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On April 22, 2023, 22 **AGR** members helped move the contents of our store-room to a new facility. Nick Dodson drove our trailer. We threw out some stuff and managed to get everything into 200 square feet that had been in 300. Thanks to all who helped! We are saving over \$100 per month in rental fees!

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Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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This issue is about the dogs. Well, all the issues are, but this one in particular. There are no Board columns, and there have been no events since end of March. Just dogs, dogs, and more dogs. I was not planning to produce an issue for August due to possibly having back surgery this month, but surgery has been postponed to mid-October, so there will be no November issue.

As I write this on July 31, 2023, I have to say that the last month has been stressful for all our core volunteers. This year so far we have taken in 60 dogs (plus 3 more in the first week of August). Just to put this number into perspective... two years ago we took in 57 ALL YEAR; last year we took in 89 for the entire year. At the pace we've been going, we will have done over 100 intakes by the end of this year. Here is what our intake numbers look like since we incorporated in March 2009:

2009	41
2010	77
2011	98
2012	146
2013	121
2014	101
2015	100
2016	84
2017	90
2018	89
2019	87
2020	37
2021	59
2022	89

Sixty dogs mean 60 intake profiles need to be written and uploaded into our database – and, of course, this number doesn't include the profiles that Intake Team members prepare and then the dog's owner changes their mind about surrendering the dog.

Sixty dogs need to be advertised as available on our website. We have received 120 applications that have been approved (and many more where the applicant decided not to follow through by paying the \$25 application fee), which means 120 home evaluations needed to be done (at an average of 1½ hours each, plus driving time to and from the home for at least 2/3 of them – about 1/3 are done remotely via Facetime).

Sixty placements are needed, or more if the initial placement doesn't work out for some reason. There must be at least 120 transports (one from the surrendering owner or shelter to a vet,

then at least one more to a potential adoptive family. Mileage driven by our transporters can vary. Most dogs are taken in from or delivered within the Phoenix Metro area (maybe up to 30 miles one way), but dogs have either been taken in from or delivered to many outlying areas in Arizona as well: Sierra Vista, Flagstaff, Lake Havasu City, San Tan Valley, Payson, Sedona, Prescott, etc, which can mean up to 3 ½ hours of driving one way.

Of the 60 intakes we've done so far, three had to be returned to the surrendering owner because of aggression; four were returned to **AGR** due to misbehavior (one female does not like men) or reactivity to other dogs (we are hoping we can place these dogs somewhere, so they are being boarded at **Academy West Animal Hospital**); three new intakes are being boarded at **Academy West Animal Hospital** until an appropriate home can be found; and ten are currently in foster care – of these, six are Goldendoodle puppies that were born into Rescue in early July.

The 60 intakes have all had to be evaluated by a vet and most have needed all the standard vaccines and testing we provide (heartworm and valley fever); more than half have needed to be spayed or neutered. Two are waiting for hip replacement surgery, which will be done on September 27. Some remain on medical hold for other reasons, but the adoption of 29 of them has been finalized by Liz Tataseo, our Health Care Manager. Of these, several have medical addenda for spay or neuter when the dog is old enough (1 year) or for retesting for valley fever or some other condition.

According to Sharon Flores, who answers our phone, on average we get 40 phone calls per week on our WAGSline. Some of these calls are just general inquiries mainly about our adoption process; some are about specific dogs; some are from people wanting to surrender a dog that is not a Golden or Golden mix or is another kind of animal. Lovely and kind Sharon has been variously yelled at, cussed, or thanked for her help. She is wonderful!

Are you tired yet? Saying Whew!/? Yes, our volunteers have been very busy. Recently, Fred Prose returned to our Home Evaluations Team after being out for a while due to some medical issues. Jean Klink is now also doing home evaluations and is helping me with transports when I do them. Connie McCabe has trained Darlene Kaminski to do transports, too. Trishia Murphy and I are now helping with Placements, thanks to extensive mentoring by Joni Cipollone, Keri Marchant and Debbie Ball. Thanks to all of you for getting more involved with our Rescue process. We need more help, though.

Departments including Home Evaluations (Sheila Joyce: horse-crazymom@msn.com), Placement (Keri Marchant: kerchant@hotmail.com) and Transport (Connie McCabe: photocraf@aol.com) need more help. We provide instruction and mentoring for whatever job you could do. Could you find a few hours a week that you could give **AGR**? Please contact any of us to volunteer.

Golden Adventures!

Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener,
Co-Directors of Activities

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There will not be another issue of *The Golden Paw* until 2024.
So, please be on the lookout for e-mail messages from:

Arggoldenevents@gmail.com

regarding all the events shown in the *Upcoming Activities* box
in the column to the right.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 16, 2023

McCormick Ranch Golf Club

7505 E McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale

1:30 PM Shotgun Start

4-person Scramble format

Dinner with Raffle and Silent Auction

follows tournament in the Pavillion

Registration Deadline (unless you beg!):

September 1, 2023

Rescue Roundup Health and Safety Day

Saturday, October 21, 9 AM - 1 PM

Set-up starts at 8 AM

Abrazzo West Campus Hospital East Parking Lot

13677 W. McDowell Rd, Goodyear

Dine Out With The Dogs

Sunday, October 29, Noon - 7:30 PM

Paulie's Little Bite of Italy

15456 N 99th Ave, Sun City

PACC911 Adopt-a-thon

Saturday, November 4, 10 AM - 3 PM

Toyota of Surprise

13543 N Autoshow Ave, Surprise

PACC911 Adopt-a-thon

Saturday, December 2, 10 AM - 3 PM

All Saints Church

6300 N Central Ave, Phoenix

Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 9, 10 AM - 1 PM

Downtown Glendale

Come walk your dog with us!

Parada Del Sol Parade and Trail's End Festival

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Set-up booth at 7:30 AM; parade staging by 9 AM

parade starts at 10

Trail's End goes from end of parade to 4 PM

ARIZONA Golden RESCUE

DINE OUT
with
THE DOGS!

When you order from the regular restaurant menu...

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

*does not include tax or gratuity

Dine in or Take Out if you prefer

Raffles and Silent Auction
The entire merchandise inventory will be for sale
Dogs welcome if diners eat on the patio
No reservations required

Paulie's LITTLE BITE OF ITALY

Pizza, Pasta, Sandwiches, Full Bar

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

Sunday, October 29th, 2023
Noon - 7:30 p.m.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

AGR has not participated in or hosted any events since our annual *Paws At The Park* on March 19, 2023. Due to the heat, it is a bad time of year for outdoor activities, and we have not been invited to bring dogs anywhere indoors. So, there have been no opportunities to collect donations or sell merchandise to the public. Denise Padavano and I have sold a few microwave bowl cozies privately, and Connie Wozniak made a few custom-order table runners, but most of our merchandise remains untouched in my garage.

Those of you who have purchased a set of our very popular microwave bowl cozies might be interested to know we now have a pattern for **microwave casserole dish cozies**. We can make these for 8.5"x 8.5" casserole dishes or 9" x 12.5" dishes. If you do any microwave heating or re-heating of food in a casserole dish, you will want to order one of these. They would make great gifts, too! We do not intend to add this item to our merchandise inventory – i.e., we will not offer a lot of different ones on our sale tables like we do the bowl cozies – but we will make them to order in whatever fabric you want (if we have it). The small size casserole cozy will cost \$20 and the larger one \$30; a set of small plus large will be \$45, but you may order the sizes separately. If you need the item(s) mailed, there will be an extra charge for postage. Order soon to get them for the holidays!

Our income for the second quarter was supplemented by donations through our Facebook page for a total in June and July of **\$2,390!**

Kathy Blue hosted a fundraiser in honor of *World Pet Memorial Day*. Always commemorated on the second Tuesday of June, nine supporters donated to **AGR** in memory of their pet(s). In total, this fundraiser brought in \$2,075! Many thanks to Kathy for hosting this fundraiser, as well as to the following donors:

Karen Bethune	Marsha Kleinz
Kathryn Blue	Joan Mast
Carolyn Brown	Jeff Nowak
Katie Donahue	Sharon Smith
Patrick Doyle	

Another Facebook fundraiser was hosted by Sheryl Catalano. Three supporters – John Calman, Jennifer Grabowski and Kris Kay – donated a total of \$200.

Also, Becca Drake hosted a birthday fundraiser that generated \$75 from three donors: Trish Brewer, Becca Drake, and Heather McDermott.

Reporting period: January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023

Total Assets as of August 21, 2023: \$ 365,257.59

	Income	Expenses
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 2,900.00	\$
Adoption Income	19,328.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		900.00
Calendars		
Printing		
Sales	112.00	
Sponsorships	1,740.00	
Credit Card & PayPal Expense		383.64
Donations		
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund	100.00	
General Fund	34,309.61	
Honorary	8,770.62	
Memorial	3,143.00	
Equipment (2 pop-up tents)		230.48
Event Expense		50.00
Golf Tournament		669.21
Donations	130.00	
Golfers	444.15	
Hole Sponsorships	1,500.00	
Meals	450.00	
Grants	4,300.00	
Insurance		571.75
Interest	5.22	
Internet Services		390.36
Legal & Professional Fees		910.00
Membership Income	13,945.00	
Merchandise		
Purchases		1,348.61
Sales & Shipping	4,585.32	
Office Expenses		1,240.81
Paws At The Park	1,623.00	650.13
Auction	890.00	
Donations	400.32	
Prizes	860.00	
Postage		1,272.54
Rent or Lease (storage facility)		1,703.53
Stationery & Printing		4,799.04
Telephone		112.68
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		383.20
Boarding		3,144.00
Microchip Expense		805.16
Veterinary Services		83,184.13
TOTAL	\$ 99,536.24	\$102,749.27
NET INCOME	- \$ 3,263.03	
Checking Account as of 8-21-23:		\$253,163.62
The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 8-21-23:		\$ 12,093.97
CD as of 8-21-23:		\$100,000.00
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 8-21-23:		\$ 12,073.00

In addition, in honor of Bill Parkerson's birthday, Carol Schwaner and Carol Spears donated a total of \$40.

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity!

... BUT IT'S JUST A DOG ...

**By Nancy Campbell LVT*
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If it were my brother, I'd find an allergist to help him with his allergies,
no matter the cost.
But they tell me, it's just a dog.

If it were my sister, I'd find the best laser eye surgeon so she could see again,
no matter the cost.
But they tell me, it's just a dog.

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

If it were my father, I'd find the best orthopedic surgeon to enable him to walk again,
no matter the cost.
But they tell me, it's just a dog.

If it were my husband, I'd hire every medical professional necessary to put
him back together after that terrible accident that almost took him away,
no matter the cost.
But they tell me, it's just a dog.

If it were my child, I wouldn't skimp on dental care,
no matter the cost.
But they tell me, it's just a dog.

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

If any member of my family were dying, at that moment I would pull out all
the stops and do whatever was in my power to save their life,
no matter the cost.
But they tell me, it's just a dog.

Just a dog.

Just my friend.

Just my family.

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

***from The Guardian, the Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Service Newsletter, Issue #28, Winter 2002
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Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

In past years in June, I have sent a letter to all **AGR** adopters asking them to "pay it forward" by sending a donation in honor of the dog(s) they rescued from us. This year, I just could not find the time to do the mailing and, since we had no events at which to collect donations and sell merchandise, I did not want to spend the money to mail out first-class letters @63¢ each to over 900 adoptive families. So I have included the letter here, as well as the supplement pages showing all the dogs which fell into the "Special Needs" category by costing **AGR** at least \$2,000 between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. There were a total of 16. All donations sent during August and September that are not designated for the golf tournament will be considered to be in support of our Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs. Please donate what you can whether you are an adopter or not.

Dear AGR Adopter,

I am addressing this letter to you because you adopted a rescued dog from **Arizona Golden Rescue**. I have three requests:

First: If you have lost the dog(s) to illness or old age, we are truly very sorry. If you have not yet told us about your dog's passing, please e-mail that information to info@arizonagoldenrescue.org. When you are ready for another canine companion, we offer you the opportunity to adopt another dog from **AGR**. We will give you priority should you want to do that. So that we can re-activate your status as wanting to adopt, you need to submit a new Adoption Application. We will waive the \$25 application fee if you have not moved since we did your home evaluation. Let us know if you want to proceed and we will have someone call you to do the update after you submit your application on our website: www.arizonagoldenrescue.org.

Second: If your US mail address has changed in the past year, please email your new address to info@arizonagoldenrescue.org. I assure you that your address has never been and will never be used by anyone other than **Arizona Golden Rescue**.

Third: I ask for your financial support. Regardless of the year in which you adopted, it is highly likely that **AGR's** expenses for the dog you adopted were more than the adoption fee you paid. I am asking you to "pay it forward" to enable us to make more dogs healthy enough to adopt to a forever family.

Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, **AGR** rescued 89 dogs; 16 of those (18%) have had expenses of over \$2,000. We are still waiting to have a few procedures done on some of the recent rescues. Our dog-related expenses during that one-year period exceeded **\$124,988**, with an average spent of over **\$1,404 per dog!** Of the 16 dogs whose expenses during this one-year period were over \$2,000, the average for these dogs was **\$5,391** each! Since January of 2023, we have rescued 53 dogs so far, (a total of 1,272 since March of 2009) several of whom have needed extraordinary veterinary care – **Nela** needed a hip replaced (total expenses to date: \$11,984) and will need her other hip done later this year; **Kai** will also need at least one hip replaced this year and the other one next year. I have included with this letter an information sheet on the Special Needs dogs we have rescued since July 1 of 2022.

Every year we have hosted a *Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs*. In past years, you may have sent in a contribution – some adopters have sent only \$5, others as much as \$2,500. Every single donation regardless of amount helped us help more dogs. Won't you please send a donation as soon as possible? Our address is **AGR**, 5350 W Bell Rd, Suite C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308. You can also donate via Zelle. For Zelle, you need to know that our account name is Arizona Golden Rescue at Chase Bank and you would send your contribution to our e-mail: info@arizonagoldenrescue.org.

If you have let your membership lapse, we encourage you to renew. A Single Membership is only \$30 and a Household Membership \$45 (two or more adults in a household). You will get 4 issues of our terrific newsletter and have a tremendous resource base at your disposal if you ever have any questions or problems with the dog you adopted from **AGR**.

Due to the lingering financial effects of the coronavirus pandemic, 2019-2022 has been an unprecedented period for lack of opportunities for nonprofit organizations to do fundraising, and many of our regular donors have been furloughed or otherwise adversely affected financially. So, I thank you in advance for whatever support you can give. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and will be acknowledged.

Sincerely,



Deb Orwig, **AGR** President

2022 -2023 SPECIAL NEEDS DOGS

It is a nationwide trend among Golden Retriever Rescue groups that there is a preponderance of old, sick or injured dogs coming into rescue programs. Our Rescue is now spending more money on fewer dogs than in the past. Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, **AGR** rescued 16 dogs whose medical expenses amounted to \$2,000 or more; we also had such expenses during this period for three dogs rescued before July 1. Over that one-year period, the average expense for all 89 dogs we rescued for whom we have received vet invoices was \$1,404; our highest adoption fee is \$500. Below, only the 16 dogs whose expenses were over \$2,000 during this one-year period will be highlighted – the average expense for these dogs was **\$5,391** per dog! If you want **AGR** to continue to be able to help the dogs we rescue, please consider making a donation.

In 2010, **AGR** established a program called *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption*. That year we rescued a bonded pair of old dogs who were not in good health. They were placed with a foster who was perfect for them except that she did not have the financial means to care for them. The *GPHA* program required her to adopt each dog for \$1 with an agreement that **AGR** would continue to cover all veterinary expenses until the dogs passed away. Most dogs that are designated for *GPHA* are old or sick or both and have not survived very long after rescue, although one of the two original ones lasted about 3 years. We recently lost one *GPHA*, **22-079 Shadow**, after about 6 months; two others – **22-007 TK** and **22-067 Reggie** – are younger dogs who are being financially supported by this program because they have significant ongoing medical expenses that would be a hardship for the adopters, as they are seniors on a fixed income. Please consider earmarking a donation to support our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program.

In 2011 after Debbe Begley, **AGR's** Co-founder passed away from cancer, we established the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. Dog expenses that are over \$5,000 are taken from this Fund, as are expenses for dogs that come into Rescue with cancer. Please consider designating your donation for the *DBMF*.



22-007 TK is a 5-year-old male purebred Golden. He had been diagnosed with valley fever in 2021 and was started on Diflucan, but the owners stopped giving him the medication after three months because they could no longer afford the expense. By the time **TK** was surrendered to **AGR**, his valley fever titer measured 1:256 (highest possible reading). He weighed only 44 pounds and was so weak he could not stand or walk without assistance. He remains on daily oral anti-fungal meds, and 12 infusions of Abelcet were added for a more aggressive approach. He is now doing well at his new adoptive home – he is able to eat three times a day, is gaining weight, and is much more active. Expenses since July 1, 2022 for **TK** have amounted to **\$4,647**; his total expenses since being rescued are **\$22,717**. He was adopted into our *GPHA* program.

22-008 Madonna was surrendered to **AGR** in early 2022 as a 2½-year-old unspayed white female Golden-doodle. She was known to have valley fever. In mid-February, she was found to have a lump near a mammary gland. Cytopoint injections were given along with carprofen. In early March, **Madonna** was taken for an emergency exam due to bloody stool, not eating and lethargy; medications were given and it was recommended to have her mammary chain removed. Her cocci titer remained high at 1:128 and she was taking fluconazole. X-rays revealed she had a breastbone mass that may be bone lesions from the valley fever. Bouts of intestinal distress and other complications due to the valley fever postponed the spay and mammary chain removal. When she was finally deemed well enough to have the surgery, she went into heat, so we had to wait an additional month! She is definitely on the path to better health now, so her adoption has been finalized. **Madonna's** expenses since July 1, 2022 have been **\$2,856**, with a total of **\$5,722** since she came into Rescue. She has been adopted and has a new name: **Lyra**.



22-032 Chance is a 3-year-old male mix of Golden Retriever and possibly Shar Pei. He came into Rescue in mid May 2022 after being found as a stray in the desert. **Chance** received some initial veterinary work for wound treatment and radiographs of a bad toe. In mid July he was neutered along with a scrotal ablation and amputation of the bad toe that was suspected of having a nailbed melanoma. Additionally, he has needed medications for thyroid and anemia. **Chance's** total cost to **AGR** has been **\$3,608** of which **\$2,038** was spent on him since July 1, 2022. He has been adopted.



22-034 Bella, a 3-year-old English Cream Golden, is yet another dog who has had some medical complications due to valley fever. First, it was blood in her stool and some digestive issues; then it was a 1:64 titer; then she had low albumin. Her titer came down to 1:16, but she went into heat so her spay had to be postponed. After that, her titer has been on an up-and-down cycle. Currently she is 1:8 and will be on fluconazole for some time to come. With all the blood work that had to be done for this dog, her cost to **AGR** was **\$3,416**. She has been adopted.

22-059 Art cost **AGR \$2,611**. He is a 9-year-old black, medium-sized Goldendoodle. He was given our standard vet exam with vaccines and a senior blood work panel. He was determined to be in good health for his age. However, the vet said his teeth were terrible, so we scheduled a dental. Yes, they were terrible – 21 of his teeth had to be extracted! He is doing very well in his adoptive home and has become great buddies with the resident cat.



22-060 Zack, now known as **Sparky**, came into Rescue as an 8-month-old purebred Golden who was surrendered by his original owner because he was excitable and jumped a lot. At the first placement, the family noticed that although he could be sweet and mellow, he also could “get crazy” a couple times a day, with snapping at their clothing and nipping. A new family noticed the same, so we decided that **Zack** should have some intensive behavior modification training at **Partners Dog Training School** in Cave Creek. He spent three weeks in their “boot camp.” Then in November, **Zack** had some episodes of diarrhea and was diagnosed with Giardia, requiring a couple medications for that. At the end of December, **Zack** was neutered. He has been adopted by the family that took him through the required 8 follow-up lessons at **Partners**. Expenses for **Zack/Sparky** have cost **AGR \$6,625**.



22-067 Raggy/Reggie is a 4-year-old neutered male purebred Golden surrendered by his owners as they could not afford any more medical care. **Raggy** was diagnosed with valley fever that went to his brain causing countless seizures. He has had radiographs, bloodwork, an MRI of the brain and medications. Because of his ongoing medical needs, he has been adopted into our **GPHA** program by Connie and Nick in Glendale, who promptly renamed him **Reggie**, and they have witnessed him suffering from multiple seizures. **Reggie** is currently on multiple medications in hopes of stabilizing his health. **Reggie's** expenses in 2022-23 were **\$11,196**, but we are still accumulating charges for him in trying to stabilize his seizures.

22-074 Buddy was rescued as a 2-month-old miniature male Goldendoodle pup who was diagnosed with the dreaded parvovirus. **Buddy** spent almost a week in ICU hospitalization at **Arizona Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Center (AVECCC)**. He eventually recovered from the parvo infection. **Buddy** is still a small guy, still a puppy, and seems to be prone to eating rocks. His adopters have wisely purchased a muzzle and put it on him every time they take him outside. Total expenses for **Buddy** cost **AGR \$7,014** so far; he will need to be neutered when he is of age.



22-079 Shadow was about 14 when he came back to **AGR** after 11 years. The owner had to move out of the country and gave the dog to a neighbor, who let **Shadow** go as a stray after having the dog for 5 years. Fortunately, we had microchipped him in 2011, so we could prove he was ours. For a dog his age he was in decent shape, although he was almost deaf and had cataracts. We provided medication to help with old-age stiffness and arthritis; he also had liver issues. Due to his need for ongoing medications and testing, we included Shadow in our **GPHA** program. He passed away 6 months after being adopted by his foster family. During that time, **Shadow** cost **AGR** a total of **\$5,918**, with **\$2,782** of that during the second quarter of 2023.

22-082 Baxter is a 5-year-old English Cream Golden and was already neutered when he was surrendered to us with his littermate **Leah** by owners who said they didn't have time for the dogs and kept them outside. Both dogs needed treatment for tapeworm and all their vaccines. **Baxter** had a lump on his snout evaluated, but it was determined it had been caused by an injury and wasn't cancerous. The vet also noted a heart murmur which led to a diagnosis of sub-aortic stenosis; **Baxter** had an electrocardiogram and thoracic x-rays to confirm that. His cost to **AGR** was **\$2,258**.





22-085 Levi, age 4, came to **AGR** with skin infections and serious allergies. He had a work-up done at **Dermatology for Animals**. They changed his food to hydrolyzed protein, started him on several different meds and recommended medicated baths twice a week. This intense regime has worked – he has now been transitioned to a regular single-protein food (salmon), having a medicated bath every two weeks and is taking fewer medications. He has been adopted. His total expense to **AGR** has been **\$3,541**.

22-089 Nela, now **Mila**, was our last intake in December 2022. She was 11½-months old and was surrendered because she was having problems with her left hind leg. At **VetMed** she was diagnosed with severe bilateral hip dysplasia. **Nela** was welcomed as a foster at Teri and Jeff's home in Sun City, as they have had much experience with other Goldens needing orthopedic surgeries. Teri quickly determined that **Nela** was not going anywhere else and made plans to adopt her, renaming her **Mila**. The first hip replacement surgery was done in mid-January at a cost of more than \$10K. She will have the second hip done in September. Expenses for **Nela/Mila** have cost **AGR \$11,214** so far.



23-006 Rusty was very sick with Coccidia when he came to **AGR** at age 9 weeks. He spent three days at an emergency vet. They did all they could for him, but, unfortunately, it wasn't enough – he passed away there. Three days of emergency care cost **AGR \$9,213** and we have no dog to show for it – so discouraging, but sometimes that's the way things happen in Rescue.

23-020 Honey is an 8-year-old Golden mix who was bitten in her left eye by a rattlesnake. The snake bite occurred on the patio of an assisted living facility in Scottsdale! **Honey** was rushed to an ER by her owner but the owner could not afford the treatment, which consisted of an anti-venin injection plus periodic bloodwork checks to make sure she wasn't bleeding out (the anti-venin disrupts clotting). **Honey** had a couple of follow-up visits at one of our regular vets, plus an exam at **Eye Care for Animals**. Her eye healed and she has normal sight in it. However, she needed surgery on her eyelid so that her eye would not dry out. Total expenses to **AGR** for **Honey** have been **\$6,593**, with **\$3,187** of that during the second quarter of 2023.



23-022 Charlie is a 4-year-old English Cream Golden whose owner had died. He needed all vaccines and to be neutered. After some time at his foster's home, she noticed he was lethargic, not eating and he was trying unsuccessfully to yank up something but produced nothing but bile. He ended up having surgery to remove some stuff from his stomach – a large wad of dried grass and a couple of metal objects that looked like ratchet nuts! He recovered from that, then had neuter surgery. He is fine now and being adopted by his foster. His cost to **AGR** was **\$3,844**, all in the second quarter of 2023.

23-032 Itty Bitty was the runt of a litter of purebred Goldens that her breeder couldn't sell because she was diagnosed with a congenital heart condition called Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA). It is due to the failure of the ductus arteriosus muscle to contract, leaving a passageway for blood flow and resulting in eventual left-sided heart disease and/or generalized heart failure. We had her evaluated by a cardiologist who was confident the condition could be repaired, and it was to the tune of **\$5,907** in total expenses, all in the second quarter of 2023. She will have a more-or-less normal lifespan now, and will be adopted by her foster.



