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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Dolly, Mufasa, Duffy and Troy Orwig

Two of our canine gang are senior Golden Retrievers, **Dolly**, now 10, and **Troy**, who will be 11 on March 27, 2016. We have a great life! **Troy** was born at the Orwig home almost eleven years ago. **Dolly** came when she was a little over eight, so she was adopted as a senior dog. It is not the first time that the Orwigs have adopted a senior. They rescued **Ben** in 2002 when he was 12. Be sure to read **Ben's** story on pages 25 - 26.

People who consider adopting senior dogs often think the dog will survive only a year or two or maybe a lot less, and sometimes that is the case. But **Ben** was an Orwig for almost four years – he lived until he was only a couple weeks shy of his 16th birthday! **Dolly** and **Troy** hope to live that long, too!

Dolly and **Troy** will tell you that senior dogs can have health issues that don't usually manifest in younger dogs. Liz Tataseo, **AGR's** Health Care Manager, reviews senior dog problems well in her column on pages 9 - 10. Even with health problems, senior dogs can be a joy to have around.

We would like to review the reasons why adopting a senior can be a great idea.

Ten Reasons to Adopt a Senior Golden

(This list was published on the Internet many years ago by an unknown author)

1. **Adulthood.** In most cases, senior Golden Retrievers are well past the chewing and digging stages of life. They cause less destruction than puppies and younger dogs. They also have a longer attention span for training.
2. **Peace of Mind.** Over 90% of older dogs are housebroken before they go to a second home; those that aren't are easily trained. An adult dog has a larger bladder and can go for longer periods of time without relief.
3. **Experience.** Most senior Golden Retrievers have been socialized with other animals. They can provide an example and a calming influence for younger dogs.

4. **Tolerance.** Older Golden Retrievers are good first dogs for children because they are patient with tail-tugging and rough petting. They'll generally walk away from a rough-playing child rather than hurt him.
5. **Companionship.** Senior dogs don't demand constant watchfulness and attention. They're content just to be in the same room while family members are working or relaxing. A Golden Oldie will be more happy with a sedate walk than with intense exercise.
6. **Dignity.** Senior Golden Retrievers are generally calmer than young dogs; they won't scare small children or the elderly by jumping up to greet them.
7. **Adaptability.** An adult dog will adapt more easily to changes in your household, such as a new baby, relatives or guests visiting, or being left alone for long periods of time.
8. **WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get).** A senior dog is fully grown, and most of its health history is known (hereditary diseases, arthritis, hip dysplasia are some). There are no guesses about how big it will get, what color it will be, whether it will bark a lot, or what its energy level will be.
9. **Personality.** A senior dog arrives with its own set of likes (e.g., soft places, belly rubs, tennis balls) and dislikes (e.g., cauliflower, squirrels, vacuum cleaners), and each one is different. Discovering all the facets of a senior's personality makes life with them truly enjoyable.
10. **Memories.** Even if you have a senior Golden as part of your life for only a few years, or for just a few months, the days and adventures you share are precious. The love you receive will more than compensate for the sadness of eventually losing such a wonderful companion.



Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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Months ago, we decided that the focus of the February 2016 issue of *The Golden Paw* would be on senior dogs. In our November issue, I even made an announcement about the theme and invited those of you who had adopted a senior dog to submit a paragraph or story. That was long before puppies were whelped at my house on January 13, 2016! So it has been a little difficult – no, a LOT difficult! – to concentrate on writing about senior dogs. It is also why this issue is coming to you later than it normally would have. I apologize for that, but there has been little time in January to work on the layout of this issue, what with the puppies requiring a lot of attention.

January was also the month for writing thank you letters to the many generous people who donated cash or merchandise during 2015. My special thanks to Sherry Landwehr, who wrote letters to 20 of the golf tournament item donors. As of January 25th, all thank you letters were mailed. If you made a donation during 2015 and you have not received a letter, or if your letter has mistakes of any kind or if there are omissions, please contact me right away. We not only want to thank you sincerely for your support; we want these letters to be correct for your tax purposes. I try very hard to keep accurate records and note it all in the letters, but well over 300 letters went out this year and I do sometimes make mistakes or miss something. I apologize for any errors that may be in your letter. I try very hard to keep accurate records, but sometimes I miss something. I do use templates on which to base the thank you letters, but each letter is customized to the donor. However, sometimes I do not read through a new letter carefully enough to make all the changes necessary for a particular individual or family. Again, I apologize for any errors that may be in your letter. We appreciate every single donation that is made to **AGR**, whether that donation is one of money or one of items that we can use. Many, many donations were made anonymously at Meet-and-Greets or at one of our other events, especially during gift wrapping season. They could not be acknowledged by letter, but we are grateful for every one.

Acknowledgments to known donors were sent for dollar amounts ranging from \$2 to \$5,000. The **Golden Retriever Foundation's April Fund** sent us \$5,000 between July 1 and December 31, 2015 to help with the medical expenses of 20 of the Golden retrievers rescued last year (their limits are \$400 per dog and \$5,000 per fiscal year). We will not be able to apply for more grant money from them until July 1, 2016. If any of you know of other organizations or businesses to which our grant writer, Jolene Schlichter, could apply for grant money, please contact Jolene at schlicj@q.com

Getting back to senior dogs...

On page 3, the Editor's Assistants have enumerated ten reasons why adopting a senior Golden is something you should consider. I would like to add a few more reasons. Many people who adopt seniors are seniors themselves. A senior dog fits their lifestyle better than a younger dog would. Adopting a senior dog is usually a much shorter-term commitment than adopting a younger dog. Senior people tend to be retired and have more time to travel than they did when they were younger and working full time. Senior dogs are easy to travel with. If you choose to go without the dog, it may be easier to find someone to pet sit for a mellow, old dog than for a younger, more vigorous dog. Senior dogs usually fit right into a household like they have been there forever – in fact, we frequently hear just that comment from families who have taken in one of our seniors. The next time you are considering adding a canine companion to your household, think about adopting a senior.



It's a Ruff Life!

**By Christine Spiel,
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During my 14 year "career" of owning Golden Retrievers or Goldendoodles, unfortunately I have only had the opportunity to experience a senior golden once until now. **Caesar** was my very first Golden. He was my big boy at 117 lbs at his prime. His bloodline came from England, and his grandparents were champions according to his pedigree. **Caesar** was my buddy. He joined me at my softball games, went to Grandma's house and dragged me on long walks. As he aged, we would lie on the floor to watch TV together, and he would love to chill on the 1st step in the pool. When he couldn't drag me for walks anymore, we would go outside and lie on the driveway. He loved when the neighborhood kids came over and gave him lots of pets. It was two months after his 15th birthday when I knew it was time to send him to the Bridge. He couldn't see or hear and could barely even stand with my assistance, but somehow he always knew when I walked into the room. His tail would wag and wag just like when he was a puppy. He was my constant companion and always by my side. He was an awesome Golden, young and old. **Caesar's** unconditional love throughout his 15 years was no different when he was a puppy vs a senior Golden. I was so lucky to experience it all.

Since **Caesar**, I lost my next Golden, **Polar Bear** and Goldenoodle, **Traveler**, at 9 and 7, respectively, to cancer. I got robbed of sharing their special senior years with them. I now have **Jack** and **Nash** who are 8 and 5, still very much active and goofy, as many of you know.

The newest addition to the Spiel clan is **Bailey**, also known as **Bailey Boo** or **Boing Boing Boing**. If you have attended any **AGR** events lately you know what I am talking about. Her boing, boing, boing little jumps into the air with her front paws and her hoarse bark is hysterical and makes me laugh so hard every time. It's



Chris with Nash, Jack and Bailey

quite a mannerism that I have only seen from **Bailey**. When **Bailey's** intake profile came by e-mail in July and I saw that adorable senior all-grey face, something told me she needed to come live with us. Her age was listed at 14½; she had been left at the shelter by her owners. Knowing she was 14½ and not having much experience with senior Golden Retrievers, I am not sure exactly why I wanted her so badly. Maybe it was the grey face that reminded me of **Caesar** or just memories of **Caesar** in his senior years. For whatever

reason, I am so glad she is part of the family now. She has given me some challenges, but all in all, she has given me laughs and lots of love. **Jack** loves to give her kisses, and **Nash** is still trying to figure her out. **Nash** wonders, *Why does this girl think she can steal my Nylabone® right from under my nose?!*

I would not hesitate to bring another senior Golden into my family again. After my experiences with **Caesar** and now **Bailey**, I firmly believe it's not the quantity of time you have with a Golden but the quality of time you have with a Golden that truly really matters.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Regular Meet-and-Greets at various **Pet Planet**, **Petco**, and **PetSmart** stores; check website calendar for dates, times and locations: www.arizonagoldenrescue.org
Please contact Chris Spiel at cmspiel@gmail.com to volunteer for any of the following events:

Saturday, March 5

PACC911 & Petco Ahwatukee Pet Adopt-a-thon
Ahwatukee Foothills Towne Center
5011 East Ray Road, Phoenix, AZ 85044
10 AM - 3 PM; set-up at 8:30 AM

Sunday, March 13

Arizona Golden Rescue Annual Meeting and BBQ
Pioneer Community Park
8755 N. 83rd Avenue, Peoria
11 AM - 3 PM; set-up at 8:30 AM

Saturday, April 16 (10 AM - 6 PM) and **Sunday, April 17**
(11 AM - 4 PM)

Phoenix Pet Expo at **WestWorld**, Scottsdale
Set-up help needed at 1 PM on Friday, April 15
Booth help needed all day Saturday and Sunday

Owners of Little Bite of Italy Receive Humanitarian Award

On November 18, 2015, Bryan Foley and Nancy Wheeler, owners of **Little Bite of Italy**, received the "**Award Realty Humanitarian Award**" in recognition of commitment to their community. Annually, they support three programs. One is **Arizona Golden Rescue's Paws & Pasta Dinner** (see pages 29-30). They also support the **National Parkinson's Foundation – Parkinson Network of Arizona – Treble Clefs**. This group provides music therapy for people with Parkinson's. In addition, as an ongoing daily theme, they strive to remind every citizen in our community regarding the sacrifices our veterans and active duty personnel make for us all. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor!

Paws Forward

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Having an older dog can sneak up on you. **Penny** joined our family when she was five years old. She was healthy, a good weight and active. She had good manners despite some "baggage" from having been relocated several times in her short life. It took her a long time to realize we were not just another temporary stop along her path but her forever home.

Two years later, we added **Oliver**, a goofy one-year-old Golden mix. He has been introducing her to the more fun aspects of dog-dom – I suspect fun was not tolerated in some of her previous homes. Always deferring to her, **Oliver** has encouraged her to bounce much more happily on daily walks and play in the back yard. Every day, whatever else was going on, **Penny** and **Oliver** got a minimum of a half-hour walk with some time off leash in our local pocket park. This was usually done at 5:30 – 6:00 AM, when only our own dog buddies were there.

Here's where her age sneaking up on me comes in. Last September **Penny** turned nine. In November, I had knee surgery which totally knocked out walks for longer than I care to admit. A friend took both dogs out for a "power walk," not something someone with pending knee surgery can do. **Penny** kept up gamely, but spent the next two days getting up slowly and generally looking pretty creaky. The friend, feeling bad, stepped aside. Now we are beginning to reinstitute brief walks so **Penny** is getting back into it. Actually, I think she really appreciates taking it slowly even if it is driving energetic **Oliver** a bit nuts.

Intellectually, I knew **Penny** was getting older. The fact that she is not very grey tends to make me forget just how old she is. I had begun including some glucosamine in her diet and having a senior panel and lump check every annual exam. Weight control has always been a special requirement for her, as she has a compromised trachea and extra weight could interfere with breathing. The only other cue she is aging is that she naps more and snores louder.

Here's the big plus of having a senior: When I needed a pup to keep me company, especially when I didn't feel so hot or was hurting, Nurse **Penny** was on duty. She moved cautiously, carefully and gently, offering a cold nose and a warm snuggle. Youthful **Oliver** had his heart in the right spot, but I really wasn't up for the party he was offering.

Whether a dog comes to you as a senior or you "grow your own", senior dogs do need and deserve special consideration. When it comes to exercise, slowly building up is imperative. Health needs

to be monitored to head off and treat problems as soon as possible. Meanwhile, you have a canine friend who is happy to hang out with you for as long as he or she has left on Earth.

The Information Highway

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When people think about the everyday activities of running a dog rescue organization, they may think these involve just taking a dog in and finding it a new home. They might even think about the medical care that a dog gets once it comes into Rescue and while it is waiting to go to its new home. They may realize there is an Intake person taking all the information to make sure we can take the dog (we will not accept a dog that has ever demonstrated aggression). Last but not least, there is the Placement person who makes the call asking a potential adopter if they would like the dog that they are being contacted about.

I doubt many people realize that what I just mentioned is the most basic part of running a well-organized Rescue. There are many other behind-the-scenes activities that occur every day. Our Rescue has to be run as a business, albeit a nonprofit charitable one, with all the financials and communications that need to be addressed. Along with these functions, we have the basic Rescue activities and major fundraising events, which our Activities Director, Chris Spiel, is always seeking out and scheduling. We have a Grant Writer, Jolene Schlichter, who is always working with organizations that have provided us with grant money in the past and seeking out new grants. Our Home Evaluation Coordinator and her team of evaluators check out homes to make sure the placements we make are in the dog's best interest. We have a Transport Manager (myself) and a team of transporters who move the dogs from one place to another. The bottom line is that it takes a lot more to run a Rescue than most people think.

In my Board position, I make sure that the website and the database are up to date and running properly. Generally, it is a routine effort to be sure all aspects work well, but all that changed over the holiday season when someone hacked into our website and was able to use an administrative account to send out thousands of spam e-mails. Our Internet service provider had no choice but to shut down our site to stop this flow of e-mails. Why would someone hack an animal rescue website? There is no financial gain to be derived from it. We have also had attempts on our website from all over the world, and because of this, we have a firewall on our website to try to stop any potential hack. Luckily, it had worked until this one successful attempt. *AGR* actually made it onto the Fox 10 News with Linda Williams when someone contacted her about the attack on our website and how upset she was about it.

Linda came to my home to interview my wife and me concerning the attack. One of our members saw the broadcast and sent a donation to help pay for the damage repair.

Our website is back up and running due to a lot of hours trying to fix the damage that was done and taking steps to try to make sure such a hack cannot happen again. We are still working with our provider on issues that were created; hopefully soon, everything will be fine once again. I would like to thank those who donated money towards the repair of the website. We have forwarded that money to The Cyber Image, the provider of our Internet services, for all they have done to help ensure we are running smoothly.

It takes a lot of people to run a Rescue of our size and to make sure everything is done well. We always need more help, even if it is something as simple as attending a Meet-and-Greet with your dog to get donations that will help new dogs coming in. If you think that you would like to become more involved, please let us know.



The Human Connection

**By Connie McCabe,
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“It’s all about the dogs.”

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

So, since this is the “Human Connection” column, in every issue I am going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and stories about some of the people you think you know. Hopefully, you will learn something new about them and gain more insight into how they got here. I have been going in order of membership number, beginning at #1 and featuring several members every column. You may notice that there are some missing member numbers. I know there are a lot of people who really just wanted to adopt a dog and have no interest in participating in *AGR* activities. I will respect the privacy of those who prefer not to be active and just concentrate on those who are, or have been, most active in the organization.

