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Vin, Mufasa, Dallas and Duffy Orwig

Summer is over, fall has begun, winter is only a couple months away, and we are chafing at the bit for the start-up of Rescue activities we can attend. We keep telling the new member of our pack, **Dallas**, how much fun we have. We love being ambassadogs for Rescue! (He says, "Nyah, nyah, nyah, I know all about that! I was already an ambassadog at David Rosenfelt's book signing at *The Poisoned Pen* in Scottsdale and at *AGR's* golf tournament where I encouraged one golfer to make a big donation to *AGR*"). We meet new people, meet new canine friends, get lots of pets, and collect some money in the donation vests we wear. We even have special red and green vests for the holiday season and plenty of them to lend out to those of you who want to join us! The funds we collect will help *AGR* rescue more dogs. The more of us dogs that are present at an event, the more donations we collect – it's a known fact. The exception has to be our helping with gift wrapping at *Barnes & Noble Booksellers* during November and December. They have a limit of three dogs on site at any one time, so if you want to bring your dog to meet and greet the customers, please contact our mom, Deb Orwig, who chairs the gift wrapping. She will keep a schedule of who is coming when so we don't end up with more dogs than we're supposed to have but will always have three (she fills in with one or more of us when necessary).

We really want you to join us for the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade* on December 14th. This is such a fun time! The parade route is less than a mile long and is lined by thousands of parade-watchers, all of whom applaud us as we pass by, and many make a quick run into the street to put some money in our donation vests. Some of us wear Santa hats or reindeer or elf ears, too, and our humans wear red or white shirts, so we all look very festive and seasonal. After the parade, some of the humans go to *Haus*

Murphy or another one of the downtown Glendale restaurants and have lunch together. Last year, we hung out with our humans in Murphy Park and met lots of really nice people. One couple who was biking through the park had come down from Canada for the winter. They were enjoying the balmy Arizona December weather but missing their dogs, so they stopped to pet us. One complication for December 14th this year is that *AGR* also has a booth that day at the *Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Pet Adoption* event at *Floor & Décor* (Bell Rd/59th Ave) in Glendale, so we will need people to stay in the booth while others walk in the parade. Please contact April Crow if you can do the parade or help in the booth.

We are looking forward to seeing a lot of you during the coming months!

Oops, we can't end our message without thanking some people. While our mom was helping with the transport of eight dogs from China via Los Angeles to Arizona and our dad was also out of town but in a different direction, Karey Rodeffer and family took on the challenge of caring for **Dallas**. That was not an easy chore! Thanks so much for keeping him on his medication and feeding schedule and for offering him playtime and socialization outside of his crate or play yard. Also, our thanks to Sue Vallie and Liz Tataseo who came to our house to feed us and let us outside to take care of business (we don't have a dog door at our house). Sue came in the mornings and Liz in the afternoons and evening. We love you ladies and really appreciate the attention and getting our regular meals!

Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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My goodness, do we ever have a lot of people and successful events to be thankful for!

For the second year at *Lone Tree Golf Club* in Chandler, our golf tournament was terrific. Many volunteers and donors contributed to our profit of over \$25,000. Please read the full wrap-up article on pages 29-36. Many thanks to the core committee, especially Beth and Jon Chaffee, who co-chaired the event with me, the fabulous solicitation gals and day-of-event volunteers, our incredible graphic artist Connie McCabe, and the golf club personnel, in particular Greg Avant, the owner of *Lone Tree Golf Club*. Thank you all!

Our other hugely successful endeavor during the very end of the third quarter and spilling over into October was our rescue of eight Golden Retrievers from China. This venture was spearheaded by Carolyn Brown with much help from her husband, Peter. We can't thank Carolyn enough for her amazing attention to

detail and keeping up with all developments, dealing with numerous problems and a few setbacks with many middle-of-the-night phone calls to Harbin, China. It was an adventure that all of us who participated in the transport, as well as our support personnel on Intake, Placement, Home Evaluations, and Health Care will not soon forget. When the dogs in their crates on carts were finally pushed up the ramp from the customs area in the airport, it was a very emotional moment for all of us who had been hanging on the rail for 3½ hours waiting for them. Our big cheer got the attention of the crowd and much applause and positive comments about what a great thing we had done saving those eight from the meat trade. We already have another such rescue tentatively planned as a possibility for April 2020. Thank you so much, Carolyn, for all your efforts. This was a true rescue of Golden Retrievers who otherwise would likely have ended up on someone's dinner plate rather than in the wonderful loving forever homes they have now.

A couple of key volunteers in our organization have left their positions. Sue Vallie has been Director of Dog Care for over six years. She handled a complex and often difficult job with diligence. It can definitely be a happy/sad job: happy for the dogs that get new forever homes, sad when we have to put a dog down or lose one to illness before it can even be placed. We thank Sue for her efforts and caring. Director of Dog Care is such an important job we hope that one of you reading this newsletter will step up and offer to take it on. Prior managerial/organizational experience and some facility with a computer would be best. We will train you on the ins and outs of this job.

The other key position that was briefly vacant is Placement Team Manager, a job that was held by Carrie Peck for the past 1¼ years. Carrie is now working full time in Albuquerque and commuting to Arizona for a weekend a month, leaving her rescued dog and significant other to keep each other company here. It's not an ideal situation. The Placement Manager position required more attention to detail than Carrie really had time to give. We wish her well and hope she will consider becoming an active volunteer again when she retires and moves back to Arizona full time. Patty Mancini, who has served on the Placement Team for a while, has offered to take on the added responsibility of the Manager's job. Thanks so much, Patty!

Remember this date:
September 19, 2020

**Reserve it for an AGR activity
you won't want to miss!**

More information in the February issue.

It's a Ruff Life!

**By April Crow
Director of Activities**

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There are many events coming up this fall/winter, so check out your calendar – we hope to see you at some of them. These events are great opportunities to do holiday shopping and support **AGR** at the same time – we have some wonderful and unique merchandise that would make terrific holiday gifts. Attending events this time of year will definitely help get you into the holiday spirit. The great energy and fun times are contagious. I love attending the events, meeting other members, and, of course, loving on all the dogs that attend, so I hope to see many new faces this year!

You will notice in the list of events on page 5 that there are two activities happening on Saturday, December 14th. The date for the Parade was released after we had committed to attend the **PMCC** event, which produces a nice income for us from donations and the sale of our merchandise, but we always walk in the Parade and want to do so again. Since it has to be done quickly, we will need numerous hands for set-up for the **PMCC** event at **Floor and Décor** in Glendale, as they do not allow set-up to start before 8:30 AM. We will also need a few people who cannot walk in the parade to man the booth with or without dogs during the morning while others of us walk in the Parade. It will take a major coordination effort to staff both events sufficiently in the morning, so be sure to let me know that you can volunteer!

Due to the rescheduling of the **Phoenix Holiday Pet Expo**, we have a conflict with gift wrapping on Sunday, December 8th. Carolyn Brown will be chairing the gift wrapping (2contactcarolyn@gmail.com). If you live in the northern/western part of the Valley, please plan to give us 2-3 hours of your time at the gift wrapping. If you live in the southern/eastern part of the Valley, please plan to join us at the **Holiday Pet Expo** on Saturday, December 7th or Sunday, December 8th – Deb Orwig is chairing this event, so let her know if you can help (dorwigaz@cox.net).

Carolyn Brown will also be chairing our booth at the **Sun City Grand Fall Festival** on November 9, at the **Advent Church Fall Art & Craft Show** on November 15 and 16, and managing the booth at the **Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce Holiday Pet Adoption** at **Floor & Décor** in Glendale. Please contact Carolyn at 2contactcarolyn@gmail.com if you are available to help at any of these events. At Sun City Grand and Sun City West events, we will be selling our merchandise and also offering gift wrapping. Our merchandise will also be available at the Chamber of Commerce event but no gift wrapping.

Where a contact person is not noted, the contact is me.

Monthly Meet-and-Greets at
Northern Avenue **PetCo** and 91st Avenue **PetSmart**
Check website calendar for dates and times and contact info

PACC911 & Grimaldi's Pizza for the Pets
Thursday, November 14, 2019 5 PM – 9 PM
4000 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Advent Church Art & Craft Show

Advent Episcopal Church

13150 Spanish Garden Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Friday, November 15, 2019 9 AM – 4 PM

Saturday, November 16, 2019 9 AM – 3 PM

Contact: Carolyn Brown at 2contactcarolyn@gmail.com

Photos With Santa! at PETCO

9480 W. Northern Ave., Glendale

Saturday, December 7, 2019 1 PM - 4 PM

Saturday, December 14, 2019 1 PM - 4 PM

Sunday, December 15, 2019 1 PM - 4 PM

Phoenix Holiday Pet Expo

Saturday, December 7, 2019 10 AM-5 PM

Sunday, December 8, 2019 11 AM- 3 PM

Rawhide Event Center

5700 West North Loop Road, Chandler, AZ 85226

Contact: Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net

Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce

Winter Pet Adoption Event

Saturday December 14, 2019 10 AM – 4 PM

Floor and Décor in Glendale

5880 West Bell Road, Glendale, AZ 85308

Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade

Saturday December 14, 2019 11 AM

Downtown Glendale, Arizona

AND IF YOU LIKE TO PLAN AHEAD,

please look at the 2020 Events we have coming up:

PACC911 & Anthem Community Park Adopt-a-Thon

Saturday January 25, 2020 10 AM – 3 PM

Anthem Community Park

41703 North Gavilan Peak Parkway, Anthem, AZ 85086

Parada del Sol & Trail's End Festival

Saturday, February 8, 2020 10 AM -Noon Parade;

Noon – 4 PM Festival in Old Town Scottsdale

Paws At The Park Annual AGR Members' Picnic

Sunday, March 15, 2020 11 AM – 3 PM

El Dorado Park – West Ramada

2311 North Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85257

PACC911 at Fountain Hills

Paws Around the Fountain Adopt-a-Thon

Saturday March 21, 2020 10 AM – 3 PM

Fountain Park

12925 North Saguardo Blvd., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

We will hold our annual meeting picnic at **El Dorado Park** in Scottsdale again in 2020. In the past, we have alternated locations on the west and east sides of Phoenix. But the two times we've used **El Dorado Park** have shown us it is an ideal area for our gathering. Parking is good and relatively close, we can pull right up to the Ramada to unload our trailer, shade trees are abundant, there's a lovely view of a lake, and the cost is only about 1/4 to 1/3 of the cost of any venue we have used on the west side. So, put the date on your calendar now and plan to attend!

What's happening on September 19, 2020?

Holiday Gift Wrapping Schedule

All dates are at the Happy Valley **Barnes & Noble Booksellers**
2701 W. Happy Valley Rd., Phoenix

Saturday, November 23rd 10 AM – 5 PM

Sunday, November 24th 10 AM – 5 PM

Black Friday, November 29th 8 AM – 2 PM

Sunday, December 1st 10 AM – 5 PM

Sunday, December 8th 10 AM – 5 PM

Friday, December 13th 9 AM – 5 PM

Sunday, December 15th 10 AM – 5 PM

Friday, December 20th 9 AM – 3 PM

Saturday, December 21st 2 PM – 7 PM

Monday, December 23rd 9 AM – 5 PM

We may also pick up some dates on weekdays, so be sure to check **AGR's** website calendar frequently. We will schedule 2 or 3-hour shifts with dogs, if possible. Contact Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net to reserve your volunteer spot.

HELP WANTED

Director of Dog Care



The Director of Dog Care oversees the process of rescuing Golden Retrievers – from the minute we say, “Yes we can take this dog in,” until the adoption process is finalized, and then even after that if any of our dogs have health issues that will extend past that time. The Teams of volunteers under the Director of Dog Care’s umbrella include Intake, Placement, Transport, Health Care, Home Evaluations, and Follow-up.

Skills needed:

You will need basic organizational, computer, phone, text and email skills, along with the ability to communicate clearly and thoroughly and pay close attention to details.

You will need to practice discretion and be able to empathize and be patient with both the public and AGR volunteers.

If interested, please contact Deb Orwig at 623.693.0589 or dorwigaz@cox.net for further details.

OPEN!

Director of Dog Care

**YOUR
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From Deb Orwig: *I am not the new Director of Dog Care – I have too much to do as President to do this job, too. But we needed something in this column for this newsletter, so I wrote it.*

Most, if not all, of you reading this newsletter are aware of what we do as a nonprofit animal rescue organization. We take in unwanted Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes, we have them vetted, then we place them with approved-to-adopt families. What you may not know is what our process involves, so I will review it here. Do you know the one thing that is paramount for us in

every aspect of an adoption? Safety. In everything we do and how we do it, we try to ensure maximum safety for the dogs that come into our Rescue, as well as safety for our volunteers. Safety is our primary concern from intake through adoption and beyond.

Intake

Here is how the process works. Someone who wants to surrender a dog calls our WAGSline phone number, 623-566-WAGS (9247), or sends an e-mail to info@arizonagoldenrescue.org. The phone is answered by Intake Co-Manager Sharon Flores between 8 AM – 8 PM M-F, and she monitors the voice mails when she personally does not answer. If a call seems like it needs the attention of Intake right away, she will call whomever is on duty and they will contact the caller immediately. If it is not a “911” call, she will send an e-mail to the Intake Team. If a request for surrendering a dog comes into info@arizonagoldenrescue.org, I forward the message to the entire Intake Team and whoever is on duty responds to the person. We make every attempt to return calls and/or e-mails as promptly as possible.

Shelter Dogs. Judy Petitto, Co-Manager of the Intake Team, oversees our volunteers who walk the local shelter and notify her if they find a Golden or Golden mix. Judy also reviews the dailies sent out by e-mail from Maricopa, Pima and Pinal Counties. If any shelter advertises a Golden or Golden mix, she monitors the dog until we have confirmation that it is a dog *AGR* would accept. She then tracks the dog to its “due out day” and sends a request for transport to the Transport Team. Right now, we have only six *AGR* members (two of whom are rarely available) who are authorized by the county shelters to pick up a dog under their New Hope program – we would like to have more! The shelter’s requirement is that the potential New Hoper must go through their training program. We attempt to bring in a shelter dog as soon as possible after it is released for adoption so that the dog is not exposed to kennel cough and other diseases any longer than is absolutely necessary (3 days for an unknown-owner stray, 7 days for a known-owner stray). Sometimes our diligence doesn’t work, though.

We had our name on a 10-year-old purebred Golden, but he was euthanized at the shelter because he started having seizures and was rapidly going downhill. In another instance, I went to pick up a dog, actually got the dog, and had driven back towards home about 10 miles when I got a call to return the dog to the shelter – he had supposedly been committed to a member of the public before the shelter handed him over to me, which they should not have done. On a dog’s release day, the public is allowed to adopt between 11 AM and noon; if a dog has not been chosen by noon, then a Rescue can New Hope the dog. (Of course, the shelter wants dogs to be adopted by the public, because the public has to pay for them and Rescue gets them at no charge under the New Hope program.) So, I took the dog back and handed him over. It was a good thing, though – the lady told me her family had been to visit

the dog every day he had been in the shelter, had played with him in the play yard, and had decided they really wanted him. Good for them – one dog that will most likely have a good forever home.

Another problem we have had with intake from a shelter... sometimes when the shelter gets an old, sick or injured Golden that obviously needs immediate medical attention, they will offer the dog to us as a medical-release foster. We took one like this in 2018, six days before his actual release date. We had the dog attended to by a vet – he had a large, nasty-looking weeping tumor on his flank and his teeth were terrible. After we spent over \$1,500 on this dog, his owners showed up at the shelter on his due-out date and wanted him. They told the owners we had taken him, so they contacted us wanting their dog back. I met with them and explained what we had done to improve the dog's health and how much money we had spent. They finally agreed that we did what was necessary and told me we could keep the boy. Due to the hassle with the dog's owners, we decided then and there not to accept any more shelter dogs on medical-release-foster status. This decision back-fired on us this year... a 10-year-old Golden was offered to us; we told the shelter we would take him if he was not claimed by his due-out date; he died at the shelter the night before he would have been released.

Owner Surrenders. What happens with an owner surrender? The Intake Team does an in-depth phone interview with the owner to learn as much as possible about the dog. The dog's profile is then sent to Placement and stored in our database. Our Transport Manager sends out a Request for Transport to Team members. Whoever accepts the transport then contacts the owner to make pick-up arrangements. Sometimes it is what Intake deems a "911" situation – either the dog is in danger or the owner is leaving town and will abandon the dog if it is not picked up "right now!" Fortunately, we have a couple of transporters who are willing to drop everything and drive anywhere to go get a dog. And fortunately, we work with two veterinarians who have boarding facilities and are usually willing to accept dogs from AGR.

Once we have a dog, it is transported to one of our participating veterinarians, to a foster, or to a foster-with-intent-to-adopt. Many owner-surrendered dogs are not up to date on vaccinations and some have not been spayed or neutered; hardly any have been tested for heartworm or valley fever. Few of them have been microchipped. Some are sick and need to be evaluated. Shelter dogs are at least vaccinated before they leave the shelter. However, we also test our intakes for valley fever and heartworm, and, if they come from a shelter or have been kept in a back yard, we have a fecal test done, too. Our vets also will treat anything that is treatable, like ear infections or open wounds. Other tests may need to be done, as well. If the dog is 8 years or older, we have a senior blood panel done to determine how well all the dog's bodily functions are performing. All these tests are done to ensure that the dog is as healthy as possible when we transfer the dog to a new home.

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Placement

Placement has the task of finding the best approved-to-adopt family for the dogs that come into our Rescue. For the safety and well-being of the dog, we match the family to the dog, not the dog to a family.

Adoption Application. How does a family get approved to adopt? First, anyone interested in adopting must submit an Adoption Application from our website. A nonrefundable \$25 application fee must also be paid. Why the fee? We started it in 2016 to try to discourage people who were not serious about adopting, and it has worked. Before we began charging the fee, we were receiving an average of 8 applications per week; many of the applicants would drop out before our process was completed. Now we get only one or two per week, and most go on to become approved-to-

adopt families. After we receive payment, either via PayPal or by a check sent in the mail, the Adoption Application is forwarded to our Home Evaluation Coordinator, Sheila Joyce. To help us match a dog with the best possible family, the 6-page Adoption Application is designed to find out as much as possible about the applicant and his/her home environment.