ANTICIPATED UPCOMING EXPENSES

Both **22-089 Mila** and **23-042 Kai** have severe bilateral hip dysplasia. **Mila** already had one hip replaced (\$11 K+) but needs her other one done. **Kai** needs his right hip done first (\$11 K+). Surgery for both will be on September 27, 2023. Also, we just had a litter of 6 Goldendoodle pups and will take care of all vaccines, spays (3 girls) and neuters (3 boys). Who knows what other special needs dog(s) will come in during the second half of the year?

These beautiful dogs need very special forever homes. Can you help or know someone who can?

The dogs described below are all special needs dogs, not for medical reasons but for behavioral. Each needs an experienced pet owner willing to foster, socialize and help them build confidence so they can have a happy new life in a forever home. **AGR** will pay for professional training if the foster, who hopefully would become a Foster-With-Intent-To-Adopt (FWITA), would agree to participate in weekly follow-up classes.

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Buddy is a 3½-year-old, handsome, large, strong Goldendoodle. He is VERY energetic and needs a yard to run in that would keep



The photos above are both of 23-008 Buddy. Most Goldendoodles look very different when they've had a haircut by a good groomer – they may not shed but haircuts are needed every 6-8 weeks.



him confined by a solid 6-foot wall, as he can jump very high. He loves playing fetch with tennis balls, and likes to always have a ball in his mouth. He has been completely vetted and neutered, and he is crate-trained. Even though he has the long legs of his poodle parent, his coat is more like that of his Golden parent, soft and wavy – he sheds and is NOT hypo-allergenic! One family he was placed with for a couple days loved him but had to return him because the wife's allergies really kicked up.

Buddy needs an owner who is physically strong, experienced with dogs, and who will do leash training with the Sidekick leash



(which will come with him) to help **Buddy** learn how to walk well on leash. It will be important for the new family to keep nothing on their kitchen counters and to have trashcans with lids (or better yet are kept inside cabinets or closets), as he is a counter-surfer and a trashcan raider given the opportunity. **Buddy's** behavior around cats is unknown. As with many dogs when they are walking on leash, **Buddy** will

bark at another dog he sees. Before he came into Rescue, he lived with a female Goldendoodle and a small female Maltipoo so we know he can live with another dog. **Buddy** will not interact with that dog at least at first (i.e. won't play), just be tolerant. In his ideal

home, he would be an only dog. **Buddy** really loves people, but he is too big and strong to be placed in a home with children younger than teenage. He is very affectionate, gives kisses and hugs, likes his belly scratched and will snuggle up when his people are watching TV. All in all, **Buddy** is a great dog who just needs a special owner. Are you the one? Please contact us.



23-016 Jax is a Golden mix, judged to be between and 6 and 7 years old, and weighs about 65 lbs. Our best guess is he has some Aussie in him – he's very smart! He was a stray surrendered to us from another Rescue that was full and asked us to find him a good home. They reported that he was friendly and did well in play groups with dogs of all ages and both genders, but we have found he can be reactive to some other dogs. **Jax** is really cute and makes you smile when you

look at him. He is crate trained and animated. He wags his tail and looks at you with those chocolate eyes and smiles. When you talk to him, he has an adorable way of cocking his head this way and that way, as if really trying to understand what you're saying. While

he was in foster care, the foster said **Jax** has many good qualities like being affectionate, house trained, walking well on a leash, a happy



disposition and is friendly to the people he knows. He is a staff favorite at the animal hospital where he is being boarded and loves to play with them. He is dog selective and somewhat reactive and we would prefer to place him in a no-other-dog home, and no cats either, please. **AGR** is willing to pay for appropriate basic obedience training with reasonable costs if pre-approved (list of vendors will be provided to adopter). Do you have an appropriate home for **Jax**? Please contact us.

23-021 Clark is a 3-year-old Golden/Lab mix who lived with his owner since the age of 12 weeks. The owner told us his 2-year-old daughter had developed allergies and their allergist suggested it would be better for her not to live with a dog. **Clark** was reported to be a bit anxious when first meeting



people, then would warm up and be friendly, gentle, and very obedient. We originally placed him with a family that has two active teenaged boys that are involved in many activities. They had lots of friends coming and going and the commotion unnerved **Clark**, as he was a skittish dog to begin with. When the home situation was calm, so was he, but the house was rarely calm. They noted that **Clark** would become stressed and very nervous if the routine were disrupted or if guests or other children were visiting. The second family we tried him with lasted less than 24 hours. They called and said they thought **Clark** was very uncomfortable in their home and apparently was quite apprehensive around the husband. **Clark** was moved back to **Academy West Animal**



Hospital, and he was fine with transporter Connie as well as with the staff at the animal hospital. The vet started **Clark** on fluoxetine as a treatment for anxiety, and it has helped a lot, as well as being exposed to the routine at the animal hospital for almost a month. We found a third home for him, but they told us ahead of time that they only want to foster. At their home, he had a nice calm welcoming committee that allowed him to approach

them. He seemed quite alert, there was no growling, and he was not agitated. After a couple weeks, the family gave us an update: *Clark is doing really well. He wants to play more often; he's excited when people come home and is ready to come and greet us at the door; and we're finally able to take him out for walks in the morning (the weather just hasn't been conducive for afternoon walks). We took him to my mother's house this past Sunday for a few hours. He was very content being with her and warmed up to her quickly. We think he would be great with an older couple.* At the very least, **Clark** needs to be in a structured, calm, routine environment. Do you have that kind of home you could offer to this sweet dog? Please contact us.



23-037 Canelo is a 7-year-old purebred neutered male Golden. He is our favorite bad boy – he is reactive to other dogs even though he originally lived with another Golden. Gorgeous to look at, but he is very picky about his friends. Once he trusts you, he will be your mightiest protector. His



bark sounds ferocious, and he uses it when he sees strangers or other dogs or if the doorbell rings. **Canelo** is very active and an alpha. We originally placed him with an adopter who is now moving out of the country, so **Canelo** had to come back to **AGR**. Although the adopter did take him to a couple of obedience classes to try to socialize him,

Canelo could use a boot camp type of training to learn how to get along with other dogs. **AGR** will pay for such training if his new owner will agree to go to the follow-up classes. **Canelo** is accustomed to a quiet home where someone is home most of the time. We would prefer to place him in a home with no children or other pets. He was originally in a home where only Spanish was spoken, and he probably still understands the language. However, in the months with his adopter he did learn quite a lot of English, so it would not be necessary to be a Spanish speaker. Do you fit the bill for this handsome boy? Please contact us and help us get him out of the kennel where he is being boarded.



23-052 Millie is a pretty one-year-old female Golden mix. She had been a stray for at least a week, evading everyone including representatives from **HARTT** who tried to trap her. One day, she just walked right up to the 10-year-old son of one neighborhood family and was friendly. After she was adopted, the family

took her with them on a 6-week visit to Canada. **Millie's** behavior changed dramatically. **Millie** was affectionate and loving with the females in the household, but in fact became overly protective of "her girls" from men in the family or visiting. So, she was returned to **AGR** for further evaluation. She has been boarding at **Academy West Animal Hospital** and has done fine there, primarily because she was started on some anti-anxiety meds. **Millie** is an energetic young girl



who likes to play ball and needs a yard in which to run. She is doing great at the animal hospital and the staff all love her. They say that her nervousness has decreased dramatically. She enjoys playing and getting attention, and is very loving to all the male and female staff. For **Millie** we are hoping to find a single or multiple-woman home where someone is home most of the time and where there are not many men visitors. Does this sound like you? Please contact us.



**Interested in any of these special dogs?
Please send a message to info@arizonagoldenrescue.org**

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



10-037 Isabel Kaiser



11-078 Duke Kleinz



12-132 Jackson Novak



14-029 Connor McKenzie



14-062 Charlie Pechersky



14-089 Jesse Nowak



17-061 Ruger Rich



17-079 Colt Rich



17-081 Zane McKenzie



18-063 Copper Mehall



19-062 Daisy Peters



20-022 Cassi Yeager

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.

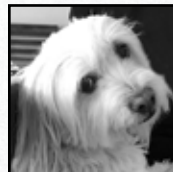
There is only one thing missing. They are not with their special person who loved them on Earth.

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.



22-079 Shadow Holland-Craven



Reese Briggs-Moe



Moose Catalano



Gnomeo Slagowski

And

John C Nelson, beloved husband of AGR Member Wendy Nelson

Dale Orwig, beloved brother of AGR Member Larry Orwig

George Penman, beloved husband of AGR Member Linda Penman

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 April 16, 2023 through August 25, 2023. All adoptions finalized after August 25th will be in the next issue.



22-034 Bella was 3 years old when we first rescued her in May 2022. She was surrendered because two family members had developed allergies and the dog was thought to be the cause. She was not spayed and needed vaccine updates. In our standard vet exam, she tested positive for valley fever. She was started on flu-

conazole and retested in 3 months. Positive titer was persistent and her albumin was low. Months passed and finally after a year, she had stabilized enough to be spayed. She will continue to need valley fever meds for some time to come. She was placed with Judy in Phoenix. Judy recently commented: *Bella is doing very well, although I think she has been a little annoyed that I had to go back to work in the office instead of staying home all the time. When I come home, she hears the garage door open and immediately runs to get one of her toys so she can greet me with it. So sweet! She makes a funny little grunting noise when she wants a treat or wants to go for a walk. She likes to go to the neighbor's house and grunts there, too – it's her way of making conversation! We live by a golf course and a few of us take our dogs out on the course where they play run-and-chase and Bella is right there in the mix. She is a happy girl and I love having her live with me!*

22-061 David was 5 years old when he was surrendered to **AGR** in September 2022. The owners had had the dog since he was 3 months old but now said they did not have "enough bandwidth" for him as they both work all day. **David** needed vaccine updating and tests for heartworm and tick fever; rabies vaccine was current. The underlying problem was valley fever (VF), rather than no time. **David** was diagnosed the previous December with a VF titer of 1:8. He was given 6 months of fluconazole and carprofen (for joint pain), but the owners never took him back for a retest or more meds. In September,



his titer was only 1:2, which normally just means exposure, but our vet kept him on fluconazole, since X-rays showed a lesion in his shoulder. In January, 2023 his titer had increased to 1:4, which meant that he still had an active case of valley fever. We provided another 3 months of fluconazole and an addendum for another X-ray in 6 months. **David** was welcomed with enthusiasm by Joni and Woody and their resident Golden, **Ray**, in Cave Creek. Joni wrote: *David is the best boy. He came into our lives at the perfect time since we had just lost our 13-year-old, Gracie. David fit right in with our other Golden, Ray. He is such a smart and well-behaved boy. Early on we trained him to retrieve the newspaper every morning just like Gracie did. He loves his job and prances out the front door every morning. We also discovered last October how much he loves the ocean in Coronado. After he had stolen another man's Frisbee several times, we understood that David wanted a Frisbee of his own. We went and bought one later that day so he could enjoy his time at the beach. David gives us lots of love and affection. He woofs and greets Woody every night when he comes home from work. We have learned that he doesn't like loud noises, thunderstorms, and high winds, and we are thankful for calming aids to help with this noise anxiety. Now that David is ours, I have decided to have him follow in Gracie's footsteps and become a therapy dog. I already have paperwork to fill out and one of the first places he will visit is Brookdale where Gracie went. We are so thankful that David was surrendered to AGR at the perfect time for us.*

22-067 Raggy was a 4-year-old neutered male Golden who was experiencing frequent seizures that his owner could not afford to treat. The seizures were consequent with the onset of valley fever. He needed our standard vet workup with vaccines and a heartworm test. He was initially placed with a family, but when he had a seizure (actually several) in their presence, they decided that they could not keep him. He had a full neurological exam with an MRI – it revealed six lesions in his brain and a lot of inflammation. Regardless of



the cause (valley fever is a prime culprit or the seizures may be a result of idiopathic epilepsy), regulating the seizures is a challenge, and often numerous meds are tried in different dosages before a combo is found to be effective. **Raggy** was started on prednisone, keppra, voriconazole, and denamarin; over the last several months other meds such as zonisamide and chlorazepate have been added and the prednisone dropped. He may never be seizure-free, and he will probably be taking meds for valley fever the rest of his life, but at least now the seizures are much less frequent. When he did not work out with the first family, Connie and Nick took him to foster, as they have another seizure dog so know how to handle one and are not freaked out by a seizure. Since the dog will be on multiple meds for what may be a long time and since Connie and Nick were already footing the bill for meds for Bowie, we offered them a *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption*. They renamed him **Reggie** and will pay for meds as they are financially able; **AGR** will cover the cost of retests and medication adjustments. **Reggie** is a terrific ambassadog! He has such a wonderful personality and gets along with anyone and any other dog, so Connie has taken him with her numerous times when she has done a home evaluation of a family that has a dog. Recently Connie sent this message: *We didn't really plan to adopt this wonderful dog, since seizure dogs can get to be very expensive due to on-going diagnostics and frequent emergency visits when cluster events occur. But **Reggie** immediately fit into the pack, and we fell in love with his sweet personality right off the bat. He is the first dog whose name we changed – we couldn't stand the idea of calling him **Raggy**. I call him the Tick-Tock dog; he resembles that old kit-cat wall clock where the eyes moved sideways as the tail moved back and forth. His tail never stops moving! He is the happiest and most good-natured dog I have ever seen. **Reggie** loves to go on home visits with me, where I can rely on him to win over all of the family members. If a dog is obnoxious, he will just ignore it and just concentrate on the people. Welcome to the pack, **Reggie**!*

