "those eyes." Everyone thought he was hysterical! **Murphy** knew from the minute he entered my home that the people bed was his. He'll lie on the lower corner of the bed and not budge or allow me to get in. Instead, he rolls over; feet in the air; belly displayed and gives me "those eyes" and it's really difficult to make him listen; though listen he does, eventually! He has a sense of humor as well. Loves to pick up things I'm working with for the horses, say a jar of ointment, and take it into the house. He steals gloves and hides them under the bed. He's the first dog to come when called, loves to play and wrestle with **Sara** and sometimes even **Jackson**, especially in the early morning. Loves to protect his home by barking at our neighbors or anyone walking by "his" house. He had a curvature of his spine when he arrived. Although I can't be sure, I think it's disappearing! He was also diagnosed with hip dysplasia, but shows no signs of any weakness or limitation as of now. **Murphy** has brought life back into our two senior dogs and he certainly has brought love into our home. On behalf of **Sara**, **Jackson**, myself and **Don**, thank you **AGR** for allowing us to add him into our home. We are eternally grateful.

**21-028 Sam** was a return-to-Rescue because the original (2016) adopter/owner changed jobs and was having to travel a lot now. Her boyfriend did not like **Sam**, and the owner could not afford to leave **Sam** in boarding for two or more weeks at a time. He had separation anxiety, so we started him on Prozac. He was now 11 years old, so we had a senior bloodwork panel done and he had tests for valley fever and heartworm. Thankfully, the owner had kept up with his vaccines, so the updates are not needed until December. While we boarded **Sam** at **Academy West Animal Hospital** until he could be placed, a tech there discovered blood in **Sam's** urine. He was treated for a urinary tract infection. The vet determined from the presence of calcium oxalate crystals that **Sam** had small bladder stones, so she started him on prescription food, which has helped. He was reportedly not good around other dogs, but he ignored the other dogs when Connie (transporter) took him to **Academy West Animal Hospital**, and he gets along well with the resident dog, **Cody**, at the home of Marilyn and Ken in Phoenix. So there he has stayed. When he was first with the FWITA, he peed in the house a few times. Now that the family knows "his signal" (just stands by the door and looks at them), and his bladder infection has cleared up, he is not peeing in the house any more. He and **Cody**



are walked together and do well, and **Sam** loves to play with other dogs at the local park. Marilyn reported that **Sam** is a happy guy, tail wagging all the time, and he comes to them to be petted. He likes to sit on the patio at the outdoor restaurants they attend.



**21-030 Ruby** is a 3-year-old spayed Golden who was surrendered by her owner for having some behavioral issues: unwillingness to walk on a leash and peeing in the house. The owner, who had gotten **Ruby** off craigslist, thought **Ruby** was just stubborn and just did not have the patience to deal with the dog's issues. **Ruby** received

the standard vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital**: vaccines, tests for valley fever and heartworm and a urinalysis to determine if the excessive peeing she was exhibiting was caused by an infection (it was negative). **Ruby** is a beautiful girl who needs some kind, loving attention to build her confidence. After five days of boarding at **Academy West** and working with kennel tech Jacob, who is wonderful with scared dogs, she was standing up straight and not slinking as much. She even did the zoomies around the side yard when Connie went to visit her. Christine and Thomas in North Phoenix were chosen to provide **Ruby's** forever home. As there are no children or other pets in the household, **Ruby** will be getting their undivided attention. After about two weeks at her new home, **Ruby** was reported to be making progress, peeing less often, walking better on leash and seemed to be less apprehensive about life in general. We are confident that given time to understand that she is now safe and loved, **Ruby** will come around to being the kind of wonderful dog we know Golden Retrievers to be.

**21-037 Murphy's** owner had to move to an apartment complex that would not allow dogs. When he was surrendered to **AGR**, he was only 4 months old and had typical puppy behavior. The owner also had a 3½-year-old German Shepherd. Unfortunately, we could not take the Shepherd, but we did provide the owner with our extensive list of other rescue groups and no-kill shelters. When Connie and Nick picked up **Murphy**, the owner said they had "just run out" of food that evening, that **Murphy** likes toys but had none for him, had a too-small crate for him that they thought was "just fine," and their report of housetraining skills was greatly exaggerated. Greg and Hilary in Phoenix were very excited to get this sweet little red boy. At the vet, he received all his vaccines and will be neutered when he is about 1 year old. Greg wrote: ***Murphy** is doing great! He has been a great addition to the family and is a never-ending source of love and affection.* We wish you a long and happy life, **Murphy!**



# OVER THE RAINBOW

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



09-022 Pressley Ann Trinh-Kraus



10-039 Molly Turco



11-020 Remington Neill



12-011 Maddy Morris



12-076 Tara Keyasko



12-100 Rusty Farrar-Host



12-135 Bianca Bernatavicius



13-063 Blue Novo



13-098 Misty Ronstadt



15-038 Zeus Turner



15-042 Boden Landess

## 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.



15-048 Theo Bossone



15-057 Jack Hostetler



15-098 Dakota Sager



16-060 Chase Erickson



17-073 Mary Kate Mortimore



18-019 Toby Klink



18-036 Malle Cardinal



18-088 Silver McDermott



18-089 Annabelle McDermott



21-031 Stanley Klink



Jake Donahue



Maggie Mancini



Gabriel Hansen



Koko Hansen

and...