Home Evaluation

Sheila reviews the application, checks her list of trained evaluators, and contacts the one living closest to the applicant to ask that the evaluator make arrangements to go to the applicant's home. We could use some more home evaluators! To become a home evaluator for *AGR*, you must do a ride along with a trained evaluator at least twice, as well as review the appropriate section of our *Policies and Procedures Handbook*. Using a 6-page form as a guide, the Home Evaluator thoroughly inspects the grounds and the home, noting anything that might pose a hazard to a Golden or Golden mix. The Evaluator then enters the information into our database. If there are any "red flags", such as dangerous (e.g., cacti, yucca, aloe, etc.) or toxic plants (e.g., especially oleander, lantana and Sago palm) accessible to a dog, or if there are extensive dirt areas or piles of debris in the yard or holes in the perimeter fence, notes are made. The Coordinator will inform the applicant that these items need to be removed, fenced off or fixed before issuing an approval to adopt. The Evaluator also inspects every room inside the house, looking for hazards such as toys or clothing strewn on the floor, open toilet seats, open trash cans, accessible laundry or cleaning products, toxic house plants, etc. If the Evaluator finds anything amiss, the applicant is asked to fix it or clean it up and e-mail photos when the fix is completed. The bottom line is that our home evaluators are charged with making sure an applicant's home and yard are a safe environment for an *AGR* dog.

Transport

After a placement has been made, Transport again goes into action and arrangements are made to take the dog to its new home – or what we hope will be its new home. As with Home Evaluators, Transport volunteers must do a ride-along at least twice with someone who is already trained. There are actually six different transport scenarios, and if you really want proper training, you should attend one of each type before you do any on your own. If there are resident animals in the home, great care is taken by the transporter in introducing the new dog. Most of the time, a placement is successful, even in homes that have resident animals. However, sometimes situations arise that we cannot anticipate, and the Transporter decides for the dog's safety or for the safety of the residents, the dog cannot be left at the home. So, Placement has to try again to find an appropriate and safe home.

Settling-in Period and Follow-up

Usually three weeks are allowed for the dog to settle in at its new

HELP WANTED

The Home Evaluation Team is looking for a volunteer member to help with the very rewarding position of interviewing prospective adopters in their homes

Home evaluators go to prospective adopters' homes and make sure that there is a safe and loving environment for an *AGR* dog. They also do a lot of education of how the *AGR* adoption process works and often give information on dogs, behavior, food and training. They also evaluate the temperament of any resident pets to be sure there are no aggression issues.



Skills needed:

You will need basic computer, phone, text and email skills, along with the ability to communicate clearly and thoroughly and be able to pay close attention to details.

Travel:

Some travel is necessary, but you will only do visits where you feel comfortable.

Training:

You will need to take a minimum of two ride alongs with an established evaluator before you are able to work on your own.

If interested, please contact Deb Orwig at 623.693.0589 or horsecrazymom@msn.com for further details.

home. We have found that sometimes it takes that long for the dog to relax and for its true personality to manifest, and sometimes that "true personality" is an unpleasant surprise! We have had potential adoptive families demand that we finalize the adoption after 24 hours, but we usually make them wait the three weeks anyway. For the safety of both the dog and the family, we want to be sure the dog is going to work out. Depending on health or behavior issues that must be resolved, we may not finalize an adoption for a much longer period of time. We view behavior issues the same way we view health problems – if an undesirable behavior is fixable, we will find help to fix it. Sometimes our Behavior Consultant, Sharon McKenzie, can assist by providing tips to modify behavior. Sometimes, fixing a dog's behavior is beyond any of our skills, so we will hire a trainer or place the dog at a training facility – there are a couple of good ones in the Valley.

HELP WANTED

The Transport Team is looking for several volunteer members to help with the very rewarding position of transporting surrendered dogs to their new homes, vet or boarding facilities. All transports are done on a strictly volunteer basis and you are free to accept or decline at any time.



Skills needed:

You will need basic computer, phone, text and email skills, along with the ability to communicate clearly and thoroughly and pay close attention to details.

You will need to practice discretion and be able to empathize and be patient with both people and dogs.

You will sometimes need to be able to control unruly dogs and be able to help them into your vehicle if needed. There may be some lifting of dogs and/or food, crates and supplies. You will need to be able to use both hands in most cases. You will need to be doing some basic photography of the dogs in their new homes, so at the very least, a cell phone with photo capabilities is needed.

Vehicles:

SUVs or vans are the best vehicles for transporting, but medium to large cars are usually acceptable.

Training:

You will need to take a minimum of two ride alongs with an established transporter before you are able to work on your own.

If interested, contact Connie McCabe at 602.509.6428 or photocraf@aol.com for further details.

Beyond Adoption

After adoption, we are still concerned with the dog's safety. We check in with adoptive families periodically to be sure everything is going well. For the safety of the dog, we encourage adoptive families to do the following:

- take the dog to a veterinarian for an annual check-up
- renew the dog's vaccinations when these are due
- license the dog
- have the dog tested for valley fever and heartworm annually
- give the dog monthly heartworm preventative
- have the dog's teeth checked annually and have a dental done if there is significant tartar buildup or cracked/broken teeth
- use a proper leash and collar with an ID tag (the **AGR** red heart tag if you have an **AGR** dog)
- train the dog how to walk nicely on leash
- bring the dog to **AGR** events to help with socialization
- get the dog snake avoidance trained if there are plans to hike with the dog
- purchase booties to protect the dog's feet
- play with and exercise the dog (but avoid outdoor exercise on hot days)
- feed the dog a good-quality food
- never leave the dog in a vehicle at any time of year
- integrate the dog into the household (i.e. not keep the dog outside)

Providing for Your Dog if Something Happens to You

Do you have provisions for your dog(s) or other pets in your will? Upon your demise, the executor of your will must know what to do with your animals and, obviously, get the animals out of your home before the one-year probate period is up! Someone has to be informed about your pets. If you have an **AGR** dog and something happens to you to render you unable to care for the dog, the dog must come back to **AGR** – this stipulation is in the Adoption Contract you signed. Please be sure a family member or a lawyer who handles your estate knows that the dog must be returned to **AGR**. If your dog is not an **AGR** dog, please have a plan in place that someone else knows about, so that your dogs are cared for (and not turned over to a shelter) in case of your incapacity or death.

Does someone among your family or friends or in your neighborhood have a key to your home? Suppose you were seriously hurt or killed in a car accident or had to go to the hospital for a medical emergency. Would anyone know you have dogs at home and how to get to them? Have you left written instructions regarding the care and feeding of your dog(s) someplace in your home where someone could find them? I recently had to pick up a Golden that belongs to a friend who had to go to the hospital for emergency surgery. I had never been to her home, but she left a key with a neighbor and had thorough instructions regarding the

The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.

~ Margaret Carty

K-9 VIAL OF LIFE

Dog's Name
 Dog's Birth Date or Approx. Age
 License No.
 Microchip No.

Brief instructions for disposition of dog in case of owner's incapacity or death

Veterinarian's Name and Contact Information

Practice Name
 Veterinarian's Name
 Address
 Phone
 Hours Open

Vaccination Expiration Dates

Rabies
 DHPP
 Bordatella

Food, Supplements and Medications

Location(s)
 Brand(s)
 Quantity and Frequency of Feeding
 Supplements – type, quantity and frequency

Medications -- name, dosage and frequency

Supplies with specific location

Medical Records
 Food and Water Dishes
 Crate or kennel
 Dog Bed
 Leash
 Collar if not already on dog
 Grooming tools and shampoo
 Toys -- favorite one?

Habits

Potty breaks
 How often?
 On leash or off?
 Uses a dog door?
 Prefers grass, gravel, other?
 Feeding Time(s)
 Walks -- how many and what time of day?
 Likes to swim?
 Other forms of exercise?

dog typed on a paper folded up to fit in an empty pill bottle and labeled *K-9 Vial of Life*. This pill bottle, which she had gotten from **Best Friends Dog Club** in Sun City, was inside the door of the refrigerator. On the paper folded up and enclosed in the pill bottle, she had filled in all the information shown in the box at left. It took me only a short time to collect the dog and all her necessities. Do yourself and your dog a favor and make your own *K-9 Vial of Life*!

The Information Highway

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***Fake News***

You have probably heard and read a lot this year on the subject of Fake News. As an apolitical organization, **AGR** is basically unaffected by the issue. Recently we had a member post an article to the **Arizona Golden Rescue** page on Facebook about Golden Retrievers that was sweet, affirming and wonderful – it just also happened to be a fake. So this edition of *The Information Highway* is all about Fake News.

When you hear about Fake News you likely assume – as most people do – that they are about advancing a particular position on an issue, trying to sway public opinion and generate an emotional response to what can often be dry and esoteric matters of public policy. And you're right – the majority of Fake News falls into that category. But not all Fake News is about politics. Some Fake News is about profit.

Websites generate revenue by selling goods or services, selling user data for marketing purposes or by selling advertising. Websites determine the rates they offer to advertisers based on what is most important to advertisers – the number of times people in the markets they wish to reach visit their website and the length of time they spend on the website – during which they are more likely to see an advertisement paid for by a prospective advertiser. The technology name for this type of Fake News is "Clickbait". Using Fake News to draw as many people as possible – and making the article compelling enough for the user to want to read it – allows the website owner/operator to charge more for advertisements.

By posting Fake News articles you are promoting the website operator's business – making their product more valuable. The more fake news that gets shared makes it more attractive to post fake news – so ease and profitability drives adoption – meaning Fake News begets more Fake News. For real news and big stories, web users will likely be directed to a big portal website. But for other issues, an eye-catching photo and article title are all they need to get the user to click and visit their website. Once they are on

the website they need to stay a while – just long enough to read a short article – to make them a profit statistic for the website. So that means stories about children, celebrities, money saving ideas, health and pets are attractive targets for exploitation in Clickbait campaigns.

These sites can also be where virus and malware writers distribute their content – getting as many viewers as possible to visit a website increases their likelihood of pushing bad code onto your computer through your browser. Real news sites work day and night to keep their sites free of malicious content. Fake News sites are paid to help distribute malicious code.

The most important thing we as computer users need to do is stop promoting Clickbait content by not posting it to social media and not forwarding it to friends and family. So here are some suggestions on how to stop you from becoming an unpaid worker for a website operator.

- Don't forward before reading – Many times the article may not even be about what you think it would be about based on the story or picture. It doesn't matter – the website operator got your attention. And the next victim visited because you posted it or sent it. Don't let the operator profit on your reputation.
- Who published it? Some websites sound like a name you've heard of before – and they operate based on that familiarity. Websites like *American News*, *The Boston Tribune*, *National Report*, *USA Daily* – they sound like news sources you've heard of, but they aren't.
- When was the publish date? – Are you sending around an article that was published 4 or 5 years ago as if it were current news? Don't do it. Stories that prompt a knee-jerk reaction are used – and reused – over and over again to generate traffic.
- Beware the happy share – news or articles that you think are inspiring, cheerful or touching can brighten someone's day. But do them and yourselves a favor and share something real, not something fake or out of date.
- Lone Voice on the Internet – Where else is this story being published? If this is an important topic and you can't find it covered elsewhere in city, local or national news, you have to wonder why. Ask questions before sending false information around.

While we are on the subject, it is a good practice to remind yourself regularly that what you read may not be accurate. Online reviews are great, but sometimes they are an avenue for someone's axe to grind against a business, or intentionally planted by competitors. Does the information sound consistent with other reviews, or does it sound like someone really venting? Read reviews in context.

Be especially sensitive in articles and websites devoted to animal lovers. There have been instances where articles have been posted about cases of neglect or abuse that are subjective, or a well meaning person not understanding what they have seen or heard. Deb Orwig, Kathy Blue and I try to keep an eye on what's being said about **AGR** online. Some people may disagree with how we screen adopters, claim a dog we are posting for placement belongs to them, or any other topic. We realize we can't please everyone – we do our best based on what we believe to be fair and responsible and always act in a way that adheres to the letter and spirit of the law. The anonymity of the web can encourage anonymous posters to say what they want with no consequences. Always keep an open mind and question the message and the source.

Fry's Community Rewards and Smile.Amazon.com Rewards

Before you go on to the next article in this newsletter, I want to say thank you to all of you who have enrolled with **Fry's Community Rewards** and **AmazonSmile**. We have seen steady increases in the rewards generated from these programs. If you are not registered for either or both of these programs, please join today. Go to frys-food.com and search for Community Rewards. For Amazon go to amazonsmile.com. Select **Arizona Golden Rescue** as the charity you wish to support and a portion of your qualifying purchase is directed as a donation to **AGR**. The amount per transaction is very small, but the volume adds up and helps us generate revenue through sources other than the generosity of our members. If you can generate money for **AGR** by doing something you do anyway – with no increase in cost – why wouldn't you? So sign up today if you haven't already.



The Human Connection

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“It's all about the dogs.”

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

So, since this is the “Human Connection” column, in every issue I am going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and stories about some of the people you 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 in ev-

ery column. You may notice that there are some missing 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.

If you would like to view previously featured members and do not have access to the printed newsletters, you can download them from the Information tab on our website.

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, they continue as members 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.



Starting off this month are Intake Team members Katie and Mike Price, sharing number 1536.

Mike and Katie are Arizona transplants, but, along with their three dogs, now happily call Phoenix home. Katie moved to Phoenix from Michigan after college, and around the same time Mike moved from the Washington, DC area. They met at work about 14 years ago and the rest is history. Mike and Katie got their first Golden, **Lucky**, as a puppy in 2014 and fell in love with the breed immediately. It wasn't long until **Lucky** needed a friend, so they adopted **Lily** as well (shout out to April Crow!). A couple of years later, while shopping for dog food, a small Yorkie-poo/Chihuahua stole their hearts, and from then on they all became known as "The Price Pack."

Mike and Katie's love of Golden Retrievers and dog rescue all started when they adopted **Lily**, and they were eager to volunteer when **AGR** said the Intake Team needed help. Some of the intakes are emotional, but it's always worth it to see the happy pictures of the dogs in their forever homes. Katie and Mike will be adding to the Price Pack with their first human baby in March 2020 – this child will even out the dog to human ratio for the time being. You can follow The Price Pack's adventures (and cute dog pictures) on Instagram @the.price.pack.



Now let's get to know Robin Mish, number 1656. Robin has been on the Transport Team for many years and is now also an adopter.



In her own words: *A true Boston girl, I was born and raised in the suburbs of Boston. I moved to Arizona in 1998 to escape the harsh northeast winters. I love spending time with family, all of whom still live in Massachusetts, so I go back twice a year. I don't have any of my own children, except my beautiful, sweet fur baby, **Lily**, whom I rescued from **AGR** in March.*

I graduated from college with a marketing degree, and since then I have worked in the marketing/advertising field. I currently work at a construction firm as a Marketing Manager. I am lucky that I love what I do and the people I work with.



Lily Mish

*What do I do for fun? I spend time with friends and family, travel, watch movies, cheer for the Patriots, drink wine, volunteer for **AGR**, and spend time with **Lily**!*

Now, let's meet Lauren Rudin, number 1727, and her son, Michael.



Lauren says: *We have one very loved Golden Retriever named **Bryxx**. We got him when he was 7 weeks old from Kalamazoo, Michigan. His nickname is Awww! and he loves the beach, dock diving, playing ball, going to pool parties and hanging out with friends and family. He always looks forward to ice cream and nap time. **Bryxx** loves to cuddle with everyone and enjoys making people smile!*

Lauren graduated from **NAU** with a business management degree and founded **Your Pet Sitter** in May, 1994. This year she is celebrating her 25th year in business. In her spare time she likes to volunteer as an outreach adoption coordinator for **Foothills Animal Rescue** and also volunteer with **Bryxx** as a pet therapy team

at **Honor Health @ Thompson Peak**. She joined **AGR** because she wanted to meet a lot of Golden friends. Her dream is to retire in Carmel, California where she can spend time on Carmel Beach, which is famously known for being dog friendly. In her



free time, she enjoys photography, spending time with **Bryxx**, and building an extensive collection of Mackenzie Child pieces.

Michael is a senior at **Pinnacle High School** and is an active member in their honor society. He has secured a seat at **ASU's W.P. Carey School of Business** and will attend class at the new school beginning in Fall, 2020. Michael also loves Golden Retrievers and enjoys spending time with his own Golden, **Bryxx** (future **ASU** Fraternity dog), as he builds an archive of the rarest sneakers of the 21st century with the help of close friends at **Cactus Jack** and **Rocafella Records**.

Health and Safety

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Dallas, A Miracle Puppy

AGR's Intake Team received a call in June about a 7-week-old puppy that had not pooped since being born in April and was now throwing up poop. He was brought in and taken to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** for evaluation. His abdomen was distended, and it was discovered that he had no anal opening – his feces had been accumulating since birth! This is a condition called *Atresia ani*. None of us had ever heard of it, although Dr. Jha, Medical Director at **AMSC**, told us this was the seventh case of this congenital deformity he had dealt with in his veterinary career – two kittens and four puppies, this one being the fifth canine.

Atresia ani results when the dorsal membrane separating the rectum and anus fails to rupture which it is supposed to do upon birth. Signs are apparent at birth and include tenesmus (the feeling that you need to pass stool and may involve straining, pain, and cramping), abdominal pain and distention, retention of feces, and absence of an anal opening. For some reason no one in the backyard breeder family noticed until **Dallas** was about 7 weeks old.

Congenital anomalies of the rectum and anus are rare in dogs. Four types of *Atresia ani* have been reported, which include congenital anal stenosis, a very small opening of the anus (Type I); imperforate anus alone, no opening at all with a blind end to the colon but close to the anal area (Type II); or the first two combined with termination of the rectum as a blind pouch further from the anal area (Type III); and, very rarely, normal rectal anal development with a blind rectal pouch development not connected to the colon (Type IV).

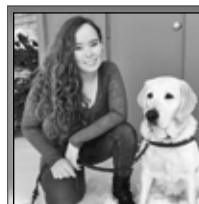
Upon examination and testing it was discovered that **Dallas'** colon was enlarged (megacolon) and filled with feces. Dr. Jha and Dr. Jay at **AMSC** were able to surgically reconstruct his anal opening, as he fortunately had Type II *Atresia ani*. Complications

ensued as the new anal opening, with healing, scarred and caused the anal opening to become smaller. The colon, being enlarged, could not push the fecal material out, so **Dallas** had to have a stent put in to keep the anus open, and he was given motility drugs and a laxative to facilitate pooping. After removal of the first stent, **Dallas** again was having difficulty pooping, so a second stent was put in. **Dallas** began to again produce poop, but again with stent removal, he was unable to produce poop and his colon was filling up with feces.