In November, we learned about Sandy and Gary Fullington, Beverly Farrar Host, Ruth Pulliam, and Sharon and Philip Wieser. August’s issue featured Kathy Blue, Beth and Jon Chaffee, Mary Jo and John Courtney and Denise Padavano. In the May 2015 issue I highlighted Cricket Forstrom, Cindy and Gary Tigges, and Teri and Rob Turner. In the February 2015 issue, I featured Jack Cra-

ven and Cara Holland, Judy Petitto, Bill and Linda Atkinson, and Mike Lane and Cynthia Wenström. In the November 2014 issue we were introduced to Angela Palumbo, Don and Carol Thompson, Bob and Kathi Youhas, and Katie Donahue. In August 2014, I covered Larry Jessup, Joyce Johnston, Sheila Joyce, and Dave and Nancy Kimmel. In May 2014, we learned some things about Anne Kowalski, Tony Cotner, and Teri and Jeff Guilbault. In February 2014, I featured Susan Parker, Michele Wehry and Mark Hill, and Teryl Hall and daughter Trystan Schuff. Previous issues have featured Deb and Larry Orwig, Debbe Begley and Patrick Doyle, and Liz Tataseo (August 2013), Debbie and Rick Ball, Nick Dodson and Connie McCabe, and Joyce Hubler (November 2013). If you did not get these issues and you want to learn about these members, you can download the issues from our website if you use Firefox or Google Chrome as your browser.

This quarter, let's meet Pat Morgan, founding member number 67F.



Pat with Sunny

Pat was born in Miami, Arizona, and grew up in Globe, where her family's first dog was a jet black Springer Spaniel mix named **Charcoal**. Her family moved to Phoenix where Pat started as a freshman at Washington High. During her 4 years at Washington, she was active in all sports, was a three-year letter girl in tennis, badminton, basketball, baseball and volleyball. As a Junior, she played in the State badminton tournament and was awarded a 3rd place medal in the Singles division. In addition, she won other awards, including some for shorthand and typing.

After graduating high school at the age of 17, Pat went to *ASU* for a year. When she went back for her 2nd year, the requirements for the degree she was seeking had changed and credits already earned would not apply to her degree. Pat's plan was always to join the Navy, but she was not yet 18. Now she was 18 and she joined the Navy and went to boot camp in Bainbridge, Maryland. While in boot camp, she was in charge of the color guard. She was an advanced recruit who took care of a company of 30+ new recruits, from before reveille to after taps every day for two weeks during jobs and training week. After boot camp, she went to Yeoman "A" School in San Diego and was stationed in the Commanding Officer's Office at the Naval Station, San Diego.

Pat met her husband, John Morgan, while they were both on active duty in San Diego. They got married and decided to start a family. Because the Navy did not allow pregnant women to stay in the service, she was honorably discharged and was not even allowed to go in the Reserves because she had a dependent child. After her son, Michael, was born, she worked for the Navy in the Security Department at the Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego. She and Johnny lived in San Diego until they were divorced after 2 years of marriage.

Pat moved back to Phoenix and got a job as a legal secretary with a local law firm, where she was employed for 12 years. She met her second husband, Jim, and they were married for 9 years. While they were married, they went to the pound and brought home a 2-month-old Golden Retriever and named him **Beauregard**. After their divorce, Pat, her son, Michael, and **Beau** moved to a new house. **Beau** lived to be 14. After **Beau** went to the Bridge, one of the ladies in Pat's office had a female Golden Retriever who somehow met up with a black lab. Pat and her mom each adopted one of the puppies. Pat named her dog **Rockford (Rocky)** for short). He looked just like a Golden Retriever, except he was jet black. He also lived to be 14 years old. Pat says, without a doubt, that **Rocky** was the smartest dog and the most smart-aleck dog she has ever had. For instance, he knew the names of all his numerous toys; i.e. if her mom was sitting on the sofa, Pat would say to **Rocky**, "Go get your baby bear and take it to Grandma Dog." **Rocky** would find his baby bear and deliver it to Grandma Dog.

The Navy changed their regulations in 1977 about allowing females with dependents to be in the service, so Pat was eager to join the active Navy Reserves and did so as a 2nd Class Legalman (E-5). She advanced to Senior Chief Legalman (E-8) and was the Executive Officer of a communications unit and Command Senior Chief at the Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Center in Phoenix. Pat ultimately was promoted by the Navy's LDO/CWO Board to Chief Warrant Officer 2 in 1997, and she attended Officer Candidate School in Pensacola. After 25+ years, she retired in 2002 as a Chief Warrant Officer 4, having ended her career as Commanding Officer of a Naval Reserve shipboard unit attached to the USS Acadia, a repair tender.

Meanwhile, Pat received a degree in paralegal studies and ultimately took the national paralegal 2-day exam in 1995 and became a certified paralegal. She still works full time for a local law firm.

After retiring from the Navy, Pat's goal was to adopt a senior rescued Golden Retriever. She went online and found the **RAGofAZ** website. She adopted 10-year-old **Buffy** two weeks after she moved into a new house where she has lived for the past 13+ years. **Buffy**, too, lived to be 14. Within a week or so after **Buffy's** passing, Pat saw Connie's picture of her foster, **Zach**, on the **RAGofAZ** website and immediately fell in love and adopted him, medical issues and all. **Zach** had seizures and a liver that was barely functioning. She had to put him down after 3 years at the age of 8. After **Zach** passed away, Pat's vet told her she hadn't thought that **Zach** would have lasted a year because he was in such bad shape. Thanks to all those supplements and good care, he outlived the vet's prediction.

Because **AGR** didn't have any senior Golden Retrievers when **Zach** passed, Pat adopted **Dixie** from **RAGofAZ**. **Dixie** was 10 years old and had major issues with her breathing. She only lived a year and had to be put down because of a large inoperable tumor in her lung.

She was so sweet, sugar would melt in her mouth.

A week later, Pat was told of a dog named **Scooby**, who had come into Rescue with a group **AGR** brought back from Texas. Two weeks after coming into Rescue, he had FHO surgery on his right hip and six months later had FHO surgery on his left hip. Once ready for adoption he needed someone who could continue his physical therapy. Pat changed his name to **Sunny** because **Scooby** was, to say the least, a stupid name for such a beautiful red-haired Golden with an outgoing personality. In the first 4 months, Pat walked **Sunny** twice a day up and down the slopes in Thunderbird Paseo Park, and his limp eventually went away from his last surgery. Pat has had **Sunny** for over five years. Two years ago he had both front knees operated on, revealing that the left knee was bone on bone. A recent X-ray the vet took of his spine, etc., showed that **Sunny's** skeletal makeup is genetically a real mess! **Sunny** is in the process of being fitted with a brace and learning to wear it. The brace will help keep the bones in his left elbow apart and also will protect his leg when he jumps on the block wall fence to get a lizard.

Buffy was very protective of Pat and would nip at people's heels, so she wasn't able to participate in very many rescue functions. Just the opposite was the case with **Zach**. He loved people and participated in numerous meet-and-greets and parades. Everyone loved him because he was, as Connie put it, so "awesome." Pat and **Sunny** currently participate in many **AGR** Meet-and-Greets. Pat likes to say that **Sunny** is a spoiled brat, just like the rest of her rescues, but we know that he is just very much loved.

Next up are founding members Greg Korycki and Carrie Foust, sharing number 73F.



Greg and Carrie with
Charlotte, Lola and Pippi

Greg and Carrie found their first-ever dog in September 1999, abandoned at a lake outside Austin, TX. They spent weeks trying to find her owners, but she already knew she had she found her forever home. They named her **Samantha**, and she was the one that started their passion for Golden Retrievers and Golden Retriever Rescue.

A few years later Greg and Carrie adopted **Kelly**, a 12-year-old senior from Las Vegas. Others followed: Annie, a sweet 10-year-old from Houma, LA; **Beetle Bailey**, a 9-year-old with diabetes, and the love of Greg's life; **Pippi**, who was born into Rescue and their first puppy (she is **Troy Orwig's** littermate); **Charlotte**, a 6-year-old from Florida who freaks during storms; **Midge** and **Jax**, both 12 years old and adopted together from Golden Beginnings in Houston, TX; and **Lola**, a hound mix someone dumped in their neighborhood at 8 weeks old. Though not a Golden, she is pure gold at heart.

The passion didn't stop there. They have been active in numerous CUR (Canine Underground Railroad) transports. Greg made three trips to Oklahoma City to help move rescued Golden Retrievers from Oklahoma to Phoenix, all non-stop trips in rented RVs. He also assisted with *Hearts of Gold*, helping to transport 17 Golden puppy mill dogs from Winne, TX to Phoenix, a 30+ hour RV trip. He then helped move 8 Katrina Golden Retrievers from Austin to Las Cruces, meeting a Phoenix team who had driven to Las Cruces for pick-up. On this trip, he brought back **Buddy**, a Golden from West Palm Beach, who was lost during a hurricane and found 18 months later in Albuquerque (found because he was microchipped). With the assistance of the National Golden Retriever Committee, **Buddy** was flown from Austin to West Palm and reunited with his family. His story went viral, and **Buddy** was even featured on *ABC's Good Morning America*.

Greg also participated in a *Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue* puppy mill rescue, where they were able to win the bids on ten puppy mill Golden Retrievers from a Missouri puppy mill auction. These lucky Golden Retrievers all went to their forever homes. **Kelli** stayed with them for two days on her trip from Iowa to Tucson, with Greg driving her on the Dallas to Las Cruces leg of the CUR.

They picked up **Van Gogh**, a one-eared boy on his way to his forever home in California with author David Rosenfelt, in Luling, TX as part of his CUR from Houston. After a two-day stay at Casa Korycki, Greg drove **Van Gogh** to Las Cruces for the next leg of his journey to Southern California and home.

They rescued their own **Charlotte** when she was being relocated from Destin, FL to the milder climate of California because she was so afraid of storms. Greg and Carrie were the Austin-to-Phoenix leg of her CUR. The Parrot Heads brought her to Austin where she stayed with them for a couple of weeks. The plan: Greg would drive her to Phoenix on his trip to pick up **Bailey**, whom they were adopting. But, long story short, since they weren't so good at just fostering, **Charlotte** never made the CUR leg from Phoenix to California. But she had a nice drive out to Phoenix with Greg, then back to Austin with Greg and **Bailey** to her forever home.

There were other dogs and other transports – they have had as many as five Golden Retrievers at one time. They were down to two at one point and looked at each other one day and said, "It's too quiet; we don't have enough dogs." Ever walk down the street with five dogs? People slow down to watch or give you the thumbs up. Inevitably, someone asks, "Are they all yours?" If you want to meet your neighbors, walk your dogs (well, walk your dogs even if you don't care to meet your neighbors; it's good for them and you). People stop to say hello and just want to meet your dogs. Being part of Rescue, they have met many people, both locally and all over the country. Now that they are permanently moving to Tucson in the near future, we look forward to seeing a lot more of Greg and Carrie! And a final thought from Greg and Carrie, *We*

love Old Gold. If you're considering adopting, consider a senior – you won't regret it.

From Tom and Sally Featherston, founding members 76F:



Sally and Tom with
Rocki and Molly

Our first Golden came into our lives when my college roommate decided that three children under five years of age needed a Golden Retriever. Amy in California raised Golden Retrievers for **Guide Dogs for the Blind** and had tracking and obedience dogs. Her friend in Washington raised show Golden Retrievers and provided stud service for **Guide Dogs for the Blind**. Thus **Daisy (Birdhill's Field of Daisies)** came into our lives.

We have pictures of our middle son, Scott, climbing Tom's leg to get away from the puppies. Scott is now an orthopedic veterinarian and says Golden Retrievers are the only breed who have never snapped at or bitten him.

Beautiful **Daisy** was soon joined by a show male from Washington. **Klancy (Kachina's Krispin Klancy)** and **Daisy** did everything with the children, including diving off the board and spending hours in the pool. We had two litters of adorable puppies, 3 in the first and 5 in the second. Of course they went to neighbors and friends, as they were chosen within hours of their births. Then came a move from California to Wisconsin and the dogs found the delights of snow and lakes to swim in.

Our dear **Amber** and **Chloe** were Wisconsin Golden Retrievers. **Amber** raised litters of kittens with joy and always had a Siamese or Abyssinian cat cuddled up with her. **Amber** lived a long and happy life, perking up and having three glorious years as an Arizona dog when we came here. No steps to climb and warm sun extended her life far beyond what our expectations had been in Wisconsin. **Chloe** was raised by **Amber**, was a love and went to college with daughter Laura for a while (she adored hanging out until she came home to boring old Tom and Sally). Laura and **Chloe** were devoted to each other. **Chloe** loved Arizona, too, and when she got to about 12, a 28-pound young "Afghan hound mix", came into our lives. A dog of dark red color, she had never been in a house, never ate or drank from a dish, was frightened and peeing black smelly stuff, and had been thrown into traffic. **Molly** turned out to be a Golden (as we thought at Golden Rescue). Through **Chloe's** patient love and Golden Rescue care, she got medicine, food, stopped digging for rocks and metal, stopped shredding carpet (she now nibbles her throw rugs only when nervous and shudders through loud storms on our laps) and grew to almost 70 pounds. Her coloring even changed from dark red to medium gold. When a litter came into Rescue we took two adorable females thinking **Chloe** would be "Mom," but **Molly** adopted them and did all the care. **Molly** kept **Rocki** as her very own puppy, and we had three

inseparable Golden Retrievers.

Our dear **Chloe** left almost 6 years ago – so then we had "the 2-headed dog" as we affectionately call **Molly** and **Rocki**. The "girls" have a job once a month at Mayo Blvd PetSmart with AGR and Denny Myrick. They take their responsibilities very seriously and love the attention. **Molly** is steady and ever so patient. The regulars at PetSmart call **Rocki** "needy **Rocki**", as she is very dependent on **Molly**. We thank Golden Rescue every day for our 2 beautiful girls.

The girls have a 14-year-old Maltese and an 8-year-old Yorkie Poo to care for, and they love our 2-year-old Rescue Flame Siamese **BuddE**, who definitely thinks he is a Golden Retriever, plus a Persian rescue of unknown age from my mother's nursing home that they try unsuccessfully to groom. They tolerate and tend to all other animals very well.

If you read between the lines, you can see why, with three toddlers, we never realized Golden puppies were work. We never caught on that eating walls, digging holes, making messes, etc. wasn't normal behavior. Our now-adult kids and their assorted dogs are welcome here anytime, as are a variety of critters. We live with the hope that another litter or a cute puppy will come into Rescue soon. We know we were made to be foster failures. We thank AGR every day for the joy they have brought to our lives in the form of friendships, support and love from the humans who support this group and from our dogs. For over forty years, we have loved Golden Retrievers and the people who treasure this breed. That means YOU. Thank you!

Health and Safety

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Senior Dogs and Their Health

Now that your dog is a little older, does he or she have difficulty getting up and down, have trouble going to the bathroom, or forget where he/she is sometimes, or gain weight when you aren't feeding him/her more? These are very common signs of an older or geriatric dog.

At what age does a dog become a senior dog? For adoption purposes we think of a senior as nine years or above. Many vets consider six to be the age at which a larger dog is designated as a senior; some consider it seven or eight. As with people, the better physical shape dogs are in due to getting enough exercise, quality food, and play time that helps their mental side stay active, the better many geriatric issues can be kept at bay.

The most common concerns in an older, large dog are arthritis, obesity, dental disease, hypothyroidism, cancer and sometimes dementia. One way to stay on top of any issues in an older dog is to see your vet twice a year rather than the standard one visit to update vaccinations. A complete blood panel or Total Health blood work is a good way to check your dog over each year. Hypothyroidism (low thyroid hormones) is a common condition that affects older Golden Retrievers. Some early signs are sudden weight gain, thinning coat, dry coat, changes in personality and lethargy. Hypothyroidism can be treated easily with one or two tiny pills daily.