Rick Ball

AGR Member and beloved husband of Debbie Ball

George Keyasko

AGR Member and Adopter

Cameron Warren

AGR Member and beloved husband of Susan Kemper

*Why so many at the Bridge this quarter?*

In the summer, a letter is sent to all adopters with dogs that have not been reported to us as having passed away. In the letter, the adopter is asked to let us know if their dog is still with them. Usually, quite a few note that their dog went to the Bridge and they forgot to notify us.

Also, about ten percent of the letters come back to us with one of two notifications: if the person/family has moved between three and six months ago, the post office puts a sticker on the envelope that gives the new address; if the move occurred more than six months ago, the sticker says *Not Deliverable As Addressed, Return to Sender*. Because we want to keep our database as up to date as possible, we resend the letters for which we have a new address – we try to follow up by e-mail and/or phone calls those for whom we don't – some of these never respond, so we lose track of a few dogs each year. It makes us sad, as each dog we rescue is "our dog."

If you are an **AGR** adopter, please remember the following:

- Let **AGR** know if your dog passes away.
- If you move, contact **AGR** with your new address.
- If you change your e-mail address or your phone number, contact **AGR** with the changes.
- Notify the micro-chip company that provided the micro-chip your dog has. If one of our vets inserted the chip, it will be an Avid; if the dog was chipped elsewhere, it is likely to be AKC Reunite or Home Again. If you cannot find the document we sent you that shows the micro-chip information (company and ID number), contact us and we will look it up in our database for you. In case your dog gets out and is on the run somewhere – an event that can be at elevated risk shortly after a move, when a pet may be confused by the change – it is really important for **AGR** and for the micro-chip company to have your current contact phone and/or e-mail address. We get a few calls each year about Golden Retrievers that have been found. The first thing we ask the caller to do is to take the dog to a vet and get it scanned and call us back with the micro-chip number. Then, we make the effort to contact the adopter to let them know their dog is out visiting.

*You can shed tears because they are gone, or you can smile because they lived. You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you. Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember only that they are gone, or you can cherish their memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what they would want. Smile, open your heart, love... and go on.*

~Elizabeth Ammons, lessonslearnedinlife.com

*Fun and Games*

By Deb Orwig



19-053 Jackson and 18-074 Riley love to swim and play *Who can get the ball first?*

Our dogs show us many ways to have fun and enjoy life. There are lots of games they like to play, some of which they even make up themselves. One thing is for sure... if you help your dog learn to play and have fun, he or she will probably live longer. Just like

humans, dogs need mental stimulation. Games provide a way to help your dog in that way. Games also help keep your dog from becoming bored, stay out of trouble, and improve physical fitness.



15-031 Charles playing run-and-chase with 15-029 Barkley

To help your dog live a long and happy life, provide enrichment activities. Toys in general can offer hours of fun for many Golden Retrievers. Be careful to give your dog toys he or she cannot readily chew up, be sure the toys are size-appropriate (i.e. do not give an adult Golden a golf ball-size toy)



21-037 Murphy with all the toys he has collected



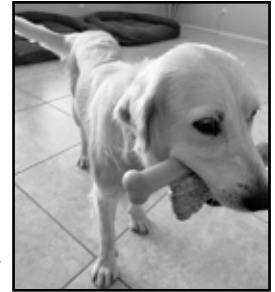
21-040 Gordy carrying two soft toys

and always supervise the dog around toys. Do not ever give a dog a toy meant for a human child. Be especially careful to keep away stuffed animals that have button-like eyes; if the dog chews off an eye and swallows it, it could get stuck in the dog's digestive system which will necessitate an expensive visit to an emergency room. If your dog likes to tear into soft toys and pull out the stuffing and the squeaker, try giving the dog a stuffless toy – many are available

in the pet supply stores. Some dogs will hoard toys. Others will tease with them. If there is another dog in the household, they may like to play “keep away.” Many dogs just like to carry toys around in their mouths. Sad but true, some dogs that come



20-025 Doug likes to play “keep away” with 20-026 Russell; the boys have been playing together since Russell, a year younger than Doug, was a puppy



21-030 Ruby carrying two Dura Chew bones

into Rescue have never had a toy and consequently find them of little interest – at first. It is possible to encourage such a dog to develop an interest by playing with the toy yourself. Yes, make a fool out of yourself by growling at the toy, pouncing on it and shaking it. The dog will come to investigate, and when he sees you with the toy may try to take it from you. Praise him if he does.



It's his, but she wants it! If you have two or more dogs, you may notice them having a “face off” over a toy; even though he doesn't have it in his mouth, 20-033 Danny Boy is daring guest dog 21-024 Molly to try to pick up the toy

Some dogs will attack a toy with a squeaker (and try to get the squeaker out, so watch carefully). Others will actively run away from a toy that makes such a noise. Some dogs are entranced by balls that light up when rolled or giggle balls that make a silly noise when rolled. My boy **Vin** loves the giggle ball, but he is the only dog we've ever had who has liked this toy. Technically called Wobble Wag Giggle Ball, these



can be purchased from Chewy.com or Smile.amazon.com.