In consultation between Dr. Jay and Dr. Jha, they decided to do a resection and make the anal opening bigger, put in a bigger stent, and leave the stent in for a week in hopes that (1) the colon would indeed start functioning and (2) the anus would not close up again. Throughout all this, **Dallas** was displaying typical, happy puppy activity. Everyone loved him at **AMSC**. According to his foster, Deb: *The results of the surgery Dr. Jay and Dr. Jha did yesterday are looking good – they removed the anal glands and made a bigger anal opening. Today, Dallas is happy, playful (learned to play with water this morning), and pooping! Dr. Jay is waiting to see if he can empty his entire colon when he goes, but otherwise he is looking good!*

Dallas went to his foster home in July but continued to take his laxative and motility drug. He vacillated between small amounts of hard poop and explosive mushy poop! What a cleanup that entailed! He also had to return to the vet a few more times for drug adjustment and vaccines. He may still need more reconstructive surgery, but he is growing normally and is a happy, healthy puppy. It also took him awhile to realize he is not supposed to pee in the house, but little by little he has figured it out.

Happily, in October he was adopted by his foster who had seen him through some rough times (and used up a lot of paper towels, Nature's Miracle®, and poop bags!), but he is a stunning Golden Retriever.



Service Paws

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*Editor's Note: In May 2018, Aria Ottmueller graduated from Northern Arizona University with honors. She completed a double major in Criminology and Criminal Justice and Political Science with minors in International Studies and Law and Society. She intends to attend law school at some point. Aria was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; however, she grew up in Chandler, Arizona. She is visually impaired, and has a guide dog, **Tori**, a 6-year-old Labrador Retriever. **Tori** accompanies Aria on day-to-day activities, acting as her eyes. Aria wrote a 39-page final paper for a class she took at NAU. The following is excerpted from the paper which is entitled *Fraud Dogs! The Dangers of Fraudulent Service Animals*. I published her Introduction in the February 2018 issue, the section entitled *The Law in May*, another section called *Problems Within The Law in August*, Opportunities*

for the Disabled in November; Education in February; Trends and Problems with Fraudulent Service Animals in May 2019 and Case Studies in August. Our thanks to Aria for allowing us to print parts of her paper which I feel might be of interest to our readers.

The Numbers

There are large amounts of service animals used throughout the United States. Some owners are responsible and use these dogs correctly, while others disregard the law and do not use these animals properly. Accredited organizations are very important to those who need service animals. There are currently about 10,000 Guide Dogs from many different accredited organizations (U.S. Pet Fact Sheet). These organizations include *Guide Dogs for the Blind*, *Guide Dogs for the Desert*, and *Seeing Eye Dogs*. In addition, there are 20,000 other service animals, used for various disabilities from accredited organizations. The Department of Defense also utilizes 3,000 military working dogs (U.S. Pet Fact Sheet). However, there are over 147,000 registered service animals and emotional support animals (ESAs) in the United States (NSAR). That number continues to grow daily. The use of service animals and ESAs has increased 1,000 percent between 2002 and 2012, but most of that increase occurred after 2008 (Siler, 2017). The increase in service animals is reviewed in Yamamoto's study of the increase from 1990 to 2012. The data reveal that there was a steady increase until 2007-2009 when the number of service animals rapidly increased by at least double its population (Yamamoto, 2017). The statistics also show that the number of Chihuahuas used as service animals increased at the same rate, which is important because Chihuahuas are rarely used as service animals, if used at all. This shows the increase in service animals around 2008.

Along with the increase in service animals, there have been increases in the amount of vests purchased for service animals. Service animal vests are easy for the public to buy because the United States does not currently have any regulations on them. People can buy these vests off of popular shopping sites such as Amazon.com, which sells leashes, vests, and collars for service animals (Herzog, 2014). When purchasing any of those devices designed for service animals, the buyer is not required to show proof that their dog is a service animal. It is also easy to purchase a card certifying that the dog is a service animal or ESA. This can be purchased from the United States dog registry, which will certify any dog for \$58 (Herzog, 2014). ESA of America will certify a hamster or iguana, which does not fall under federal guidelines, because an ESA is only allowed to be a dog according to federal legislation (Herzog, 2014). The National Service Animal Registry will also certify a dog as an ESA, service animal, or therapy dog. These are a few of the organizations that certify dogs or other animals at an alarming rate that does not correlate with the amount of people utilizing legitimate service animals, thus creating issues for legitimate service animal owners.

People with legitimate service animals are worried about the priva-

cy and safety of their companion. They are worried about privacy because many are asked intrusive questions about their dogs or why they need the dogs. On the other hand, it creates an imbalance because people spot more fake service animals than legitimate ones (Manning, 2013). The reason people use fraudulent service animals is because they want a free airplane ride for their pet or to keep the animal in their home without having to pay a substantial fee. A person can acquire a letter from a doctor for \$165 to show airlines that the dog is used for emotional support, since many require a letter (Herzog, 2014). The large number of fraudulent service animals increases problems for those who utilize legitimate service animals as a vital tool (Manning, 2013).

Increased Discrimination

The increase in fraudulent service animals has led to increased discrimination. A man was harassed while in a courthouse with his dog (Glenn, 2017). The purpose of the dog was to detect a stroke. Employees of the courthouse wanted the man to show papers. The Sheriff eventually asked the man to leave. The Sheriff stated that only Guide Dogs were permitted, clearly violating federal law. One of the Sheriffs arrested the man when he refused to vacate the premises. Another man with a guide dog was refused entry into a restaurant because that establishment did not allow service animals. In this case, the man was also arrested (Glenn, 2017). Restaurant owners do not want to accept any dogs because there are so many fake service animals. It creates a problem, and the owners do not want to get into legal trouble (Mayben, 2015). These are a few instances that have increased discrimination against people with service animals.

In other cases, service animal fraud is becoming a major issue; therefore, states are changing laws to criminalize it. Recently, an officer arrested a person for service animal fraud (Service Dog Fraud in California). The officer did not realize that the man had a disability that was not visible. This created an issue because the man actually used his dog as a service animal, and thus his rights were violated. At the same time, officers may not understand the difference between a "visible" disability and a "non-visible" disability, so they could incorrectly arrest someone if the disability is not apparent. Criminalizing fraudulent service animals could affect people with non-apparent disabilities as previously mentioned. Disabilities that are not visible can include epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, brain injuries, and many others.

Another problem with criminalizing service animals is that probable cause cannot necessarily be determined to arrest a suspect. There is a *mens rea*, mental component that has to be proven, which in most cases is difficult or impossible to prove. Arresting people for having fraudulent service animals provides another set of issues that can lead to discrimination based on an invisible disability.

If a disability is not visible, it does not mean that person does not

have one; however, by criminalizing the fraudulent service animals, it could deter people with legitimate service animals from utilizing their animal to its full potential. If that person is wrongfully arrested for having a fraudulent service animal, the dog is usually placed in a shelter or brought to the pound. This dog then experiences undue stress that can affect its work (Lee, 2016). These affects include being more anxious, aggressive, and concerned as to where the handler is. Dogs can potentially remain in a pound for over 16 days if the owner cannot pay bail and there is not a family member to look after the dog. This results in further trauma for the animal. But impounding the animal may incentivize the handler accused of owning a fraudulent service animal to plead guilty in order to retrieve the dog. The plea can restrict further use of service animals in the future; when retrieving the dog from a pound, the handler has to pay any number of fees that could total over \$90 (Lee, 2016). People with a disability that is not visible can be discriminated against when criminalizing fraudulent service animals.

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Follow the Lead

By Deb Orwig

Prey Drive

I am sure you have heard the term “prey drive”, but do you really know what it means? Prey drive is an instinctive behavior in carnivores to find (stalk), pursue (chase) and capture (grab-bite, kill-bite) prey and then to eat it (dissect, consume). The term of-

ten refers to a dog’s eagerness or desire to work hard, especially if the work involves anything related to chasing and capturing prey. It is a trait that makes many dogs successful in the world of canine sports. The term is often used by people whose dogs participate in agility, fly ball, Frisbee or lure coursing, as well as by those whose dogs work in search-and-rescue or law enforcement. Golden Retrievers that are trained to the hunt are expected to bring downed prey back to the hunter. Wolves, the ancestors of dogs, exhibit the entire spectrum of prey drive. With most dog breeds, however, the prey drive has been modified by selective breeding for one aspect or another. Examples: Bloodhounds and Beagles have a strong search behavior; herding dogs like Border Collies have well-developed eye-stalking skills; Greyhounds exhibit tremendous chase behavior; grab-bite and kill-bite are traits of Terriers, among others.

Squeaky Toys and Other Noise Makers. Why do you think many dogs like squeaky toys so much? They work to disembowel the toy, i.e., find the squeaker and remove it and/or remove the stuffing. Again, innate behavior comes into play, literally and figuratively. When a wild predator catches prey, the prey usually squeaks, yells, squeals, squawks, honks or makes whatever other noise it makes when frightened or caught. In squeaking a toy, your dog is rewarded for having “caught his prey” and knows it’s only a matter of time before he will be able to eat it. Some dogs like to squeak a toy and toss it up in the air, then squeak it some more, toss it some more, pounce on it when it drops on the ground. When they exhibit this behavior, they are “killing” the prey.

If your dog is an unmerciful beast, better give him or her a toy that doesn’t squeak when chomped on! If the dog does, indeed, rip open the toy and remove the squeaker and the stuffing, throw away the toy. Don’t even try to repair it by stitching it up – your dog will remember that he was once successful in tearing up that toy to get at the insides and will do it again in short order.

The sounds that prey make when caught imprint upon the dog. The dog stands in an alert posture, ears pricked, tail out or up. Many of you have had Connie McCabe come to your home to take photos of your dog. Why do you think Connie uses a squeaker to get the dog’s attention and their ears to prick up? It works!

Does your dog attack your vacuum cleaner when you are using it? She probably has a high prey drive and is attempting to “kill it”.

The “Drive” Part of Prey Drive. At times, a dog may charge after a tennis ball with gleaming eyes and an over-the-top bouncy enthusiasm, while at other times, that same dog may lazily lope after the ball or even ignore it, though the stimulus (the thrown ball) is the same. What’s different is the dog’s interest in or motivation to chase it. “Drive” is the term used to explain that difference. Fluctuation in an animal’s drive doesn’t just affect predatory behavior. It also influences how eager a dog is to eat, drink, engage in sexual behavior or exhibit any other type of behavior,

for that matter.

Levels of prey drive often vary substantially in different dogs. A dog with low prey drive does not make a successful detection or search dog, but a dog who is too high in prey drive may be unsuitable as a pet for a suburban home, as it may become bored and destructive when its high drive is not regularly satisfied.

Why Do Dogs Chase? Dogs chase for a number of reasons. The biggest is that it is an innate reaction. Despite centuries of domestication, dogs still harbor many of the same traits as wild canines. They know how to hunt and will do so when the opportunity arises. Some people think that chasing is done out of aggression. In most situations, that's not the case at all. It's because taking down prey is what dogs were born to do.

Another reason that dogs chase is because the act is rewarding for them. Most animals and humans will run away at the sight of a dog speeding towards them. When the offending stimuli that caused them to start the chase goes away, it's viewed as a success. If they manage to catch the animal that was the focus of their attention, it's even better. The more chances a dog has to chase something, the more the act is viewed as a positive experience. If your dog gets out of your yard or pulls the leash out of your hand while you are walking, what will work to get the dog back to you or back in your yard is not to run after him (if you chase him, he will most likely run away from you faster), but to run away from him. Making a squeaky noise or any other kind of weird noise and waving your hands above your head or out to your sides to get his attention helps, too.

Dogs with high prey drive do not usually do well in homes with cats, especially cats that are not used to having a dog around, as the cat will run when it sees a dog – then the chase is on. Sometimes a dog and cat will work out a compromise and even grow to like each other. But unless the dog and cat are raised together from young ages, it takes time and a lot of patience for them to cohabit.

While you can't get rid of prey drive behavior completely, there are things you can do to keep it under control. By understanding why your dog is acting the way s/he is, you will be better equipped to handle the behavior. We will cover such methods in this column in the February issue.

*He is your friend, your partner
Your defender, your dog.
You are his life, his love,
his leader.
He will be yours, faithful and true,
To the last beat of his heart.
You owe it to him
To be worthy of such devotion.
~ Anon.*

Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

In July, all **AGR** adopters received a mailing with a plea for donations to support our 2018-19 Special Needs Dogs, including most of those mentioned in *Diamonds in the Ruff* newsletter columns. Many (74) answered with donations for an incredible total of **\$12,808!**

During the summer, we 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; even most Meet-and-Greets are cancelled due to the extreme heat. With a minority of our rescues, the amount of 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 80 dogs between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 was \$1,937!

We do not for a moment begrudge any amount of money we have spent on 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.

If you can help **Arizona Golden Rescue** financially, please send your check to **AGR**, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308. Or, you can call Deb Orwig at 623-693-0589 with your credit card information – for all such donations, the normal 4% convenience fee will be waived (however, **AGR** is still charged that fee). All donations are tax deductible. If you have already sent in a donation by the time you receive this newsletter, we sincerely thank you!

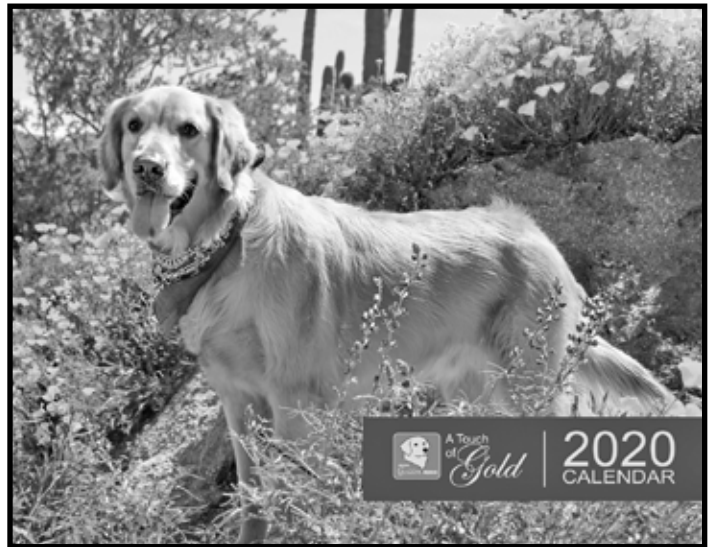
Donors to the Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs Thanks, everyone!

Mike Anderson
Cindy and Ronen Aviram
Michelle Bailey and Kay Correll
Debbie and Rick Ball
Jan and Joe Baselice
Stephanie Beard
Melissa Carter *In Memory of Max, Jack and Sierra*
Rosemary and Daniel Cheke
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Alice and David Courtney in honor of **Four-Legged Friends
Animal Hospital**
Stuart Davis and Family

Patrick Doyle in support of **19-044 Dallas**
 Lauren Duffy in Colin Whinnie's name
 Mary and Bert Engstrom
 Shirley and Robert Flesher from **Burt**
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 Marcelle and David Moody
 Janis and Randy Moore
 Pat Morgan in support of **19-044 Dallas**
 Wendy and John Nelson in honor of **16-026 Molly**
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 Michelle and Mark Pasiecznik
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 Carrie Stoneburner
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 Paula Turner
 Debbie and Tom, **Sasha** and **Sultan** Vinopal
 Lynn and Russell Wakefield
 Nancy Ward
 Carol and JD Wilson
 Mike Wilson
 Shotzie and Jim Workman
 Nicholas Yale and Bruce Bouldin in memory of **12-027 Bentley**
 Julia Zandler
 Rebecca Zaner and Hygenes Garcia

Curious about September 19, 2020 yet? Stay tuned!



A Touch of Gold 2020 Calendar

Our gorgeous FULL-COLOR 2020 12-month Calendar featuring **AGR** rescued dogs is now available! Connie McCabe has done her usual superb job of calendar creation! The above picture of **19-005 Dillon** at picturesque Bartlett Lake is our cover photo and one of the many fabulous photos in the calendar.

All of you who have an **AMBER**, **TOPAZ**, **PEARL** or **GOLD** membership will receive one for free. We will have copies at every event and Meet-and-Greet. Calendars can also be purchased at **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** (3131 E Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix), **Academy West Animal Hospital Boarding & Grooming** (6231 W Bell Rd, Glendale), and **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** (17477 N 82nd St, Scottsdale). The cost is **\$12 each**. Buy 5 and you will get an additional one for free! An Order Form can be found on our website. Please don't forget to include the cost for postage if you want your calendar(s) mailed.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Reporting period: January 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019

Total Assets as of October 22, 2019: \$224,388.19

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 3,229.00	
Adoptions	22,000.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		\$ 1,400.00
Bank Charges (PayPal & Credit Card fees)		
Calendars		
Sales	574.00	
Sponsorships	2,200.00	
Donation Income, General	26,918.71	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund	160.00	
Honorary	8,618.75	
Memorials	5,353.00	
Summer Fundraiser	12,808.00	
Event Expense		182.25
Golf Tournament	31,408.86	6,027.30
Donations	11,713.86	
Golf Prizes	1,885.00	
Golfers	6,915.00	
Hole Sponsorships	4,450.00	
Meals	2,020.00	
Silent Auction	4,425.00	
Grants	11,243.00	
Insurance		657.00
Interest	57.45	
Internet Services		768.90
Legal and Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	17,004.00	
Merchandise	4,206.25	2,077.83
Newsletter Subscriptions	16.00	
<i>Paws At The Park</i> 2019	1,145.00	364.95
Donations	485.05	
Auction and Raffle Prizes	2,234.00	
Office Expenses & Supplies		688.87
<i>Photos with Santa</i> in Dec. 2018	600.00	
Postage		1,392.92
Rent or Lease		2,577.72
Repair & Maintenance		32.71
Stationery and Printing		4,328.36
Telephone		144.30
Dog-related Expenses		
Adoption Expense		613.70
Behavioral Training		4,771.36
Boarding		968.40
Collars, Leashes & Tags		2,561.94
International Rescue Expenses		807.28
Micro-chip expenses		745.25
Miscellaneous, dog-related		312.33
Veterinary Services		126,357.65
TOTAL	\$150,261.07	\$157,791.02
NET INCOME: - \$7,529.95		
Checking Account on 10-22-19:	\$117,507.09	
Savings Account on 10-22-19:	\$ 98,948.58	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 10-22-19:	\$ 7,922.52	
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-22-19:	\$16,417.62	

Financial Considerations

By Deb Orwig

To all of you *AGR* members and supporters, please consider making an end-of-year donation. Dogs we have spent at least \$1,000 on during the third quarter of 2019 are described in *Diamonds in the Ruff* on pages 18-19. A donation can be made to help a specific dog, or for one of the special needs dogs we have featured in previous issues, to help with medical expenses in general, or specifically to help with our expenses for the China dogs. An envelope is enclosed in this newsletter for your convenience. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and will be acknowledged.