If your dog is not active enough, he/she can lose muscle mass over the years. As arthritis develops, and it will, this makes it harder for a dog to get up and down and move without pain. New treatments abound to help with this including physical therapy and laser treatments that decrease the inflammation of arthritis. There are many over-the-counter joint supplements that can help, including just plain glucosamine and chondroitin.

It is important to keep a dog's teeth clean, especially as the dog ages. Dental disease can directly lead to other complications throughout the body, including heart disease. Learn how to brush your dog's teeth (always use a toothpaste made specifically for dogs), or at the least, give your dog Nylabones® or Dentachews® to gnaw on, which helps keep tartar from building up. A dog's immune system does not function as well later in life, which can cause infections to take hold more easily and become systemic. Kidney disease and heart disease can also occur as the dog ages.

Other age-related problems can include hearing or sight loss, anxiety, and behavior changes. Veterinarians are finding more cognitive dysfunction in older dogs such as confusion, restlessness at night, loss of housetraining and not recognizing family members. Often these were just thought of as normal signs of aging, but we now know they are signs of dementia. There is medication for such a condition which shows good recovery.

Golden Retrievers are prone to Golden Retriever Uveitis, an inflammation of one of the eye membranes, which can lead to glaucoma and blindness. Again, catching it early and getting treatment can prevent it from escalating.

As a dog ages, there is a greater chance of him or her getting some form of cancer. While it seems like more Golden Retrievers get cancer than other breeds, the percentage of Golden Retrievers dying from cancer at an older age is no more than any other breed. It is important to be aware of changes in your dog and know the common signs to look for listed below.

Common signs of Cancer in dogs:

- Abnormal swellings
- Sores that do not heal
- Sudden weight loss

- Loss of appetite
- Bleeding or other discharge from body openings
- Offensive mouth odor
- Lameness or stiffness
- Sudden difficulty in breathing, urinating or pooping

Some common warning signs for disease in older dogs are:

- Loss of appetite
- Increased thirst
- Increased urination
- Decreased urination
- Vomiting or diarrhea that persists
- Thinning or dry coat
- Persistent coughing

It is important to be aware of changes in your dog and work with your vet to find out the reason. Remember, AGE IS NOT A DISEASE! If something has changed or you see any of the signs in your dog that are listed above, it's not "age" but probably something wrong. As an owner of a soon-to-be 13-year-old who has seen his share of problems (many of those listed above), he has actually become more active, his problem areas controlled, and he still has a good quality of life.

<p><i>Service Paws</i></p> <p>By Wendy Enos</p> <p>wendyenos@cox.net</p>	
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Hearing Dogs

They are out in public, but perhaps not as often as most service dogs. Hearing dogs serve their handlers mostly at home.

Alerting their hearing-impaired or deaf owner to the ring of the telephone, the ding of a microwave or doorbell, a knock at the door, or the buzzes of a dryer or timer, is only the tip of the iceberg. They keep their ears open for crying babies, trespassers, smoke alarms, or other family members calling for them.

The dog is trained to paw the handler, jump up, tug on clothing, or simply sit in front of him. He keeps an eye out to make sure the handler is following him, then leads the handler to the sound and sits in front of it. Interestingly, the alert to a smoke alarm differs from all others. For example, if his alert is to tug on clothing, he will instead jump up on the handler to alert about a smoke alarm.

Although the majority of their tasks are performed at home, hearing dogs have their places in public as well. They know their handlers' names and many of their variations so they can alert them when someone calls them or pages them. The handler watches

the dog’s body language and direction of the ears to keep track of what is going on around them. And the handler who drops an item – i.e., keys, cell phone, or credit card – won’t hear it, but the dog will, and will pick up the item himself or nudge his handler.

After all the basic obedience has been firmly established, training begins by playing a sound and giving a treat. Then the sound is played and the dog touches the handler and gets a treat. Next, the sound and touch are paired with the dog going to and sitting at the source of the sound before he gets the treat. Distance is increased little by little, and then new sounds are added.

Any breed of dog can be a hearing dog, from a tiny Yorkie to a giant Leonberger or Great Dane. Most handlers prefer small to medium-size dogs because, really, who wants to be pawed or pounced on by a 100+ pound dog first thing in the morning when the alarm clock goes off?

The small-breed hearing dog, coupled with the fact that hearing-impaired persons generally appear healthy, active, and able-bodied, leave the team wide open for misjudgment by the public, so it is important never to jump to conclusions. If the dog is well-mannered, obedient, and in tune with the handler, especially to hand signals, you’re most likely looking at a true service dog.

Next Issue: *Alert Dogs*

Editor’s Note: Although I am not aware of any AGR members who are hearing impaired to the point of needing a trained hearing-alert dog, I am pleased that Wendy chose this topic for this column. I think she provides a valuable service to our readers in educating us about the various kinds of service that dogs can be trained to perform. In previous columns, she has helped to make us all aware of the problems that people with disabilities face on a daily basis. I am hoping that her words have made us wiser and more tolerant.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Thanks to our many donors, as well as to our fundraising events, 2015 was a spectacular year! We rescued 100 dogs. Despite over \$148,000 in veterinary and other dog-related expenses, we still ended the year in the black. Thank you for whatever part you played in this success – renewing your membership, making a donation (anonymously or otherwise), helping at one or more of our many activities, or just cheering us on from your armchair. Every donation was important, no matter how small or how large. Every member who came to an event to help, whether that was for an hour or all day, was important. Just knowing that you support us and what we do is important is what keeps us going when things might not look as good as we think they should. We really ap-

Reporting period: January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Total Assets as of January 31, 2016: \$195,719.80

	Income	Expenses
Adoptions	\$26,932.00	\$ 1,275.00
Bank Charges (Intuit, PayPal)		387.36
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	6,180.00	3,241.42
Credit Card Expense		977.59
Donations ¹	65,105.74	
Dues & Subscriptions		425.43
Event Expenses ²		647.16
Gift Wrap Events	10,455.41	
Goldstock ³	324.00	
Golf Tournament ³	41,196.03	11,007.68
Donations	7,460.03	
Golf Prizes	2,912.00	
Golfing Fees	11,440.00	
Hole Sponsorships	4,950.00	
Meals for Dinner-onlys	2,500.00	
Silent Auction	11,934.00	
Grants	6,300.00	179.40
Insurance		645.00
Interest	99.63	
Legal & Professional Fees		110.00
Memberships	19,635.00	
Merchandise	8,036.79	2,310.01
Office Expenses & Supplies		1,575.25
<i>Paws At The Park Picnic 2015</i> ³	1,607.00	420.15
Postage		2,114.06
Prizes	562.00	
Promotional		390.59
Rent or Lease		2,185.12
Repair & Maintenance		409.89
Stationery & Printing		7,715.59
Telephone & Website		188.76
Dog-related Expenses		
Boarding		2,084.61
Behavioral Training		4,074.00
Microchip & Heartgard® Expenses		879.29
Miscellaneous		171.23
Transport		54.25
Veterinary Services		140,816.99
TOTAL	\$168,607.34	\$166,134.24

NET INCOME: \$2,473.10

Checking Account on 1-31-16:	\$ 84,939.17
Savings Account on 1-31-16	\$100,099.27
The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 1-31-16:	\$ 10,881.36
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 1-31-16:	\$ 16,669.15

¹ Donations made in support of *Paws At The Park* before and during the event are included here
² Does not include expenses for the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* – that expense is listed under Golf Tournament
³ Income does not include merchandise sales – that income is under Merchandise

preciated all the messages of good will that came in over the holidays, most of them with donations. We also thoroughly enjoyed the stories about adopted dogs that were sent, again most with donations. Regarding donations, all thank you letters to known donors were sent out in January – unless you request an earlier acknowledgment, it is our practice to wait until after year’s end.

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Jude Fulghum

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 October 9, 2015 through January 15, 2016. All adoptions finalized after January 15 will be in the next issue.



Dante and Bella

15-030 Dante and his sister, **15-032 Bella**, were surrendered to us by a family who had owned the dogs since early puppyhood. Unfortunately, the family was experiencing medical issues, needed to downsize their living space, and felt the two dogs would be too much for them to continue to handle. At nine years of age, the dogs had been each other's constant companion their entire lives. Obviously, it was a high priority to us to keep these two together. They were not

a pretty-looking pair when we got them. We whisked **Dante** off to the vet for a check and an opinion on the allergies the owner said he had. In addition to some serious allergy issues, the poor guy had thyroid problems, fungal and bacterial infections, and some lumps and bumps which needed thorough examination. His allergy test results showed a dog allergic to lots of things including "human dander"! We hear of people complaining they are allergic to their pet. Here was a case of a dog who couldn't communicate that he was allergic to

people! To see him through his various tests and treatments was our volunteer, Teryl, who kept the pair for several months. When it became time for adoption, we were very fortunate to have Patty and Troy in Chandler step up to take the pair off to their forever home. Thanks to the excellent care given to him by Teryl and more recently by Patty and Troy, **Dante** is now a stunning, handsome fellow.

15-032 Bella is the sister of **15-030 Dante**. She came into Rescue with him when their lifetime owners encountered medical issues and needed to downsize. Like her brother, she arrived with allergy issues and infections; she had to be shaved down to her skin in



order for us to deal with these issues. She was also quite overweight. We hoped that changing her food and strictly monitoring the quantity might help with the allergy issues. Before she was adopted to Patty and Troy in Chandler, she had lost ten pounds and her allergies were under control. Patty sent us an update. *Five weeks ago, **Bella** and **Dante** arrived at our home with Teryl and Connie. When these two beautiful Golden Retrievers got out of the car, it was nothing less than instant love! Remarkably, they settled into our home and with our small terrier, **Princess**, also a rescue, immediately. Presently, **Bella** still enjoys the pool and **Dante** is the lifeguard, with **Princess** supervising! We walk twice daily and occasionally head out to the desert to check on rabbits, etc. They constantly meet new people and dogs with no problem and seem to love life at nine years "young"! **Bella** adores my husband, Troy, while **Dante** thinks he is my new lap dog – literally! Having lost two retrievers in a year was almost too much to bear and I knew the only way that I could possibly heal was to have another Golden – and little did I know that we would soon have two! They are so perfect for us! I cannot begin to express my thanks to AGR for the outstanding care that was*



Bella had such severe allergy issues she had to be shaved down to her skin

provided in foster care and to the entire team that I have had the privilege to meet/speak with. You are all amazing! Thank you, Patty and Troy, for keeping these two sibs together!



15-036 Lucky, a Golden mix, and his mom, **15-035 Duchess** (a purebred Golden), were originally surrendered to *Arizona Golden Retriever Connection* by their owner who could no longer keep both dogs. *AZGRC* relinquished them to



Lovely Bella's coat is growing out and she is now a very pretty girl

us, as they could not keep a mix like **Lucky**. He was a quite handsome one-year-old Golden personality disguised in a black dog suit. Michele, who met him first, described him as identical to **Dug** from the movie *Up* with his silliness. Very quickly, we realized that mother **Duchess** did not tolerate son **Lucky's** pestering, so we felt we had to separate them. **Lucky** had absolutely no manners or training, so he was sent off to **Partners Dog Training School** for an intensive three-week "boot camp". At the end of that time, his exuberance was still pretty high and he was still very distractable, so he continued with some additional training at **Partners**. However, **Lucky** really needed to find a home where he would get lots of exercise and attention. Nichola and her family in Scottsdale were up to the task and have promised to follow through with training to turn this young guy into a well-behaved pup! You can do it, **Lucky**!

15-039 Rosey is a dear, three-year-old Golden girl who was bitten and generally beaten up badly by another dog. Her owners took her to their vet but decided to have her euthanized because they felt she was not treatable. The vet recommended to the family that they relinquish her to **AGR**, so she came to us. She did, indeed, have a myriad of physical problems that needed attention, including some bad allergies. Fortunately for **Rosey**, one of our long-time volunteers (and a member of our Health Care Team), Teri, fell madly in love with her and decided to foster (and then adopt) her right off the bat. After four months of dealing with medical issue after medical issue, we were finally able to finalize the adoption! Teri wrote an update for us after **Rosey** first came to live with her and Jeff. *As I write this, Jeff and I are enjoying our Sunday morning coffee in the great room and our entire pack, **Rosey** included, is asleep in various areas of the great room. **Rosey** and the dogs are gradually getting to know each other, and we are beginning our journey of learning "all things **Rosey**". She gave **Goldie** kisses this morning and **Goldie** was really great with that, and **Rosey** already has the cat rubbing up against her for attention! We have discovered that she is a huge grabber, so Jeff is working on getting that fixed. She has had a funny quirk of not wanting to go out through the slider to get to the backyard – she will stand by the open door just staring. However, as soon as I put the leash on her, out she goes. So either she had to be leashed before they let her out, or she was on a short leash by the door. We are working on that, too, and she is already getting better at it. All in all, she is a smart girl who will learn easily, and I think she will fit right in just fine!* Fast forward a few months later... **Rosey's** health issues are 100% better, her manners have improved substantially (she still loves to try and steal the occasional food item off the counter, but she is learning) and she "owns our home". Everyone loves her and she loves us all in return! Welcome to the Jeff and Teri Pack, Miss **Rosey**!



15-046 Rocket was relinquished to us by owners who adopted him from a shelter in Colorado five years ago. Evidently, **Rocket** was the husband's dog, because when the husband left the country the rest of the family really had no interest in the dog. Well, we did! His owners reported he was a great dog, loved children and other dogs, and especially loved swimming!

Upon an initial visit to the vet, he was found to have low thyroid and some hip issues which were related to his age of nine years. He also had recurring ear infections from his love of swimming, which is typical with many Golden Retrievers. It took a while to get his hip issues under control, but Michelle and Aaron were up to the task of making **Rocket** feel better and took him off to Chandler to make friends with their dog and the rest of their family. They recently updated us. ***Rocket** is a nine-year-old sweet and kindly elder statesman who loves his ears scratched more than anything in the world. He is still surprisingly tentative with our swimming pool, but when confronted with a decorative water fountain at the local car wash, he dove right in. When he came to us, he was either depressed or in pain or both – he lay about all day and wasn't up for much playing. His hind knees are weak and he struggles to rise to a standing position on them and certainly doesn't love to climb stairs, but he very much loves company. When family members leave the room, he whines since it's not easy to get to them with his hip condition. For a while we slept downstairs on a fold-out since we didn't feel it was fair to leave him alone at night, but he surprised us one afternoon by following us upstairs when we got home from work, and soon after, we got him on medication that improved his condition a bit more. Though he still spends some of our evening "walk time" at the local park just lying in the grass smiling and looking around, the cooler weather seems to have encouraged him to be more active and he's very feisty when it comes to his after-dinner exercise. We now have a nighttime ritual involving treats and him joining us upstairs at bedtime. We recently brought him to Show Low for some well-enjoyed snow-play. He loves the whole family, but most especially our 8-year-old.* A complete Family Deal for **Rocket**!