22-085 Levi is a 4-year-old male purebred Golden. His owners had had him since he was 8 weeks old but now found they did not have time for the dog, as they have a new baby. The owner reported that **Levi** had frequent ear infections and skin issues for which he was given Cytopoint injections, but the owner could no longer afford the treatment. When first with fosters Connie and Nick, **Levi** was scared, skittish and defensive, but he soon relaxed and was fine with the 5 other dogs that were there. He was up to date on vaccines, but needed tests for heartworm and valley fever; fortunately, both were negative. We got him in at *Dermatology For Animals*. The vet put **Levi** on a hydrolyzed protein food, ordered an antimicrobial bath twice a week, and started him on several meds for allergy control. This was an expensive regimen, so we hoped that after some time he'd



be able to be weaned off the hydrolyzed protein food (25 lb bag for about \$153), the baths with the special shampoo (\$54 for a bottle) reduced to once a week or once every two weeks, and the dosages of some or all of the meds reduced or dropped; the vet also recommended a special azithromycin toothpaste to control gum overgrowth due to the cyclosporine he was taking for the allergies. **Levi** was at Connie and Nick's for three months when Debbie in Surprise lost her girl, **Shelby**. Connie took **Levi** to Debbie's because she thought sweet **Levi** would fill the hole in Debbie's heart and she was right. Debbie agreed to "just foster" for a week to see how he and resident dog **Dillon** would do together. They did well, so she ended up adopting **Levi**. Recently, at adoption finalization Debbie commented: ***Levi** is such a wonderful loving boy! He gets along fine with his "older brother" **Dillon**, and just like typical brothers they scurry for who gets the most room on the backseat when we go for car rides. **Levi** has a funny way of "trash talking" with a growly voice, but it is not aggressive, just playful. He loves all the toys and loves to retrieve, especially balls. He tries to get his big brother **Dillon** to play tug with him. He has become quite the "aqua dog" recently, as he mastered his fears and now eagerly swims after the pool toys. I've successfully transitioned him to normal dog food and we're working on very gradually possibly diminishing some of his allergy meds, with no flair ups yet anyway. **Levi** walks quite well with the Sidekick leash and has fit into our home just wonderfully. He is such a beautiful boy with his shaggy long coat and a little moustache and has a recognizable dish-shaped tongue. **Levi** is the first one to greet me at the door, and when he puts his head in my lap he has a way of looking into my soul. I just love him!*

23-003 Bella was a 1-year-old Goldendoodle who was surrendered in January by her owner because he was unable to care for her – she was young and needed more attention than he could provide. **Bella** was transported to *Academy West Animal Hospital* for medical evaluation and blood work. She needed to be spayed and evaluated for a "limp" she was displaying. When moved to her permanent home, **Bella** was initially very frightened, but she warmed up quickly to Kallie and Krista – very loving and patient women. She couldn't be in a better place to get over her fears. There were two small dogs in residence, and they were fine with **Bella** – **Nugget** played a bit and chased **Bella**. **Zoey** gave a few snippy passes when **Bella** got too close to Kallie. **Bella** drank from the pool, seemed to know what it was right away, but did not attempt to go in. She ran around and stretched her legs and explored the whole yard and house and got increasingly comfortable. They changed her name to **Stella**. We are sure they will work wonders with her, and **Stella** will gain the confidence she needs. The day after delivery, transporter Connie spoke with the gals and they said everything was



going well with **Stella** and the little dogs. **Stella's** adoption was finalized the end of April after she had been spayed. We provided an adoption addendum for updated vaccinations and for anti-anxiety meds for 3 months. Krista wrote: *Stella came to us scared and a little damaged – it was so difficult to watch. If we would try to touch her, talk too loudly, stand behind her, touch her collar, try to put on her leash, she would fall apart. But slow and steady wins the race. We continued to love on her and show her she could trust us. As time moved on, we watched our baby grow and learn to let her guard down. She now has siblings that she plays and cuddles with, she loves to go camping – she has her own bed in the camper – and she loves everyone who walks in our door. Stella loves to cuddle; she is a teddy bear. We knew there was something missing from our family, but we never knew how amazing that void could be filled with our Stella. She has such a fun charismatic personality and we could not love her any more than we already do. What a wonderful transformation!*



23-004 Oakley, a 14-month-old Goldendoodle, came to **AGR** because his owner was facing a divorce and child custody proceedings and could no longer afford the dog's care, nor did he have time to pay much attention to **Oakley**. As is typical of Goldendoodles, **Oakley** is needy and loves attention. He lived in an apartment, so he was always either in a crate or

on leash. **Oakley** had been enrolled in a 2-week board-and-train program by his original owner, so he had been taught sit, stay, down, come, heel. But when exposed to another dog, he forgot all that and just wanted to play. One of the resident dogs in the first home we placed him in just could not accept **Oakley's** enthusiastic personality. So, we moved him to Diane and Todd's home for fostering. They love the Doodles – they've adopted two from **AGR** and have fostered several for us. They really liked **Oakley**! Diane said: *He is so sweet and loving and not an aggressive bone in his body. Loves other dogs and people. He has lots of puppy energy but loves walks and running around the yard with Bentley or chasing balls. He's sleeping in a crate in our room and goes right in, zero issues. No inappropriate chewing issues but he loves to destroy stuffed animals. He's a cuddler!* Janis and Randy in Surprise agreed to take a chance on **Oakley**. They had previously accepted **23-007 Ziggy** as a foster. **Ziggy** is quite a bit smaller than **Oakley**, whom they renamed **Obi**, but he is fearless and not intimidated with **Obi's** larger size. Janis reported that **Obi** would get over-riled up when playing and was exhibiting typical untrained puppy behaviors such as nipping and ignoring commands. So we



asked the vet to evaluate the behaviors. She then prescribed fluoxetine, an anti-anxiety med, which has helped. We also referred the family to work with behaviorist Sharon McKenzie. The situation improved remarkably with Sharon's assistance.



23-007 Bowie, now called **Ziggy**, was only 8 weeks old when surrendered to **AGR**. He was 7 weeks old when the owner bought him – she said she had no idea what she was thinking when she got this puppy. She has OCD and needs to wash her hands every time she touches him. He has accidents in the house (of course, he was way too young

to be housebroken) and she thought that was gross. She felt she would have a breakdown if she kept him. Sharon collected him from the owner and took him to her house for the night, where he loved being around Sharon's 15 ½-year-old very tolerant Golden, **Riley**. She said **Bowie** was like the energizer bunny – just goes and goes! For the next week, she limited his time around **Riley** so that **Riley** wouldn't get too upset with him licking her, nipping at her ears and climbing on her when she was lying down. Overall, though, he did well and so did **Riley**. Janis and Randy agreed to be Fosters-With-Intent-To-Adopt, so **Bowie** was transported to their home in Surprise. They renamed him **Ziggy**. He and **Obi** have now become fast friends.



23-009 Sunny is a small 5-year-old Goldendoodle who was neither spayed nor up to date on her vaccinations. She was surrendered with her housemate, **23-008 Buddy**, by an owner who was dealing with a health crisis and could no longer care for them. The owner described **Sunny** as loyal, very sweet and a Velcro dog. She likes to play fetch with rubber balls, and carry around stuffed animals. She will chew on a stuffed toy that has a squeaky in it and may destroy it if not watched. She spends most of her time inside, but likes to go out in the backyard with the other dogs. **Sunny** was fostered for a couple weeks by Sue and Kevin. There were some altercations between the resident dog and **Sunny**, so Sue recommended that **Sunny** be placed in a no-other-dog home with no children. Our Placement Team found just the right home for her with Tammy in Scottsdale. Tammy had made an appointment to get **Sunny** spayed, but **Sunny** went into heat so the spay had to be postponed – it was finally done four months

after she came into Rescue. Tammy assured us several times that everything was going great and that she loved this little girl. When asked if she was ready to finalize the adoption, she said, *Yes, I'm 1000% ready!* Tammy spoke with me recently and commented: **Sunny** my sunshine is the best! She was a little skittish when she arrived here, but she has made great strides and is well-socialized now with both humans and other dogs. Everyone loves her. She is peaceful and is thriving. She loves to carry her stuffies around and will take them all to her bed and sleep with them. So cute! Sounds like **Sunny** just needed some time to adjust and some supervised exposure to other dogs and to humans she didn't know. We are happy everything has worked out so well for her.



23-012 Mabel, a female purebred Golden Retriever, was 9 weeks old when she was surrendered to **AGR**. The owners had **Mabel** for only 10 days and realized they were too old for a puppy – they just could not keep up with her. She was taking medicine for Giardia and Coccidia and needed to be dewormed.

She also ate a pebble that she did pass but was on an antibiotic for that. She is a very active and adventurous puppy. She loves to cuddle and get belly rubs. As she is a puppy, **Mabel** needed all vaccines, continued treatment for worms and Giardia, and she will be spayed when she is about a year old in January. She was placed with Vickie and Scott in Chandler. One of their resident dogs had gone to the Bridge and **Winter** (**AGR #14-099**) needed a new friend. **Mabel** filled their home with energy, love and laughter at her puppy antics. Vickie sent this email recently: *We couldn't love Mabel more. She is the perfect addition to our family. Our other AGR rescue from 8 years ago, Winter, loves her little sister. They spend much of the afternoon playing tug of war, chasing balls, or trying to best one another for my son's attention. Mabel is incredibly smart and sassy. She is the only Golden we've ever had that gives us the stink eye when we give her a command that she's not particularly interested in following. Despite this, she's been so fun to train. She already knows sit, lie down, and stay on command. Leash walking is still a challenge as the big world is so incredibly exciting and new that she often resembles a pinball zipping from tree to duck to rock along the way. I think our favorite is when she finally realizes that last ball has been thrown for the night and she snuggles up close to Winter to head off to sleep".* Recently, Vickie sent this note: *Mabel has been a wonderful addition to our family. She is incredibly high energy which keeps our 9-year-old English Cream, Winter, super active. She loves all things balls and will play fetch for hours. She is quite smart, often bringing the ball back to us and carefully placing it between our knees or behind our back (if sitting) so that Winter can't race over and take the ball and stop all her fun. My teenager now uses her as his alarm clock – while his phone alarm barely*

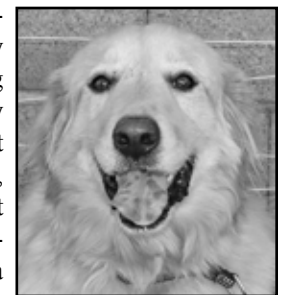
wakes him, the alarm triggers Mabel into action. She jumps on his bed and covers him in kisses until he finally agrees to get up and start the day. The most wonderful thing about Mabel is how close she is to our other Golden. They are often found snuggling, wrestling, and playing tug-of-war every morning and afternoon. We couldn't be happier. Happiness is a Golden Retriever puppy!