Our largest fundraiser of the year, the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, was a great success. Please see the wrap-up article on pages 29-36.

We have many unique and wonderful items for sale in our merchandise inventory. We also have several logo items: T-shirts in six colors and sizes up through 2X in most, 3X in a red and navy. Because I bring all the merchandise to all events where we can sell it, including *PACC911* events, *Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce* events, *Phoenix Pet Spectacular*, *Parada Del Sol and Trail's End*, and our annual members' picnic, *Paws At The Park*, in March, I keep all the merchandise at my house. Anyone who wants to come over to Glendale to go shopping is welcome. Just contact me by phone (623-693-0589) or e-mail (dorwigaz@cox.net). All profits go to help the dogs, of course.



Diamonds in the Ruff

By Debbie Ball

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Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on which *AGR* has had to spend at least \$1,000 during one quarter. Please consider making a donation 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 and will be acknowledged both in the newsletter and in a personal letter to the donor.



*Diamonds in the Ruff
Third-quarter 2019*

19-021 Purdy is an 11-year-old female purebred Golden whom the owner surrendered as they could no longer care for her due to a change in the family situation. **Purdy** was found to have some

cracked teeth but also masses on her flank and mammary glands. In May, she was spayed and had the mammary masses removed. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter she was brought up to date on vaccines, received medications for hypothyroid treatment, and had dental scaling and a tooth extraction completed. **Purdy** has been adopted by Jessica and Timothy in Phoenix. Her 3rd-quarter expenses were **\$1,611**, with a total to date of **\$3,939**.



19-032 Monty is a very senior 15-year-old male purebred Golden who came from the Eastside **MCACCS** shelter with bad teeth, weepy eyes, ear infections, and kennel cough; he had never been neutered. **Monty** was brought up to date on all the usual tests and vaccines, followed by an ear cleaning, radiographs, neuter, tooth extraction, and various medications. **Monty** has lovingly been adopted by Sue in Phoenix. **Monty's** expenses for 3rd quarter total **\$1,982**.

19-036 Chase is a 12-year-old male purebred Golden, a "return to rescue" surrendered by his owner who could no longer care for him due to a change in family situation. He is a big boy at 108 lbs and had some large masses. **Chase** received the usual exam and tests, as well as an ultrasound, x-rays, and fine needle aspirate. In July, he underwent surgery for a dental extraction and mass removal of six sebaceous cysts that were causing issues with rubbing. He has been adopted by Beth in Gilbert. **AGR's** medical costs for **Chase** were **\$2,000**.



19-056 Goldie, now **Cali**, is a 3-year-old female Golden mix whom the prior owners left tied to a tree and abandoned her. The neighbors fed and watered her for a few weeks until they were sure the owners were not coming back, then they contacted us to rescue her. She was brought up to date on vaccines, received X-rays, and was found

positive by a snap test for Ehrlichia (tick fever), in addition to having a neck wound from being chained up for weeks. **Goldie** has since been adopted by Mischa and Luke in Phoenix. Her expenses have totaled **\$1,469**.



19-057 Aspen was a 10-week-old female purebred Golden surrendered by her prior

owner who could not afford her medical costs, as she had tested positive for Giardia. Unbeknownst to her surrendering owner, she also had parvo. She was taken to **AMSC** in Scottsdale for a blood transfusion and kept in isolation. Unfortunately, after only a few days, **Aspen** could not recover and went to the Bridge. **Aspen's** expenses cost **AGR** a total **\$3,384**.



19-058 Viva is a 10-year-old female Golden mix rescued from the **MCACCS** Westside shelter. She was underweight, lethargic, and had a very matted coat (photo at left), weak hind legs and ticks. She was

taken to **AMSC** in Scottsdale for X-rays, blood work, an ear cleaning, and medications, as she was found to have anemia as well as a yeast infection in both ears. She may need future dental work after the anemia is normalized. **Viva's** medical costs have amounted to **\$1,399** so far. We thank **PACC911** for a grant of \$300 from their *Critical Care Program* to help with **Viva's** expenses.



Viva much happier now.



19-061 Bella was a 9-year-old female purebred Golden surrendered by her prior owner due to a change in family situation. She was initially vetted at **Four-Legged Friends** for routine vaccinations and testing. **Bella** tested positive for valley fever and had high kidney values. After a few days with a foster, **Bella** was taken in as an emergency at **AMSC** as she was not eating

and was very lethargic. At **AMSC** she was given numerous tests, IV fluids, and an ultrasound, and was found to also have high liver values and likely kidney disease. She continued to show no interest in eating or drinking and had high blood pressure and other kidney problems. We tried to save her life, but the vet felt **Bella** was in renal failure. She was not thriving and estimated to be suffering, so the Board made the sad and difficult decision to have her euthanized and sent to the Bridge. **AGR's** expenses for **Bella** were **\$3,892**.

Something exciting will be happening on September 19, 2020!

HELP WANTED

AGR is looking for a **Writer** for the Magic Moments section of this newsletter. This section includes paragraphs on every dog whose adoption is finalized before the newsletter deadline. Column is needed quarterly by January, April, July and October deadlines, usually the 5th of the month. Writer works with Intake, Placement, Medical Records and Contacts sections of our database. Adoption Finalizations and follow-up stories from adopters will be made available.



**Make every day
"Take Your Dog to Work Day"**

Skills needed:

You will need basic computer and writing skills (i.e. fairly good with grammar and spelling), be familiar with Word, and be able to follow some guidelines that will be provided. You need good organizational skills and should be able to complete your write-ups as dogs are finalized. No travel is needed and the writing can be done from anywhere.

If interested, please contact Deb Orwig at 623.693.0589 or dorwigaz@cox.net for further details.

Golden Property Laws

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

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 6, 2019 through October 18, 2019. All adoptions finalized after October 18th will be in the next issue.*

19-019 Sierra, a Golden/Great Pyrenees mix, was 14 years old last March when we rescued her from the **Pima Animal Shelter**. She had been surrendered to the shelter because the owner's own health was very bad and she could not care for **Sierra** any more. At 96.8 lbs, **Sierra** was quite overweight and arthritic, which made it difficult for her to get up and down. She is now down to 77 lbs. A senior blood panel revealed low thyroid, so she was started on thyroid supplement. She also takes gabapentin, tramadol and generic Rimadyl for her arthritis, as well as Denamarin to help protect her liver. She also takes Dasuquin and Grizzly Oil for joints and Pepcid to prevent ulcers. She is walking much better now. We also had a large abdominal mass removed, which, fortunately, was benign. In addition, she had a dental done and a wart removed from her front paw. Once her health had improved, Placement started looking for a permanent home. Several families were contacted but refused to accept such an old dog. But one family actually applied specifically to adopt her, so she was transported back to Tucson. However, the layout of the home and yard would have been difficult for **Sierra** to negotiate. So finally, Connie and Nick, who had been fostering **Sierra**, decided they were going to give her a forever home.



Connie related: *It certainly was not our intent to foster the overweight Pyrenees/Golden mix when we rescued her from the Tucson shelter in March. **Sierra** was 14 years old and not in very good shape. We had lost the last of our five seniors in 2018 and did not want to go through that potential loss again so soon. Our newly-adopted **Riley** is quite a handful, and we knew it was certainly not a good match for either of them. But surprisingly, **Riley** under-*

stood quickly that **Sierra** was off-limits and respected her space, so we kept **Sierra** at our home to avoid any more kennel time for the old girl. She was not in a very good mental state either; she was very confused and paced endlessly around the house and outside for several weeks. We had to close off the dog door as she kept getting her feet tangled when she tried to go out. But slowly, with the proper meds and space of her own, **Sierra** began to improve a lot and a prior **AGR** adopter asked to be her new family. The plan was for us to get her through her surgeries and her system stabilized and then take her back to Tucson to her new home.

It took longer than anticipated, as she was slow to heal and recover enough to move. We all realized that because of her special mobility needs we really are the perfect home for her and there was no need to disrupt her life anymore. She has a short, easy stroll out to grass and carpeting for her weak hind end. She has also improved a lot in temperament. **Sierra** used to snarl and snap at any dog coming close to her but is now very tolerant of them after a short initial adjustment. It is a real hoot to see how excited she is to see a new dog, but she is still the queen and lets every new visitor know that immediately. They all instinctively know that and let her be the boss. If **Riley** has been out somewhere, she will have to stand still for five minutes when she gets back for **Sierra** to sniff every square inch of her. **Sierra** does not yet interact much with **Jackson** but is very tolerant of him, even when he knocks her over at dinner time.

She is a funny old girl – loves to be petted, but is very independent and will spend most of her time in the “Man Cave” she shares with Nick, until 10 PM, when she comes out to watch the news and late night TV with me and to be petted for a few hours. But if she hears any kind of action – doors opening or closing, dogs playing or barking – she is right there in the center of it with her hoarse “old dog” bark. With this nice weather she has been inclined to spend a little more time outside exploring the yard and seems to be truly happy. **Sierra** hates the camera and it is very difficult to catch her off guard, so I don’t often get to post many photos of her; but she is a real beauty and we are all glad that she has made her home here with us. **AGR** is glad, too, as we know **Sierra** will be cherished and loved until the end of her days.



19-020 Darby, now called **Bandit**, is a large, energetic 5-year-old Goldendoodle. He was surrendered by an elderly owner who could no longer handle a big, active dog. While with his original owner, **Darby** got away with eating things he shouldn’t and had to have intestinal surgery twice for removal of foreign objects. Perhaps as a result of his “bad dog” habits or perhaps because

of the surgeries, **Darby** has a sensitive stomach and needs prescription dog food, which **AGR** provided for three months follow-

ing finalization. **Darby** was taken from one foster to another to another between beginning of April and mid-June. There is no doubt that he is “too much” for many people, and when he finally landed at what has turned out to be his forever home, behaviorist Sharon McKenzie spent some considerable time with the family helping them learn how to manage this boy. His adoptive dad, Rick, wrote: **Bandit**, a.k.a. “The Tramp”, is ours now. And it is truly a blessing. **Bandit** came to us as an ‘uncontrollable’ pup, wild and willful. He growled, he barked, he ran around in an almost frenzied state. After three days, we were ready to give up on him. Then we found out what had been happening to him. This young guy had been shunted around every two or three days for seven weeks. No chance to get to know a family, no stability, no love. So we held on. Within just a week with us he learned that he was loved, that he did have a home he could call his own. And he settled. All it took was a little time, a little understanding, and a heaping amount of affection and attention. Positive attention. Now **Bandit** is a premier member of our family. A lovable, goofy – and yes, still crazy – addition to our other rescued pups. He’s made our small ranch his private realm – running, chasing rabbits, burrowing in the horses’ hay to make a nest, then dragging all the hay inside, a big grin on his face. At night, the living room couch has become his preferred relaxation locale, a happy respite from his busy day. Our **Bandit** is funny, sweet, obedient, and incredibly loving. We couldn’t ask for a better dog, a better companion. And we’re immensely grateful that all those other families that could have had him gave him up so we could make him ours. To all those potential adoptive families out there, we ask you: check the pup’s history before making a decision; it makes all the difference in how you handle him/her. Give them a chance to find their place, to show you what they’re really like. Love them, trust them. You won’t be sorry. Rick and Leanna have a beautiful horse property in north Scottsdale. **Bandit** is enjoying this doggie paradise. We are so happy that he has finally found his forever home.



19-028 Peggy Sue’s elderly owner passed away. The son’s family tried to take responsibility but found that their 13-year-old was allergic, so they could not keep this pretty 5-year-old Golden mix. During her time with one of our wonderful foster-only families, **Peggy Sue** had a large, golf ball-size ugly growth removed from her lip. Fortunately, it was a benign follicular cyst. When Placement was trying to find a permanent home for **Peggy Sue**, they contacted no fewer than 11 families – some never responded; others had one reason or another for not accepting her: current financial difficulties, adopted another dog, wanted a male rather than a female, wrong color (white and sheds), not ever tested around babies, general looks did not appeal, has a strong prey-drive and is not good with small dogs or anything small that moves (cats, rab-

bits, bird etc.), for that matter. But, as always happens, persistence by our Placement Team resulted in the perfect home for this cute little girl with Sally and Wendell in Sun City West. The family said: **Peggy Sue** is doing great! Sure has made herself at home here. Seems like she's been here forever! We love her! Every day she seems to be more and more comfortable. What an amazing day it was when we got the call about **Peggy Sue**. It's so wonderful to come home to a furry friend who has made herself so at home and brightened up our lives. She's a sweet, loving, smart and beautiful girl. Thank you, **AGR**, for bringing **Peggy Sue** into our lives. Happy new life, **Peggy Sue**!



19-031 Daisy, a sweet 7-year old Golden, was left with a pet sitter and abandoned – owner never came back for her and disconnected the phone service. The poor dog was living outside because they have cats and didn't want to stress them out as they were not sure how **Daisy** would react since she had been attacked by stray cats in the neighborhood. She was loaded

with foxtails, had a matted, dirty coat with a large hotspot on one flank and was limping; radiographs revealed gravel in her intestines. It was no surprise that her valley fever test came back with a relatively high titer of 1:64, so she was started on fluconazole. Over the course of three months, **Daisy** improved. Her leg was evaluated with a bone biopsy; the vet thought the limp might be caused by disseminated valley fever rather than cancer. He counseled patience and eventually decided that surgery was not warranted. **Daisy** will most likely have to take fluconazole for the rest of her life – typical of dogs that develop the disseminated form of the disease. Carolyn and Bill in Sun City have adopted **Daisy**. Carolyn reported that **Daisy** loves to sleep in her crate, has no interest in the cats, eats well, takes her meds without a problem and fit right in. *She is the sweetest dog ever!* We are glad that **Daisy** is finally with a family that will never abandon her. **AGR** issued an addendum to her adoption finalization that included follow-up for her bone/fungal condition to include X-rays, a valley fever retest and medication for an additional three months.



19-032 Monty is a 15-year-old (judged by our vet), decrepit Golden we took in as a compassionate release from the Eastside **MCACCS** shelter. He had never been neutered, and he had weepy eyes, bad ear infections and horrid teeth. Within a few days he developed kennel cough and had gastroenteritis. It took us over a month to get him cleaned up and brought to a healthy enough state that

he could have a dental and be neutered. Fortunately, for **AGR**, there are some wonderful people in this world who want to adopt

only old dogs. We found one for **Monty**, Sue in Phoenix, and she adores him: *After losing a very special dog a year ago, I had doubts that I could love another dog as much as I loved her. Enter 15-year-old Monty! We bonded quickly and have a deep connection of love and acceptance. Monty was very sick when he first came to live with me. He could not hear because his ears were so infected. His teeth were painful and needed to be pulled. Now, he has been nursed back to health and is a new dog. Light came back into his eyes and there is always a wide grin on his face. I have watched Monty blossom into a content smiling happy pup. I love him.* Sue has done everything possible to make **Monty** feel comfortable and safe, and she has been rewarded by smiles like the one in the photo at bottom of the left column. Thank you, Sue, for caring for this old guy – he deserved to be treated well in his Golden years.



19-035 Aura is a lovely 3-year-old purebred Golden. She was owned by the adult son of the family, but he could not care for her. When his parents took her in, they discovered they were highly allergic to her, told their son they could not keep her, so he authorized them to surrender her to us. She was already spayed and just needed her vaccinations updated; she tested

negative for both heartworm and valley fever. We chose for her a home with a Gilbert couple who had adopted from us before, **15-093 Charlie**, but he had cancer and lived only about 3 months after adoption. Then they adopted **16-018 Daisy**. This year they realized **Daisy** would be happier if she had a canine companion, so they contacted us again. We had to be careful to place a dog with them who gets along with other animals and young children, because they had added two children to the household since we brought **Daisy** to them. **Aura** fit in well. After an initial bout with anxiety resulting in some upset tummy issues, she settled down.

19-036 Chase, a 12+-year-old purebred Golden, was a valued member of a household with other dogs and with teenagers. But then there was a divorce with the consequent upset and division of the household. The mom, who inherited responsibility for the dog, could afford neither the time nor the money to care for him. We did not have to have much of our standard vet work done as



this was his second **AGR** home, just the leptospirosis vaccine and a booster. However, **Chase** had masses on his chest and abdominal wall. Eventually, he had 6 large masses removed and tested: they were determined to be sebaceous cysts. He had also developed some gum issues which needed dental attention and three extractions were done, too. His new adoptive mom, Beth in Gil-

bert, said: *He is the best dog ever! He loves car rides and my adult son. All is great. He is fine with the tortoises. Took him to PetSmart for food and a Kong ball, as he destroys tennis balls within seconds. He is good on leash and a really good baby! Love him!* Sounds like the entire family is a wonderful fit. **AGR** thanks them for taking a chance on an old dog.



19-039

Toby (left) and **19-040 Duke** (right) are an older mixed-breed pair who had been with the family



as a bonded pair for years. The father, who had been taking care of them, could no longer care for them due to his own health issues and wanted to give them back to his daughter, but her apartment complex would not allow her to keep them. They are both calm 9-year-olds with just a few personality differences: **Toby** will follow people, while **Duke** is a little shyer. **Duke** is a digger, but not **Toby**. **Toby** pulls more on the leash. They were fostered by one of our foster-only families for a few days and then transported to another where they spent over a month. During their foster period, they had to have our standard vet work-up with all vaccinations, heartworm and valley fever tests, and senior blood panels. Then Linda in Mesa saw their pictures on our website and applied to adopt them. She had just retired and had promised herself when



that happened she would rescue a dog, and now she has two! As is our standard practice, the transporter (Connie) called her after 24 hours to ask how everyone was doing. Linda said it was going pretty well. It took a while for all three to become a family, but overall, she seemed very happy. Happy new life with Linda, boys!

19-042 Betty, now **Ruby June**, is a 5-6-year-old Golden mix that was found in a **Fry's** parking lot by representatives of **Lost Dogs**. They had her scanned, but she had no chip. During the requisite 6 days in which they kept her, they put flyers inside and outside of the **Fry's** where she was found and posted on Craigslist, Straydar, and Next Door to no avail.