15-067 Austin is a handsome, ten-year-old Golden boy relinquished by his owners who needed to downsize after the loss of a job. He was described to us as a Gentle Giant – great with dogs and kids, very easy going, and loves affection. After he passed his initial vet visit with flying colors, we were quickly able to place him with Jennifer and Joel in Gilbert, who were delighted to take **Austin** home to be a pal to them, their son Gavin, and their nine-year-old Golden. **Austin's** people seem to



love him. We adopted **Austin**, a 10-year-old Golden Retriever, in September of 2015. We had just lost one of our Golden in July, and our 9-year-old surviving Golden, **Wally**, was grieving terribly. When **Austin** came to our house in September, it took both boys a few weeks to adjust; at first, they mainly ignored each other. **Austin** is gentle and sweet and definitely not an alpha. I think at first he thought he was just going to be at our house for a visit, so he wasn't overly affectionate. He is perfectly trained, except he pulls on the leash. **Wally** pulls too, but our girl who passed away never did, so I could walk her and **Wally** together. I can't walk **Wally** and **Austin** by myself! They drag me all over the place! Luckily my husband, son, and I take the dogs out together. I'm not sure if there is hope for **Wally** or **Austin** to fix their leash habits after 10 years! As **Austin** got used to our house, he didn't approach us for a belly rub or a scratch behind the ears, nor was he really concerned with being close to us. That's unusual for a Golden, who normally becomes your best friend after approximately 20 minutes! After a few weeks, though, that all changed. He started hopping up on the bed and snuggling with us, and he began doing the typical Golden "leaning" up against you and refusing to move until you pet him – for a long time! In fact, as I type this paragraph, he's pushing his nose under my wrist, forcing me to pet him. He and **Wally** often compete with each other, each dog pushing his face closer to me until they get attention and are satisfied. He sleeps next to us on the bed at night, and loves to put his face on my chest or pillow for some kisses. He has become a regular part of the family, and we love him to death. I think he loves us, too!" There is no doubt, **Austin**, no doubt!



15-071 Pepper was a crazy and very cute young Goldendoodle with way more energy than her surrendering family had expected. Puppies look adorable and happy when they are young, but many prospective owners really do not understand the amount of exercise these dogs need. She had been around very young children and other dogs but needed a very active

home to give her the exercise and training that she needed. Off to Scottsdale she went with David and Lisa who have renamed this pretty girl **Bailey**. We know they must be enjoying this crazy young girl!

15-072 Dori was another young Labradoodle about a year and a half old who was purchased by her original owner to be a service dog but who subsequently decided that was not **Dori's** lot in life. **Dori** was obtained from a service dog trainer, and was good with other dogs and kids and obviously well behaved, as she had earned her Canine



Good Citizenship badge. She only needed routine vet work, and Cathy in Peoria was totally ecstatic to take **Dori** home with her. Cathy has already updated us. **Dori** has embraced her new life. She loves lying outside and chasing the ball in the yard. She is like the annoying little sister to **Louie**, our 8-year-old Golden. She loves chasing the birds. She is very well behaved inside. She is very different from all my Golden... she isn't motivated by food. She barely will take a treat. She loves the dog park. She runs and runs, but she barks... a lot. She has a lot of energy, so it tires her out. She loves a soft brushing and belly rubs. She loves people and everyone loves meeting her. Interestingly, she was reported to walk well on a leash. I have found that to be a challenge. She is crazy for bunnies which can pop out anywhere. She is 100% focused on looking for them and pulls and goes crazy if she sees one. I've trained lots of dogs, but I think I need a trainer for the trainer! Her gentle nature and sweetness have been helpful in mending my broken heart over the sudden loss of my Golden, **Jack**. I know he would have loved playing ball and running with **Dori**. I look forward to many happy years with **Dori**. You have found a good home for sure, **Dori**!



15-073 Maya is a very cute three-year-old Golden mix whose owner relinquished her due to losing her home and the fact that the neighbors complained about her barking dog. Reported to be great with kids, cats, and other dogs, **Maya** did have a chewing problem. Her owner said **Maya** would chew anything in sight! We are talking drywall here, folks. It sure sounded like a dog who

needed a job. Tiffany in Chandler welcomed **Maya** with open arms, and wrote to update life with **Maya**. *I can't believe it's only been a few months since **Maya** was placed with me. It seems like she's been part of my family forever, and I just love her. She's sweet and spunky and unbelievably adorable. I can't walk past her without stopping to give her hugs and kisses. She loves her daily walks, frequent trips to the dog park, playing with her stuffies, playing tug with her rope and chewing on a good bone. She makes the most adorable little grunting noise when she's happy or tired and she snores LOUDLY, which I think is the cutest thing ever. She's my sidekick and goes everywhere with me. If I can't take **Maya**, I seriously have to think twice about going. I read somewhere that the name **Maya** means "love" and it's so fitting for this girl. She's so full of love and brings me so much joy. I can't thank AGR enough for my sweet angel. I had such a great experience with AGR that I just had to be part of this great organization. I now volunteer doing home evaluations, where **Maya** tags along as my dutiful helper. We've been able to go to a few events and meet other AGR Golden and members, which was so fun. **Maya** proudly sports her AGR bandana and doesn't even get jealous when Mom wants to pet all the other dogs. It sounds like all is well in Chandler with **Maya** and Tiffany!*



15-074 Bosco is a handsome six-year-old Golden whose owner had medical problems and was leaving the area. **Bosco** was reportedly good with dogs and kids, but he had not seen a vet in over a year. Mike and Carolyn in Phoenix jumped right on board with **Bosco** and have renamed him **Rusty**.

Their initial concern over **Bosco's**

behavior with their cat seems to have been unfounded. Good news for them, and even better news for **Rusty** (and, of course, the cat)! **Rusty** now often accompanies Mike to work in his pet supply store in Cave Creek. He's great with the customers.

15-075 Gypsy is a very lovely Golden girl of "a certain age". The dear dog's owner was homeless and had to move in with friends where dogs were not permitted. **Gypsy** loved to play with dogs, cats and kids. She had not been spayed, and also had a mammary mass. Her first order of business was a spay and mass removal. The mass was found to be an



adenocarcinoma, but the vet got clean margins and we do not expect a recurrence. However just to be sure, we will have a recheck done of her lymph nodes in a few months. Bob and Carol were not fazed by either her age or her medical issue, and hurried right down from Strawberry to her foster home with Deb in Glendale to spirit her away back home with them. Bob has sent an update on her. *Gypsy is one of the most loving Golden we have ever had. She loves belly rubs, walks in our wooded area, rides in the car and lots of attention by anyone including our little great granddaughters. She doesn't like going through the car wash and will bark at the brushes. She loves to chase the squirrels but never catches any. Thanks for sending her our way.*



15-076 Lola and her brothers, **15-077 Benley** and **15-078 Cheeto**, were surrendered by their owner who was moving to Las Vegas. At three years of age, **Lola** had already had a litter of puppies. Although she had been on a steady diet of Ol' Roy, she was in very good shape. She had not been spayed (surprise?), and after that was completed she went to Glendale to live happily ever after with Trish and

Jeff who have quite a lot to say about her. *We almost didn't get to adopt Lola. My husband Jeff was out of the country at the time I got the call that AGR had a dog for us. We lost our Black Lab last summer, and our 10-year-old Golden was lonely for a canine companion. So, when I got the call I was thrilled until I learned*

that Lola had to be spayed and would need to wear a cone for two weeks. Therefore, someone would have to be home to let her in and out, as she wouldn't be able to use the doggie door. I asked the person who called from AGR if there might be a foster home that Lola could stay at for two weeks –she checked and there wasn't. I almost cried when I told her I wouldn't be able to take Lola. I work too far from home to be able to come home at lunchtime each day to let her out, and when Jeff got back his schedule didn't allow for it either. You see, I didn't know of any neighbors or friends nearby that didn't work and could assist us. Fortunately, that night I was sharing my sad story with a neighbor who offered that her son, Justin, finished classes midday at ASU could come over and let her out. I called back AGR that night and prayed that Lola was still available. I had seen her picture and fell in love and knew she had to be ours. God answered prayers and she came to us a few days later. She had never been socialized so didn't even know the basic command of "sit" or how to walk with a leash. We started basic classes at Petco and Lola was terrified of the sliding doors and anything else that made a noise. We enlisted the help of our older Golden to show her the ropes about going through doggie doors, sliding doors and walking up the ramp to get in the SUV. In addition, we have a trainer that comes to our home to help us work with her. She now knows seven commands, as she is very smart and wants to please. Miller loves his new companion and people often comment on what a beautiful dog she is when we take our walks. I love her playfulness and her gentleness and the way she has just fit right into our family. Congratulations, Lola! No more puppies, and a forever life with a wonderful family!



15-077 Benley came into Rescue with his brother, **15-078 Cheeto**, and sister, **15-076 Lola**, as their owners were moving to Las Vegas and needed to rehome the three of them. **Benley** had not been neutered, and that was done along with the removal of a couple of skin tags. Tim and Antonette in Phoenix were quite happy to take this handsome boy into his new life with them.

We are excited to pass along this update on him. *Benley became a member of our family this past October. We were looking to rescue another dog after losing our 9-year-old Golden unexpectedly this past May. Benley is a beautiful three-year-old male who has fit into our family wonderfully. Our three children and Benley have loved each other since the first day. Benley is very energetic (which can get him into some mischief, i.e. our sprinkler system needs a bit of repair), friendly and smart, and he loves to be the center of attention. After a few days, we noticed he can do a few tricks and he can really put a smile on your face. All who have met him remark on his terrific disposition. He loves to play ball with the kids and really enjoys his nightly walks. The thing he really enjoys the most is cuddling and trying at every chance to be a lap dog. Our second dog Myra, a 7-year-old Lab mix, has adjusted*

very well, and **Benley** has helped bring her out of her shell. However, **Benley** loves to control all the dog toys in the house, as well as **Myra**, which can make for some interesting maneuvering. In spite of that, they are becoming loving "siblings". We are all so very grateful **Benley** has found his "forever" home and hope he has a very healthy and long life with us.



15-078 Cheeto arrived with his sister, **15-076 Lola**, and their brother, **15-077 Benley**. With a relocation to Las Vegas, the owner found he could not take the three dogs with him. All of the dogs were good with other dogs (naturally) and children. **Cheeto** also had not been neutered, so that remained in his future. Alan and Antonia and their family were so concerned for his well being and not

having to be stressed again so quickly, that they asked to defer **Cheeto's** neutering until he had a chance to settle. So, **Cheeto** waved his paws goodbye to Phoenix and looked straight out the window to his new life in, where else, Paradise Valley. Antonia recently sent us an update. **Cheeto is the sweetest, most adorable dog. He is easy going, well-behaved and so loving. We are blessed to have him in our lives. He came to us at a time when we were not expecting him, and we are so happy to have him! He loves catching the tennis ball in the backyard, and he can literally run for hours. He has brought so much joy to our lives, and we are so thankful to AGR for bringing him to us. We love happy endings!**



15-079 Oso was a young one- to two-year-old boy who was found as a stray. The family that found him in front of their house did all the right things to try to find his owners but to no avail. That family really was not set up for a dog, and felt **Oso** deserved a better life with people who would give him plenty of love and attention. He had been living in their

backyard and their kids loved to play with him. **Oso** was in rough shape when we got him, with numerous scabs, open sores, and a thin coat. He also had not been neutered. After examining him, the vet suspected that food allergies had progressed to the point that the bacterial and fungal issues had overloaded the poor guy. After neutering, **Oso** was adopted quickly by Suzann and Michael in Peoria, and we are happy to say that after six weeks and a special diet, **Oso's** skin issues are well under control. Renamed **Tucker**, this guy is sure to have a long and healthy life!

15-080 Cinnamon came to us from an owner who needed to relinquish her due to a divorce. She was a beautiful red dog with some white, plus black markings on her face, and was thought to be approximately 1.5 years old. The owner had previously found her

at a truck stop, so this dear little girl had not really had a stable home for her entire lifetime. She had no medical issues of any kind and just needed a routine exam. Because she loved cats, dogs, kids, and pretty much everything and everyone, she was easy to place with Lori and Dale in Scottsdale who have renamed her **Zona**. No more truck stops for you, sweet girl!



15-081 Baxter was originally adopted out by **AGR** in 2010, and was returned at the age of 12 because the new wife did not want him around the new baby in the family. But that was O.K. with us, because we always want one of our dogs returned to us for any reason if the need arises. At age 12, **Baxter** had some age-related medical issues and needed a dental

with a couple of teeth extracted, plus a growth on his eyelid had to be removed. He also needed daily meds for a couple of issues and a special diet. That did not faze Dennis, who, along with his resident dog, **Tahoe**, welcomed **Baxter** to his home. The three of them are now living the good life in Scottsdale. A very happy ending and forever home for **Baxter**.



Smokey and The Bandit

15-082 Bandit, and his brother **15-083 Smokey**, were relinquished to us by an owner who dearly loved them but had recently taken a job requiring him to travel very frequently. All **Bandit** needed was his basic vaccines and a dental, plus treatment of an ear infection.

Other than

that he was ready to go to his forever home with Jessica and Andrew in Phoenix. Normally, we try to keep surrendered pairs together, but these boys fought with each other too much and had to be separated. It was a good decision. Both are now quite happy being by themselves in their new homes.



15-082 Bandit



15-083 Smokey (at left) was sadly given to us by his owner along with

15-082 Bandit. Although he loved the boys, the owner took a job requiring him to be on the road for long periods of time. He tried hard to find another situation for the dogs, but finally ran out of options and turned to **AGR** for help. **Smokey** and the **Bandit** had been living on over two acres of land, so they had had quite the life! They loved kids and other dogs, but they did not particularly like each other so we adopted them out separately. Paulette in Phoenix was quite happy to adopt **Smokey**, now named **Smoke**, and has brought him to several events where he has done just fine with the other dogs. She says she is in love. A great ending for both of these dogs!



15-084 Pixie is an adorable young Golden mix rescued from the **MCACCS** shelter in Phoenix. At only 31 pounds, she was just as cute as could be with her non-Golden ears, white breast and striking light-blue eyes. She needed her vaccines, a micro-chip, and a spay but otherwise was healthy and happy. She was an easy placement with Lilly in Mesa, who has renamed her **Sasha**. Happy landings, **Sasha**!



15-086 Zoey came to us as part of a bonded pair with her buddy **15-091 Sunny**. Both dogs were surrendered to us by a student heading off to school in Utah where she would be living in student housing. **Zoey** had extensive experience with other dogs and young children, so she was an easy placement. This dark red girl had not been spayed and had not been seen by a vet in several years. Guess

where she went first? Since the two dogs were quite attached to each other, we were fortunate to find a home where they could stay together. Off they went to live with Carolyn and Richard in Peoria. Carolyn sent an update for us. *We are delighted to add **Zoey** and **Sunny** to our loving family. We were so lonely when we lost our little Lab mix. We wanted to take the opportunity to adopt a bonded pair who might have trouble being adopted elsewhere. So, along came dear **Zoey** and wonderful **Sunny**. **Zoey** demands our attention and is excited to greet everyone she meets. **Zoey** tries to get everything away from **Sunny**, but she is learning what it means to wait her turn, along with many other things. They will soon be working with a trainer to learn to walk with us in the neighborhood without needing to attack any leashed dogs who happen to have the audacity to walk by with their owners. They've learned so much in such a short time that we're certain they will learn this, too. **Miss Zoey** will continue*



15-086 Zoey and 15-091 Sunny

to get treatment for her valley fever; but she does not show any signs of slowing down. **Sunny** is lost when he can't find his **Zoey**, so we hope for both of them to have a very long and happy life in our home. Thank you to **Arizona Golden Rescue** for finding us two such amazing, wonderful dogs. We were so happy to hear that these two have settled so well into their forever home!

Yes, we took in several pairs in the last half of 2015! **15-087 Dodger** was a red, 8-year-old Golden surrendered to us with his son, **15-088 Koby**. Hmmmm... were his owners from L.A.? Sadly, the owners needed to downsize due to hard times, and could not take the dogs with them. **Dodger** had been



15-087 Dodger and 15-088 Koby

spending a significant amount of time outdoors and had not been to the vet in many years. Also, his diet was not the best, and he did show some initial allergy signs. Medically, though, he was in pretty good shape but did need to be neutered. Again, we were fortunate to find wonderful adopters willing to give a bonded pair a home. Jeni and Chris took them off to Phoenix, and we have heard good things from Jeni. **Dodger and Koby** came to us on October 30, 2015. Instantly, they were part of our family. We have grown to love them so much.