23-015 Goldie was picked up as a stray by **Barb's Dog Rescue** in Mexico. He was thought to be 3-4 years old. When Connie McCabe and Chris Spiel were coming back to the U.S. from Rocky Point, they stopped at this Rescue to drop off some donations. Barb told them **Goldie** is friendly and good with other dogs and people. Connie would have brought **Goldie**

with them right then, but they did not have room enough in the vehicle. Barb arranged for transport to Gilbert where Connie met her and then took the dog home. He met her pack without incident. We placed him with Pat in Surprise. She had recently lost the third Golden she had adopted from us – all were quite senior and did not survive long after intake. Dr. Cohen at **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital** examined **Goldie** and thought he was in pretty good shape but was more likely 5-7 years old. It's difficult to determine age on dogs that have been strays. **Goldie's** teeth were not good – one tooth was broken and the rest were grungy, so we scheduled a dental, but it had to be postponed because **Goldie** tested positive for tick fever and needed to be treated with doxycycline for a month. Once at Pat's, **Goldie's** name was changed to **Jasper** and he has been treated like royalty. He slept with Pat the first night he was there and she said, *Best sleep I've had in a long time! What a joy to have Jasper in my life. We could all take lessons from him on how to live day to day joyously and with boundless energy. He makes me laugh every day when he does his zoomies and throws his toys around the yard, sometimes hitting himself in the head. He loves his walks but unfortunately this hot weather has curtailed that! But we will soon resume those walks and try to determine who is going to walk whom! He is a very good eater and would probably consume much more but... NO. He sleeps with me every night and wakes me up with the sun comes up. Thank you again for the gift of unconditional love!*

23-017 Rose is a 4-year-old spayed female Golden who was surrendered by her owner after another resident dog attacked her. She has always been very timid and shy, but she is very sweet and loves lots of attention. The owner, who'd had her for three years, thought she was abused by a man, as she is especially scared of tall men wearing a baseball cap. Within two days of her



rapid departure from her home **Rose** was placed with a family who was made to order, John and Louise in Phoenix. She met the two resident Golden retrievers very nicely but basically ignored them. While wandering around the back yard, she discovered a beautiful, raised vegetable garden – she promptly jumped into it and made herself at home on freshly-planted cucumber plants and sampled some zucchini leaves. They had to leash her to get her out! The next time she went outside, she wedged herself in behind a large artichoke tree in another part of the garden. There are chickens on the property, but fortunately **Rose** is not at all interested in them. Maybe she's vegan? Her new home seems to be working out very well as the new forever parents are happy with her and she with them. Louise said: *Rose has really warmed our hearts. It didn't take my vegetable garden long to get too big for her to climb into. However, she does go over and smell the veggies. Rose and Violet like to roughhouse. One day I caught them playing in the middle of the bed. I try to direct that type of play into the back yard. She likes to chase the birds that land in the back yard, and she is intrigued with our back yard chickens. She isn't sure about the pool yet. I now have three Golden retrievers that follow me from room to room. Happy new life, Rose!*



23-018 Rex is a 1½ -year-old unneutered Goldendoodle male who was surrendered when his owner moved in with her sister who had 3 large dogs that didn't get along with **Rex**. **Rex** is a large boy who is loving and sweet and was placed with a FWITA, but his lack of training and his hyperactivity simply wasn't the best fit for either the family or for **Rex**. **Rex** was soon matched with his forever home with Kay and James

in Peoria. They had lost their dog a year ago and were excited to have a new companion. These are experienced dog owners who are committed to his adjustment and training. Shortly after arriving, Jim, his new owner, said: *He's really doing well and, wonder of wonders, is starting to get some commands/requests figured out... He's pretty smart and no problems so far... He's a scamp but sweet. He's walking well with a Sidekick leash. He's doing just fine and is an absolute rascal. He can get quite insistent when it's time to "throw the ball".*

23-020 Honey is a sweet, spunky 7–8-year-old Golden mix (likely with Corgi or Australian Shepherd). Her owner was being transferred to a Memory Care facility and couldn't keep the dog. The day of the transfer, **Honey** was bitten by a rattlesnake above the left eye. She was transported to the emergency vet clinic for treatment with anti-venom. The owner's daughter asked the vet to euthanize **Honey** as her mother



would be so distressed if she thought someone else would have her beautiful dog. The vet called **AGR** to rescue this sweet girl. **Honey** was fostered by Connie for her convalescence following treatment for the snake bite. She was in the company of four other Golden retrievers and being the smallest of the five she made herself a formidable pack member. She was not going to be intimidated by any of the others, she played and tussled with the big kids – even when wearing the Elizabethan cone to protect her eye, she was fearless. **Honey** had been free-fed most of her life and at the time of her surrender she weighed 68 lbs, so the green bean diet was in her immediate future. She is very food motivated and food aggressive, as she is with her toys. It was felt that she needed a home where she would be the only dog. She was adopted by Peggy in Peoria. Peggy related: *Her favorite toys are stuffed and squeaky. That is so she has the pleasure of un-stuffing the intended victim. She then carries it around everywhere she goes. She always wants a toy in her mouth even to go out to potty. Honey underwent eye surgery in July to repair the damage done by the snake bite venom. She is convalescing and again in the E. cone which she shakes vigorously with some unstuffed pet in her mouth. She is an amazing dog, smart, strong, very friendly with people and right on the clock for her mealtimes. She has found her way onto every piece of furniture in the house. She is a barker, which is her guard dog trait, and she makes these sweet mewling sounds especially when she is waiting to get her food. That's also how she lets me know she wants attention. We are working on stay, come and go commands. She is wild on the leash or maybe it just seems so with the cone. Time will tell. When she is sleeping her tongue peeks out of her mouth, just the tip, but it is so endearing. She's here in her forever home, and I am so happy to have her in my life. See photo of her eye right after the snake bite on page 10.*



23-022 Carlos is a gorgeous 4-year-old neutered English Cream Golden. Unfortunately, his owner took his own life. His ex-fiancé posted on a San Tan site that four dogs needed to be placed. She went and got Carlos hoping to have him join their family, but her 9-year-old Aussie would not accept him and was showing aggression towards him. **Carlos** is mellow and affectionate and very much a Velcro dog. Denise, one of our Intake volunteers, offered to foster him and, to no one's surprise, decided to adopt this sweet boy, and changed his name to **Charlie**. She has three other dogs and three cats, and **Charlie** gets along with all of them. He is an easy-going guy, but he does have his "zoomie" moments, especially right after he eats – it's like he gets an adrenaline rush from the food and has to run it off. He will counter surf and grab anything that looks edible. After intake, it took a couple weeks for symptoms of coughing and choking to appear. Denise took him to the vet and when she saw some suspicious objects on an x-ray, she recommended surgery. She removed from his stomach a large

wad of dried grass and three metal objects that looked like ratchet sockets and an electrical plug cover! From Denise: **Charlie** joined my furry family at a good time. I lost my dog **Jake** in January, and his close playmate **Lacey** had been acting glum ever since. I decided to get her a friend, and when I saw **Carlos/Charlie** I thought he might be a good fit. When he was delivered, he moved right in! It didn't take him long to check out the kitchen counter – I was standing there watching him jump up and scope things out! He learned quickly there was nothing to be found, except a napkin to grab and tear up. It has taken **Charlie** and **Lacey** some time to get to know each other, but now they play and do “zoomies” around the backyard together! **Lacey** is a happier dog! **Charlie** and my old gal **Honey** like to lie next to each other and sleep. They are very sweet together. The newest addition to the family is my foster **Winnie**, a 4 ½-month-old Golden puppy. She likes to steal **Charlie's** stuffed duck and run with it. He tries to get it back and when he's unable to, he looks at me as if saying “Help, Mom!” **Charlie** is a love bug, and I am so happy he has become a part of my family!



23-023 Benny is a 5-month-old adorable disaster-waiting-to-happen. He had no leash training at all, no crate training or house training of any kind. What could possibly go wrong? He is really cute though. Patty and Brian in Flagstaff agreed to accept this little bombshell as a Foster-With-Intent-To-Adopt (FWITA). When he arrived at the house, he was taken to the nice grassy back yard which he explored, then played with some toys. Patty really liked him but knew her work was cut out for her. Talking with Patty the next morning she said things went well – she slept on the floor with him, and he slept through the night. **Benny** is tethered to her as much as she can, and he is doing well on the leash. From Patty: *He's already picked up a few commands and is walking well on the leash, he had a good night.* His adoption was finalized with a neuter addendum.

23-025 Charlie is a 2-year-old neutered Golden/Shar Pei mix. The owner had **Charlie** for 6 months, having adopted him from a private owner who was moving out of state. But the adopter developed health problems and because she lives in a trailer, was unable to exercise and walk him like she had been doing. She told us **Charlie** likes to chew on rubber Kong Toys, and soft toys that he chews off parts. She described him as a sweet, loving dog who likes to cuddle on the couch. **Charlie** was fostered for two weeks by Judy in Phoenix, one of our regular fosters. On the second day



Charlie was with her, her son's dogs came over and **Charlie** went into attack mode. After that, any time Judy knew another dog was coming over, she put a muzzle on **Charlie**. She said he was the most loving dog she's ever fostered and thought that given time and supervised exposure to other dogs, **Charlie** would get over whatever was driving his bad behavior – Fear? Anxiety? Lack of confidence? Lack of socialization? Who knows? Judy was right – **Charlie** did come around and became trustworthy with other dogs. Based on Judy's assessment, we placed **Charlie** with Chandler residents Kim and Eduardo, who have another dog. The two dogs immediately started running around the yard together and playing nicely – until one of them found a ball the other one wanted, so there was a scuffle. But transporter Connie observed the fracas and just suggested that all toys and bones be put away for a week or so until the two dogs got to know each other. No other incidents ensued as far as we know. They changed his name to **Honeyduke**, and everything seems to be going well.



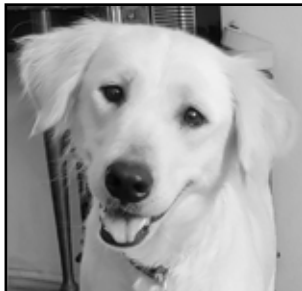
23-026 Max is a 10-month-old un-neutered Golden mix who may have some Great Pyrenees in him – he has a nice thick coat. His owner had to surrender him due to financial difficulties. **Max** had come from a family with four kids, so we placed him with Scottsdale residents Kirsten and Vaughn who have three. **Max** was definitely in his element with the kids and went around loving on everyone. Recently, Kirsten wrote: *Max is doing great. He is so loving and playful. He loves to play with his toys all by himself which makes us all laugh. He also thinks he is a lap dog. He has not figured out swimming but he does go sit on the pool step to cool himself off. He had a great adventure in Idaho and loved roaming the property and creek there.*

23-027 Thor, a 1-year-old un-neutered male, came into Rescue with sisters **23-029 Serabi** and **23-028 Snow**. All three of the dogs were taken to *Academy West Animal Hospital* for vetting – they all needed everything. **Thor** was placed with Phoenix resident Lauren and her dog **Enzo**. Sadly, **Thor**, who was not house trained, continued to pee in the house and Lauren didn't feel like this was going to be the best fit. *AGR* then found a home with Scott and Melissa in Mesa. **Thor** rode quietly to Scott and Melissa's house and gingerly came out of his crate once he was there. He never took his eyes off Scott, who is a tall man, and tried to get away from him; he was not much better with Melissa. The cat was very interested in **Thor**, and **Thor** seemed to take some comfort from another animal. Scott and Melissa are committed to helping



Thor succeed. It will take time, though. Great fit, even if **Thor** didn't know it at the time. The next day Scott said overall they are doing well, and Melissa related: *Thor warmed up to Scott this morning! Slept in his crate all night. One pee in the house but he is going in and out the dog door on his own now without coaxing. Cat is still watching him; she hisses if he gets too close.* Scott said: *Thor decided to attack his food today and is warming up. He's doing well, has a yeast infection so we're giving him medicine. Feeling much more comfortable at home. Playing and not scared of me. Thor had an hour-long walk this morning, met a dog on his walk, learned how to use the doggie door and rolled around in the wet grass much to his pleasure.* They have renamed him **Tucker**. Comments from Scott: *I'm happy to report that Tucker is feeling so much more comfortable in our home. He's gotten over his fear of men to trust me completely. Every morning we go on about an hour walk – at 5 a.m. in the summer – and then we play with him several times a day. He loves our backyard, with the covered patio, couch, and our pool. For the first couple of weeks, he seemed fearful of thresholds but now he happily comes into the house when we call him. He's a wonderful dog, and both his and our experience is only going to get better with time. He starts training this Saturday which is another plus. We're very happy to have him. He and I have become best buddies. He's still wary of strangers, but there's no aggressiveness at all. We're hopeful that over the next few months as he feels more comfortable in our home he'll open up to people he doesn't know.* Patience, consistency and persistence are the keys to successful training!