Betty had a bloated belly which was tender to touch. Due to a concern that she might be pregnant, we had X-rays done. No pregnancy, but there was some evidence of spondylosis in the lumbar



area attached to the sacrum. She was not spayed, but the spay had to wait for three months because she had a valley fever titer of 1:8 and had to be started on fluconazole. An addendum was issued with the adoption finalization providing for **AGR** to pay for three months of medication and testing for the valley fever and for the spay when the titer came down. **Betty** rode well in the car to her new home with Anna and Paula in Gilbert. The transporter, who had also been her foster, reported: *They had a new bed and food dishes for her and some new tennis balls that I told them they should put up after they played with her as she would chew the cover off, and they said they understood. They got a soft toy for her which she grabbed right away and was carrying around – told them she might pull it apart, but they said they would watch her. Went over the medicine instructions, contract and Your New Dog manual. Told them their vet liaison was going on vacation and Liz, the Health Care Manager, would be calling them in a couple of days. The younger generation took her outside to throw the ball and she ran after the ball but did not want to drop the dinosaur. They were running and laughing and Betty was running with them. She will be tired tonight.* Everything has gone well. **Betty's** valley fever titer decreased to 1:2, so her spay was scheduled.



19-043 Gabby was surrendered to the Eastside **MCACCS** shelter with a litter of puppies that were old enough to be taken from her. The shelter vaccinated and spayed her before we took this 5 ½-year-old Golden mix. The person who turned her in to the shelter reported that she loves children and adults, is good with other dogs and cats. The shelter staff described her as calm and

quiet on impound, sweet with staff and allowed all handling. **Gabby** is an example of *there's no such thing as a "free" dog from the shelter*, though. She had a very high tick fever titer of 1:2048 and after a week with a foster family developed an upper respiratory infection that kept her hospitalized for 10 days. During that time several tests were done to try to determine what was causing her illness. She was lethargic and had no appetite. She tested positive for anaplasmosis and was put on meds for that, but was negative for Addison's disease. She gradually improved over the next couple of weeks and finally went to her forever home with Karen and Jim in Sun City. Karen says she's doing great and is fine with a cat. They're very pleased and love her a lot. She is now an active and happy girl, loving life, and loving her new family, even the cat, who put her in her place right away with a swat across her face! **Gabby is home and she is perfect for us!** We are so happy we could find the best home for this previously unwanted dog.

19-044 Dallas is a purebred Golden who was rescued at 7 weeks of age from a backyard breeder who knew something was drastically wrong with the puppy, one of 8 in a litter they had. The puppy was about as round as he was long and looked miserable when Deb



Dallas at intake

picked him up and took him to **AMSC**. Dr. Jha knew right away that this would be the 7th case of *Atresia ani* he had had in his veterinary career – 2 kittens and 4 puppies before this one. He was confident he could make a new anus for our puppy and connect everything so that “the pipeline” of intestine-to-colon-to-rectum-through-anus

would work. Two surgeries had to be done because the first opening he made was too small and would not stay open even after he inserted a stent for a few days. During the second surgery, he removed the anal glands so to be able to make the opening larger. The puppy, who had been named **Dallas** by transporter Deb in honor of an old shelter dog that had died before we were able to rescue him, had to recuperate at **AMSC** for close to three weeks so that everyone was sure he would be able to pass feces successfully. To help move waste along, he was given Lactulose, a stool softener, and Cisapride, a motility drug, every 8 hours; he still takes the former 3 times a day and the latter once a day, and there is no way to predict how long he will be on this medication regimen. It has been a struggle for him and for the foster family to try to get him to poop on a regular basis. At first, he would not produce anything for 2-3 days and then only after straining to get started. Now he is going once a day almost every day. At six months of age, he finally stopped urinating in the indoor pen where he stayed most of the time through the hot summer, and he has learned to whine if he needs to go out, so it was time for Deb and Larry to decide to officially adopt the puppy after fostering him for 5 months. **Dallas** now completes the 4-pack (with **Mufasa**, **Duffy** and **Vin**) they are comfortable having in their home. **Dallas** has already had his first two experiences as an ambassador, once at David Rosenfelt’s book signing and again when he



Dallas at 5 months
Be sure to see the terrific photo collage Connie produced for the month of July in **AGR**'s 2020 calendar

spent the entire day at the golf tournament. His rescue story encouraged one golfer to help **AGR** with a large donation and others to spend more money than they had intended on some of the silent auction items and on raffle tickets. Deb said: *We welcome Dallas into our household and are tremendously grateful for the veterinary service, kindness and care offered at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** for this sweet puppy. They literally saved his life. We intend to help him have a long and happy one.*

19-046 Red and **19-048 Levi** were surrendered as a bonded pair by an owner who had lost her job and was being evicted. These handsome 7-year-old purebred Golden Retrievers had been together forev-



Red

er, so we felt we needed to adopt them as a pair. **Red** is a spayed female and **Levi** a neutered male. They had



Levi

been free-fed, so both were somewhat overweight. They needed all their vaccines except the rabies, which had been done this year, and all of our other standard vet care, which includes heartworm and valley fever tests (negative for both dogs), micro-chip implantation and an overall exam which revealed that both dogs had ear infections but were otherwise healthy. The pair was kept by one of our terrific foster-only families until their chosen forever family, Sherrie and Edward in Maricopa, returned from vacation. After one night with their adoptive family, Sherrie reported: *They are getting along very well. Had a great night – Red slept in our bed with Levi and Cedar (resident 12-year-old Golden) on either side. Ate well. Red is doing some scratching at her neck. I think it might be the new collar, as there is little hair.* The same had been noted by the fosters. It was suggested she take off the collar for the



Levi and Red

day and see if that helped. A few benedryl were recommended to see if that would stop it. The neck is the only place she was scratching, so far. They have ordered a life vest for **Levi** and no-pull harnesses for both dogs. All in all everyone sounds very happy. They are not yet interacting much with **Cedar** but are having no problems. A few days later from Sherrie... *We went for a walk this AM. Red pulls, Levi is good. I stopped, and that made them stop. Red got lots better as we walked. Their harnesses and life jackets came yesterday. I put them on and Levi came into the water – he trusted me. I held him and he swam a bit, then I helped him back out. Red is like Cedar – she didn't want to go in. They are very much at home. All 3 sleep in our bedroom. Cedar is doing OK. She and I walked first this morning then I took the other two out. We are a happy family. Welcome to **AGR**'s happy family!*

19-047 Brinley is an 11-month-old purebred Golden puppy whose owners did not have time for her after their third child was born and the husband had started a new job. This lovely girl had no known health problems, was already spayed, micro-chipped and up to date on all vaccines including leptospirosis. However, it was noted that she was scratching a lot, so Apo-



quel was prescribed. When our Transporter was scheduling delivery, the FWITA mentioned that her dogs (plural) would be very excited. As only one dog showed up in the home evaluation, the transporter called to find out how many, how old and what type. She learned they now have a Beagle mix about a year old and a 7-month-old Cattle Dog/GP mix who have both been through basic obedience. She also learned that the FWITA is a former ER vet tech, now nurse practitioner, with four teenage boys and a spouse – all camp, hike and partake in various outdoor activities in which they include their dogs. Behaviorist Sharon McKenzie saw no reason this would not be an excellent option for this previously under-exercised and untrained dog. The transporter related that **Brinley** is doing fine in her new home. She slept all night, no accidents in the house, loves the little baby pool and gets in every time she goes out to potty – they are going to get her a bigger one. The family sent pictures of her in the pool and sleeping with one of the other dogs. Everyone seems happy. An addendum for three months of Apoquel was provided with adoption finalization. Nicole contacted us at the 3-week mark after we delivered **Brinley**: *We love her and cannot imagine life without her! She and the other girls play together and sleep together. Brinley is still timid when going out so we are working on that – will be hard to get her out too much until it cools off more! But all is well. Oh and she loves the cats!*



19-049 Burt is just over a year old and a very handsome red boy. He was surrendered because the husband in the household developed severe allergies and they were having to keep **Burt** isolated, which they knew was not fair to him. The owners reported him to be sweet, loving, and very smart, although on the shy side. He needs his confidence built up, as

he is very submissive. He loves children, Frisbees and balls, and his very favorite thing in the world is swimming. We found **Burt** the perfect forever home with Gina and Raymond in Glendale. The family told us: *Burt is a friendly and energetic soul; he has transitioned into our family very smoothly. He and Charlie, our super-friendly, happy-go-lucky Lab, have become more than best friends – some may refer to them as brothers from another mother. Burt loves to swim and jump on anything and everything in the pool including people. Burt is good at jumping. He has grown a love for our adult daughter, Lauren, who loves to hold him like a baby, a forty-pound baby! No allergies in this family! We're glad that Burt has such a great home now.*

19-050 Wylie is a 9-year-old purebred very overweight (124 lbs) Golden who had been raised by an elderly owner and loved for his whole life. His owner's health deteriorated to the point where she had to be put on a respirator in a facility, so she could no longer care for the dog. The owner's son, who lives out of state, had power of attorney and was going to be in Arizona for only a



short time, so we treated this as a "911 rescue", meaning we had to get the dog right away or he would be surrendered to the shelter. It was a rather complicated rescue. Connie was going to take another dog, **19-019 Sierra**, down to what we thought would be her forever home in Tucson, so she agreed to pick up **Wylie** there and bring him back to his new home with Jennifer and Anthony in Gil-

bert. However, the placement of **Sierra** did not work out, so Connie was faced with how to transport two dogs that did not know each other, one of whom (**Sierra**) could be snippy with other dogs when crowded. The potential adopter of **Sierra**, Kurt, agreed that his home was not suitable for **Sierra** and very kindly offered to drive her in his car to **Wylie's** new family in Gilbert. The transport eventually worked to get **Wylie** to his new home. We thank Kurt tremendously for his assistance! **Wylie** got along well with the resident dog, **Rookie**, but fell into the pool and had to be hauled out, quite a task with a wet 124-lb dog! **Wylie** needed all our standard vet care: vaccines, heartworm and valley fever tests, neutering and micro-chip. We also had a senior blood panel run on him, which revealed a low-normal thyroid, so the family was given an adoption addendum for another thyroid test in 3 months and meds if necessary. Jennifer reported that **Wylie** was doing great but he wouldn't eat green beans, so she was just cutting his kibble intake to a half cup twice a day. We advised her that it might take up to a year for **Wylie** to lose about 55 pounds and not to push food or treats on him. Jennifer reported: *This will absolutely work out! There has not been one single issue, and he is the biggest love! Just needed a more active family. He is a great walker – gets up at the crack of dawn literally running to front door and follows all commands. Thank you, we are so happy! We love happy endings!*

19-051 Max is a small 3-year-old Golden mix. The owner had gotten **Max** from a friend of a friend for her autistic son, but the 14-year-old boy doesn't like dogs and was not treating **Max** well. **Max** had already been neutered and was up to date on vaccinations except for leptospirosis, which our vet gave him. We also had him micro-chipped and tested for valley fever, which was negative. He was producing very soft feces, so he was started on metronidazole and he was fine until the medication was stopped. A probiotic and different antibiotic were added and the adopters, Keri and Rick in Mesa, were advised to add pumpkin, a source of high fiber, to his food. **Max** had some undesirable behavior issues when he was first placed – urinated on the side of the couch (Nature's Miracle® should be a standard cleaner in all dog-owners homes!), and barked a lot. During his first night in his new home, he let it be known that if he had to



sleep in a crate, it had better be in the bedroom with everyone else and not isolated in the laundry room. The resident Golden, **Lily**, also an *AGR* rescue, was slow to warm up to **Max**. **Lily** would give him a growl and a snap when he got too “sniffy” with her, but no fights. Patience on everyone’s part was what was really needed. Once **Max** felt comfortable in his new home, the barking stopped and he and **Lily** began getting along. His stool issues seem to have cleared up, as well, but just in case they return within three months, we issued an adoption addendum for another fecal check and meds and prescription food if necessary. Have a wonderful new life, **Max**!



19-052 Archie is a 10-month-old already-neutered Golden but not up to date on vaccinations. His owner got divorced and moved from a 3,000-sq-ft house with a yard and pool to a small apartment where **Archie** had to be kept crated 10 hours a day – not good for this sweet energetic puppy. We moved him to one potential adoptive family, but he was too energetic

and needed more attention than they could provide. So, he was placed for a few days in a foster-only home with three other dogs and a teenager. Had we not found a great adoptive family for him in short order, the fosters would have kept him even though they do not want a 4-dog household. While in his foster home, he was given our standard veterinary work-up. He just had an ear infection that was treated. The first fosters discovered he is a counter-surfer and that he is more or less housebroken (as long as he is taken outside fairly often). When the fosters went on vacation, he was moved to a second foster home, and then to a third, a friend of the forever family, who was on vacation at the time. Finally, we were able to transport him to his permanent home. He is now enjoying life in Paradise Valley with Rachel and her Corgi pup. Rachel wrote: *Archie, or Archibold as we sometimes call him, is the perfect, most inquisitive dog! He has the funniest facial expressions and loves exploring all things, even sometimes barking at inanimate objects such as a shovel. He loves to snuggle and will even wrap himself around your head like a cat. His favorite activity is running around with his Corgi sister and then diving into the pool. He is our little otter dog and we could not be happier having this charismatic Golden in our family.* Happy new life, **Archie**!



19-053 Jackson is a 7-year-old purebred Golden who has a close resemblance to **Grizzly**, whom many of you remember, and who was a resident rescue with Connie and Nick from age 8 to almost 15. **Jackson** was healthy, up to date on vaccinations and had been groomed with a summer cut. He was surrendered because

his owner was ill and could no longer give this big active boy the attention and exercise he needed. The only vetting **Jackson** required was the leptospirosis vaccine and treatment for a mild ear infection. He was given a one-day trial in the home of an *AGR* adopter who had had a pair from us but one of the pair passed away and the survivor was lonely. However, **Jackson** proved to be too much for the 12-year-old dog. Connie had fallen in love with **Jackson** the moment she saw him when she did the original transport to the vet. So, when this potential adoption did not work out, she made it known that **Jackson** was not going anywhere else but to her house. Connie remarked: *In the 21+ years that I have been working in Rescue, I have probably transported close to a thousand dogs and fostered and/or adopted quite a few of those. But I never truly “fell in love at first sight” until I saw Jackson. When I went to pick him up from his very ill surrendering owner, I had no idea of the effect he was to have on me.*

The minute I saw him, tears came to my eyes, as he was so much like our Grizzly, whom we lost in 2018. He was even the same age as Grizzly was when we transported him back in 2010. The resemblance was incredible. Not just physically, as he really is a lot bigger than Grizzly was, but the demeanor and the same kind and loving personality was there, too. I knew immediately that this dog was mine.

Unfortunately for me, Jackson had been offered to another adopter prior to my picking him up. My only job really was to transport him to be vetted and boarded, as the potential adopter could not meet him until four days later. But we offered to foster him to avoid the boarding part; it became clearer and clearer that he was “home.” The potential adopter came to meet Jackson with his 12-year-old dog and they pretty much ignored each other. We waited on pins and needles to see if he would be taking Jackson for his own. Long story short, he did not. After seeing Jackson romp with Riley, he realized that Jackson was a very active guy and really too much for his mellow senior, so Jackson was ours!

He and Riley are a wonderful pair and are bonding nicely. They play constantly, if somewhat roughly at times, and there is never any conflict over resources or attention. They are a joy to watch in the pool – Riley is like an otter and is a natural swimmer and diver, while Jackson is very much a klutz and a clumsy but enthusiastic diver. He is an impossibly good dog, does not get in any trouble at all, except that counter surfing is his weakness. He is so tall that it’s just too much temptation to resist an item that might be a little too close to the edge. You simply couldn’t ask for a better dog – we love him dearly, and we are so glad he has completed our family.

Jackson has the distinction of being the 1,000th rescue done by *Arizona Golden Rescue*. Congratulations to *AGR* and welcome to **Jackson**!





19-055 Audree is a 10-year-old spayed Golden female who was surrendered because her owner was moving out of state and could not take this beautiful, regal lady. She was up to date on vaccinations, except for leptospirosis. In addition to that vaccination, we also had a senior blood panel done; everything came back in the normal range. She seemed to have a little arthritis pain in

her hips, so the vet prescribed Levafen and suggested she also be given Cosequin. She was placed with Wendy, daughter Linda, granddaughter Rocket and a 1-year-old cat in Chandler. **Audree** is a mellow, laid-back senior girl who takes everything in stride and loves everyone. She is healthy with a little stiffness due to age. She has no bad habits... a really nice dog. We issued an adoption addendum for three months of anti-inflammatory/pain medications for her hips. We are very happy that **Audree** will live out the rest of her Golden years being wanted and loved.

19-056 Goldie, now **Cali**, is a lovely, small, 3-year-old Golden mix. Her owner tied the dog to a tree at the front of the rental property, moved, and did not return. The actual owner of the property did not want the dog there. Neighbors were kind enough to feed **Goldie** and give her water. The dog was outside in the summer heat and storms for 3 weeks and was then considered to be abandoned. The neighbors said the dog is friendly. They knew her name was **Goldie**, as they heard the man yell at her. **Goldie** would chase a cat or rabbit as far as the chain would allow, but that is the extent of information we had about her. After getting **Goldie** completely vetted – she was already spayed, but she needed all vaccines, heartworm test, valley fever test and a microchip – we set her up in a foster home and contacted Mischa and Luke in Phoenix. As the saying goes, a particular dog may not be what you want, but it may be what you need. This was such a case. Mischa tells her story: *When our family had originally signed up with AGR to adopt a Golden, we had said we were only interested in a purebred. That was until sweet Cali came our way... Her story and picture instantly captured our hearts and we just had to meet her! Cali was abandoned by her owners and [after her outside ordeal], Cali was saved by AGR! Once Cali was rescued, she had to spend 3-4 days at the vet due to sores around her neck from the awful chain. From there, she spent 4 days with a foster and then finally made it to her forever home with us! Once Cali arrived at our home, she was incredibly shy and spent most of her time lying by her food and water bowls. For several weeks she stayed very close to her food and water, probably scared she was possibly going to go without? I was afraid she just wasn't going to be a social dog, until FINALLY she came alive! Cali has*



learned to trust and love our family. She now demands attention by constantly pawing at us when we stop petting her and is always the first to be up in our bed waiting for us to go to sleep at night. Cali is the sweetest girl and doesn't have a mean bone in her body. She doesn't play with toys or the Lab, but there is a dog that visits that she really plays with. She's a day sleeper and starts getting rowdy around 4 PM. We have ordered a DNA test and are very curious to see what her mix is. She is perfectly trained, never jumps up on us, doesn't bark, is house trained and has never tried to run away when the front door is open. We are so incredibly grateful to AGR for rescuing her – this girl deserved a good home and to be LOVED! Yes, she did, Mischa, and we are so glad you were willing to take a chance on her!