Even better for sharpening mental acuity are toys like the ones shown here. With the IQube, the dog has to get smaller toys out of the big cube (without tearing the Qube up, of course). Dog Magic provides interactive play when treats are put underneath the bone shapes and the dog has to figure out how to get the treats. The one pictured on page 21 is one of several available in the *Nina Ottoson Company of Animals* games and puzzles – several of such toys can be purchased through Smile.amazon.com (<https://www.amazon.com/Company-Animals->





Ottosson-Brick-Interactive/dp/B001KZ4WJE.)

You can purchase many such “intellectual” games at pet supply stores. **Ryan’s Pet Supplies** in Phoenix has quite a few such toys. Search on interactive dog toys at <https://www.ryanspet.com>. Look at the following:

ROGZ Tumbler Treat Dispenser and Outward Hound Hide-a-Squirrel (pictured here). Pet supply stores carry something along this line. The next time you go to a pet supply store to purchase dog food, check out the various types of toys they carry that might provide some fun and mental stimulation for your dog.



Something as simple as putting peanut butter inside a Kong® and freezing it will provide a challenge to your dog for hours.

Teach your dog how to play toy-hide-and-seek. Start by taking a favorite toy and putting it partially under a cushion or something else. Let the dog watch you, but tell him or her to “wait”. If they try to grab the toy before you tell them to “find it,” correct them, and tell them “wait” again. Repeat until the dog actually waits until you say “find it” and then praise the dog when he pulls the toy out and let him play with it for a while. Make this game progressively harder by having the toy less and less visible. Eventually when you say “find it”, the dog will find the toy even if it is completely buried under something. Having found the toy is its own reward, but praise the dog anyway for a job well done. Also, when training for this fun and stimulating activity, use the actual name of the item you want the dog to find. My current young boy **Asher** recognizes ball, big ball, bone, raccoon, fox, gator, monkey and stretchie and will find the appropriate toy.

Another trick you can teach your dog is to put away his/her own toys. Most of us have a bin or a basket in which we store all our dog’s toys. Place a toy on the floor and teach your dog the “get it” command by helping the dog lean down and pick up the toy. Praise the dog when s/he does it. After s/he has learned “get it” and is carrying the toy in his/her mouth, walk the dog over to the toy bin and say, “Put it away” or “drop it” or “leave it”, whichever command you prefer (I use “put it away”). After you give the command, help the dog release the toy by opening the dog’s mouth – be careful you don’t get nipped! As soon as the toy drops into the bin, praise the dog! Repeat, repeat, repeat. Sooner or



Watching Billie Wong put her toys away can inspire you to teach your dog to do it

later the dog will pick up a toy when you say “get it” and go drop it in the toy bin when you say “put it away.” Really. It works. My boy **Mufasa** was proof that it works – he learned the whole procedure relatively quickly. **Mufasa** could not hold a candle to **Grace**, though, a Golden Retriever who is featured

in an online YouTube video. Check this out: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AW\\_N-dujGXw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AW_N-dujGXw). With only one command from her owner, **Grace** cleans up every one of her toys scattered around the house and drops them into her toy basket! If this link does not work for you, go to YouTube.com and Search on “Golden Retriever cleans house.” You will be impressed and maybe even inspired!



Connie and Nick used to have a Golden named Majyk who could fit three tennis balls in his mouth at the same time! On youtube.com, there is a piece about a Golden named Finley who can hold six!

Balls, of course, are favorite toys of many Goldens. Tennis balls are inexpensive, but please be careful to watch that your dog does not rip the fuzz off, pop the ball and eat the pieces. If there is a tennis club near your home, the staff will probably give you a bagful of “spent” balls that tennis players will no longer use. Have you ever really watched your dog play with a ball? For some, a moving ball is like moving prey, and they will

try to attack it like **21-024 Finnley** is doing here. If the ball has a squeaker in it, so much the better to stimulate the prey drive.



21-024 Finnley, now Molly, leaping to attack a tennis ball that has bounced into the grass

There are three types of balls I have found that even the most ardent ball-ripper-uppers cannot destroy (or at least it takes a while). One is the JW iSqueak Rubber Ball. The solid JW Megablast Ball is also good, as is the large-size Play Strong Ball. **Ryan’s** sells all of these, and other pet supply stores probably do, too. A Golden can grip the large-size ball with his teeth, but it is too large (about half again as big as a tennis ball) for the dog to



chow down on. I call these “Jimmy balls,” because years ago I had a foster dog named **Jimmy** who could chew up just about any toy, but he could not damage the JW ball – it was still in one piece after he had had it for over four months, a long time for any toy to last with toy-loving – i.e., toy-destroying – Golden!