23-028 Snow is a 2-year-old spayed female white Golden. She was surrendered with her sister **23-029 Serabi** and brother **23-027 Thor** due to HOA restrictions in the owner's new location – the owner did not know about these restrictions when she sold her home and moved to Sun City. She was being fined \$270 a month for having too many pets, and she could not afford that. The owner had described **Snow** as loving, fun, petite and dainty. **Snow** and her siblings had been around other dogs and lived with 3 cats – however, if the cats ran, she would chase them. **Snow** and her siblings were shy and a little scared when meeting people (adults or children) and would run to hide, but if you sat quietly, they would warm up quickly. This description was an understatement – all three dogs were unsocialized and terrified when transporter **Connie** moved them to **Academy West Animal Hospital**. **Snow** was fostered by **Joni** and **Woody** for a couple weeks until her designated adopters, **Laurie** and **Kevin** in **Gilbert**, were back from vacation. **Joni** and **Woody's** two Golden, **Ray** and **David**, helped **Snow** settle in and feel more comfortable. **Laurie** and **Kevin** handled **Snow** with patience and calm and allowed her to “come around” at her own pace, exactly what she needed. Leary of **Kevin** at first, within a few days she



would eat out of a bowl he was holding and let him scratch her tummy. They have renamed her **Lily**. She has made tremendous progress thanks to the way in which her adopters have handled her. Within a week, **Laurie** sent us this message: *Lily went out by herself, did her business and ran back in the house when I said "good girl" and wagged her tail and did a little dance. She was better on the leash this morning too. The smallest changes make me feel better. Baby steps, but positive ones for sure!*



23-029 Serabi, also a 2-year-old unspayed female Golden, was the third of the trio surrendered by an owner who had moved to **Sun City** where there were HOA restrictions on the number of pets. **Serabi** was described as taller and darker than her siblings, loving, sweet and loves to give kisses. As with the other two, we quickly discovered that **Serabi** was terrified of

strangers, especially men, and took a while to become comfortable around anyone new. **Serabi** was placed with **Lisa**, **Dion** and daughter **Hannah** in **Peoria**. At her new home, she met the resident dog, **Nash**, and they were both very friendly. She was very anxious of course, so **Lisa** walked her around on the leash. The pool is unfenced, and it was clear that **Serabi** did not know what it was – they wisely shut the doggie door so that she would not get out unattended and fall in. After a bit she relaxed and took a real liking to the women, but was very wary of **Dion**. She walked around the house, inspecting everything and then started to follow **Hannah** everywhere. She had a quick dip in the pool when she and **Nash** were chasing each other. She did fine and discovered where the steps were. After a few days, the family reported that **Serabi**, now called **Zoey**, was integrating gradually into the home and with each family member, human and dog. They hired a trainer, **Kristi** from **Legend Acres Dog Training and Horse Solutions** in **Surprise**, to supervise behavior training/management. **Zoey** is making progress with her anxiety and getting more comfortable around **Dion**. Two techniques he mentioned he is practicing is sharing high-value treats with her and encouraging but not overdoing praise for her making advances to him. **Dion** recently reported: *Since Zoey's training, we have seen positive changes in her behavior. She has begun to come out of her "safe zone" in the house and spend a great deal of time with all of us in the living room. Zoey also has begun to act so much happier. She cuddles up with our daughters and my wife, pushing her head into their neck and bodies as if to say, "I am so happy!" She has developed this cute little vocalization that sounds like a purring cat, which lets us know she's excited and wants some attention. My relationship with Zoey continues to improve with each week's training assignments, to where she now allows me to rub her ears, head, neck and she will even lie on her back so I can rub her belly. We still have a lot of work ahead of us, but she has improved so much in a short amount of time.* Unfortunately, shortly after finalization

Zoey developed an illness that the vet called immune mediated polycystitis, an inflammatory response in her muscles and joints triggered by her immune system. She is being treated with steroids and, we are relieved to report, has improved.



23-032 Itty Bitty was only 8 weeks old when she was surrendered to **AGR** in May by her breeder. This English Cream puppy was the runt of a litter and had been diagnosed with a heart condition called patent ductus arteriosus (PDA). **AGR** had her evaluated by a cardiologist, Dr. Whit Church with **Desert Veterinary Medical Specialists**.

We were told the condition is usually fixable (if detected early enough) either by open heart surgery (thoracotomy), or by implanting a cardiac catheter-based occlusion (i.e. a plug). The latter procedure was recommended not only due to the lower cost but also to the lower risk of complications. Our Health Care Manager, Liz Tataseo, got an appointment within two weeks, amazingly enough. During the puppy's exam, in addition to the PDA Dr. Church determined that **Itty Bitty** had sub-aortic stenosis. This narrowing of the aorta was causing increased pressure in the heart and enlarging it. Our Intake Team member Denise offered to foster this little girl and see her through the catheterization surgery, which was done on June 20. The surgery to correct the PDA was successful! A month later, a follow-up echocardiogram showed that the implant was firmly in place, there was no leakage, and the heart, which had been enlarging, was now a normal size. Also, the pressure due to the sub-aortic stenosis had dropped by half. So, **Itty Bitty**, who is not so itty bitty any more at 34 lbs, is expected to have a near-normal life span. Denise has had a challenging job with this puppy, taking care not to let her over-exercise. She decided to adopt her and renamed her **Winnie**. Recently Denise commented: *Winnie has been a wonderful addition to my pack, however she can be stubborn at times. When it's time to go rest in her pen, she will throw herself on the floor and won't move. I must pick her up and put her in a walking position, pulling her along with her leash to get her moving! She's very entertaining when interacting with the other pets in the household. She loves playing with Charlie, especially – they play tug-of-war with the toys. He is much bigger than she is, so it's entertaining to watch her hold her own with him. She also likes playing run-and-chase with Lacey and will latch onto Lacey's tail. Honey doesn't get into the mix but is very tolerant of the puppy and will give her kisses if Winnie goes over to her. So far, there is just a stand-off between Winnie and the three cats. She wants to play; they usually go hide. Life is never dull*



around our house now! Winnie will need an echocardiogram at 1 year of age so Dr Church can evaluate if she'll need any meds for the aortic stenosis or can live well without them. Denise has given a contract addendum for the follow-up and for **Winnie's** spay at 12 months.

23-033 Loki is a 6-month-old male (not neutered) Golden Retriever. The owner got him and his brother when they were 10 weeks old. Her husband had a motorcycle accident resulting in traumatic brain injury. She could not care for her husband and take care of two dogs, so she surrendered **Loki** as he was the active one of the brothers. She said he is sweet, mischievous, quirky and happy-go-lucky. He is happy and friendly with everyone, a typical Golden puppy. He was placed with Denise and Scott in Chino Valley. During June, Denise sent several entertaining comments. On the day after transport, she said: *He did great! Got up one time. Scott and I get up anyway to go to bathroom. Turned back light on. Opened back door. He ran out peed on the lawn, ran back, went in crate, whined for 5 minutes, out. Nighty night. This AM. Played ball, in the pool, played ball, in the pool, played ball, etc. Met the neighbors. Chase birds. Fun! Fun! Fun. Then the next day: Loki found new toys this am. Barked for first time at neighbor dogs. Cute! Jumped on our bed for first time. Only had to tell him OFF two times. Loves pool play ball. Played with soccer ball last night. He is a good blocker – actually stopped the ball. This is exciting! Luke and Lexi are loving it. Started training. He starts out OK on leash. Then he sees something interesting and speeds up. Okay, it's ball time. Have a good day! And a week later: Whose dirty paw print is in the middle of the glass door? Not Luke's not Lexi's. Loki doing great! Learning patience. So, treat time all three sit. I say Luke gentle and give Luke a treat. I say Lexi gentle and give her a treat. Loki is sitting waiting whole time, used to jump up at my hands for treat, now I make him wait. Then I say Loki gentle and give him treat. Doing really good. Loves ice cubes. Recently Denise sent this wonderful story from **Loki**: *Hi, ruf ruf! my name is Loki. I was adopted by my forever family on June 3, 2023. I have a brother Golden Retriever Luke (Lucretius Romane) and sister Lexi Rottweiler. She was rescued, too. I am 7½ months old now. And I have a big back yard to play in. I have a small pool, "I need a bigger one". I make sure I get all 4 paws wet. And my tail too. I like playing ball with my new daddy and mommy. I can catch my ball in the air and I am learning to catch on one bounce. My first dog obedience class was today July 12th. I did very good on my leash. First time. My mommy took me. I am bad sometimes; I am a puppy still, you know. I get time outs when I am bad, "I'm not bad". Ha Ha! But I am listening to my mommy and daddy. I am friends with the neighbors, they give me treats and my brother and sister. Mommy makes us special frozen Greek yogurt treats, little doggie bones and big paws. I like the paw ones,**



they are bigger. Oh! I like ice cubes too. My favorite toy is my olive bark log. It keeps me busy a long time. Daddy's calling me, I've got to go. Din din time. Mmmm good! It seems that **Loki** has hit the forever jackpot!



23-034 Charlie, another unneutered 6-month-old Golden puppy, came from an owner who did not have time to train him. He is energetic, mischievous and will chew anything he can reach including the wall. He is not leash-trained. He was placed with Cave Creek residents Marci and Dan and their two resident dogs, **Marlie** and **Maggie**. **Charlie** had

never been socialized, so everyone thought it was cute watching him learn how to play – his preference is with the younger **Marlie**. He also loves to splash around on the Baja step of the pool. They renamed him **Jackson** and are having a great time with him. He will be neutered around 1 year of age. A message from Marci: *Jackson is doing great! When he first arrived, he sniffed every corner of every room in the house and backyard. He seemed more like a Bloodhound than a Golden – he is extremely curious about everything! His sisters, **Maggie** (10) and **Marlie** (5) are loving the energy he has brought to our home and so are we! Since **Jackson** arrived, he has learned how to swim in our pool, which he thoroughly enjoys! He loves learning new tricks, specifically “righty tighy”, “lefty **Lucy**”, “high five” and “sit pretty”. He immediately learned how to ring the “potty bell” when he wants to go out. Now he has us trained to open the door every time he feels like going out, even if he doesn't need to go potty. We are slowly introducing him to new tricks and he's learning a lot from his sisters. He loves to cuddle with everyone and is very persistent. **Jackson** has been a wonderful addition to our home and we could not be happier!*



23-035 Cody is a 5-year-old neutered male English Cream Golden. The owner became very ill and could no longer take care of the dog. **Cody** was being boarded at the Arrowhead **PetSmart** on Bell Road where he was surrendered to **AGR** by the daughter who had power of attorney. **Cody** had never been around children, dogs or cats, so we placed him with Richard

and Sue in Buckeye. This experienced Golden-owning couple have no children, no other pets and are home most of the time, so they could give **Cody** all the attention he had been missing. He is very strong, but Connie introduced them to the Sidekick leash and **Cody** is now walking well. He is overweight at 113 pounds and needed the green bean diet. Rich sent us this note: ***Cody** is a very happy guy. He now does tiny jumps and prances when we are*

walking through a room. He has bonded very quickly to Sue and me. We gave him an ear treatment today that he did well with. We have cancelled social engagements for the next couple of weeks as we are unsure how he would do alone. We will be doing a tag team when we need to run errands. He likes to roam the back yard and bark at golfers who get too close to the fence. Several friends have come to visit and he immediately greets them all. All in all, we consider ourselves very blessed to have gotten him and we are more convinced than ever that he is the reincarnation of our beloved Reagan. Thank you again so much!

23-036 Appa is a beautiful rust-colored 3-month-old Goldendoodle puppy. His owner bought him from a breeder, who would not take him back – the owner has some mental health issues and found her anxiety level was increased too much with a puppy to care for. She described him as a goofy, smart, mellow puppy who likes to cuddle. Of course, he was not yet house broken, and he would chew



on anything and everything – typical young puppy. His favorite toy was a stuffed moose and a rope with 2 balls attached. After initial vetting with an exam, vaccine updates and an allergy shot, **Appa** was transported to his new home with Anne in Camp Verde. Anne changed his name to **Sam** and told us he is a delightful puppy and is getting along well with the resident cats. Anne sent us an update: ***Sam** is a joy! When he first got here, he slept all the time. I was a bit worried since puppies are full of energy. What I quickly noticed was that he was busy growing! He grew almost 3 inches in 2 months. He has stopped growing for now and is non-stop energy. I have not had a puppy this young since I was 9, a very long time ago, so potty training was quite an experience. But we've pretty much sorted that out. **Sam** has 3 cat siblings who are teaching him how to be a proper cat. **Sam** and the cats chase each other around the house. It's a fun game of tag among the four of them and is usually played after I go to sleep. Ugh. He just figured out that his long giraffe legs are to be stood on. So he can now reach the counters. I was dreading this since now nothing can be left out. And cat food is now in the guest room behind a baby gate. I also just caught him trying to climb up on the cat tower – he does think he's a cat! My mom and brother live in Cottonwood and he loves to visit. My mom just turned 99 and she adores him. Interestingly, mom is a redhead, who actually still has her natural red hair. My sister has red hair, married a redhead and has 5 redheaded kids. But mom pointed out that **Sam** is the only grandchild with her exact shade of red. So of course he's the favorite. We are starting obedience classes next week. More so for me than him. I have never been an alpha and since **Sam** is going to be a big boy I need to be the boss. He loved his intro behavior class, so I think it will go well. He is very smart and loves to help me in the garden, I weed, he digs. He also definitely likes to do things his way at his pace. I bought him a kiddie pool and he refused to get in it at first. I got in it and lifted him*

into it but he hated it. A few days later he "discovered" the pool and now romps in it daily. I had a few people tell me that doodles can be very stubborn and rather high strung. He is stubborn but very mellow, like my old Golden. He is smart and funny and loving. He loves us and we adore him. That woman who gave him up after a week really lost out on a good dog!