15-087 Dodger

Dodger is an 8-year-old male and the father of **Koby**, a 4-year-old male. Together they make a great team. **Koby** loves to play catch, and **Dodger** would rather sit by your side and be loved on. They love going for walks around the neighborhood and hiking. We are looking forward to many new adventures with these two! Thank you, **AGR**!

15-088 Koby came to us as a 4-year-old Golden boy along with his father, **15-087 Dodger**. Both dogs were very bonded and we hoped to find a home for them together. Unfortunately, their family had to give them up because of downsizing to an apartment where the dogs were not allowed. **Koby** was at a great weight, but neither dog had been eating a very nutritious food. Also, like his father, **Koby** had not visited the vet for years and was not neutered. He and **Dodger** went in for a Group Deal and seemed to have emerged unscathed. Chris and Jeni in Phoenix have fallen in love with the boys, and we are happy to have placed another bonded pair together!



15-089 Tyson was a long-legged youngster who, at seven-and-a-half months old, was surrendered to us by an owner who had no time for him. This happens often when people see a cute Golden puppy and fail to realize that they grow, and then they grow some more! **Tyson** loves cats, dogs and kids, plus visits to the pet store. He needed his puppy shots updated, but he had been neutered. He was promptly snatched up by Wanda and Gabriel and spirited off to Paradise Valley to his forever home. He has been renamed **Diego**. We are sure with some good training and lots of love that this boy will have a wonderful life!



15-090 Junior was another young pup who, as a Goldendoodle, was just as cute as could be! At only 15 pounds, he appeared to be a Golden mixed with a miniature poodle. Upon his escape from the shelter, he rode well in the car and had a great time at his temporary foster home. He was a bit of an escape artist, however, climbing right out of his playpen (although he waited quite

patiently for his people to return). As a young pup, he would need lots of training. Teresa and Jeff and their family in Chandler were excited to take on the challenge of this youngster and have renamed him **Max**. We can bet they are having a great time with him and, if you look at his photo, you will know exactly why!



15-091 Sunny, and his friend, **15-086 Zoey**, came to us as a bonded pair. They had been living with a college student who was unable to take them to university with her, as she planned to live in student housing. **Sunny** was a bit more timid than his sister, and we were thrilled that Richard and Carolyn in Peoria were happy to adopt the pair. Both

dogs have settled in well. Carolyn wrote to say that **Sunny** has been more timid and missed his former owners very much for a while. However, he's learned to transfer his affections and has decided to make ours his forever home. He is very vocal and loves to tell us how much he missed us when we come home. He also lets us know when it is time to eat with a knock on his dish and a very cute little vocalization. Thank you, Carolyn and Richard, for taking these furkids in and giving them a wonderful life. They are quite the pair!

15-092 Cooper is a young, stunning, English Cream Golden who was surrendered to us after the owner realized she simply did not

have the time and energy to devote to him. He was great with kids and walked well on a leash, but his owner said she had never tried basic commands with him. He also was not current with his puppy shots and had not been neutered. We got him up to date on his vaccines and had him microchipped, but, as recommended by our vet, we will wait until he is about a year old before neutering.

Mary Jean and Robert in Phoenix were beyond excited to get him! Welcome to the world of loving and playful puppies!



15-094 Rosie is a beautiful, 9-year-old red dog who apparently was the victim of a dog drop-off. A woman running with her dogs found two dogs in a schoolyard who came up to her wagging their tails. One was a Golden. The other was microchipped and its owner found. A former **AGR** volunteer and adopter picked up the Golden and reported the dog was very sweet, had

a Velcro personality, and loved to go on walks. After the requisite posting of fliers and a lost dog listing on craigslist, **Rosie** was ready to be adopted. Physically, she was in good shape and only needed a dental and a cyst removal before she was ready to head off with Nancy and Alan to Topock, where they report she is an absolute doll and captured their hearts quickly. They said things were going well and **Rosie** was settling in quite nicely.

15-095 Star is a typically rambunctious puppy, 7-8 months old. She is of mixed heritage, perhaps Golden with some Springer Spaniel. She was surrendered because she was being attacked by the other dogs in the owner's home – they just could not deal with such a pesty, energetic puppy. Intake Manager Michele fostered **Star** and called her "the sweetest thing that



happens to wiggle!" There was a suspicion that **Star** might be pregnant, but she was X-rayed at her vet visit and that was not the case. Her "roundness" was attributed to the owner feeding her 6 cups of food a day! Not even an active puppy needs that much food! Just to prevent an "accident", we wanted to get her spayed right away, but upon a thorough exam, our vet decided he could detect a spay scar, so he did not proceed with the surgery. On the outside chance that the vet did not accurately discern a spay scar and **Star** goes into heat, we have issued an addendum to **Star's** adoption finalization contract whereby **AGR** will take care of the cost for the spay. Michele said the family chosen for this little girl, Andrea and Stuart in Scottsdale, is incredible and that she could

not have found a better one had she tried. They have an amazing house with an entire fenced-in area just for the dogs that includes a covered kennel. Because their truck is very tall, they have a ramp to help little **Star** get in and out. **Star** will be going to work with Dad daily unless Mom wins the battle of a stay-home day. Dad has a good background in dog training, so he is working with **Star**, who has been renamed **Sadie Star**, every day. He said, *She is a beautiful member of our pack already!* Happy forever home, **Sadie!**

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Liz Tataseo and Deb Orwig

Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on whom **AGR** has had to spend at least \$1,000. In this column in the November issue of *The Golden Paw*, we featured **15-033 Bennett** now **Augie**, **15-036, Lucky**, **15-039 Rosey**, **15-044 Missy**, **15-060 Mariah**, **15-064 Broly**, and **15-068 Teddy** and his brother **15-069 Shaggy**. **Augie** has recovered well from his stomach surgery to remove something he ingested before he came into Rescue. **Lucky** is now a very well-trained dog and enjoying an active lifestyle with his adopter. **Rosey's** medical issues have been resolved for the most part. She frequently attends Meet-and-Greets with her mom, Teri. **Missy's** eye surgery was successful. She goes to work with her new dad every day. **Mariah** went to the Bridge, unfortunately. As you will read below, **Broly's** seizures continue to occur, so we have had some additional expenses for him. **Teddy** has done well since his leg amputation and is getting stronger and more mobile every day. **Shaggy** is still being treated for cancer.



15-064 Broly. Our vet has had some difficulty stabilizing **Broly** on seizure medications. He even consulted with a veterinary neurologist to determine the best course of action for this young dog. In November, **Broly** had a series of strong seizures and had to be hospitalized for three days in **AMSC's** intensive care area until they were under control.

He is now on four different seizure-control meds that must be given three times a day. His foster family has rearranged their work schedule to accommodate the medication regime and has decided to adopt him. In hopes that **Broly** can finally get stabilized on meds, **AGR** will not finalize the adoption for another three months and will continue to pay for his medications and testing during that time and for three additional months after that. **Broly's** expenses in November and December alone were **\$1,795** in addition to the **\$6,932** we spent before then.

15-069 Shaggy has a thyroid tumor that is inoperable. In September, we started him on the chemo drug Carboplatin. That drug

seemed to at least keep the tumor from growing, but in early October, **Shaggy** crashed due to a very low white blood cell count and had to be rushed to **Vet-Med's** emergency clinic. The dosage was reduced and he was doing better for a while. However, at the end of October, the tumor seemed to be growing again, so he was switched to Palladia, another chemo drug that is more expensive and hopefully more effective. He is holding his own right now. Oncology consults, meds, testing, and X-rays on **Shaggy's** lungs in October, November and December cost **AGR \$3,201**.



In October 2015, **15-082 Bandit** and his brother **15-083 Smokey** (now called **Smoke**) each cost **AGR** about **\$1,253**, for a total of **\$2,506**. Each had terrible teeth and needed a dental. Their rear



Smoke and Bandit



One of Bandit's dew claws; Smoke's were even more protruding

leg dew claws were very loose and so

prominent they had a tendency to catch on things, so we, in consultation with our vet, decided removal was necessary. The dew claw removal was done while the dogs were under anesthesia for the teeth cleaning.



15-085 Fluffy, now renamed **Sage**, came to us in October. He was not bearing weight on his right rear leg and had poor range of motion in his right hip. Hip radiographs showed severe thickening of the right femoral neck, likely secondary to a femoral neck fracture. Our vet determined the best course of action was to do a femoral head ostectomy (FHO). At the end of December about two months

after the surgery, **Sage** was still not putting much weight on the leg. So, the vet recommended a series of physical therapy sessions with K-laser and electric pulse therapy as well, and now **Sage** is doing much better with 80-85% range of motion. The importance of following through with recommended exercise (or lack of) and therapy has been impressed upon **Sage's** foster. Expenses for October, November and December were **\$1,289** with more to come due to continued therapy sessions.

15-093 Charlie was returned to **AGR** because he was limping badly, and the adopters said they could not afford any vet

expenses beyond the ordinary. Our vet discovered that **Charlie** had an ulcerated mass among the pads of his foot. The mass was removed and sent out for biopsy. Unfortunately, it was determined to be a low-grade mast cell tumor. The vet had gotten clean margins on the sides, but was unable to go deep enough into the foot to get a clean margin below the mass. We had an ultrasound done to see if cancer could be detected anywhere else, but nothing showed up, which is good. So, we sent **Charlie** to a canine oncologist for a consult. He is now receiving chemotherapy (Vinblastine) in hopes of destroying what is left of the tumor, and it is shrinking. So far, his expenses have amounted to **\$4,773**.



If you are able to make a donation to help **AGR** with the expenses of one or more of these dogs, you will be listed in the May newsletter as a Diamond Donor. We would sincerely appreciate your consideration.

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

Bare Elbows

Many old dogs, and some younger ones, too, may develop bare elbows. If the dog spends a lot of time lying on concrete or even on unglazed tile, the fur can rub off of the elbows. Some thoughts for consideration...

- Use fresh aloe vera, bag balm ointment, or tree tea oil on the site
- Use Neosporin® ointment and a padded shirt to protect the areas; be sure the shirt has been washed and is free of bleach, laundry detergent and fabric softeners
- Keep your pet off concrete – your dog may have an allergy to something in it, or the concrete may just have rubbed the fur off, as it is very abrasive
- Ask your vet to do a scraping of the elbow and look at it with a microscope to see if there are any embedded foreign bodies
- Consult a dermatologist – it will save you money in the long run
- Change dog food to a no-grain variety
- Sometimes dogs develop allergies as they get older
- Be sure the dog hasn't been lying in grass sprayed with insecticides or weed killers

Three Myths About Dog Aging

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We think we know what's best for our pets, but the truth is that sometimes we're misinformed. When it comes to aging, for example, there are a number of misconceptions that pet owners sometimes believe. Here are three "facts" you may believe about aging in dogs... and why they're wrong.

1. *One dog year is equal to 7 human years.* This formula was developed as a simple way to gauge a dog's stage of life. However, it is much too simple to accurately reflect a dog's age. This formula is also misleading because it does not take into account the size or breed of the dog. Larger dogs tend to age quicker and have shorter life spans than smaller dogs.

2. *It's easy to tell when your dog is getting old.* This statement goes hand in hand with the "fact" that sick dogs show that they're sick. For animals in the wild, there is a large disadvantage to displaying symptoms of sickness or weakness. It is simply not advantageous for dogs to show that they're sick. As a result, you don't always realize that your dog is sick or getting old until they are at an advanced stage of the process.

3. *Slowing down is a natural part of a dog's aging process and there's nothing I can do about it.* Many dog owners assume that as their dogs age, they will experience mobility loss and difficulty getting up and moving around. And because they truly believe that their dogs are simply undergoing natural changes, they will also assume that they can't do anything to help their dogs. Once again, this statement is false. Loss of mobility and joint issues are common in dogs of all ages, breeds, and sizes. Plus, there are many preventative measures and treatments for mobility issues in dogs.

Winter is a good time to be conscious of the symptoms of mobility, flexibility, and joint issues in your dog. These symptoms can be subtle or more significant and can often include pain. As we mentioned above, these are not the typical signs of aging.

Be on the look-out for any of the following symptoms: difficulty jumping or climbing stairs, not keeping up on walks, less active overall, unexplained weight gain, and a bad temper. If you notice that your dog is showing one or more of these symptoms, you should speak to your vet and help determine if there is a mobility issue or any pain.

Reflections On Old Gold

By Kathy Blue

White faces kept in heart places,
a gift for us to share.
Every day that they gave us
such devoted love and care.

Special moments last through time
much more than words can say.
Beautiful heartdog who was mine,
I reflect on that today.

Angel eyes so wise and deep,
muzzle soft, kisses sweet,
happy murmurs while you sleep,
that "look", please..one more treat.

No matter how very hard my day,
cares and worries seemed to fade
with hugs and roos, rest and play
safe in the bond we had made.

You loved me and forgave me for
my selfish worldly ways.
I could not have asked for more
if I searched for all my days.

I think they'd tell us if they could
do not weep for me.
What we had was rare and good
and now we're running free.

You gave us strength and purpose
to explore our world and grow.
Then you gently freed us
with tears and love we know.

We left our love within your heart.
So remember us this way.
Share that love while we're apart
'til we reunite one day.

There is a cycle of love and death that shapes the lives of those who choose to travel in the company of animals. It is a cycle unlike any other. To those who have never lived through its turnings and walked its rocky path, our willingness to give our hearts with full knowledge that they will be broken seems incomprehensible. Only we know how small a price we pay for what we receive; our grief, no matter how powerful it may be, is an insufficient measure of the joy we have been given.

~ Suzanne Clothier



***Do you have yours?
We still have some left.***

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

~ Patti Karas

Change of Address?

If you move, even temporarily, such as during the summers, or if you are waiting for a new house to be built and must move out of your old one, please e-mail us with your temporary address and the date range you will be there. We send *The Golden Paw* and other group communications by bulk rate mail (much cheaper than First Class), and bulk rate mail is not forwarded, so we want to be sure you get our mail!

Old Dog in a Locket

By Heidi Stamm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Sunny Baselice



Charlie Bear Engstrom



Odi Erickson (12-026)



Goldie Guilbault (09-002)



Katie Koblick



Sunshine Krause (11-007)



Moon Traxler-McDonald (12-016)



Misty Prankevicus



Angie Sell-Lee (11-005)



Aengus Wilcher (14-070)

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.



16-002 Bernardo



16-004 Chico



16-005 Petra



16-010 Talulabelle

And...

Bill Atkinson, AGR Member and Adopter

Audrey Brink, Beloved Mother of AGR Member Kathi Youhas

Pat Carlson, AGR Member and Adopter

Gerald McHugh, AGR Member and Adopter

Yanna Jorni-Reid, AGR Member and Adopter

Rusty Krause, AGR Member and Adopter

Michael Pousson, Beloved Father of AGR Member Michelle Pousson

Senior Dogs

Editor's Note: In the November 2015 issue, I invited members who have adopted a senior dog or who have lived with one to send me a paragraph or story. I only received a few. To those who did submit something, I thank you.

Yes, You Can Teach An Old Dog New Tricks!

By Linda Case



My husband, Ward, and I adopted **Jersey** from **AGR** nearly four years ago. She has now passed on, but she was the light

of our life! But one thing consistently frustrated us. **Jersey** was a counter surfer. Whenever we would leave the house, (or even when we were home and not looking), **Jersey** would eat everything in sight – a batch of tomatoes, an entire package of hamburger buns plastic packaging and all, Hershey's Kisses with the tin foil, decks of playing cards, cardboard games, even money!

From talking to other dog owners who had adopted their pets, we found out that their dogs were counter surfers, too. This got us to thinking: Is it possible to teach an old dog new tricks?