Golden Retrievers are among the Sporting Dog breeds. This breed was originally created to be hunting dogs, that is, to be a companion for the duck hunter. The breed history is one reason many of our Golden Retrievers like to chase things – birds, cats, lizards, rabbits, even balls. That “prey drive” is part of their nature.



Most Golden Retrievers like being in water; some households do not have pools, so a kiddie pool will suffice to cool off hot feet as 15-025 Biscuit enjoys doing

So, for most Golden Retrievers, swimming. Most Golden Retrievers love water. Some will chase water coming from a hose. Some will try to “dig” the water out of their water bowl – puppies especially enjoy this

activity, much to the chagrin of their owner, who has to clean up a very wet floor! Some Golden Retrievers just cannot stay out of an unfenced pool. Care needs to be taken, though, to teach the dog not to go in un-



21-010 Libby trying to bite the hose water



Due to their water-loving nature, some Golden Retrievers enjoy digging the water out of a water bowl like 15-054 Timber is doing

their belly or by a life vest, until they get the “dog paddle” idea. Reserve a few toys specifically for the pool, and teach your dog that s/he is allowed to go into the water when you bring out these particular toys. The rest of the



15-053 Percy modeling a life vest

less being watched by a human. Just as with children, dogs can drown if they do not learn to swim properly, if they get overtired or don’t know how to get out.

Many Golden Retrievers are not natural swimmers and must be coaxed into a pool and held up, either by a hand under

time, the dog should ignore the pool.

There are many other ways to provide stimulation and enrichment for your dog. Take him on a car ride to someplace he has not been before. A new environment to explore will be fun for



21-007 Maple ready to go for a ride, but hopefully her adopters will not allow her to hang out of the window when the vehicle is moving! Dogs seem to like the wind blowing in their faces. Be sure to close the car windows before you drive, otherwise your dog’s eyes may get damaged by a rock kicked up by your tires or by an insect that flies in.

and beautiful outside. Go camping with your dog. Be-



19-083 Bowie enjoying the view from the top of South Mountain in Phoenix

visit “the dog beach” in San Diego? It is thrilling to watch your dog run in the sand and chase the surf or the seagulls.

Visit a pet supply store with your dog – all of them allow dogs on leash. Take the dog to **The Home Depot, Lowe’s**, or any of the stores in Biltmore Fashion Square in downtown



A great use of a kiddie pool is to fill one with multi-colored plastic balls; 19-044 Dallas, and many other AGR-rescued puppies have had a blast jumping into a ball-filled pool

both you and your dog. New sights, new odors, new “bush messages” to “read”, or just to soak up the sun where it is cool



Born blind, 11-091 Keller loves car rides in the jeep proclaimed as his by the license plate



ware, however, that the dog’s presence might be a draw for bears and/or other wild animals (wildcats, skunks, etc), so never leave your dog alone in the campground. If you take your dog hiking, be sure the weather is cool enough for both of you, and it is a good idea to put booties on your dog’s feet. Why not



Winnie, Grizzly and Sasha loved to go camping with Connie and Nick; a favorite spot was Lake Mary near Flagstaff



21-028 Sam loves to go hiking; picking his way up the trail would have been easier on his feet if he had had booties on, but he made it to the top



Phoenix – dogs are allowed in all the stores there. Or just have the dog accompany you to the outdoor patio at a **Starbucks** or other restaurant that has an outside eating area.



12-077 Chance, who now lives in Southern California, enjoys watching the surf roll in at the beach



21-025 Lucy loves to carry her own leash on a walk

Why not just take your dog for a walk? Even if you walk around your neighborhood, the scenery will never get tiresome for your dog, and the exercise will be good for both of you.

Walking in a parade with Arizona Golden Rescue is a great way to have fun! Every year we participate in the *Parada Del Sol* in February (February 5<sup>th</sup> in 2022), and this year we will be walking in the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade* on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us!



If your dog is so old she can't walk in a parade, put her in a wagon – she'll have a great time like 14-033 Dolly used to!



Lake at Cosmo Dog Park in Gilbert

How about visiting a dog park? There are many in Arizona. Do a search with your Internet browser for “dog parks in Arizona” and you will get a very long list! Some dog parks are better than others with the type of amenities they have. One of the best dog parks in the country, one that has actually

been featured on TV and in national publications, is Cosmo Dog Park in Gilbert (2502 E. Ray Rd). This 17-acre park has a lake, separate areas for active dogs and timid dogs, agility equipment, lighting for night use, shade trees, benches, and a dog wash area, among other things. Although aggressive dogs are not supposed to be taken to dog parks, some owners do it anyway. Be aware that just because a dog is running around off leash inside a fenced area

does not necessarily mean it is friendly. If you have an unpleasant experience at a dog park, report it as soon as possible to the Parks & Recreation Department of the city where the park is located. Most municipalities will take action to ensure such dogs do not come to the park again.

Is your dog a TV watcher? Some dogs are entranced by the moving pictures on a TV screen, especially if they recognize the movements as belonging to an animal – a dog, a cat, any type of wildlife. There is a hilarious video on youtube of a Golden watching a tennis match – every time one of the players hits a ball across the net, the Golden jumps up. Boing, boing, boing, boing! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDvQ8ml1qTA>) Animal Planet is often a favorite of canine TV watchers, especially if something like an agility competition is being aired. Nature is also a show that entrances many dogs. And when the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show is televised in February, I would imagine there may be just as many canines watching the program as there are humans. There is even a DirecTV choice with programming content for dogs called Dog TV!