A Rescued Dog's Lament

*Now that I've arrived at your place...
everything is strange and I do not feel good.*

*Do not feel impatient if I don't sleep in my new bed...
yesterday I slept on a stone floor or in dirt.*

*Do not be terrified if I gobble up my food;
yesterday I had to do it to survive.*

*Do not get angry if I pee in the house...
yesterday it did not matter.*

*Do not be sad if I'm afraid of your loving hand...
yesterday I did not have one.*

*Have patience with me.
It's your world but not yet mine.*

*If I learn to trust you...
I can give you the greatest gift I can give...
my heart.*

Please never forget I was a rescue dog.

All I need is a bit of time to adjust.

~Author Unknown~

10 Benefits of Having a Dog

1. Alarm clock
2. Bed warmer
3. House security system
4. Best friend of life
5. Door bell
6. Family
7. Cuddle buddy
8. Love
9. Happiness
10. Loyalty guaranteed

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



09-006 Daisy Taylor



09-034 Abby Link



10-002 Tucker Gazda



10-050 Dash Grieme



11-031 Yogi Bear Ken



11-081 Benzo Muller



11-092 Maggie Nicholas



12-138 Peanut Forstrom



13-086 Daisy Wilson



13-106 Katie Guy



14-063 Emma Pechersky



14-069 Buddy Meeks



14-081 Nicholas Harris



14-091 Evelyn Cheke

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.



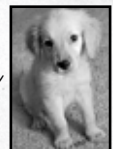
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16-019 Brandie Gehrke



19-033 Darcy Deyo



19-057 Aspen



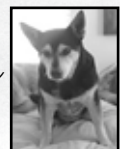
19-061 Bella



Gracie Courtney



Moose Null



Princess Forte

and

Mike Mullaney
Beloved husband of Angela Palumbo Mullaney



2018 Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

By Deb Orwig



Even though the lone tree for which the Golf Club was named is no longer there, there are other trees on the course

at **Lone Tree Golf Club** in Chandler, with excellent weather out on the course, followed by a fantastic *Lone Tree Surf 'N Turf Buffet* in the evening. The income derived from the tournament will pay for our ever-increasing vet bills during the last quarter of the year.

The tournament could not have happened without countless hours and hard work from many volunteers. Chairing the event were Deb Orwig and Beth and Jon Chaffee. The auction, raffle and administration were handled by Deb, while Beth and Jon handled arrangements with the Golf Club, brought in the majority of the golfers and some of the financial support, as well as some of the items used for the silent auction.

Connie McCabe used her amazing talent to produce all of the graphics and signage and took almost all of the photos. The hole signs were truly beautiful works of art!

Above is the sign she made for my canine gang. These signs are



We had a very successful golf tournament thanks to many volunteers, generous donations, and the great golfers and dinner guests who attended. Our 10th Annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* was held on September 28, 2019



Tim Corwin, our very generous benefactor, with Jon and Beth Chaffee

large at 18" x 32", so they are very visible to the golfers. The signs were printed by **Fairway Recognition**, a Canadian company. We have been told that our hole signs are nicer than those at other tournaments.

Adam Cardinal updated our online registration program, saving us the \$268 fee we have had to pay to rent such a package in the past. As golfers and diners registered online, Adam kept a spreadsheet current, so that I could generate golfer and dinner guest check-in sheets.



As an anniversary present, Adam Cardinal treats his mom, Marion, and dad, Robert, to dinner at our tournament.



Debbie Ball brought her neighbor Sharon Toelle to our dinner

Debbie Ball, Patty Forte, Sherry Landwehr, Rebecca Mackerman and Jolene Schlichter joined me on the Solicitation Committee, which brought in a lot of monetary donations, as well as many items for the raffle, silent auction and goodie bags. It was a pleasure



Rebecca Mackerman, here with husband Dustin, is a solicitor par excellence!

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all of you! Sherry did all her solicitation by letter and phone call from her home in California – every business on her list ended up donating! We also received assistance from Gail Walker, who helped get the donation from **Udder Delight** where she works part-time. Beth and Jon Chaffee were also instrumental in acquiring some item donations.



Bow and golf ball label on PetSmart's large dog bed donation

Assembling our gorgeous baskets for the raffle and silent auction were Carolyn Brown, Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo. Liz did the arranging of items and packaged the baskets with cellophane. Carolyn and Deb made beautiful bows, and Deb produced the golf ball-shaped descriptive labels and bid sheets for the silent auction items.

Numerous volunteers helped stuff the golfers' goodie bags at Deb's house on Wednesday before the tournament: Carolyn and Peter Brown, Adam Cardinal, Patrick



Goodie Bag stuffing group included Trishia Murphy, Jill Prose, Carolyn Brown, Patrick Doyle, Peter Brown, Fred Prose and Liz Tataseo

Doyle, Trishia Murphy, Deb Orwig, Jill and Fred Prose, Liz Tataseo and Cindy Tigges. Since we had so many helpers for goodie bag stuffing, we were finished with 66 bags in about 45 minutes! The list of goodie bag donors and the items they donated are on page 35.

All of the equipment for set-up and all the items for the raffle and silent auction were at Deb Orwig's house and had to be loaded into vehicles and the *AGR* trailer, transported to the Golf Club, unloaded and set up inside and outside the clubhouse. For packing up on Friday and transport on Saturday, we thank the following for their assistance: Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, Jill and Fred Prose and Liz Tataseo.



Connie McCabe did all the artwork for the hole signs and table graphics; Nick Dodson drove the trailer

Duane Borho, Adam Cardinal, April Crow, Carol Gora and Keri Marchant met us at the Golf Club to help with unloading and set-up on Saturday.



Above: Golfer check-in helpers Keri Marchant, Carolyn Brown, Patty Forte, Pete Deyo and Chris Deyo; Below: April Crow, Carol Gora, Keri and Rich Marchant icing down the water

Assistants at golfer check-in included April Crow, Chris and Pete Deyo, Sharon Flores, Patty Forte with **Valentina**, Carol Gora, Keri Marchant, Dean Mortimore with **Lola** and **Mary Kate**, Deb Orwig with **Dallas**, Angie and Brian O'Toole

with **Buddy**, Jill and Fred Prose, Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Joie** and **Sucy**, Christine Smith and Cindy Tigges with **Natasha**. Carolyn Brown and Cindy Tigges sold raffle tickets. Dinner



Patty Forte with Valentina



Brian and Angie O'Toole with Buddy



Cindy Tigges with Natasha



Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate and Lola



Kelley and Karey Rodeffer with Joie and Sucy



Mike Wilson with Takoda

guest check-in was handled by Carolyn Brown selling raffle tickets, April Crow, Deb Orwig and Christine Smith. April and Sharon,



April Crow and Sharon Flores in golf cart with Dallas

accompanied by puppy **Dallas**, drove a golf cart around the course with cold water and neck coolers. Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson rode around the course together, and Connie took photos of almost every foursome, but unfortunately was not able to be at the right place at the right time to get Jon Chaffee's group.

Our 64 golfers began checking in around 11:30 AM to be greeted by some of our special dogs: **Valentina** with Patty Forte, **Lola** and **Mary Kate** with Dean Mortimore, **Dallas** with Deb Orwig (or April Crow, Sharon Flores or Carol Gora), **Buddy** with Angie and Brian O'Toole, **Natasha** with Cindy Tigges and **Takoda** with Mike Wilson. Ellen Lagerman brought **Barney** just before the tournament started. Cindy Tigges and **Natasha** handled sales of our Game Improvement Package and Mulligans – these sales totaled \$815! We also had some special dogs join us during dinnertime: **Dallas**



Frank Hummel with service dog Milo



Carolyn Brown sold raffle tickets all day

was there as was Frank Hummel's service dog **Milo**. The golfers loved the opportunity to pet these wonderful, well-behaved dogs.



Gary and Kriss Harrigan came from California to play in our tournament; Kriss is the Western Region Representative of the *GRC*'s National Rescue Committee



Sandie and Duncan McTavish are Surprise residents who adopted Goldendoodle Cooper from *AGR* in 2018; they were paired with the Harrigans



Jon Chaffee and Scott Smith, above, paired with Bob Borem and Tony Keller at right; theirs was the only foursome that we did not get a photo of on the course, unfortunately

Game Improvement Package (GIP) – What is this? We have to admit that this package was not our idea but one we borrowed, with permission, from another tournament that Cindy Tigges had helped with the weekend before ours



in 2018. Cindy and her daughter, Taryn, prepared the packages, the instructions and the explanatory sign. Four items were included in the package, which was \$20 if purchased in advance with registration or \$25 at the tournament: two Mulligans – for use when a do-over is needed (we did sell Mulligans separately, limit two per golfer, for \$5 each); a ticket for Move Up One Tee Box – (one use only) forward from the position at which a golfer would normally hit; if a golfer came up short on a putt, any length of a four-foot String could be used one time only to improve the lie and perhaps even move the ball into the hole without losing a stroke. It was a fun package that 50% of the golfers purchased, limit one per golfer. Golf-



Animal Medical & Surgical Center in Scottsdale purchased our first-ever Field Red Sponsorship (\$1,000) – we sincerely thank them for their support!

ers take note: next year, the package will be available only before the tournament starts, and we will again give a discount on the cost if the package is purchased with registration. We are betting that a much higher percentage of our golfers will purchase it, as some who did not, this year, wished they had!

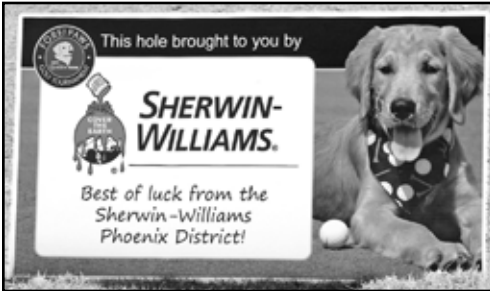
Greg Avant, owner of *Lone Tree Golf Club*, has been very generous to our organization



Three of the other vets besides *AMSC* that we use regularly, as well as *Medmetrics Pharmacy* from which we get many of the medications needed by our rescued dogs, purchased hole sponsorships: *Academy West Animal Hospital Boarding & Grooming* in Glendale, *Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital* in central Phoenix and *Stetson Hills Animal Hospital* in north Phoenix; *Medmetrics* also donated beautiful tote bags for our golfers. We love the medical personnel with whom we work!

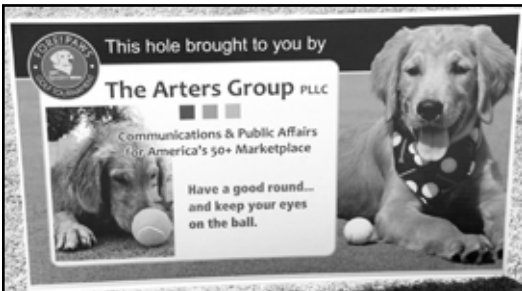
In addition to the above-listed volunteers, several other people helped with the tournament in various ways. *Arizona Golden Rescue* would especially like to thank Greg Avant, owner of *Lone Tree Golf Club*, and the staff at *Lone Tree Golf Club* for their generous support and help; Aaron Kunkel, Head Golf Pro, and Krissy Kinel, Restaurant Manager, were particularly helpful.

We had a total of six golf outings available in our raffle and silent auction, four men's golf shirts and two ladies' shirts from *The Antigua Group*, each paired with a neck cooling towel. *Sherwin-Williams Company* donated



Sherwin-Williams Co. has been one of our sponsors for many years. They always donate something wonderful for our golfers' goodie bags, and this year it was silver ball markers.

Several companies support AGR's golf tournament every year with hole sponsorships – among those are AZ Pool Remodeling & Service, Michaels Wilder, and Beth Chaffee's State Farm Agency.



The Arters Group was a new business hole sponsor this year

silver ball markers for the goodie bags; all of these golf items were well received by the golfers.

Before the golfers take off for the course, we usually ask them to look through their goodie bags for the special AGR golf ball. It is in a small cubic Rubbermaid container. I forgot to announce about the ball this year, so someone still has that golf ball. If they will contact me (dorwigaz@cox.net, 623-693-0589) and surrender it, I have a very nice package of items valued at over \$100 to give them.

Dinner guests started arriving at 5 PM and were able to view the raffle and silent auction and buy raffle tickets or place their bids. After the

golfers came in, everyone enjoyed a wonderful Surf 'N Turf buffet consisting of fresh garden salad, red-skinned garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal assorted veggies, grilled petite NY strip steaks with red wine demi-glace, grilled salmon with pesto sauce and mango salsa, rolls with butter and assorted desserts such as cheesecake slices and gourmet cookies. The food was fantastic and plentiful!

After dinner, prizes were awarded in various areas. By the time we distributed the prizes, some of the golfers had left, so Connie McCabe was not able to get full-foursome photos of all the winning teams. Consequently, I have labeled the winner's foursome photos that she took out on the course. She also was not able to get pictures of some of the diners.

Winning First Place with a score of 49 (the purchase of Golf Improvement Packages was money well spent!) was Team Ortega with Max Ortega III, Max Ortega IV, Darrin Ortega



First Place Winning Foursome with a score of 49: Max Ortega IV, Andrea Ortega, Max Ortega III and Darrin Ortega



In addition to AGR members Beth & Jon Chaffee and Sandie & Duncan McTavish, other AGR members who golfed and brought guests were Peter Brown (second from right in foursome photo above), who brought neighbors Steve Cohen, Robert McKinnon and Jim Johnson; Patty and Troy Forte (middle and right in left photo below) brought Patty's cousin Evan Semon, who was in town from out of state for the weekend; Bernie Quick brought friend Bob Crouse.



Another AGR member who brought a foursome was Rich Marchant (second from right): Jesse Moulton, Neil Baier and Paul Marchant made up the other three; Neil and his wife, Mara, joined AGR as members after the tournament

and Andrea Ortega; each team member got a \$100 Restaurant.com gift card and a certificate for a complimentary car wash from Cobblestone Auto Spa. We also gave the team a box of a dozen Titleist Pro VI golf balls.

In Second Place with a score of 52 was Team Herzan with Tom Herzan, Tim Corwin, Diane Lucas and Keith Lucas; each team member received \$75 in Restaurant.com gift cards



Second Place Team: Tom Herzan, Diane Lucas, Keith Lucas and Tim Corwin (not in photo)

and a car wash certificate.

Third Place was awarded to Team Bristyan with a score of 52: Frank Bristyan, Karl Hess, Steve Hess and Steve Hess, Jr. Each golfer received a \$50 **Restaurant.com** gift card and a car wash certificate.



Third Place Team: Steve Hess, Karl Hess, Steve Hess Jr and Frank Bristyan

Also receiving \$50 **Restaurant.com** gift cards were the winners of Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin for men and women: Neil Baier for Longest Drive, Men; Andrea Ortega, Longest Drive, Women; Gary Harrigian, Closest to the Pin, Men; and Andrea Ortega, Closest to the Pin, Women. Congratulations to all!

At the end of the event, equipment, merchandise, left-over raffle and silent auction items, hole signs and water still needed to be packed up and brought to Deb's house. Thanks to the following for staying late and getting it all done: Duane Borho, Adam Cardinal, Nick Dodson, Carol Gora, Ellen Lagerman, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, Jill and Fred Prose, and Liz Tataseo.



Vernon McDaniel, Tom Billings and Chris McDaniel completed Beth Chaffee's foursome



Kevin Olson, John Abbs, Allison Abbs, and Matt Couch



Barbara Young, Dan, Pam and Chris Johnson

We had significant financial support from numerous donors this year, as well as many Hole Sponsors. Tail Waggin' Sponsors (i.e., everyone who gave

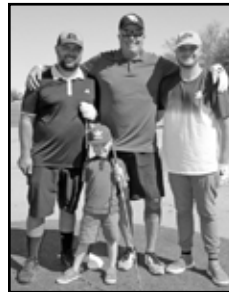
Jaime Martinez, Bob Romero, Karl Lambert, and Albert Monsalvatge



Terry Anderson, Jeff Lewis, Steve Nagle, Matt Gloyd and Randy Hatch



Patrick Kiser, Mike Howell, Kevin Cunningham, and Pat Hoody



Ty Bennett, Miles Jarvis, Lou and Jason Jarvis



Tyler Cureton, Tom Bannon, Chris Bannon (behind) and George Hale



Harry Parsons owns the Payson Golf Club and always has a tournament of his own going on when we have ours, but he has supported us for years

anywhere from \$10 to \$900) donated a total of \$3,797. There were twenty-three Hole Sponsors for a total of \$4,450; we gave **Sherwin-Williams Co** a complimen-

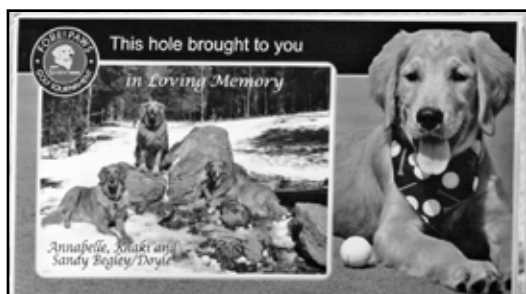
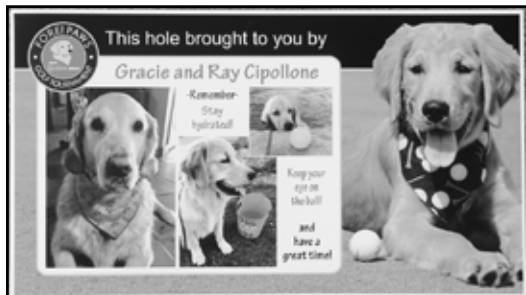
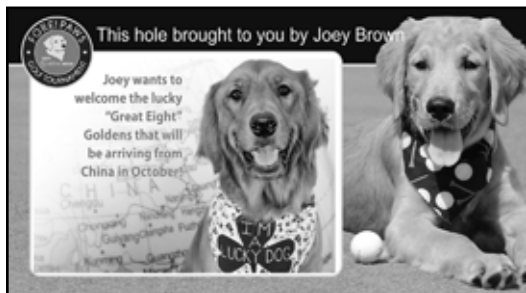
tary hole sign due to their contribution for the goodie bags, which was valued at over \$500. Thanks to a \$1,000 Field Red Sponsorship from **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale, our total revenue from all sponsorships was \$9,247.