So, we did an experiment. We purchased one of those large metal dog crates. Mind you, we really didn't want to put **Jersey** in a crate, but we were at our wits' end! The next few times we left the house, we put **Jersey** in the crate and set up a video camera to see what she would do. She whimpered and changed position several times. One time, she even pulled on the crate door so hard, she bent the metal!

After several months, we decided to let her stay home without being crated. Sure enough, she ate a greeting card and my "to do" list off the counter. So back into the crate she went. It pained us to do this, but we felt we had no choice. After another couple of months of putting **Jersey** inside the crate when leaving the house, we decided to test her again. Lo and behold, she was on her best behavior. She didn't eat a thing! It has now been nearly a year since **Jersey** saw the inside of that crate. At age nine, she finally earned the run of the house when we were not home, which I guess made her very happy... and us as well!

Share a Golden's Golden Years

By Alice Courtney



Alice and David
Courtney with
Gracie Lou
and Chaucer

There is only one reason I can give you to adopt a senior Golden Retriever (age 8 years and older) – it will be the best decision you will ever make! Over the years, my husband, David, and I have adopted seven senior dogs; currently we have opened our home to number eight. Males or females – it really doesn't matter. The love you give to a senior dog will be returned in love, loyalty, obedience and devotion exponentially.

Senior Golden Retrievers are much calmer, usually house broken, very easily trained, adaptable, and great with children and other family members. Most of all, senior Golden Retrievers have a willingness to please. The last three Golden Retrievers we have adopted have been trained to become pet therapy dogs.

Once, twice and sometimes three times a week my current two senior Golden Retrievers, **Chaucer** (an **AGR** dog) and **GracieLou**, visit two assisted-care homes. The residents usually are disabled, some with dementia, all lonely and in need of a 'friend' who makes no judgment on their condition. My dogs' visits lower the residents' stress level, give them someone to 'talk' to, and offer a view of the world outside the walls of the home. In time, word of my two senior Golden Retrievers has spread – I am now asked to visit school classrooms and am currently involved with Phoenix Police Department's summer program for teens.

Friends and family members will offer several reasons not to adopt a senior – the dog won't live that long; the dog will probably need extra medical care; we will become too attached to the dog for such a short time. All of these points and others are true. We have lost dogs to old age, cancer, and other age-related maladies.

But after weighing the pros and cons – what you can give to a senior Golden in return for what you will be given – there is really no comparison. You will receive so much more!

Adopting a senior should be reserved for that very, very special kind of dog lover – one who loves unconditionally, much like the senior Golden who adopts you.

Adopting a Senior

By Teri Guilbault

When **AGR** formed in March of 2009, we almost immediately started our intake of rescued goldens and golden mixes. Deb Orwig, our President, fostered **AGR's** very first rescue, **Jessie**, a purebred two-year-old Golden female. My husband, Jeff, and I were fortunate to be able to foster the second – a then 10-year-old Golden mix whose family was moving to Florida and were unable to take her.

Goldie came into our lives on April 12, 2009. She was to stay with us until her forever home was found. As it turned out, she never left our home, and Jeff and I officially became **AGR's** first “foster failures”. We decided about two days after her arrival that we didn’t want to see her moved again and to let her enjoy her senior years, which we hoped would be at least two or three good ones, with us and our pack. As I write this article, **Goldie** is now 16 years and 8 months old, and we look forward to celebrating the big “17” with her on November 1. [Editor’s Note: She made it, but barely, going to the Bridge on November 7, 2015]



09-002 Goldie

Before **Goldie** came into our lives, I used to say that I would be happy to have a dog reach the ripe old age of 13. None of our Golden mixes had ever reached that milestone before, so now every day that we are able to enjoy life with our Golden girl is just that more special to us.

Goldie was a pretty spry little girl when we got her, and she is still a sassy, albeit slower, girl who hates confrontation and is always in the middle of her Golden brothers’ playtime trying to “break up the fight”. She has, indeed, slowed down over the years, but she still runs around after her much younger brothers and loves to play with her best buddy, our five-year-old orange tabby named Autumn. We have been extremely fortunate that we haven’t had to deal with many health issues with **Goldie**, and I keep saying that it’s the Chow mix in her that keeps her going. The results of her latest annual physical just a couple weeks ago revealed only a minor urinary tract infection which she was treated for and has recovered from. Also, a little assist from a small amount of tramadol every day helps keep the pain of arthritis at bay. She has definitely been a treasure!

AGR gets several senior Golden mixes in every year. You may have read in the November issue about a senior girl,



Goldie always had a smile on her face at Meet-and-Greets; at PetSmart before Easter in 2014, she kept the bunny ears on the entire time she was there

Mariah, who was turned into the shelter at the young age of 14 years and 7 months. Unfortunately, she was with us only a few short months. We have some wonderful folks who will adopt a senior dog just to give them the very best last months or, hopefully, years of their lives. These are very special people, indeed!

When considering adopting a dog, please think about bringing a senior into your life. Although time with them will obviously be shorter (we always tell our adopters, though, that we can never guarantee longevity no matter what the dog’s age is), it will certainly be just as sweet. At their age, they have been housetrained, are relatively calm and sedate, and their destruction phase has passed, but they are still loads of fun and make fantastic companions. All they ask is your love and tender care in return.

We are so happy to have our sweet **Goldie** and are glad that we made the decision, almost seven years ago, to spend the rest of her life loving her and getting her love in return!

November 1, 2015: *Hi everyone! It’s me, **Goldie Guilbault**, and I just wanted to share my BIG day with every one of my friends. Yup, it’s my birthday and I’m officially 17 YEARS OLD today! Pretty amazing I think! Some of you might know that I was **AGR's** second rescue back when they first started. I was 10 when my family asked me to be a part of their home, and I’ve had some glorious years indeed! My mom says she’s been blessed to have me and that every day I’m here is a blessing. Well, of course it is! I’m very special! I hope everyone has a great day today. I’m off to get my big birthday biscuit with whipped cream and sprinkles - yum!*

12-039 Natasha

Here is what her adopter, Kristie Lockwood, wrote to us after **Natasha** was placed with her family in 2012: *I wanted to tell you how much we love **Natasha**. From the moment she walked into our house, we could tell she was going to fit right in. I have to admit, the first time we visited the website, we weren’t considering a dog as old as **Natasha**, but we are believers now that things happen for a reason. She has really changed our ideas about senior adoption. They have so much love to give, and I believe she is grateful for our love for her. She is like a little shadow and as hard as it is sometimes for her to move around, she always wants to be in the same room as the rest of the gang and is always by our side. She has quickly learned when the pantry door opens up... doggie treats usually come out. She has a little spurt of energy at night especially with **Maynard** our four-year-old Lab who I think she secretly has a crush on because they are usually by each other’s side. They play a light game of tug-of-war and then go have a nap.*





She really has opened our eyes and hearts to senior adoption, and we will definitely do it again! I highly recommend it.

Editor's Note: The Lockwoods did do it again – in 2013 they adopted an old decrepit dog named Shorty, whom they renamed Toby. He was a shelter dog judged to be somewhere over 12; he lived for another year.

Happy McDaniel

By Gordon and Carolyn McDaniel

Happy has truly lived up to his name! He got his name from constantly wagging his tail. **Happy** loves to be in the same room with us, be petted and massaged, walk with us, go to the dog park, camp, and lie under the table when we eat! And this handsome 10-year-old Golden Retriever/Chow mix has also made us happy in every way by just being himself! We are very blessed to have **Happy** in our lives!



*Editor's Note: **Happy** is our January 2016 calendar feature dog.*

Major Pulis

By Jane Pulis

We fostered **Major** when he was 8 years old, and he is now close to 14. Shortly after he arrived [in AZ with a group of dogs **AGR** got from **Gold Ribbon Rescue** in TX], we became foster failures and adopted him. When **Major** first came to us he had some fears, but he quickly overcame them in our loving environment. Who says old dogs can't learn new tricks? **Rocky**, our younger Golden, has taught **Major** to open the door with his nose, share toys and steal socks. **Major** has always loved his walks, but they are a little slower these days. He is a warm and loving dog like all Golden.



*When I am old and grey,
my step might be slower, I may not hear as well, I may not
see as well, I may not feel as well.*

But...

*My love will be the same, my devotion will be the same, my
appreciation will be the same.*

*My heart and soul are grateful for all that you have done
and do, when I am old and grey*

~ Bridget from Linked Souls

The Story of Ben

By Deb Orwig

Ben came to us as a foster when he was 10, or so we had been told. I took him everywhere I could – to Meet-and-Greets, **PACC911** events, and the **Women's Expo** at the **Phoenix Convention Center** where 10,000 women came by our booth in the 2-day event. People would stop to pet his beautiful, soft, platinum coat, then ask how old he was when they were told he was available for adoption. At my response of "10", they would say, "Oh, I don't want to adopt a dog that old. He's going to die too soon." And they would walk away.



After three months of fostering him and getting angrier every time I heard that remark, I told my husband we were adopting **Ben**. He needed a permanent home. He was a terrific dog. I couldn't stand it anymore. To my sort-of surprise, my husband agreed at once. After finalization, when we got **Ben's** paperwork including his vaccine history from his former vet, we found out that he was 12, not 10. Did not matter to us at all. By that time, there was no way we were going to give him up to anyone else.

Ben had been surrendered because his male owner had passed away and the wife had some kind of debilitating condition and couldn't take care of the dog. **Ben** had two physical issues when he came into Rescue. First, he was overweight at 98.8 pounds. Weight loss necessitated my first experience with the Green Bean Diet, and I found that it works – he lost 32 pounds over the next 6 months and really looked grand!

The second problem was that he was losing his hearing, a fairly common thing with old Golden. Since it was obvious to me that at one time he had had basic obedience training, I brushed him up on the basic commands and taught him hand signals at the same time. By the time he was stone deaf at age 13, he would respond to my hand signals as long as he could see me.



When he was 13 ½, we went to the Golden Retriever National Specialty in Malibu, CA. One of the most beautiful sights etched in my memory is of **Ben** galloping along the beach in the surf, having a grand time chasing the seagulls. Poetry in motion. A good friend of

mine, Candy Millsop, painted a watercolor from a photograph I took of him then. The picture, a precious possession which cap-

tures his zest for life and bliss in running along the sand chasing the birds, hangs on the wall in my foyer.

When **Ben** was about 14, I was training my other four Golden Retrievers to get them certified for therapy work. When the time came for the test, I asked the instructor if she would mind if I also brought **Ben** “just to see how he would do”. The instructor was certified to test for both Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dogs International. **Ben** passed both tests with flying colors with me using only hand signals. In fact, his performance was better than any other dog’s in the testing class, and the instructor told me she was very impressed!

When he was 14½, we attended the Golden Retriever National Specialty in Cleveland, OH. We arrived on a Thursday and experienced hot, humid (actually dripping) weather from the remnants of a hurricane that had come up the East Coast. The humidity made **Ben**’s coat absolute glorious – full and lush-looking. On Friday morning when I was walking him down the hotel corridor to go out to do his business, a woman stepped out of her room, saw him and said, “Oh, what a beautiful Golden! Do you have him registered in the Veteran’s Class today?” I said, “No, I have him entered in the National Parade of Rescue today.” She replied with both an incredulous and smirky tone of voice, “THAT is a RESCUED dog?” I said, “Yes, he is.” She responded, “He’s gorgeous!” As if a rescued dog couldn’t be. I just smiled and walked on out with him.

Later in the day, **Ben** was the oldest dog in the National Parade of Rescue. He flowed around the show ring with his head up, back straight and tail out, like he’d been born for it – looked as good as any “show dog” that had been in that ring earlier in the day, and he got a standing ovation from the large crowd. It was a rare moment, believe me, one I will never forget.



Ben lived until he was two weeks shy of his 16th birthday. He was healthy and no trouble until about 4 weeks before that when his bodily systems started failing. We did what we could for him to make him comfortable,

then let him go when it was obvious that that was no longer possible. It was one of the saddest days of my life.

I feel so grateful for having been given the opportunity to bring this old, thrown-away Golden into my life. He enriched us all beyond measure. Although I wish he had been 12 weeks instead of 12 years when he came to me, I was thankful that he was with me for four years. He will always hold a special place in my memory and in my heart.

Haiku for Old Gold – The Joy of Ben

By Deb Orwig

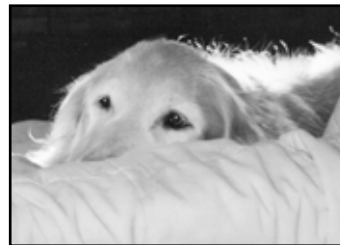


*Fifteen years old.
In human years, over 105
and still spry.
I hope I’m as much so at that age.*



*White face, badge of honor
Wise old man
can still outsmart the younger ones.*

*Galloping down a beach,
ears and tail streaming,
huge grin on face.*



*Comfy and content on
“his sofa,”
Soft eyes
looking at me
adoringly over the
back.*

*Sauntering along the sidewalk,
Investigating every “bush
message”
Ears prick up at sounds we can’t
hear.*



*In repose, sighs of peace.
Your hands must stroke
that beautiful head.*

*Coat smooth
and soft,
Silvery frosting is the
icing on
this incredible cake.*



The Oldest Rescued Golden



Michele Wehry remembers the oldest Golden that has ever been rescued in the 18 years since she and Deb Orwig have been involved in Golden Rescue in Arizona. She named him **FuegoLaFuego**. **Fuego**, which means “fire” in Spanish, was over 15 when he was taken in from a family that had had him since he was a puppy and said they were tired of waiting for

him to die. He lived with Michele until he was almost 16! Michele wrote, *He came in soul already dead, and had the BEST year ever. I think of him often, and more so now with Shasta being so old [over 15]. I can say that with a senior there is not a day in life that has more meaning than that of their last year.*



Fuego was loved by all the kids who came to Michele's house for day care

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

~ Bonnie Wilcox, “Old Dogs, Old Friends”



15-060 Mariah

If when you look at me you only see a white face and cloudy eyes, a burden or a hassle... you've missed out on the best part of me. I am loving and loyal, protective but kind. You are my one and only and my tail will wag for you up until my last breath. As a senior, I've been with you long enough to know what you want without even saying a word. I know when you're happy. I know when you're sad. I know when you need me to place a paw on you. I know when you snuggle up to me and your heartbeat speeds up, it's because you are fighting back tears as you see what the years have done to my body. But inside I am still just a puppy, content with your love and your shelter. Love me until the very end, for I am a gift. With each wag of my tail, I say thank you.

~ Bacardi Reynolds

A Picture Essay About Missy

By Dean Mortimore

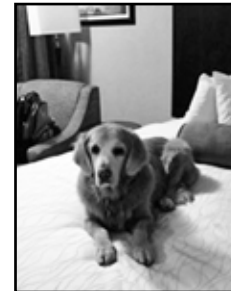
Editor's Note: Dean and Marlene Mortimore adopted Missy and her littermate, Molly, in August of 2015. The girls were 11 years old. Unfortunately, Molly had cancer and left for the Bridge only a few weeks later. Missy, however, is doing well. Dean takes her to work with him, brings her to our Meet-and-Greets and other events, and generally does much to entertain her and keep her young and interested in life. Here are some photos he has sent us.



Missy and Molly enjoying the scenery in Tubac, AZ



Missy in the snow in Taos, NM, in December



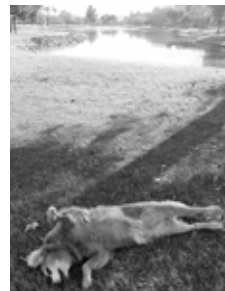
Yes, the motel bed is comfy! Mom called ahead to be sure I was allowed to come



The sofa is comfy, too – maybe I'll sleep here



Can we go to the park? Ah, yes, this is it!