23-038 Navy was 8 months old when surrendered to **AGR** in early June. She is a Golden/Cocker mix and was already spayed and up to date on vaccinations, so we just had tests for valley fever and heartworm done. The owner was overwhelmed by this puppy, as she has 5 daughters who are all involved in sports so she did not have time to do any puppy-training. She found the puppy

to be very energetic, jumped on the kids with her nails leaving scratches, would eat toilet paper, counter-surfed and was able to get food off the counter. **Navy** would get up on the couch and when the owner would try to get her off she started doing zoomies and kept getting on the couch – what a game to a puppy, but the owner wasn't amused. **Navy** was placed with Nicole and Adam in Phoenix. They have an unfenced pool and two daughters but no pets. They thought they wanted a 2-5-year old purebred, but accepted an 8-month-old mix and they adore her. They renamed her **Pennie**. From Nicole: *We just love her! She's fitting in very well with our family. She loves car rides, playing fetch and tug-of-war. She is so funny when she plays fetch she lets everyone take a couple turns throwing the ball for her and then she goes to the next person. She runs to the freezer any time she hears someone getting ice so she can get a cube! She wasn't very social when she came to us, so she is learning how to play with other dogs and is now BFF with my mom's English Golden and our next door neighbor's dog. She is not fond of the pool, so she will just wait for us to get done swimming. We are still working on training and have found someone to help us work with her cuteness and sass! Every once in a while the Cocker Spaniel comes out! We lost our Golden after 12½ years in 2021 and **Pennie** is definitely helping us with our loss. Thank you for letting us adopt her!*



23-039 Tina is a sweet, petite female English Cream Golden about 18 months old. Her owner was very allergic to the dog, but she loved **Tina** and wanted her to be in a good home. We found a great one with long-time Golden owners Una and Dave in Scottsdale. **Tina** was right at home immediately upon arriving. They had a nice big bed all ready for her, and

she found a woobie (that's a stuffed toy for the uninitiated) to proudly carry around. **Tina** was not spayed and the original owner

told us she had had a litter. The adopters were concerned about her going into heat, but we managed to get an appointment for the spay at **Scottsdale Vet Clinic** before that happened. We also had all her vaccines updated and tests done for valley fever and heartworm. They renamed her **Emmy**. Recently Una called to talk to me about her and commented: ***Emmy** is an amazing little dog and the first female Golden we've ever had. She is a ball of fire with more energy than we were used to – runs around with her after-burners turned on and never seems to get tired. We wonder if her energy-level is "normal" for a female (the males we have had were much more laid back and mellow), so we are looking into exploring some programs for her that might give her more exercise, burn off some of that energy, and help her focus on training. We spend the summers in San Diego by the bay. First few times she saw the ocean with the waves coming into shore, she wouldn't go near the water. But then she saw another Golden go leaping into the surf and decided it must be fun. Now, her passion is swimming out into the ocean and going after a ball we throw out there. There are always some sea lions out there – they watch her and she watches them but neither makes a move toward the other. She loves to play ball and to carry her stuffies around – they are scattered everywhere! This sweet little angel wakes up each morning with pure joy at being alive.*

23-040 Frankie was 5 months old when she was surrendered to **AGR** in June. She has long hair and is a beautiful black Goldendoodle that looks like a black Golden Retriever. The owner had rescued her from bad living conditions in a barn – she was almost feral. She had come a long way in the 6 weeks after being rescued, but she was getting too big and energetic for her small senior-age savior to handle. She had to have all her vaccines updated and will be spayed when she is about a year old. Sally and Boyd in Phoenix were chosen as the best family for this beautiful girl. They changed her name to **Raven**, so appropriate as she has the color and glossiness of the bird. Crate-training was the first order of business at her new home, and she adapted to it well. Boyd and Sally collaborated on some comments: ***Raven** has been a wonderful addition to our home and is doing very well. She is full of puppy energy and will have frequent "zoomie" episodes where she runs full speed around all the bushes from one end of the yard to the other and back again. She loves to play fetch and especially enjoys diving full force into the pool to retrieve a toy that I throw for her and she will do that over and over as I try to get her to burn off some of that excess energy. She'll eventually get out with the toy and try to hide it from me to let me know she's the winner of that game but still has energy for one more zoomie before she's totally spent and settles down for a nap. She's a joy to have around and a great blessing for us both. I think all of us are very happy together.*





23-041 Turney, named for the street on which he was found as a stray, was boarded at **Academy West Animal Hospital** for the legally-required 7 days. No owner was ever located even though he was advertised on several lost pets websites. In addition, we notified the County shelter that we had him, so that if an owner turned up there looking for the dog, they would know where he was

being kept. No one ever claimed him. **Turney**, who appears to be a purebred Golden, was judged to be about one year old. Because he had been a stray, we had to have our standard vetting done with all vaccinations and tests for valley fever and heartworm; he was neutered shortly after being placed with Leslie and Eric in Glendale. When Connie transported him to his new home, she said: *Perfect pup, I love him! So did Leslie and Eric. Rudy, a 4½-year-old Lab/Catahoula mix, was friendly and a little playful, but Turney was more interested in the people. He explored the huge yard with gusto. Although he showed no interest in the pool, Leslie sent me a photo of him playing in today's irrigation – he loved it! He and Rudy have become best buds. They tried the name Sam on him at first but then decided that Luke fit him better. Shortly after Luke was neutered, the family applied for his county license. If he ever went astray again, they wanted to be sure he was returned to them! Recently, Leslie wrote: Luke is doing well, he's got quite the goofy personality, and is obsessed with fetch. If there is any mud or water, he'll find it! Rudy and Luke get along – big brother is showing him the ropes. Luke has become my shadow. He manages to get himself in trouble time to time, i.e., counter surfing! We are enjoying him and he's part of family!* Leslie also sent me a funny video which shows **Luke** barking at the moving vacuum cleaner then chasing his own tail!



23-058 Ace, now renamed **Bear**, is a very handsome 8-month-old, already-80-lbs, purebred Golden. He is a beautiful red color. He is high energy, will chew anything he can get his mouth on, loves to play, and get attention. The owner had two smaller older dogs that did not like the puppy, so he surrendered him to us. Both transporter and his new

family, Doug and Chris in Cave Creek, think this boy is a fabulous dog! After the first night with the dog, Doug wrote: *Bear had a very good first day. He's quickly bonded with us. He slept well in the crate last night. This morning we walked four miles. I'm very glad you recommended the Sidekick leash. Toward the end of our walk, there was a 60-lb dog (not sure the breed) that an owner was walking and that dog went nuts – barking viciously and wanting to run towards us. Bear tried to back out of the leash but it held and we were able to walk past the alpha dog without any*

trouble. Other than that, Bear wanders around while on leash but doesn't use his strength to try to get away. He'll quickly learn to heal – he wants very much to please. After we got back, Bear went swimming to cool off and loved it. He's napping next to me right now. No intro to the cat yet but that will come later today. Bear thinks he's a lap dog. They have already signed him up for obedience classes in September, and he will be neutered in October.

My sincere thanks to Peggy Andrews who researched and wrote up preliminary stories for eleven of the above finalized adoptions. Due to other commitments, she is unable to continue to help with the writing. So, is there a writer in the AGR membership who would be willing to take over writing the Magic Moments section? Instruction will be given, as well as access to the AGR database. Please contact Deb at dorwigaz@cox.net.

He Is Just My Dog

By Gene Hill from *Tears & Laughter*

He is my other eyes that can see above the clouds;
my other ears that hear above the winds.
He is the part of me that can reach out into the sea.
He has told me a thousand times over that I am his
reason for being –
by the way he rests against my leg;
by the way he thumps his tail at my smallest smile;
by the way he shows his hurt when I leave without
taking him. (I think it makes him sick with worry
when he is not along to care for me).
When I am wrong, he is delighted to forgive.
When I am angry, he clowns to make me smile.
When I am happy, he is joy unbounded.
When I am a fool, he ignores it.
When I succeed, he brags.
Without him, I am only another person.
With him, I am all-powerful.
He is loyalty itself.
He has taught me the meaning of devotion.
With him, I know a secret comfort and a private peace.
He has brought me understanding where before I
was ignorant.
His head on my knee can heal my human hurts.
His presence by my side is protection against my
fears of dark and unknown things.
He has promised to wait for me... whenever...
... wherever -- in case I need him.
And I expect I will – as I always have.
He is just my dog.

Valley Fever Alert!

By Deb Orwig

Valley fever, also called *Coccidioidomycosis immitis*, is a fungal disease that commonly affects people and dogs living in the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. The fungal spores of the valley fever organism are released into the air when the ground is disturbed by construction, farming and after rainfall. The dust storms in southern AZ during the summer could be carrying spores of the fungus that causes valley fever. The spores are inhaled and lodge in the lungs where the infection begins. If a human or a dog contracts the disease, the symptoms could manifest in days, weeks or months, or the individual may not exhibit any symptoms until the disease is very advanced. It is for the latter reason why *Arizona Golden Rescue* has every dog over 6 months of age tested for valley fever when it comes into our Rescue program. Please be on the alert for the following symptoms in your dog:

- Fever
- Cough
- Fatigue and lethargy
- Joint aches
- Weight loss
- Lack of appetite
- Limping
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Draining sores from skin (dogs only)

The disease is not contagious except in the case of draining sores. It can be passed to humans through draining sores on dogs.

According to the Mayo Clinic, in addition to the above symptoms in dogs, humans may exhibit any or all of the following:

- Chills
- Night sweats
- Headache
- Chest pain - varying from a mild feeling of constriction to intense pressure resembling a heart attack
- Shortness of breath
- Red, spotty rash (humans only)

These symptoms may also manifest with other respiratory illnesses, such as Covid 19 variants. If you or your dog develop any of these symptoms, get tested right away. Valley fever is usually curable if caught early. For this reason, we recommend getting your dog tested at its annual vet visit even if the dog shows no symptoms of illness.

FOSTER FRAPS ~ By Deb Orwig

If you aren't familiar with the term FRAP, we will explain – then you will see just how apropos this acronym is to fostering Golden Retrievers! FRAP stands for Frenetic Random Activity Periods – it describes fostering to a “T”!

The Placement Manager calls you while you're (1) in the shower, (2) eating, (3) out doing errands, (4) in the midst of a riveting book or TV show, (5) cleaning house for company coming in two hours, (6) doing just about anything besides thinking about fostering another Golden. The call: “Can you PLEASE take in a foster for me in an hour – I've tried everyone else I can think of, no one is available, and all the vets/boarding facilities are closed! He/she is such a beautiful boy/girl, just SO sweet and lovable! He/she was digging up the owner's back yard, so they want to get rid of the dog, and if we don't rescue him/her NOW, they'll dump him in the desert. He/she is housebroken (NOT, sometimes) and was sent to obedience school by the owner (but has forgotten everything). He/she is just a WONDERFUL dog!” Dog arrives. FRAPs begin. The dog drives you crazy. You fall in love all over again! You cry when the dog goes to his/her new home and hope that the new owners keep in touch with you. Fostering Golden Retrievers is one of the most rewarding jobs in the world!

AGR has only a small group of members who have a foster-only home. We would have spent much more on boarding had we not had all of you. You are all terrific! We need everyone's help to spread the word to friends, neighbors, coworkers, and business associates that we could use more foster homes. Many of our foster families have ended up adopting the dog(s) they fostered, thus eliminating their households from our foster homes list.

What is required for being a Golden foster caregiver? Above all, you must be an *AGR* member or join when you get a dog – our insurance requires all who are active in the organization (including fosters) to be members. The cost will be \$30 for a Single; \$45 for a Household for one year. You don't need a big yard, but the yard must be fenced. You don't need a big house. If you need a crate, we will provide one if you don't have one. A dog door into the back yard is helpful but not necessary. All you really need is a commitment to Golden Retrievers, a supply of good-quality dog food, and time to love and exercise the dog. As you foster the dog, you will evaluate its temperament and personality, so that *AGR* can make as good a match as possible between the dog and a potential new owner.

Being a foster parent is a heart-warming and rewarding experience. As a foster parent for an unwanted Golden, you will have changed the life of that dog forever. The Golden did not ask to be abandoned or neglected. He only wants to love and be loved. You are the person who will make a difference in that one special Golden's life. Are you ready to join our foster list? We're ready for you!