Ears flapping because she was hopping up and down when she watched the Golden in the Westminster Dog Show, Sasha McCabe/Dodson also ‘talked’ to the picture, perhaps cheering on the dog



20-036 Sam leaping over homemade bar jump; Sam is taking agility classes at Arizona Dog Sports, but he likes practicing at home

Many dogs enjoy learning agility routines, and it provides great exercise for both you and your dog. One of the best places to go for agility training in the Valley is **Arizona Dog Sports**, 12639 N. 48th St, Phoenix. The indoor facility offers over 50 classes per week in a 4000-square-foot, air-conditioned dog gym near Central Phoenix. There are three additional outdoor locations utilized October



through May. **Partners Dog Training School**, 4640 E. Forest Pleasant Place in Cave Creek, also offers agility training, as well as dock diving (photo above)!

Consider training your dog for therapy work, especially if you can answer Yes to the attributes listed on page 25. What could be more fun for a dog than to sit and get petted for an hour every week?!



13-010 Charlie, dressed for the Olympics, "at work" at Royal Oaks

Some AGR members have therapy-certified Golden Retrievers. Sheila Joyce alternately brings **Charlie**, **Willow** or **Kiki** to **Royal Oaks Convalescent Hospital** in Glendale.

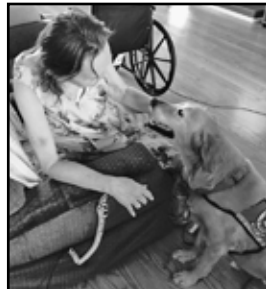


19-072 Kiki, a dog AGR rescued from the meat trade in China, did her first solo therapy visit on her first birthday. The Royal Oaks residents gave her light-up ears and everyone signed a card



16-075 Willow enjoying the attention despite having a Royal Oaks resident put his hat on her

They love meeting and greeting with the residents, and the residents, some of whom have Alzheimer's and cannot remember their own names, do remember the dogs. When she rescued him at age 11, Alice Courtney trained **14-085 Chaucer** to do similar visits. Alice told us: *Once, twice and sometimes three times a week my current two senior Golden Retrievers, Chaucer and*



14-085 Chaucer giving some "furapy"

*GracieLou*, visited two assisted care homes. The residents usually were disabled, some with dementia, all lonely and in need of a 'friend' who makes no judgment on their condition. My dogs' visits lowered the residents' stress level, gave them someone to 'talk' to, and offered a view of the world outside the walls of the home. In time, word of my two senior Golden Retrievers spread. I was asked to visit school classrooms and became involved with Phoenix Police Department's summer program for teens. Unfortunately, both **Chaucer** and **GracieLou** have now gone to the Bridge, but Alice is training her rescued Chocolate Lab, **Kona**, "who has a Golden heart," to do therapy work.

Most places that welcome visits from canines require the dogs to have some kind of training. Many hospitals ask for **Delta Pet Partners** certification; others will accept **Therapy Dogs International** or **Alliance of Therapy Dogs** certification. Some facilities have an in-house certification program. Others don't require any certification for a well-behaved dog.



Troy Orwig loved the kids and enjoyed listening to them read to him; he often wore a costume, which made the kids giggle and he liked that, too

Although no current AGR members do reading programs with their dogs, in the past, Karen Davis and Deb Orwig brought **Caesar** and **Troy**, respectively, to **Bicentennial South Elementary** for the third graders in Trishia Murphy's class to read to the dog. Once a month, **Troy** also visited the **Desert Foothills Library** in Cave Creek, where students in their All-Stars after school tutoring program read to him. Such an activity helped the children, many of whom read at only a kindergarten or first-grade level, improve their reading skills. No AGR members currently have a dog doing a reading program with kids.



When we have hosted a golf tournament, we have always had numerous dogs on site during golfer registration



The pillow behind 15-059 Gideon says what AGR wishes for every rescued dog: *Happily Ever After!*

Golden Retrievers seem to enjoy just hanging out with their people or with their canine friends. **Arizona Golden Rescue** offers many opportunities for the latter. Bringing your dog to Meet-and-Greets or other AGR events helps the organization and provides a social outlet for both you and your dog.

Our fundraisers are also FUNraisers. Join us when you can – the schedule of all our activities is on our website calendar.



11-079 Jackson and 14-064 Sara loved romping in the snow in Flagstaff when they lived there

*A person can learn a lot from a dog, even a loopy one like ours. Marley taught me about living each day with unbridled exuberance and joy, about seizing the moment and following your heart. He taught me to appreciate the simple things – a walk in the woods, a fresh snowfall, a nap in a shaft of winter sunlight. And as he grew old and achy, he taught me about optimism in the face of adversity. Mostly, he taught me about friendship and selflessness and, above all else, unwavering loyalty.*

~ John Grogan in Marley and Me: Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog



### *Training a Dog for Therapy Certification*

*How would I go about getting a dog therapy-certified?* is a question I have been asked numerous time. There are several steps you need to take.