I love rolling in the grass by the lake!



Oops, gee there was duck poop in that grass – imagine that!



I had a nice warm bath when I got home -- I didn't think I was smelly!



Sometimes it's hard to wait for dinner, so I put on my pathetic face

Dad has a hard time keeping up with me, so sometimes we take a nap together after dinner



I love to go to AGR Meet-and-Greets and other events with my dad – we meet so many nice people and other dogs there!

Dean recently sent us these comments: *The months after going through an emotional loss of our 12 1/2-year-old Golden were terrible, to say the least. We adopted Missy at 11 years old. She has a personality all her own. She has brought new life into our house. It was wonderful to see her in the snow [in Taos] for the first time and how quickly she adapted. I especially like working with her on swimming – it is just a real enjoyment.*



Missy and Molly swimming with Dean

I have nothing, but great respect for Deb Orwig and the AGR organization. I have met nearly everyone and get the same feeling. They genuinely have a great passion for these dogs. They do their utmost for caring and in finding the most suitable family for these dogs. They follow through in what they say. These rescue dogs are given medical care as needed, so they may have the best remainder of their years in their forever homes. Missy has been a blessing in disguise.

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

HERE and THERE

Events from October 1 through December 26, 2015

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



4th Quarter Events:
Tolleson Pet Health Expo
By Chris Spiel



Thank you to all who attended the Tolleson Community Health & Pet Health Expo on October 24, 2015. This was a new event and venue for us. There were quite a few vendors of health-related products (Medicare®, other health insurance companies, blood pressure monitoring, hearing aids, etc.), but only

a couple of rescue groups. They had a full agenda for the day, which included a Blessing of the Animals, Wiener Dog and Chihuahua races, exhibition by students of Take Five Dance Academy, a pet-and-owner costume contest, disc dog demonstration, and a demonstration of skills by Tolleson's K9 unit. Even though there was not much attendance by the public, we still were



Dana, Tony, Patrick, Chris, and Gail

able to raise over \$200 for AGR by selling merchandise, collecting donations and getting one new Household membership – welcome, Kate McKenna and John Walters!



Sue with Penny and Oliver and Larry with Troy

Special thanks for helping me set up and/or take down the booth to Deb and Larry Orwig with **Troy, Duffy and Dolly**; Mark Schwartz; Patrick Doyle; Dana and Gail Hay-



We never found out why the camel was brought to this event. There was a second camel inside the trailer that got stuck, and she let everyone know she didn't like it; the entire trailer had to be dismantled to get her out.

wood with **Riley**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; and Liz Tataseo with **Reba**. Also, thanks to the following for attending during the day: Sue Vallie with **Oliver** and **Penny** and Connie McCabe for transporting and taking such good care of **Nash**, **Jack** and **Bailey** for the night.



4th Quarter Events:
Paws & Pasta Dinner
By Chris Spiel



Thank you to Bryan Foley and Nancy Wheeler (photo at left) for hosting **AGR's** annual *Paws & Pasta Dinner* at their restaurant, **Little Bite of Italy**, at 15456 N. 99th Ave. in Sun City on November 8, 2015. This year's dinner was another huge success, with 177 people attending. With proceeds from the dinner, 50/50 raffle, regular raffle, silent

auction and other donations, the total amount received for the day was \$2,596.50. In addition, we were sent checks totaling \$45 from two couples who had not been able to come but wanted to lend their support. This annual dinner event is a dedicated fundraiser for *The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*.



Sandy Fullington and Gail Haywood



Chris Spiel with Nash, Sandra Hansen, Jane Triplett, Martha McDowell and Connie Wozniak

The money in this *Fund* is reserved for helping dogs that come into Rescue with cancer, or for paying bills in excess of \$5,000 for any individual dog.

To help keep expenses to nothing, Sandy Fullington donated the meat for the spaghetti sauce; Bryan Foley donated all the rest of the



Connie McCabe with Grizzly and Teddy; see all the photos Connie took by visiting the photo gallery under the Events tab on our website

food (salad, salad dressing, garlic bread, spaghetti, and cake for dessert), paid his wait staff for the afternoon and donated the entire \$10 per meal to **AGR**; Deb Orwig donated the soda; and Chris Spiel got the hospital where she works, **Abrazo West Campus**, to donate bottled water.

Thank you all who volunteered for *Paws & Pasta*, as well as those who just came to eat and,

perhaps, buy something from our great merchandise inventory. Helping out were: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Nick Dodson; Patrick Doyle; Mary Dunnill with **Bella** (f.k.a. **Duchess**); Sandy Fullington; Teri and Jeff Guilbault; Sandra Hansen; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Sherry Landwehr; Connie McCabe with **Grizzly** and



Deb Orwig and Connie Wozniak at merchandise sales tables behind many unique items they have made



Mary Dunnill with Bella

Teddy; Deb Orwig with **Dolly**, **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Jill and Fred Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; Liz Tataseo with **Reba**; Jane Triplett; Peter Wong and wife Anna with **Billie** and **Nico**; and Connie Wozniak. Sandy, Gail and Mary sold dinner and 50/50 raffle tickets; Martha handled regular raffle ticket sales; Deb and Connie managed the merchandise sales. Everyone else helped serve or bus

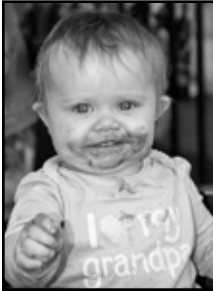
tables after diners left. Bryan Foley was everywhere, making sure that all was running smoothly – he has an amazing attention to detail!

Numerous **AGR** members, some with dogs and some without, came to eat. Adam Cardinal brought his parents; Barbara Connoyer brought **Buddy** and several friends;

Karen and Phil Davis; Bob and Darel Johnson came with **Holly** and **Bo**; Sheila Joyce brought **Charlie**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Rebecca and Dustin Mackerman came with foster **Baxter**; Martha McDowell; Michele Meyer brought **Abigail**; Michelle and Jared Miller (who also did a shift as a food server) with their children



Bryan checking with servers Nick Dodson, Liz Tataseo and Fred Prose to see if the supply of anything was running out



Nora Miller gave her seal of approval for the spaghetti

daughters; Cindy Tigges; Dave Williams came with **Bella**.


Special thanks to Peter Wong, who put on a great show with his Border Collie, **Billie**. **Billie** has been trained to perform over 30



Second shift servers Sherry Landwehr and Jeff and Teri Guilbalt

different trick behaviors. Peter is now working on training his new young German Shepherd, **Nico**.

This is one of my favorite events of the year. If you didn't attend this year, be sure you mark your calendar for the second Sunday in November 2016!



4th Quarter Events:
PACC911 Adopt-a-thon

By Chris Spiel



Gail and Dana Haywood, Liz Tataseo, Patrick Doyle and Tony Cotner

The last **PACC911** event we attended in 2015 was held in the **PetSmart** parking lot at 91st St/Shea Blvd in Scottsdale on November 14th. **AGR** was one of many rescue groups to participate, and, as usual, our booth was full of merchandise and Golden Retrievers. Other Rescues who do on-site adoptions were able to find 40+ dogs forever homes!

It was a beautiful sunny day. Thank you to all who volunteered: Tiffany Berry with **Maya**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle; Jackie and Dave Engelhardt with **Abbie** and **Aiofe**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Jodi Koblick; Deb

Orwig with **Dolly**, **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; and Liz Tataseo with **Reba**. Leslie Bergquist was at the event volunteering for **RAGofAZ**. She adopted **Harley**, one of **Troy Orwig's** littermates, 10 years ago and brought him by to say hello – no, the




Adriel Rowley, Deb Orwig and Chris Spiel



Tiffany Berry with Maya

two boys did not really recognize each other. Several **ASU** students also came by and spent an hour loving on our dogs. Connie McCabe brought **Winnie** after doing a home evaluation in the area. Nick Dodson helped transport all the booth materials from Glendale to Scottsdale and came back at the end of the day to help break down the booth and take everything back to Deb's house. We appreciate everyone's help. Overall,

we made \$282.50 in sales and donations, a pretty good day for a **PACC911** event!



4th Quarter Events:
College and Canines

By Liz Tataseo



We had a really good crowd of students this year


Once again, **AGR** was invited to bring Golden Retrievers to **ASU West** to provide a "golden break" for the students during final exams. We went on Thursday, December 3rd in the late afternoon. Deepika Naidu (at right in photo below with Mercedes Sauv ), Peer Leader for **Barrett**,

the Honors College, said the dogs have always been a big hit and the students look forward to it every semester. Arriving early were Liz Tataseo with **Reba** and Fred Prose with **Jasper** to get the party started. Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Deb Orwig with **Dolly**, **Troy**, **Duffy** and **Mufasa** and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash** arrived shortly after that and got the party amped up



with dogs running around the big field. Patrick Doyle was there to assist everyone. Kathi Youhas, visiting from North Carolina, also

helped with the dogs. Kathi is a long-time member whom everyone was happy to see. The dogs enjoyed chasing balls, birds and each other, with lots of petting time in between. The students were happy to have dogs sit in their laps or feed the dogs treats or just sit on the ground petting different dogs. We all had a great time!



*4th Quarter Events:
Holiday Pet Festival*

By Deb Orwig



Tony Cotner and Connie Wozniak in booth after we finished the set-up on Friday

WestWorld instead of in the big tent. The building is climate-controlled and was pleasant to be in most of the day.

The operation of this event takes a lot of time from a lot of volunteers. The day before the event, Connie Wozniak, Tony Cotner, Patrick Doyle and Nick Dodson helped me with the booth set up. Nick came to my house on Friday morning and we loaded up his big vehicle and my mini-



Connie McCabe and Kathi Youhas – Connie was able to be at this event for only a couple hours, so we don't have as many photos as we normally would;

Kathi, visiting from NC for a week, wore a silly hat in memory of Debbie Begley, who always did that at our holiday events

van, then we headed over to *WestWorld* to begin the set-up. Numerous *Tranquility Trail* volunteers met us in the parking lot and helped shuttle everything to our booth space, #207-209. The *Tranquility Trail* people were just fantastic! Then Tony, Nick, Connie and I spent the next 5 hours putting up the booth decorations and setting up the floor mats, tables, chairs, tablecloths, and the chrome merchandise stand. We also put up the gorgeous 2' x 6' banner that says "Have a Golden Holiday" that Connie McCabe designed last year. We arranged all the merchandise on the tables and then covered everything with our burgundy tablecloths. Everything was still in place on Saturday morning.

The show was again in the new building at



Teri Guilbault with Rosey handled the Wheel of Fortune for part of the day; Jodi and Jay Koblick and Debbie Ball helped with the Wheel, too.

On Saturday, December 5th, we participated in the 5th Annual *Holiday Pet Festival at WestWorld* in Scottsdale. This event is sponsored by *Tranquility Trail Animal Sanctuary*. As it always has been, it was the best-organized and best-run large event we attend all year.

We had a wonderful group of volunteers: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo with **Reba**; and Connie Wozniak were there with me and my gang (**Troy**, **Dolly**, **Mufasa** and **Duffy**) all day. Throughout the day, we enjoyed the company of Debbie and Rick Ball; Paulette Compton with **Smoke**; Teri Guilbault with **Rosey**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Connie McCabe with **Winnie**; Michele Meyer with **Abigail**; Debbie and Kat Mikol with **Hogan** and **Ivy**; Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer with **Sucy** and **Leia**; Lauren and Michael Rudin; Jolene Schlichter; Jane Triplett; Michele



Paulette Compton was nervous about bringing Smoke to his first-ever AGR event, because she was unsure how he would react to other dogs since he had had battles with his brother Bandit, but he did just fine



Lauren Rudin and son Michael came without a dog and walked Deb's around the event for quite a while – the dogs appreciated that and so did I!

Wehry and Mark Hill with **Cassie** and **NinAnnie**; and Kathi Youhas visiting from North Carolina for a week. Diane and Tom Ghezzi with **Mia**, Rick Reid with **Jake**, Cindy Tigges with her mother-in-law Marilyn, and Dave Williams with daughter Betsy Bain and his adopted *AGR* girl **Bella** also stopped by to say hello. Nick Dodson came at 5:00 PM to help pack up the booth and transport everything back to my house.

Our Wheel of Fortune was not as popular this year as it was last year. In 2014 we charged only \$1 per spin and earned \$231! We had a load of free toys from the Good 360 program to give away then. This year, we charged \$5 per spin and made \$140. We'd had to buy the toys for prizes; we also had books, calendars and Pillow Pets as prizes for the higher Wheel numbers (2, 3, and 5) but these did not provide the draw that the lower spin price did in previous uses of the Wheel at last year's *Holiday Pet Festival* and earlier this year at the *Phoenix Pet Expo*, primarily because this year at the *HPF*, there were 3 other groups with Wheels that were charging only \$1 per spin.

Our fantastic Donation Dogs (i.e., all the dogs who came) collected \$148 while in our booth and walking around the event wearing our holiday-colors Donation Vests, almost \$90 less than at last year's event. It was our impression that the overall crowd at this year's event was not as large as at last year's. The fact that there was a competing event (*Winter Wonderland Market*) in the big tent may have had something to do with that.



Mark Hill and Michele Wehry brought Cassie and NinAnnie

My special thanks to Connie Wozniak. In addition to helping so much with the set-up, operation and break-down of the booth, Connie spent weeks sewing some beautiful Christmas stockings and also made 10 gorgeous ornaments that we hung on the event Wish Trees. One ornament brought in \$60 for an orthopedic bed for our amputee-tripod **Teddy**.




Dave Williams with Bella



We had good merchandise sales totaling \$755.12 during the event. Our Silent Auction items brought in \$300, \$200 for the "Popcorn & Movies" item I put together, and \$100 for a "Children's Zoo Party" basket.

We raised a total of \$1,303.67 (\$2,143 last year and \$1,365 in 2013)! Our only expense was \$190 for the booth. Thanks to all of you who helped, bought merchandise, made donations or just cheered us on.



4th Quarter Events:
Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade

By Chris Spiel



This was the first year **AGR** participated in this parade. Despite chances of horrible cold and rainy weather, December 12th turned out to be a sunny and beautiful day. Thank you to all who chanced the weather and attended with your Golden(s). This parade was so much fun! With over 130 groups participating in the parade and over 10,000 people lining the streets, we had a very unexpectedly-generous donation day. Mostly kids and some adults were having a blast chasing the Goldens down the street to put donations in the vests. Many times our group held up the parade because some of the many spectators wanted to donate and pet our Goldens. All of the Goldens were wearing the red and green donation vests and looking very festive! Many also managed to keep on a Santa hat or reindeer antlers. It really is too bad that the City of Glendale does not follow the parade with some activity in Murphy Park

like they used to do when they hosted the Glendale Firemen's Parade in October. Walking in the parade were Patrick Doyle; Karin Forsythe; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**; Debbie Mikol and son Ryan with **Hogan** and **Ivy**; Deb Orwig with **Dolly** (who rode in our garden wagon), **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Jill and Fred Prose with **Jasper**; Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer with **Sucy**; Adriell Rowley with **Ember**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo with **Reba**; and Cindy Tigges with **Charm**, **Duey** and **Koso**. We carried the "Have A Golden




Liz Tataseo with Reba and Sheila Joyce with McKenna



Cindy Tigges with Charm, Duey and Koso

Holiday" banner that Connie McCabe created last year for the Holiday Pet Festival, and **Dolly's** wagon was decorated with tinsel garland. We all wore red shirts and most of us also wore Santa hats, elf hats or reindeer antlers. Connie was unable to attend due to illness, and Deb Orwig's camera battery died after she had taken only a few pictures, so we did not get very many. Those we did get can be viewed in the Gallery under the Events tab on our website.