AGR member Dean Mortimore had his business, **Allset Precision, Inc.**, sponsor a hole in honor of Mary Kate and Lola and in memory of Missy, Molly and Ashley, all AGR rescued dogs

Expenses for the tournament totaled \$6,026.63 and included: \$54.07 for the flyer inserted in the May issue of *The Golden Paw*; \$141.26 for advertising postcards; \$97.74 for postage; \$113.76

Several AGR members purchased Hole Sponsorships to honor their dogs. Top to bottom in this column: Debbie and Rick Ball for Shelby and Dillon; Carolyn and Peter Brown for Joey to welcome the eight Golden Retrievers coming from China; Joni Cipollone for Gracie and Ray; Patrick Doyle for Annabelle, Khakidawg and Sandy Begley/Doyle; Mary and Bert Engstrom for Stormy dedicated to those struggling with addiction



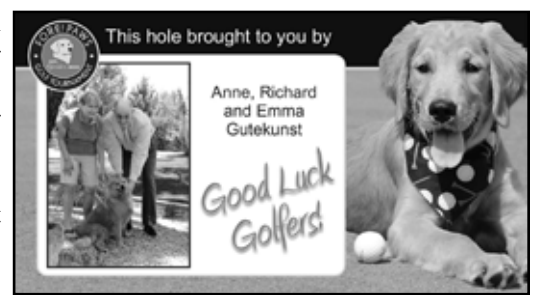
for paw print bottle opener key chains for the goodie bags; \$12.10 for pens for the silent auction clipboards; \$245 for new hole signs; \$1,924.80 – fee for golf; \$3,418.57 – dinner fee including tax and gratuity for 107 diners; \$20.00 for ice. We used beautiful tan-colored reusable tote bags with the AGR logo that were generously donated by Medmetrics Pharmacy, so we had no expense for the bags this year.

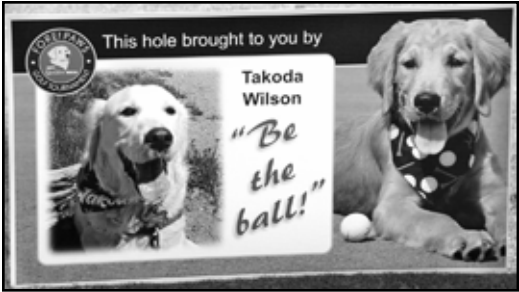
Proceeds from the tournament totaled \$26,637.75, including: \$6,915 from golfers, \$2,020 collected from dinner-only guests, \$815 from sales of Game Improvement Packages and Mulligans, \$1,885 from raffle ticket

More Hole Sponsorships from AGR Members: Top to bottom in this column: Carol Gora and Don Woods for Sundance, Sara and Jackson; Teri and Jeff Guilbault for Jesse, Jackson, Fresno, Rosey and Lizzie; Anne and Richard Gutekunst for Emma; Keri and Rich Marchant for Lily and Max; Lenni and Steve Wilson for Dusty; and, at top of page 35, Mike Wilson for Takoda

sales, \$4,425 from silent auction sales, \$9,247 from Sponsorships and a total of \$1,330.75 from all other donations. A week after the tournament, we received a special donation of \$5,000 from one of the golfers. In addition, we sold \$67 of merchandise (AGR - logo hats and visors), which goes into our General Fund, not into our Golf Tournament revenue. The total profit from the tournament, including Tim and Nan Corwin's very generous donation was \$25,712.47! Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this fundraiser!

Since Lone Tree Golf Club is quite far out in the East Valley, we have decided to host our 2020 tour-





nement at the more centrally located **McCormick Ranch Golf Club** in Scottsdale. The date will be **Saturday, September 19, 2020**. Golfers,

please put this date on your calendar now and start recruiting other golfers – we would like to see at least 100 golfers join us for this tournament on the gorgeous Palm Course. If any **AGR** member would like to join the Golf Committee, please let me know (dorwigaz@cox.net or call 623-693-0589). We will publish more information about this tournament in the February and May issues of this newsletter. In addition to a fabulous raffle and silent auction, we are planning some surprises for our golfers.

Field Red Sponsorship (\$1,000)

Animal Medical & Surgical Center, Scottsdale
Dr. Shanti Jha, Medical Director

Hole Sponsors (\$200)

Academy West Animal Hospital, Glendale
Allset Precision, Inc. – Dean Mortimore
The Arters Group PLLC – Linda Arters
AZ Pool Remodeling & Service – Alan Stoner
Debbie and Rick Ball
Carolyn and Peter Brown
Joni Cipollone
Patrick Doyle – In Memory of **Annabelle, Khakidawg** and **Sandy Begley/Doyle**
Mary and Bert Engstrom
Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital, Phoenix – Valerie Ferguson, DVM
Carol Gora and Don Woods
Teri and Jeff Guilbault
Anne, Richard and **Emma** Gutekunst
HomeSmart – Jon Chaffee
Karyn and Richard Marchant
Medmetrics Pharmacy
Michaels Wilder
Deb and Larry Orwig
Harold Parsons, Jr.
State Farm Insurance – Beth Chaffee, Agency
Stetson Hills Animal Hospital, Glendale – Ed Cohen, DVM
Lenni and Steve Wilson
Mike Wilson



Larry and Deb Orwig



Golf carts ready to go

Complimentary Hole Sign

Sherwin-Williams Co.

Tail Waggin' Sponsors (\$10 - \$999)

Academy West Animal Hospital, Glendale

Pattye Brown
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Chris and Pete Deyo
Katie Donahue, D.O.
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Patty Forte
Rick Hobbs
Jason Jarvis
Jeff Jirele
Tony Keller
Ellen Lagerman
Michaels Wilder
Trishia Murphy and Bill Richardson
Deb and Larry Orwig
Harold Parsons, Jr.

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Lauren Rudin

State Farm Insurance Agency, Inc. – Jeff Jirele

State Farm Insurance Agency, Inc. – Steve Sumwalt

Liz Tataseo



Pete and Chris Deyo

Goodie Bag Item Donors

Medmetrics Pharmacy donated the beautiful tote bags with the **AGR** logo in color

Animal Medical & Surgical Center – literature and magnets
Arizona Golden Rescue – paw print key chain bottle openers, jar openers, mini-cutting boards
Ass Kickin' Hot Sauce – sample-size bottles of various hot sauces
Kathleen Donahue, D.O. – chips, micro-fiber towels
Furbabies & Friends, Kristie Halverson – bags of dog treats
Medmetrics Pharmacy – tote bags and literature
Deb & Larry Orwig – cookies, chips, draw-string bags of golf tees
PGA Tour Superstore – golf tees; discount cards
Photocraft, Connie McCabe – bags of candies and granola bars
Sherwin-Williams Co – silver ball markers
State Farm Insurance, Beth Chaffee, Agent – literature
Liz Tataseo – chips

Golfer Prizes

Cobblestone Auto Spa **Restaurant.com**

Raffle and/or Silent Auction Item Donors

American Dog
The Antigua Group, Inc.
Arizona Cardinals Football Club
Arizona Coyotes

Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball
Arizona Golden Rescue
Arizona Opera
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
Arizona Theatre Company
Aspen Valley Golf Club, Flagstaff
ASU Sun Devils Athletics
As You Wish Pottery Painting
Augusta Ranch Golf Club, Mesa
AZ On The Rocks
 Debbie and Rick Ball
Ballet Arizona
Bark Box
Bearizona
Big 5 Sporting Goods
BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
Black Bear Diners
Blue Martini – John L. Martin
Boulders Golf Club
 Carolyn and Peter Brown
Castles 'N Coasters
 Beth Chaffee
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Cobblestone Auto Spa
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Five Guys
Flagstaff Ranch Golf Club
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Joe's Real BBQ
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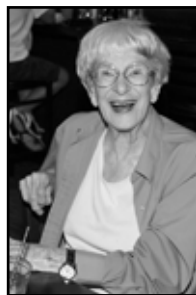
Ellen Lagerman and Sharon Flores



Liz Tataseo, Health Care Manager, and Amy Maynard, Health Care Liaison to *Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital*



Dean and Marlene Mortimore; behind them is the display board for our fantastic Eat Out Once A Month For A Year silent auction item, which was won by Gary Tigges (below)



Ruth Pulliam



Gary Tigges looking smug after winning the Eat Out Once A Month For A Year silent auction item, which, as usual, had numerous interested bidders

Koli Equestrian Center
 Dean Koontz
 Ellen Lagerman
Lone Tree Golf Club, Greg Avant Owner
Lupine Pet
Massage Envy
 Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson
Medmetrics Pharmacy
 Janine and James Mitchell
NAU Dept. of Intercollegiate Athletics
Neighborhood Restaurants LLC
Oak Creek Country Club, Sedona
OdySea Aquarium
O.H.S.O.
 Deb and Larry Orwig
PetSmart
Phoenix Art Museum
The Phoenix Symphony
Photocraft Custom Photo Displays –

Connie McCabe
 Jill and Fred Prose
Raising Cane's Restaurant.com
 Mary and Ken Richardson
Road House Cinemas
 Sheri Rodeffer
Rubio's
Sauce Pizza & Wine
 Jolene and Art Schlichter
Scottsdale Arts
Shake Shack
Sprouts, Surprise
Texas Roadhouse
Trader Joe's, Gilbert
TRU Infusion CBD
Udder Delight, Cave Creek
Valle Luna
 Sue Vallie
 Elizabeth Van Evera
Verde Canyon Railroad
The Vig
Wildflower
 Lenni and Steve Wilson
 Connie Wozniak
Yard House
 Kathi and

Bob Youhas
AGR member Denise Padavano (second from right) brought some dog-lover friends she knows from her job as a teacher: Ed Kunaschk, Penny Mavroudis and Jeanne Wegener

AGR member Carol Gora came down from Flagstaff to help



Takoda and Dallas wrestling



Scott Smith golfed and Christine Smith helped with set-up and dinner check-in



Sue Vallie, recently retired as AGR's Director of Dog Care





*AGR's "Great Eight" Arrive...
A Dream Come True*

By Carolyn Brown
International Intake Division Chairman
2contactcarolyn@gmail.com

*The love of a Golden does not stop at a state line or shoreline ...
It is universal.*
~ Carolyn Brown

At our first sight of eight large gray dog crates being wheeled up the ramp from International Customs, cheers and applause broke out from the nine **AGR** volunteers who had made the 386-mile



First, two crates came up the ramp, then another four and finally the Flight Volunteer, Florian Bossmann, came up with two more – we let out a huge cheer! It was contagious... many of the ~500 people waiting for others to deplane clapped and cheered, too!

trip from Phoenix to Los Angeles to welcome **AGR's** "Great Eight" from China. The precious cargo in those crates had just completed a flight journey of over 10,000 air miles, spending nearly 30 hours in their crates with no

food, little water and no potty or exercise breaks. Still, we could hear tails wagging and happy "woofs" as they saw people whom they could sense would love them forever.

This dream began in April of 2019. After personally rescuing my Golden, **Joey**, from the barbaric slaughterhouses and meat trades in China, I set out to find a way to save more. After discussing it with **AGR** President Deb Orwig, who took the idea before the **AGR** Board in spring of 2019, the concept of **AGR** "going international" was born... on one condition. **AGR** needed someone to coordinate it. Deb asked me, and I gladly accepted the role.

Little did I realize, with China being fifteen hours ahead, how many sleepless nights there would be of listening to the "ping" of my phone getting "WeChat" messages and pictures from our China contact, Eva Dudas. This dedicated woman, who is a full-time language administrator at **Seed Education** in Harbin, China, spends countless hours of her personal time and financial resourc-

es to rescue dogs who have been saved from the meat trucks and are now living in overcrowded shelters housing as many as 2,000 dogs. The shelter conditions are very primitive, and the dogs are often without food for days. Eva already had two Golden retrievers in her care and was able to rescue and vet six additional ones for **AGR**.

The process had its ups and downs. A seven-month-old puppy we had hoped to get contracted distemper. Fortunately, because he had already had his first DHLPP vaccinations, his titers were high enough that he did survive, and we may see him on a future transport. A six-year-old female developed a skin rash and could not be cleared to fly this trip. But finally, we had our "Great Eight", and now we just had to wait for them to be spayed and neutered and have all their vaccinations and health checks done.

From stateside... an Import Permit application for the **USDA** had to be completed, necessitating two trips to the **USDA** office for me and one for Eva in China; arranging the **AGR** volunteers for the transport; booking the hotel for our overnight stay; learning about International Brokers to assist getting the dogs through Customs; figuring out tariffs; booking international travel for the dogs and the flight volunteer. All of these tasks were time-consuming and a bit harrowing at times, but it was worth it once the dogs arrived.

While loading them up at LAX and heading to the hotel, we all knew it was going to be a long evening. Because it was Columbus Day, a federal holiday, only rookie agents were working at US Customs. Their computer systems had been updated over the weekend, so the job was new to them in more ways than one. Even the people at their central office couldn't figure out how to process our precious cargo. The four-hour delay through Customs forced us to modify our plans of exercising the dogs at the airport (there really was no place at the airport for us to take the dogs out of the crates anyway) and cleaning their crates before heading to the hotel. With true **AGR** grit and dedication, Deb Orwig, Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson sacrificed the freshness of their vehicles – the dogs were loaded up, smelly crates and all, for the 25-minute drive to the hotel.

Once at the hotel, the true "unveiling" began. Each dog was released by an **AGR** volunteer and walked and freshened up with baby wipes and dryer sheets while the crates were emptied and wiped down with Lysol wipes and freshened up with Febreze®. Amazingly, after 30 hours containing dogs, only one crate had any trace of poop, and all the urine had been absorbed by the crate pads. Plenty of water and a light meal was on the menu for the dogs; pizza, which we had delivered to the hotel, was the gourmet meal for us volunteers. A good night's sleep was on the agenda for everyone.

Morning brought happy tails and happy tales about our new babies. A great breakfast at the **Staybridge Inn** in Torrance began our day, and then it was off to load the dogs and head home to

meet their families. A lunch and exercise stop in Indio, CA, and a gas stop in Quartzsite, AZ, brought us to Connie and Nick's backyard in Glendale for pictures and a lot of happy tears – the journey's end for some, a new beginning for others. Several members besides the travel volunteers met us at the house.

This China rescue venture could not have happened without the assistance and physical help of many **AGR** volunteers both in transport and behind the scenes. Sincere thanks to everyone.

China – Eva Dudas, our China Angel, and Florian Bossmann, our Flight Volunteer

Los Angeles/Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue – Kriss Harrigan and Nancy Zellerman

Kriss, who is the GRCA National Rescue Committee Western Region Representative, put us in touch with Nancy, and also met us at the airport to help with the dogs and their crates; in addition she has facilitated getting Deb Orwig and me onto the Golden's Abroad e-list for information exchange.

Nancy gave me the Customs Broker's name and contact information and made me aware of new USDA regulations for import and export permit requirements – she was my cheerleader from SCGRR.

Transport – Drivers Peter Brown, Nick Dodson, Connie McCabe and Deb Orwig; Assistants Debbie Ball, Trishia Murphy, Rebecca Mackerman, Cindy Tigges, and myself.

Logistics – Kathy Blue, Adam Cardinal, Joni Cipollone, April Crow, Sharon Flores, Deb Orwig, Carrie Peck, Judy Petitto, Liz Tataseo, and Sue Vallie.

Transport of the dogs to their new forever homes in AZ: Sharon Flores, Jill Imler and Michael Feight, Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson, Deb Orwig, and Cindy Tigges.

Now let's meet the "Great Eight".



19-066 Odin– The oldest of the boys at 3 to 3 ½ years old, he has a gorgeous, darker, almost chestnut-colored coat. He has been well socialized, as he had been in a facility away from the over-crowded shelter for several months while waiting for someone like **AGR** to rescue him and get him out of China. He was a favorite to everyone who met him.

After fighting some respiratory difficulty when first pulled from the meat truck and shelter, he is now healthy and enjoying walks with his new people daily. In China, he was a quick learner of many commands (in Chinese, of course) such as sit, stay, paw please, spin around, rollover and lay down. He even walks fairly well on leash. Who could ask for more? His calm, gentle demeanor is perfect for an older couple, Ann and John in Buckeye.

19-067 Carter – when saved off the meat truck at the Harbin Shelter, **Carter** had obviously been abandoned or on the street for a long time. His coat was filthy and matted. It was not attended to until Eva pulled him from the shelter and took him into one of the facilities that help her. His coat was so bad, the decision was made to shave it and let it regrow back into his beautiful golden color. He is cute as a



button with his "zipper-nose" and thought to be about three years old. Smart as a whip, he learned to sit and give me his paws one at a time in a matter of hours. He is cautious of approaching hands and lets you know by giving a verbal signal. He most probably was beaten somewhere along the way. Loving hands, soft voices and consistent meals will work miracles with this boy, who is literally a lifesaver himself. You see, after coming into Eva's care and being shaved and vaccinated, **Carter** volunteered, or shall we say was volunteered, to save another dog's life. If you have ever seen those stuffed toys with no stuffing in them that just lie flat on the floor, that is what **Zachery** looked like when Eva found him. A small terrier mix, he had had the tips of his ears cut off and had been assaulted. He was bleeding internally – the little blood they could draw from him showed no markers such as hemoglobin. He needed a transfusion ASAP. Because **Carter** was big and healthy, he donated his blood twice for **Zachery**. The little dog, who would not have made it

through the night without the transfusions, stood up the next day and is now fully recovered, thanks to our "**Carter the Lifesaver**." **Carter** has been placed with Nels in Phoenix and will learn the ins and outs of service dog training while Nels trains another dog for that purpose.



19-068 Willie is always happy. Nothing fazes him. He is a small male, about three years old and a beautiful sandy-gold color. Another meat truck survivor, **Willie** had spent about a month in the Harbin Shelter before being pulled. Not leash-trained but eager to please, he will provide many happy hours of entertainment to his new family. He is as smart as he is cute. He is already in love with



Lauren and Daniel and their three soon-to-be-four-in-December children in Glendale.

19-069 Robbie, now **Elwood Blues**, is a sweet yet strong-willed two-year-old with a lighter Golden coat. He stands like a show dog displaying his tall stature and confidence. He was rescued off

a meat truck on its way to the slaughterhouses by a religious monk. The monk was unable to keep him, and he took him to Eva to ask that she find him a great home. **AGR** said yes to him making him the eighth dog on our transport. His history is unknown. His behavior upon arriving leads us to believe he was a street dog who had to scrounge around for his survival, but he is coming around and learning to share and love more and more every day. Lisa and Ray, with little Golden-mix **Tess**, are committed to helping him adjust to his new status as a family member, and with a monk praying for him, his future looks great.



what a forever home with nothing but love is every day. She was placed with Shannon and Matt in Tempe.