First, decide where you want to do therapy work with your dog. Contact the hospital or other facility and ask what their requirements are for therapy dogs. Some hospitals require **Pet Partners** certification. Others will accept **Therapy Dogs International, Therapy Dogs Incorporated or Alliance of Therapy Dogs**. Still others have their own in-house certification. And some don't have any requirements except that your dog be good-natured, friendly and well-behaved. The personnel who handle therapy dog teams at the facility where you would like to volunteer should be able to tell you where you can get your dog certified.

Second, work to help your dog earn a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate. You can find out what the requirements are by going to the American Kennel Club website: <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/> This site lists and describes the ten tests your dog must pass in order to earn this certificate. You can also find out where the CGC test is given locally. In the Phoenix Metro area, **Partners Dog Training School** usually administers the test once a month. **Phoenix Field and Obedience** and **Arizona Dog Sports** also schedule regular testing. There may be others, as well, but the test must be conducted by a certified CGC evaluator.

Third, after your dog has earned the CGC certificate, you can proceed with training for therapy work. The tests that your dog must pass include those for the CGC, as well as several more-demanding tests. Some evaluators who are qualified to test therapy dogs will award the CGC if your dog passes the therapy requirements, so you may not have to get the CGC separately. Again, ask at the facility where you intend to do the training.

Why should you get your dog certified through one of the organizations mentioned above? The bottom line is insurance coverage. With either **Pet Partners** or **Therapy Dogs International**, you and your dog are covered by a two million dollar insurance policy. These days where people will sue someone else at the drop of a hat, you cannot be too careful!

*Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made.*  
~ Roger A. Caras

### *Is Your Dog Suited for Therapy Work? Are You?*

Typical Attributes of a Great Therapy Animal:

- The animal is comfortable when being crowded by a group of people
- People-oriented/sociable, friendly and confident
- Will initiate contact, stay engaged, make eye contact, and allow their behaviors to be re-directed
- Is able to cope with stressful situations
- Knows how to respect personal boundaries; doesn't jump up on people
- Is non-aggressive towards animals and people
- Is comfortable being touched, at times awkwardly
- Is controllable, predictable and reliable
- Well-mannered interactions with other animals
- Reliable despite distractions
- Able to be cued from different positions
- Able to disregard food or toys on cue, i.e. with a "leave it" command
- Comfortable around health care equipment

Typical Attributes of a Great Handler:

- Is friendly – makes eye contact, smiles, etc
- Is a proactive advocate for his/her animal
- Is a considerate and caring leader
- Develops a relationship with his/her animal that reflects a loving partnership
- Prepares self and his/her animal for each visit
- Assesses a visit before, during and after
- Knows how to enhance his/her animal's ability to be its best with the people it's visiting
- The handler is aware of signs of animal stress, behaviors, and positions, and can reassure the animal with cues or commands (as needed) to help the animal be successful

If you can answer Yes to each of the attributes listed above, then you and your dog would make a good therapy team.

### *Raise \$\$ for AGR while you walk or hike!*

Download *ResQWalk* on Android: <http://goo.gl/I8utJI> or on iPhone: <http://goo.gl/OmvG8H>. Choose **AGR** as your beneficiary – you will earn \$\$ for **AGR** every time you take a step!

### *Or when you shop...*

Specify **Arizona Golden Rescue** as the beneficiary of rewards you earn at **Fry's Grocery/Marketplace** stores and Amazon.com – for the latter, go through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to register.

## *Therapy Dog, Service Dog, or Emotional Support Dog?*

### **Therapy Dogs**

Unlike with service dogs, therapy dogs are only allowed in places where all dogs are allowed and in places that specifically allow therapy dogs, like hospitals, care facilities, schools, libraries, etc. that have therapy dog programs. Generally, therapy dogs require certification by an appropriate, recognized certifying organization.

Unlike service dogs, there are no special rights for therapy dogs that allow them to accompany their owners into a business establishment.

Since hotels, motels, and campgrounds are businesses, therapy dogs are considered pets and must follow policy. A well-mannered, well-behaved dog that enjoys meeting people can become a therapy dog and make a difference in the lives of those who need them.

Therapy dogs are not service dogs. In fact, if you have a certified service dog, that dog cannot also certify as a therapy dog. There are three main therapy dog certifying organizations: **Alliance of Therapy Dogs** (<https://www.therapydogs.com>), **Delta Pet Partners** (<https://petpartners.org>), and **Therapy Dogs International, Inc.** (<http://www.tdi-dog.org>). Requirements for all include that the dog must have earned a CGC first before getting tested for therapy work. Choices for therapy dog testing are much more limited than opportunities for CGC testing. Your best bet is to contact the organization to ask who is a certified evaluator in your area.

**Alliance of Therapy Dogs** lists their requirements as follows:

Step 1: A therapy dog must be a friendly dog. Any mix or breed can be trained to provide comfort and affection to people in hospitals, retirement homes, schools, mental health institutions, airports, and many other settings. Dogs must be at least one year old to become a therapy dog.