Training a Puppy

By Allan Long

Ed. Note: During 1st quarter 2013, AGR took in nine puppies age 4 months or younger within a one-month period. Ten years later in 2023, we had six puppies born into Rescue in July from Goldendoodle 23-031 Ivy. All of these Doodle puppies have been placed and will be in their new homes by the time you read this, so I thought it appropriate to reprint excerpts of this article written by Allan Long. Allan and wife Diane adopted 13-026 Nola, one of the St. Paddy's Day puppies in 2013, and renamed her Nessa. All of you who have adopted one of our puppies, including those of you who adopted one of 22-066 Sophia's puppies last year (they are now 11 months old) will relate to Allan's article!

Once you announce to the world that you have a new puppy, friends and family flock to your house all wanting to ooh and aah over the new arrival. But they probably think: *How are these people going to be able to train that bundle of energy?*

Then the horror stories begin. You hear tales of all of the destruction suffered at the paws of their once-oh-so-beautiful, tiny dog. House breaking, you are told, is the most difficult of everything you have to teach your puppy. Be prepared to spend weeks upon weeks getting your puppy to go outside to do his or her business. Get plenty of newspapers, they tell you. And make sure you have a good supply of carpet cleaner on hand. The final piece of wisdom proffered is "once housebreaking is done, the rest is easy." Not.

Training a puppy is work. But if you are willing to put in the time, the rewards are worth it. You will need a few things to get you started. The first is patience. Next is a plan and the willingness of each family member to follow the same guidelines. Language is critical. Your puppy is, in fact, a little baby. You cannot expect a four-month-old baby to walk by your side or read and understand a novel. A puppy is no different. Simple one- or two-word commands are vitally important. Anything more and you will just confuse your pup. You will make mistakes – that is a given – but if you stick to what works, you and your new puppy will be so much happier.

Nessa was 12 weeks old when Diane and I brought her home. The first thing we showed her was the doggie door. To her it was a mysterious evil monster that was to be avoided at all costs. But, by one of us going outside and calling to her, she did finally muster the courage to stick her head through the flap. By day three she was in and out so often we thought we would have to get a new door – she was going to wear this one out!

Nessa did all of her business outside. Not once did she mess her sleeping area or her crate. Yes, there were four accidents on the rug, but three were in the first two days and not one was **Nessa's** fault. The admirers kept her from the doggie door by distracting her and oops, the accident occurred. **Nessa** learned her potty training at her foster's house. We burn incense daily as thanks for that gift. **Nessa** would go from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM without an

accident. She continues to extend her time, but we do not push her beyond what she is comfortable with.

In all areas **Nessa** has been a very quick study. My wife, Diane, has "the voice" that gets through to **Nessa**. Diane has taught **Nessa** the basic commands of sit, shake, down, off, and stay, and both of us are working on come. The NO command was very easy for her, and right from the start she got that idea.

Diane's success with **Nessa** is due to repetition. You can not expect a puppy to learn commands on the first try. "School" is at least twice a day; usually three sessions is the rule. For each session, 15 minutes is the outside max time. Even though **Nessa** knows the sit command, she is asked to run through her entire repertoire at each session. Rewards of "good girl" and a small bit of kibble are given for good performance. It is important to refresh the training in order to keep from losing earlier commands from lack of use.

Nessa and I walk every morning and "heel" is our daily schooling subject. Puppies are curious, to say the least. Most days **Nessa** walks just fine. I tap my hip and say heel and we both walk in step for most of our walk. Puppies are easily distracted. A leaf fluttering at the curb or a bird sitting on the sidewalk will draw her attention away from the heel routine. Usually it is a simple matter to get her back to the task at hand. But, some days I think I am speaking in tongues. I can tap my side until I fracture my hip and nothing diverts the little girl from her distraction. **Nessa** will go where **Nessa** wants to go and that is the way the walk veers from the plan. The key here is patience. I say "sit" to break her attention from whatever is distracting her and then try the heel command again – we try the "sit" routine until we get the desired results. If all else fails, it is homeward bound.

I recently taught **Nessa** how to catch a rubber ball. I ask **Nessa** to sit and then toss the ball up toward her. At first I watched as it bounced off of her head, but gradually she got the idea and began to reach for the ball. When she caught it for the first time, we heaped tons of praise on her for a great job. Again, constant practice was the key.

I continue to be impressed with **Nessa's** intelligence. She learns quickly (when she wants to) and likes to show off new tricks. She does not miss anything new or any sort of change in the layout of furniture or simple items like a book on a table. It becomes fair game until the "no" command is given, and often that needs to be given more than once.

If you are fortunate enough to raise a puppy, look forward to a great adventure. A few disappointments will occur along the way, but the sheer pleasure of watching your charge grow and learn in front of your eyes makes the effort worthwhile. Remember, both of you will make mistakes. Have patience and stick to your plan. It is all worth the effort, especially when your puppy grows up to be a well trained and obedient dog.



This adorable picture of **Sukhi** (fka **22-064 Tilly**), so typical of a Golden Retriever with a tennis ball in her mouth, graces the cover of our 2024 calendar. Calendars will be available sometime in October/November. If you have an AMBER, TOPAZ, PEARL or GOLD membership, one calendar will be mailed to you unless you have told us you do not want one. If you want more than one, you will have to pay for any extras. Our calendars contain an historical record of events we have had and vignettes about the dogs we rescued during the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. If you adopted a dog during this one-year period, your dog's photo will be included in the calendar. Some dogs that have come into Rescue since June will also have photos in this calendar. An Order Form is included with this newsletter. Quantity is limited, so order early to be sure you get however many you want.

Calendar Sponsors

The following generous **AGR** members helped pay for the printing of the 2024 calendars by purchasing a photo spot in the center-fold Gallery so that we could keep the sale price of the calendars as low as possible. Thanks to all of you for your support!

Teddi Axne	Sandra Hansen	Dean Mortimore
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The Dog Rules by William Thomas

1. Dogs are never permitted in the house. The dog stays outside in a specially built wooden compartment named, for very good reason, the doghouse.
2. Okay, the dog can enter the house but only for short visits or if his own house is under renovation.
3. Okay, the dog can stay in the house on a permanent basis provided his doghouse can be sold in a lawn sale to a rookie dog owner.
4. Inside the house, the dog is not allowed to run free and is confined to a comfortable but secure metal cage.
5. Okay, the cage becomes part of a two-for-one deal in the yard sale, and the dog can go wherever the hell he pleases.
6. The dog is never allowed on the furniture.
7. Okay, the dog can get up on the old furniture but not the new furniture.
8. Okay, the dog can get up on the new furniture until it looks like the old furniture, and then we'll sell the whole works and buy new furniture on which the dog will most definitely not be allowed.
9. The dog never sleeps on the bed. Period.
10. Okay, the dog can sleep at the foot of the bed only.
11. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, but he's not allowed under the covers.
12. Okay, the dog can sleep under the covers but not with his head on the pillow.
13. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, under the covers with his head on the pillow, but if he snores, he's got to leave the room.
14. Okay, the dog can sleep and snore and have nightmares in your bed, but he's not to come in and sleep on the couch in the TV room where you're not sleeping. That's just not fair.
15. The dog never gets listed on the census questionnaire as "primary resident," even if it's true.

If I had my dog to raise all over again...

I'd stroke him with my fingers more, and point the finger less.
 I would do less correcting and do more connecting.
 I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
 I would care to know less and know to care more.
 I'd take more hikes and throw more balls.
 I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
 I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
 I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
 I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
 I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
 I'd teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love.

Adaptation by Deb Orwig from
If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again by Diane Loomans

Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay.
~ Robert Orben

WHEN I GOT MY NEW DOG

I asked for strength that I might rear her perfectly;
I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.

I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble;

I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;
I was given a clown that I might laugh.

I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.

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

Author Unknown

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.
~Sherry Anderson

PACC911's Glimmer of Hope Event



PACC911's annual major fundraiser, *Glimmer of Hope*, will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2023 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Profits from this event will help fund Rescues with dogs in need of financial assistance. Over the years, *AGR* has received numerous grants to help with some of our dogs' medical expenses. If you would like to support this fundraiser, go to www.pacc911.org/special-events to register. The event fee includes lunch at the *JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort and Spa*, 5402 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85253. There will be a raffle and silent auction; bidding on auction items will commence online during the week before the event.

Thanks to a donation by *Valley Toyota Dealers*, a special raffle is being conducted in conjunction with this event. Someone will win a brand new **2023 Toyota RAV4 or \$15,000 cash** (winner's choice). Raffle tickets are \$100 each or three for \$250. Only 2,000 tickets have been printed, so you have a 1/2000 chance of being picked the winner – odds are much better than in any state or national lottery! Tickets can be purchased here: <https://pacc911.org/glimmer-of-hope-car-affle>

Come Play with Us!



Fore! Paws Golf Tournament Saturday, September 16, 2023 McCormick Ranch Golf Club

7505 E McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale, AZ

4-Person Scramble • 1:30 PM Shotgun Start •
Check in Noon – 1:15 PM

Dinner follows tournament and is included in golfing fee
Non-golfers may join us for dinner

Raffle and Silent Auction open during dinner

After September 1 and until September 13, fees are:
Individual Entry Fee \$175 • Foursome \$700
Non-Golfing Dinner Guests \$55

Final Deadline for registration is
September 13, 2023

Beth Chaffee, Registrar: golflady72@aol.com
480-650-8494

Prefer Zelle payments to *Arizona Golden Rescue* at
info@arizonagoldenrescue.org
or checks payable to *AGR* should be sent to:
5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308
Credit card payments can be made online on the
registration site: www.birdease.com/arizonagolden

Golf Tournament Sponsorships Available

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*Best In Show Sponsor:	\$2,500
*Tournament Sponsor:	\$5,000

If we made a hole sign for you/your business in the past, we will use it again; if you are a new sponsor of \$250 or more, it's too late for us to order a sign for this year's tournament.

Item Donations Still Needed

We have what we need for our golf tournament raffles and silent auction but we still need items for our *Dine Out With The Dogs* event on October 29, 2023. The list below was printed in the May issue of *The Golden Paw*. I have removed specific businesses that have already donated this year, since we do not like to solicit the same business twice in one year.

Items must be new.

Items do not have to be dog-themed or dog-related, although such items usually go well.

- Dog art
- Dog beds
- Dog toys
- Dog treats

Other types of items that generate interest:

- Air fare gift certificates
- Any kind of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, liqueurs, hard liquor)
- Bestsellers – signed copies by well-known authors
- Car care products
- Coffee
 - Beans or ground; K-cups
 - Espresso machine
 - Keurig machine
- Complete themed basket – sports, golf, travel, spa, beer or wine, camping, car detailing, cosmetics, crafts, cigars, etc.
- Unique experiences: Private dinner parties, cooking classes, art classes, private museum tours, brewery/winery tours
- Entertainment admission tickets
 - Arizona Opera
 - Arizona Science Center
 - Ballet Arizona
 - Hot Air Balloon ride

- Museum admission
 - Arizona Museum of Natural History
 - Arizona-Sonoran Museum
 - Musical Instrument Museum
 - Phoenix Art Museum
- Phoenix Symphony
- Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts
- Tools – hand or power
- Train ride – Grand Canyon Railroad
- Zoos – Phoenix Zoo

Gardening supplies

**Gift cards

- Gas
- Restaurants
- Theater tickets – cinema and live
- The Home Depot and/or Lowe's
- Golf-themed or golf-related items
 - Accessories
 - Bags
 - Balls – boxes of high-quality brands
 - Clothing – men's or women's
 - Clubs
 - Club fittings
- Hotel stays
- Jewelry – high-quality, not costume
- Kitchen items and small appliances
- Snack collections
- Southwestern-themed items
- Sports memorabilia or sporting goods store gift cards
- Sporting event tickets
- Trips – Time-share? Vacation home?

** Gift cards are highlighted because we can use these to purchase items to "fill in holes" or to put together with other like items for a nicer basket. For example, one of our most popular collections of gift cards is *Eat Out Once A Month For A Year*. In this collection, we include gift cards for 12 different restaurants; none of the cards is for less than \$50 and most are for \$100. So, if you donate a \$25 gift card, we will put it with another \$25 or \$50 card for the same restaurant.

Contact Denise Padavano (dpadavano@cox.net, 623-875-9625) or Jeanne Wegener (jawegener1115@gmail.com, 623-680-2061) if you have something you would like to donate.

***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.***

~ Author Unknown



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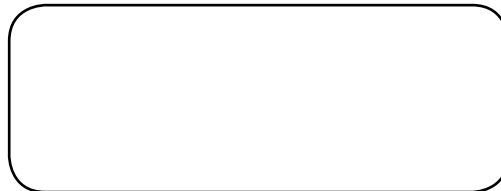


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