19-072 Iris, now **Kiki**, wants to be right by your side. She and **Rose** are possibly sisters along with **Sophie** (see above). **Kiki** is also two years old with a beautiful caramel-color coat that will only get better with time and good nutrition. **Kiki's** new job will be that of a Therapy Dog, and she fits right in with her new pack with **Charlie** and **Willow** in Sheila's home in Phoenix.



19-070 Dawn, now **Abbey**, is a sweet, petite, reddish-gold lady, estimated to be about 5 years old. When she was about two years old, she was sold to the meat traders but rescued by the shelter workers in Harbin. She had been bred previously several times. She was adopted from the shelter by a childless couple who returned her three years later when they became pregnant

and didn't want to bother with her anymore. Because of her age, she would most likely never have been adopted again. Eva saved her and kept her for several months at a boarding facility; **AGR** was her only hope for a new FOREVER home. She will now be spending wonderful days with Beverly and Perry in Peoria.

19-071 Sophie – This little girl is a snuggler! She is estimated to be two years old. She was rescued from the same meat truck as **Rose** and **Kiki** (a.k.a. **Iris**) and may be related or from the same breeder. She was at the Harbin shelter (think 2,000 dogs in primitive conditions) for less than two weeks before Eva and a group of volunteers pulled her and got the medical attention she needed. Because **AGR** committed to bringing eight instead of six dogs on this transport, **Sophie** was rescued and now knows



19-073 Rose – is a beautiful golden color and is about two years old like **Sophie** and **Kiki**. They were all saved together and may very well all be related. **Rose** is the “talker” of the group and could be easily trained to say “I Love You,” though she says it with her eyes now. She was the barker of the group, letting everyone know if anything or anyone was out of place. We think she was a “mama-dog” by the way she corrected **Sophie** and **Kiki** and stood her ground with the males in the group. She hoarded little things in the hotel room, too. Her home now is with Ellen, Jeff and Golden **Chloe** in Fountain Hills.



Again, I want to thank EVERYONE who worked to make this happen for our “Great Eight.” For those who prayed, donated, made room at their homes, answered all my unending questions and more, thank you.

For everyone in China who will work endless hours with little or no resources to save these dogs from torture and certain death, please say an extra prayer that they are protected from physical and emotional harm so that they can continue their efforts.

And to the Great Eight and their new families... the best is yet to come. Looking forward to seeing them blossom and grow. Hope to see you all at **AGR** events in the future. Our new Great Eight are the next Ambassadors of Hope for those who remain, so please share their stories.

The Rescuers and the Rescued

Standing: Rebecca Mackerman with Dawn, Cindy Tigges with Robbie, Debbie Ball with Rose, Deb Orwig with Odin, Nick Dodson, Carolyn Brown with Sophie and Peter Brown with Carter
Kneeling: Trishia Murphy with Willie and Connie McCabe with Iris





The Trip from AZ to CA to AZ in Pictures



Peter Brown, with his long arms, managed to take this selfie of all of us at the McDonald's in Buckeye where we met to start the trip to CA: in back, Debbie Ball and Nick Dodson; crowded in front, Cindy Tigges, Rebecca Mackerman, Connie McCabe, Carolyn Brown, Trishia Murphy, Deb Orwig, Peter Brown



Lunch stop in Banning, CA: Always with attention to details, Carolyn had printed maps and directions for our trip itinerary; here, we were given a choice among three possible routes from Banning to LAX



Another Peter Brown selfie of our group at the lunch stop in Banning, CA; you'd think all we did was eat! Nick, Deb, Connie, Rebecca, Trishia in back; Cindy, Carolyn, and Debbie in front; Peter at right

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We had our 6-foot banner propped up on a luggage cart; numerous people asked what we were doing; when we explained, we got a lot of positive comments and no negative ones.



The posted arrivals schedule showed the Aeroflot from Moscow landing early at LAX, but we waited until 5:45 PM before we saw the crates being pushed up the ramp.



Rebecca, Connie, Debbie, Deb and Trishia waiting at the airport; we each commandeered a luggage cart



Finally, after we waited for 3½ hours, the crates were brought up the ramp; Customs couldn't find enough porters, so they ended up drafting Florian Bossmann, the Flight Volunteer, to push a crate dolly; Florian refused the tip Deb offered to the other two porters



Connie McCabe, Cindy Tigges and Florian Bossmann



Kriss Harrigan met us at the airport and was a great help getting the dogs to our vehicles



Deb says, Yes, Carolyn, there is a dog in the crate! She checked every one of them.



Yes, Carolyn, there's a dog in Rebecca's crate, too!



Each of us took charge of one crate with a dog; left to right: Nick Dodson, Rebecca Mackerman, Carolyn Brown, Peter Brown, Debbie Ball, Deb Orwig, Trishia Murphy and Cindy Tigges; also in picture, Florian Bossmann, the Flight Volunteer, and Kriss Harrigan; Connie McCabe took this photo, as well as most of the others on these pages



Debbie, Connie and Rebecca waiting for someone to figure out how to get the crates to the parking garage



Rebecca and Cindy moving crates across the very busy street between Terminal 4 and the parking garage



Heading to airport parking garage with our precious cargo →



Rebecca with Sophie and Dawn in the hotel room



Carolyn and Peter cleaning out crates in the hotel parking lot; the rest of us were cleaning up the dogs and cleaning up after them



When we got to the *Staybridge Inn* in Torrance, we spent time walking the dogs (Peter with Carter; Debbie with Kiki), snuggling with them in the vehicles (Nick with Robbie; Trishia with Willie) or in the hotel room (Rebecca above with dogs)



Rose and Willie had a grand time wrestling with each other in the hotel room



Cindy getting kisses from Kiki; Cindy is used to handling two dogs at a time, so taking on both Kiki and Rose was no problem for her



Carolyn had packed bags of dog food to dispense sparingly to the dogs at the hotel and at rest stops on the way to AZ



Somehow with Internet searching, Carolyn located a really nice park in Indio where we stopped to get lunch and exercise the dogs. Group: Peter with Carter, Cindy with Kiki and Rose, Rebecca with Dawn, Trishia with Willie, Debbie with Sophie, Nick and Deb with Robbie, and Carolyn with Odin



Group waiting at Connie and Nick's house for all of the dogs to arrive: Michael Feight and Jill Imler, who were going to deliver Dawn to her new home that evening; Sheila Joyce, who wanted to see her new girl Kiki, even though Liz would transport her to Sheila's house to help with dog-dog introductions; Liz Tataseo with camera; Joni Cipollone from AGR's Placement Team; Dustin Mackerman came to see the dogs and pick up Rebecca



Backyard exercising: Two of the chosen adoptive families do not have other dogs, so they came to Connie and Nick's house to pick up their China dog - Odin went to Buckeye, Willie stayed in Glendale; the other six dogs needed to be introduced to resident dogs, so experienced Transporters took them to their homes either that night (Michael & Jill took Dawn to north Peoria; Liz took Kiki to Phoenix) or in the next couple of days - Cindy took Rose to Fountain Hills; Deb took Robbie to Mesa and Carter to Sun Lakes, where he was fostered for a few days; Connie took Sophie to Tempe



Sophie getting a taste of the good life in Arizona - she says, I speak for all the China dogs... we love it here! Thank you for rescuing us!

HERE and THERE

Events from July 1, 2019 through October 26, 2019

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

Normally, we do not do much (except plan for the golf tournament) during May through September. We do not host Meet-and-Greets at **Petco** or **PetSmart**, since it is too hot during those months for us to have the dogs outside. This year, the weather cooled off enough in October for us to start up again at the pet supply stores. We also had a very fun time at **ASU West** on October 25th. Many events are coming up in November and December, so be sure to check our website calendar for dates, times and locations. We'd love to see you and have your volunteer help in our event booths.

David Rosenfelt Book Signing at The Poisoned Pen Bookstore

By Deb Orwig

On average, author David Rosenfelt comes to Scottsdale once a year to do a book signing at **The Poisoned Pen Bookstore**. This small, independently-owned bookstore specializes in mysteries and the writers of same. They host a different author, and sometimes two, almost every week night. Usually featured is the most recently-published book by the author. They always have plenty of copies available for purchase, and the signings, at least Rosenfelt's, are quite well attended and garner standing room only crowds. Since Rosenfelt has adopted many Golden Retrievers (if you haven't already read *Dog Tripping*, do so!), Golden Retrievers are always welcome in the bookstore when he is there.

A couple of days before the scheduled signing, I got a call from Barbara Peters, owner of **The Poisoned Pen**. She invited **AGR** to come give a short talk about the organization and to auction off "name in a future book" by Rosenfelt.

I'm sorry none of you besides Larry, me and Jill Imler were able to attend Rosenfelt's presentation on July 17, 2019. Larry agreed to go (he had never been to one of these before) and brought **Vin**,

and I brought puppy **Dallas** after getting the OK to do so from Dr. Jha in the morning. It was the largest crowd I have ever experienced at one of Rosenfelt's book signings – not an empty seat in the place, and the chairs were packed into every possible nook and cranny. As you might expect, 3-month-old **Dallas** was the star of the show (after Mr. Rosenfelt, of course) – everyone wanted to pet the puppy! He was very good – spent 45 minutes wiggling in my lap and playing with a leash I'd brought (I forgot to bring toys). Jill Imler fortunately came, too, and helped with the puppy – my thanks, Jill! There were 3 other adult dogs there besides **Vin**: a white Goldendoodle, an old Golden Retriever, and a Rottweiler who was in training as a service dog.



Donna Brandsey won the auction and will have her name used by author David Rosenfelt in one of his future books



Author David Rosenfelt with Donna Brandsey and puppy Dallas

We all enjoyed Rosenfelt's dialogue with Barbara Peters and members of the audience about his newest book *Bark of Night*, the latest addition to his Andy Carpenter series. Even Larry, who had been reluctant to attend, said he was glad he did, as Rosenfelt's quick wit

and snappy comments are funny and entertaining. A lady named Donna Brandsey was sitting to my left during the presentation and would occasionally reach over to let **Dallas** play (i.e., chew on) with her fingers. When it came time for me to talk in front of the crowd, I told them a little bit about **AGR** and about **Dallas** before I did the auction of "name in a future book". Ms. Brandsey ended up winning the auction for \$500. Two other ladies came up and gave me \$10 and \$20, and the bookstore owner, Barbara Peters, handed me a check for \$150! Very nice evening and the cash made it even better – **Dallas** was successful in his first gig as an **AGR** ambassador! Maybe we'll have more notice next year when Rosenfelt is due to come and you all will be able to go.

ASU West De-Stress Fest

By Deb Orwig

ASU West was the only recent event besides the golf tournament on September 28th and a couple pet store Meet-and-Greets. We did the **ASU** event technically during 4th quarter, but I am including it here because the rest of the newsletter is not ready to go to the printer yet and I have room.



Demian Herrera-Quiroz, the organizer of the activity, with Jackson and Duffy

Connie McCabe and Liz Tataseo took so many great photos, you should go to the Events Gallery on our website (www.arizonagoldenrescue.org) and look at them,

as there is no room here to print them all. Since the only student whose name I knew was Damien, I am not going to attempt to label many of the photos.

On Friday, October 25, 2019, a size-



Duffy and Jackson both got way too many treats

able group of **AGR** members and dogs had a wonderful afternoon with a large group of students at **ASU West**. This event was advertised to the students as a *De-Stress Fest*. The students really seemed to enjoy petting and loving on the dogs. Most of the students are freshmen, away from home, missing their own dogs and still adjusting to campus life. Many comments were overheard like “this is the best day of the week”, “this just makes my day” and “the dogs are so cool!” Demian Herrera-Quiroz, Community Assistant for **ASU Housing**, scheduled the event. He very kindly arranged to have two tents and two tables set up for us and also had some bottled water and candy treats for the humans and dog biscuits for the dogs



Gracie Cipollone loving the loving



Lola was Miss Social Butterfly going from one person to another to another

for the humans and dog biscuits for the dogs (I brought water for the dogs). Fortunately, the weather cooperated – it was a lovely day in the mid 80’s, so it was very pleasant. I



Happy Bailey, happy student



Jane Triplett with Skip and Blueberry



Debbie Ball with Dillon and Student



Chris Spiel with Nash and Jill Prose with Jack



Joni Cipollone and Gracie

brought 2019 calendars that we offered for free, and many were taken. Some of our newsletters and brochures were also taken.



AGR members who came included:



Cindy Tigges with Natasha Tigges and look-alike-but-not-related Luey Martin



Liz Tataseo with Watson and Sheila Joyce with Charlie and Kiki

Debbie Ball with Dillon and Shelby; Pattye Brown with Bailey;



The Orwig Gang: Mufasa, Duffy and Vin

Joni Cipollone with **Gracie**; April Crow with little **Willow**, a Chiweenie; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and **Kiki**; Connie McCabe with **Jackson**; Dean Mortimore with **Mary Kate** and **Lola**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Vin**; Jill and Fred Prose with **Gracie**



Peter Wong with Billie (left) and Nikko (right) doing tricks



Blueberry and **Skip**. A **II** and **Jasper**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo with **Watson**; and Jane Triplett with her Greyhounds **Blueberry** and **Skip**. A

special attendee was Peter Wong, who brought both **Nikko**, a German Shepherd Dog, and **Billie**, a Border Collie. They put on a trick show for the students. As usual, Peter's routines with his well-trained dogs were impressive.



Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash



Pattyte Brown and Bailey

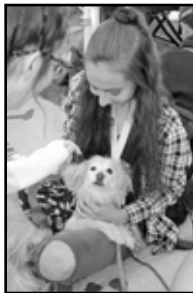
Thanks for participating, everyone! I have been assured that we will be invited back in the spring.



Student with Gracie Prose



Like Natasha Tigges, Lucy Martin is a very curly, red Goldendoodle



Student with little Willow, a Chiweenie, who looks like a miniature Golden



PetSmart, 9960 N 91st Ave, Peoria – Connie McCabe, Hostess
October 13, 2019



Susan Parker with Ozzie, Chris Spiel with Jack, Jackson and Nash, Sheila Joyce with Charlie, Liz Tataseo with Watson (hiding) and Riley, Jill Imler with Zoey, Kathi Youhas, Pat Morgan with Cassie (hiding), Jill Prose with Gracie (hiding), Bob Youhas with Blaze, and Dean Mortimore with Lola and Mary Kate



Connie McCabe with Riley and Jackson

We don't have meet-and-greets at this store during the summer because of the heat. We started up again in October. We generally try to be at this location on the second Sunday of the month, weather permitting. But please, always check the website calendar to verify times, places and



Charlie and Willow Joyce

hours, as the schedule changes frequently: <https://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/events/calendar.html>.

More photos from these events and all other **AGR** events can be viewed at <https://arizonagoldenrescuemcabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/>



Jack and Nash Spiel



Mary Kate Mortimore: *If I hold really still, no one will notice me with this ridiculous hat on.*

We had a terrific turnout of volunteers and dogs, but it was a little slow for customers. We only raised \$68 but did pass out a lot of info and met someone who has applied and been approved but is just waiting for a dog. Many thanks to Nick Dodson, who helped transport and set up all of the equipment. Also, thanks



Jackson McCabe/Dodson and Watson Tataseo



Zoey Imler-Feight



Denise Padavano, Watson Tataseo and Carolyn Blean



Mary Kate and Lola Mortimore were stationed right next to the store entrance, so they collected a lot of the money that was donated

to the volunteers: Jill Imler and Michael Feight with **Zoey** and **Ginger**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and **Willow**; Pat Morgan with **Cassie**; Dean Mortimore with **Mary Kate** and **Lola**; Susan Parker with **Ozzie**; Jill Prose with **Gracie**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo with **Watson**; and Bob and Kathi Youhas with **Blaze**. Also, Denise Padavano and Carolyn Blean stopped by. Sheila and Liz presented **Jackson** with a gorgeous bandanna made by Deb Orwig to congratulate him on being the 1000th dog to be rescued by **AGR** in the past 10+ years! And of course, thank you to **Riley** for being pretty good and **Jackson** for being perfect!



Kathi and Bob Youhas with Blaze

have any of our dogs – she really liked **Jackson**! We collected \$124 in donations, sold a calendar for \$12 and 3 bandannas for another \$15. Thanks to everyone who came with their dogs, several in costumes, and enjoyed the day.



Connie McCabe with Riley and Jackson

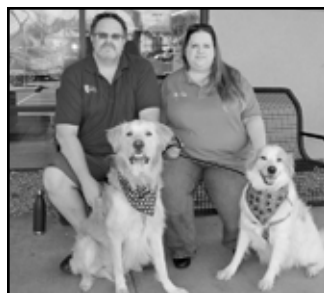
Petco, 9980 W Northern Ave – Liz Tataseo, Hostess

October 26, 2019



Rebecca Mackerman with Sadie, Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate and Lola, Kathi Youhas behind Jackson, Dustin Mackerman with Indy, Deb Orwig with Vin, Bob Youhas with Blaze (sort of hiding), Sheila Joyce with Kiki, and Liz Tataseo with McKayla and Riley

After taking the summer off, we had a great afternoon at **Petco** in October. We received lots of generous donations and everyone got a big kick out of seeing the dogs in their costumes. One family we spoke with seemed to be very interested in possibly adopting. We had to tell their young daughter (maybe 6 years old) that she couldn't



Dustin and Rebecca Mackerman with Indy and Sadie



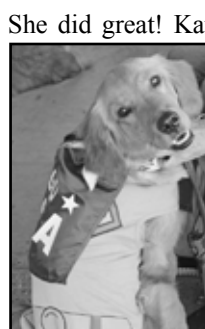
Deb Orwig with Riley, Jackson and Vin



Liz Tataseo with McKayla

Joining **McKayla** and me were Sheila Joyce with

Kiki, Dustin and Rebecca Mackerman with **Indy** and **Sadie**, Connie McCabe with **Riley** and **Jackson**, Dean Mortimore with **Lola** and **Mary Kate**, Deb Orwig with **Vin**, and Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Blaze**. This was **Kiki's** first Meet and Greet after her long trip from China.



Kiki, one of our China dogs, wearing a Supergirl outfit with **GO USA!** on the cape

She did great! Kathi brought a decorated pumpkin to make our table more festive, and Deb brought a variety of candy for the kids.



McKayla the fashion model in her fru-fru party dress

Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever. ~ Karen Davison



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