Step 2: A tester/observer in your area tests you and your dog. This test includes a handling portion which tests your dog's basic good manners and demeanor, and your handling skills.

Step 3: After the handling portion of the test, you and your dog are supervised by a tester/observer during three visits with residents of medical facilities. Upon a successful completion of these visits and submission of your application paperwork, you and your dog may become a Therapy Team!

Contact **Pet Partners** through their website to find out about scheduled courses and evaluations. To review the testing requirements for **TDI**, go to <http://www.tdidog.org/HowToJoin.aspx?Page=Testing+Requirements>

One thing to keep in mind is that you and your dog cannot be registered with more than one certifying organization. If you want to do hospital therapy work with your dog, contact the hospital where you would like to volunteer and find out what they require. Some will accept only **Pet Partners**-certified teams, some will accept any therapy certification, and some have their own in-house certification program. There is no point in putting in the time and expense to get a **Pet Partners** certification if **ATD** or **TDI** or in-house is acceptable.

### **Service Dogs**

Service dogs are trained to perform tasks and to do work that eases their handlers' disabilities. Working as part of a team with their disabled partners, service dogs help them attain safety and independence. Most service dogs have a "no petting" policy established by their owners, as the distraction of petting could prevent them from performing their job correctly. Service dogs do not have to pass any temperament tests like therapy dogs do, and in fact, some service dogs are not at all friendly to strangers.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects the rights of people with disabilities to be accompanied by their service dogs in public places such as restaurants, grocery stores, and hotels. Additional laws such as the Department of Transportation's Air Carrier Access Act, the Housing and Urban Development's Fair Housing Act, and the Federal Rehabilitation Act protect the rights of people with disabilities to be accompanied by their service animals in a wide variety of circumstances under which the ADA may not be applicable. In Arizona, service dogs do not have to be certified to be working dogs for people with a disability.

In the Valley, the best place to train a dog destined to be a service dog is with **Happy Tails Service Dogs**. Their website states: *Happy Tails Service Dogs Training is dedicated to the education and training of a person with a disability and a dog to become a working team. This in turn will lead to greater independence in their homes, neighborhoods and communities. Learned tasks are based on individual needs of the owner, thus enhancing their daily activities.* Contact Joyce Weber at 623-580-0946 or go to the website: <http://happytailsservicedogs.com/>

### **Emotional Support Dogs**

*This article came from <https://www.servicedogcertifications.org/emotional-support-dog-certification-registration/>*

*Note: AGR recently received an application from someone who wants to adopt a dog for emotional support. The individual submitted the appropriate forms from the apartment complex landlord and from a licensed mental health professional. The apartment owner must allow the individual to have such a dog, but they have a weight limit of 45 pounds, a requirement they are allowed by law to impose.*

### **What is an Emotional Support Dog (ESA)?**

Anyone who has owned a dog knows the unconditional love and support they give. There's nothing like coming home from a bad day at work and waiting for you at the door is your furry friend

waiting to give you all the love you need and turn your day around. Because of their ability to provide support and unconditional love, the mental health profession has begun using dogs (and other animals) as emotional support for individuals with varying mental health issues. Emotional support dogs have been shown to help individuals suffering from the following:

- Agoraphobia (the fear of leaving the home)
- Anxiety
- Depression
- General Anxiety Disorder
- PTSD
- Social Shyness
- Stress-Induced Situations

With the help of emotional support dogs, those suffering from the above disorders have been able to begin recovering and regaining their confidence and freedom with the help of their emotional support dog.

#### ***How can I make my dog an emotional support dog?***

1. Get an ESA letter from a licensed medical healthcare provider.
2. Provide your ESA letter to your landlord.
3. Get your ESA identification card and register your Emotional Support Dog.
4. Enjoy living with your Emotional Support Dog.

In order to receive the rights under the laws afforded to emotional support dogs, the dog must be prescribed by a mental health professional for an individual who is suffering from a disabling mental illness.

Emotional support dogs do not have to be licensed or registered, but you do need to have an ESA letter written by a mental health professional (on their letterhead) that states that you are suffering from an emotional disability and the emotional support dog is vital to your well-being.

The letter must be signed, dated, and include the mental health professional's license number and the date and place where their license was issued. It is important to note that the letter prescribed by your mental health professional is only valid for one year.

Emotional support dogs do not require any specific training and the only difference between them and a pet is a letter from the prescribing mental health professional. While emotional support dogs are not required to be registered, many individuals choose to register their support dog and carry an identification card and have their dog wear an ESA (emotional support animal) vest because it makes it easier to travel with their emotional support dog.

#### ***What rights do emotional support dogs have?***

Emotional support animals do not have the same rights as service

dogs and psychiatric service dogs under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Service dogs have been specifically trained to help perform tasks for individuals with disabilities and have the right to accompany them into any place the normal public has access to. Because service dogs are trained and are needed by a disabled individual to perform tasks like pulling a wheelchair, alerting an individual they are about to have a seizure, or assisting a visually impaired individual across the street, they are afforded more rights than are emotional support dogs.

There is also a difference between psychiatric service dogs and emotional support dogs, as again they are specifically trained to help assist individuals suffering from a disabling mental illness. Psychiatric service dogs are trained to detect and recognize the beginning of a psychiatric episode and then help to ease the effects of that psychiatric episode, once again because they are specially trained and licensed they are afforded more rights than emotional support dogs.

When out in public, although they cannot ask what a person's disability is, establishments including restaurants, theaters, stores, etc. have the right to ask two questions:

- Do you need the animal because of a disability?
- What work or tasks has the animal been trained to perform?

If an individual is unable to answer these two questions, then they do not have a service animal that is protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the establishment has the right to refuse to allow the animal on their premises.

Emotional support dogs do not have the same public access rights as service dogs under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). However, ESAs are protected under the Fair Housing Act (FHA). Under this federal housing law individuals with emotional support animals are allowed to have them in their residence even if there is a no-pet rule in effect. An emotional support animal's owner is protected against discrimination, and property managers are required to make reasonable accommodations for them.

While emotional support dogs provide an essential service to many individuals suffering from certain mental health issues, because they do not require any specialized training, registration, or licensing, they are not afforded the same rights as service dogs are. However, ESA owners are protected against discrimination under federal and state housing laws, so one can live with an emotional support dog even if it can't be taken to the local restaurant.

Since qualifying for an emotional support dog only requires a letter from a mental health professional, you can receive the benefits from your own animal, which saves you time and money searching for a dog that provides the emotional support needed.



### The Spectacular 2022 *A Touch of Gold* Calendar

We have them! Connie McCabe, with her masterful artistic skill, has created an absolutely gorgeous 2022 calendar for *Arizona Golden Rescue!* The beautiful photo above of handsome **19-083 Bowie** is on our cover in glorious color. Each feature photo is accompanied by the dog's story. As usual, there are two pages of photos of volunteers at *AGR* activities (is your picture there?) and two centerfold pages showcasing our Gallery of Calendar Sponsors. In addition, almost every empty box you normally see on a calendar page has a photo of one of our rescued dogs (is your dog pictured?). You will want one of these gorgeous calendars for yourself and others to give as gifts, so order now to be sure you get the number you want. We have kept the price at \$12, as it has been in previous years. You can order with the Order Form available on our website. Calendars are available for purchase from several of our regular veterinarians and at every *AGR* event. If you have a current Amber, Topaz, Pearl or Gold membership, you should have already received your complimentary calendar. Calendars ordered in advance have already been sent out, too. Please be sure to add postage costs to your order if you want your calendar(s) mailed. See Order Form for cost schedule.

#### When I Got My New Dog

I asked for strength that I might rear her perfectly;  
I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.  
I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;  
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.  
I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;  
I was given a clown that I might laugh.  
I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;  
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.

I got nothing I asked for,  
But everything that I needed.

~Author Unknown

### Writer Wanted

Editor's Note: In my opinion, the *Magic Moments* section is the most important part of our newsletter. We are in need of a new writer. If you are willing to take on this job, you will be sent the details for all the dogs whose adoptions are finalized during a quarter. We will also give you access to our database so that you can get information about the dog's intake, medical status, and placement. You will also have access to contact information about the dog's new family so that you can request "a little paragraph" about how the dog has fit into the household and ask for an up-to-date photo. You will just need to write the column; you will not have to do anything with photos except forward them on to Deb. We are willing to train you and will give you tips for a successful job. If you are fairly good with English grammar and keeping track of details, then perhaps this important job would be a good fit for you. Please contact Deb Orwig at [dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net) or call 623-693-0589 if you are interested.

### DO NOT GIVE THESE FOODS/MEDS TO YOUR DOG

Chocolate, grapes, macadamia nuts, onions, garlic or raisins, and do not allow your dog to have any product containing xylitol (like sugarless gum and some peanut butters) – 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.

### 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, we would love to receive a paragraph or more on what it has been like for you living with a Senior – joys, sorrows, trials, tribulations, etc., whatever you would like to share. Send photos, too!

Copy deadline will be **January 5, 2022**. Please e-mail story and, if you have any, photos, to [dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net) or send glossy hard copy pictures to *AGR*, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308. Hard copy photos must be printed on glossy photo paper in color. Hard copy photos sent by mail will be returned.

*Calendar Sponsorships*

The following **AGR** members helped pay for the 2022 calendar printing by purchasing at least one photo box in the centerfold Gallery. We thank them for their donations, which resulted in calendar sales becoming a better fundraiser.

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Cynthia Wenström and Mike Lane

*Paws At The Park Donors*

*Note: Had we been able to have this event, most of the following would have attended and all have donated the registration fees they paid. Others (\*) donated to help offset event expenses even though they might not have been able to attend.*

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See also pages 30 - 31 for more Memorial Donations



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We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between July 1, 2021 and October 9, 2021. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted. PLEASE NOTE: All donors who make donations during 2021 will receive an acknowledgment letter in January 2022, unless a receipt for taxes is requested sooner.

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