4th Quarter Events:
Gift Wrapping Extravaganza

By Deb Orwig



Tempe Marketplace store front

As in past years, the gift wrapping we do at **Barnes & Noble Booksellers** during the year, especially during the holiday season, turns out, collectively, to be our largest fundraising event next to our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*. We raised over \$1,000 doing gift wrapping the day before

Valentine's Day (\$355) and Mother's Day (\$717 over two days). However, we received over 90% of our gift wrapping income between the weekend before Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve Day – we held nine gift wrap sessions at the Happy Valley location, two at the Arrowhead store, and one at Tempe Marketplace. As usual, the one-day revenue from Tempe was higher than from any other session. In 2015, we reaped our greatest total ever for that location, \$3,280, and that was despite not being able to sell any of our holi-



day merchandise (more on that later)! At three of the wrapping events, we welcomed the assistance of some Apollo High School Key Club students and their advisors. We really appreciated their help with the dogs.

Apollo High School Key Club students who attended one of the three gift wrap sessions included: Melody Aguila, Elizabeth Andazola, Mar-



garita Camacho, Michelle Cano, Jacqueline Castaneda, Isabel DeLaCruz, Gabriela Farias, Reynaldo Flores, Tiffany Gessler, Angelica Gomez, Alejandra Gonzalez, Medina Gunic, Helena Hanna, Steph-

anie Igboanugo, Patricia Loera, Korina Manuel, Tatiana Maya, Kenia Mendoza, Israel Morales, Frida Moreno, Miriam Nava, Sornaii Rahman, Daniel Reyes, Clarissa Rodriguez and Guadalupe Vasquez. Advisors who came were Stasia Hubbell (December 6th), Mike Butler and Beth Ransom (December 13th) and Krystal Claudio (December 21st).



Debbie and Rick Ball with Shelby

Many volunteers came to these events to help out. I apolo-



Liz Tataseo with Reba and Patrick Doyle



Adriel Rowley with Ember and Tony Cotner with Daisy

The four members above were at every Happy Valley and Arrowhead Gift Wrapping session all day

gize that we do not have photos of everyone who helped, especially for Tempe Marketplace when our photographer Connie Mc-



Carter family with Samantha



Karin Forsythe making a bag; Jake Forsythe with Charley

Cabe was not feeling well and I was wrapping presents almost constantly.

With so many wrap-

ping sessions and many people helping multiple times, there is not enough space here to list volunteers separately for each session, so I will group the list by loca-



Teri Guilbault



Sandra Hansen and Pat Morgan

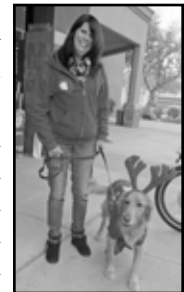
tion. **AGR** members who worked one or more sessions at Happy Valley include:

Debbie and Rick Ball with **Shelby**; Brandi Carter with her children and **Samantha**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Nick Dodson; Patrick Doyle; Karin and Jake Forsythe with **Charley**; Teri Guilbault with **Jackson** or **Rosey**; Sandra Hansen; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo**, **Caleb** and **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Nancy and Dave Kimmel with **Sadie** and **Trooper**; Jodi and Jay Koblick with **Cassie**; Don Krause with



Dana and Gail Haywood with Bilbo, Riley and Caleb

Stormy; Sherry Landwehr; Sarah Martin with



Sheila Joyce with Charlie



Don Krause with Stormy

Bunny; Amy Maynard with **Bentley**; Connie McCabe with **Grizzly**, **Winnie**, **Sammy**, **Teddy** or **Shaggy**; Martha Mc-



Dave and Nancy Kimmel with Sadie and Trooper



Jay and Jodi Koblick with Cassie



Connie Wozniak, Sarah Martin, Sherry Landwehr and Patrick Doyle

Dowell; Debbie and Kat Mikol with **Hogan**; Donna Novak with **Jackson**; Deb and Larry Orwig with **Dolly, Duffy, Mufasa and Troy**; Linda Paus with **Chance**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Gracie and Jasper**; Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Sucy**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; Jerry Sheffield; Chris Spiel with **Bailey, Jack and Nash**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**

and **Reba**; Linda Taylor with **Daisy** and **Snophie**; Cynthia Wenström with **Hannah** and Mike Lane with **Bailey**; Sharon, Philip, Ilan and Marcus Wieser with **Nala**; and Connie Wozniak.



Amy Maynard with Bentley



Debbie and Kat Mikol with Hogan



Linda Paus with Chance



Deb Orwig with Duffy, Dolly, Troy and Mufasa



Larry Orwig with Duffy, Troy and Dolly



Donna Novak with Jackson



Jill and Fred Prose with Jasper and Gracie



Chris Spiel with Bailey, Nash and Jack

At Arrowhead, the following volunteers helped at one or both sessions: Debbie Ball with **Shelby**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle; Karin Forsythe; Teri Guilbault; Gail and Dana Haywood

with **Bilbo, Caleb and Riley**; Sandra Hansen; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Jodi and Jay Koblack with **Cassie**;



Jerry Sheffield and Martha McDowell



Miss Earth Arizona with Mufasa



Connie McCabe with Grizzly and Mary Norby visiting from Canada



Cynthia Wenström with Hannah and Mike Lane with Bailey



Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with Sucy



Fran Strock

with **Dolly, Duffy, Mufasa and Troy**; Larry Orwig; Fred and Jill Prose with **Gracie and Jasper**; Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with **Sucy**; Adriel Rowley with **Ember**; Jerry Sheffield; Fran Strock; Liz Tataseo with **Reba**; Dave Williams and his daughter Betsy Bain with **Bella**; Connie Wozniak; and Kathi Youhas.



Kathi Youhas



Linda Taylor with Snophie and Daisy



Philip Wieser and Reba



Dave Williams with Bella and Betsy Bain



Ilan Wieser with Daisy, Troy and Mufasa



Marcus Wieser with Mufasa



Sharon Wieser with Nala



Outdoor group in front of store: Larry Jessup, Tony Cotner with Daisy, Diane Henkel with Winston, Jim Henkel, Gail Haywood with Bilbo, Dana Haywood with Riley, and Chris Spiel with Nash and Jack

Larry Jessup again was instrumental in lining up the volunteers for Tempe Marketplace. Larry called over 200

families on the phone. A few never returned his call but most did, and many committed to coming for a 2- or 3-hour shift.

We had some problems with our set-up there this year. In every year for the past six, we have had our main wrapping station in the interior of the mall in back of the Barnes & Noble store.



Morning shift: Teddi Axne with Watson and Palmer, Michele Meyer with Abigail, Jane Pulis with Major, Casey Pulis with Rocky, Dana Haywood with Bilbo and Gail Haywood with Riley

This year, we had everything ready to go in that location by 10



Valerie Mylowe, Michele Meyer with Abigail and Martha McDowell stayed at one of the wrapping stations for 6 hours



Robin Mish with Deb's girl Dolly, who wanted to help at the wrapping table



Berek Novak with Annie



Marti Mickel and Donna Novak worked at the main wrapping station most of the day

AM, then the mall security officer came over and told us we were not allowed to be there. What? We had obtained permission back in October, but apparently the mall was then sold to new owners, who hired a new security company and the permission for us to be there from our sponsor, Barnes & Noble, never got communicated.



Main wrapping station inside store: Sharon Flores, Deb Orwig, Linda Penman and Leslie Morris

In order to remain at Tempe Marketplace, we had to remove all our signage and move the wrapping station inside the store. Manager Melissa was extremely accommodating and helped in every way she could to be sure we had enough room, welcomed the dogs inside the store, and allowed us to wrap anything that customers brought to us. The only



Tiffany Berry and Maya worked at the small wrapping station alone for a while



Mary Gutowski with Sedona and Mufasa



The Haseleu family with Max



The Cheke family with Evelyn



The Gross family with Zoey



Cheryl Cole and Barb Kleven with Riley



Kim McVeigh with Gus and Jack and Katie McVeigh with Troy Orwig



Ruth Cohen with Lad



Jeff Sager with Orion



Marc Watkins with Charles and Barkley



Rebecca and Dustin Mackerman with Boomer and Sadie



Russell and Sarah Brooks with Darby



Diane and Jim Henkel with Winston



Marlene, Missy and Dean Mortimore



Lauren, Michael and Bryxx Rudin

thing we couldn't do was sell our own merchandise.

It turned out to be a blessing in disguise for us to be inside. It was warmer, for one thing, and since we were directly in the line of sight as customers exited the cashiers, many came over to the table who might not have seen us out back. In addition, because we had to remove our sandwich board signs, people who saw our dogs that were stationed outside the front of the store came up to the group to ask what we were doing, thus providing an opportunity for our volunteers to talk about **AGR** more than they might otherwise have. All in all, it was a very successful day!

Our fantastic group of volunteers who helped at Tempe Market-place included: Greg and John Ahmann with **Ryn**; Teddi Axne with **Palmer** and **Watson**; Stephanie Beard, Greg Konishi and their son Willie with **Kasey**; Tiffany Berry with **Maya**; Sherri and Don Boonstra with **Eowyn**, **Sedona** and **Lily**; Terri and Bryan Bowles with **D.O.G.** and **Jake**; Sarah and Russell Brooks with **Darby**;

Rose, Daniel, Patrick, Zack and Nicholas Cheke with **Evelyn**; Ruth Cohen with **Lad**; Cheryl Cole; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle; Trish and Jeff Fannin with **Lola** and **Miller**; Sharon Flores; Tracie and Richard Freeland with **Gus** and **Murphy**; Tom Ghezzi with **Mia**; Candy Greff with **Teddy Bear**; Holly, Mike, Carter and Keira Gross with **Zoey**; Mary Gutowski with **Sedona**;

Julie Hamilton with **Peyton**; Sandra Hansen; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Diane and Jim Henkel with **Winston**; Mary Hurley and James Po-



Terri and Bryan Bowles with D.O.G. and Jake



Ted Morris with Maddy



Trish and Jeff Fannin with Miller and Lola



Russ Ingram with Reilly



Tracie and Richard Freeland with Gus and Murphy

tocky with **Zelda**; Russ Ingram with **Reilly**; Larry Jessup; Joyce Johnston with **Max**; Barbara and JR Kleven with **Riley**; Don Krause with **Stormy**; Allan and Diane Long with **Nessa**; Nancy Luchi and friend Kay Cervola with **Jaxson**; Rebecca and Dustin Mackerman with **Boomer** and **Sadie**;



Greg Konishi and son Willie with Kasey

Connie McCabe with **Winnie**; Martha McDowell; Kim and Katie McVeigh with **Gus** and **Jack**; Barbara Merideth with **Howie**; Michele Meyer with **Abigail**; Marti Mickel; Debbie Mikol with **Hogan**; Robin Mish; Leslie and Ted Morris with **Maddy**; Dean and Marlene Mortimore with **Missy**; Valerie Mylowe; Don-



Debbie Mikol with Hogan



Rob and Don Krause with Stormy

na and Berek Novak with **Annie and Jackson**; Terry Oline; Deb and Larry Orwig with **Dolly, Duffy, Mufasa and Troy**; Linda Penman; Casey and Jane Pulis with **Major and Rocky**; Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer with **Sucy**; Adriell Rowley with **Ember**;

Lauren and Michael Rudin with **Bryxx**; Jeff Sager with **Orion**; Nelda and Tom Shirey with **Bella**; Chris Spiel with **Jack and Nash**; Amy and Jeff Stevey with **Gideon**; Susan Strong with **Molly** and grand-



Mark Hill with NinAnnie and Cassie



Kelley Rodeffer with Sucy



Connie McCabe's girl Winnie

kids Madison and Connor; Stephanie, Michelle and Marc Watkins with **Charles and Barkley**; Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with **Cassie and NinAnnie**; and Danny and Andrea Zemel with **Coral**.

My thanks to Connie McCabe and Michele Wehry for taking some of the photos. At one point, my camera got misplaced somewhere on or under the wrapping table, so I missed getting pictures of quite a few volunteers. If your picture is not included here, then none of us got a photo, and we apologize.



Some of our volunteers in the Tempe Marketplace interior courtyard

Below left: Littermates Murphy Freeland and Duffy Orwig; we also saw their sisters Ryn Ahmann and Nessa Long but we got no photos of them

Missy Mortimore sported pretty holiday hair bows



Meet-and-Greets at Petco

By Liz Tataseo

Petco, 9980 W Northern Ave., Glendale – Liz Tataseo, Hostess



Liz with Gonzo the Dinosaur and Reba the Pumpkin

Thanks to end-of-the-month scheduling, we were able to make all three fall Meet-and-Greets at **Petco** without any conflicts. It was Halloween time at **Petco** in October, and the dogs were all dressed up. **Dolly, Duffy, Charlie, Reba** and **Gonzo** came



Sheila with Rufferee Charlie



Ballerina Dolly

in costume to delight everyone. Joining the dogs were their people, Deb Orwig, Sheila Joyce and Liz Tataseo. Chris Spiel came with **Bailey, Jack** and **Nash** who



Cowboy Duffy with Deb

forgot their costumes but did a great job meeting and greeting. Stopping by for a while was the newly-adopted **Lola** with her new mom Trish Fannin, and Pat Morgan with **Sunny**, who got there in time for treats. We collected \$200.07, which included the sale of four calendars.



Deb with Troy and Dolly, Don with Stormy, Chris with Jack, Bailey and Nash, and Patrick holding Nash

November's Meet-and Greet came after Thanksgiving, so we decided the dogs should wear their Christmas outfits. Joining **Reba, Gonzo** and

me were Patrick Doyle; Don Krause with **Stormy**; Deb Orwig with **Troy and Duffy**; and Chris Spiel with **Bailey, Jack** and **Nash**. It was fairly quiet but everyone had a great time. We brought home

\$98.84 – perhaps everyone was out shopping elsewhere that day.

December's Meet-and-Greet was on the 26th, just after the holiday gift wrap season ended, but we still had a large group to meet the public and the store employees who would drop by for petting and handing out treats. Joining **Reba** and me were Tony Cotner and **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle; Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**; Deb Orwig with **Dolly** and **Troy**; Karey, Kelly and Sheri Rodeffer with **Sucy**; and Chris Spiel with **Bailey**, **Jack** and **Nash**. We had a good time and raised \$86 for **AGR**. I think everyone was out returning holiday gifts because so few customers came into the store.



Liz, Patrick and Chris in back, Sheila and a Petco employee in front



SandiJoy Petitto and Honey Flores were both wearing new Donation Vests Deb Orwig made and for which their moms had given a donation to AGR

rained on, but, fortunately, I had a tent in my car, so we quickly put that up and didn't get too wet. We did very well anyway in donations taking in \$336.50 for our four hours there.

GLENDALE, 7290 W Bell Rd – Liz Tataseo, Hostess

We did not meet at all at this location during the fourth quarter. We have decided to drop this venue altogether. There is always too much noise from the small dog rescues that are also there and too much competition for donations.

PEORIA, 9960 N. 91st Ave. – Connie McCabe, Hostess



The AGR members pictured here are the "regulars" at the Peoria PetSmart. Included are Pat Morgan with Sunny, Jill Prose with Jasper, Fred Prose in back with Gracie, Karen Davis with Star and Caesar, Sheila Joyce with McKenna (she actually brings Charlie more often), Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash (and Bailey in the x-pen), and Nick Dodson with Grizzly. There is always room for new volunteers!

For photos from this event and all other **AGR** events, you can go to our website and click on Events, then Gallery <http://agrdogphotos.phanfare.com/agr-events/2015/>

You may also see most of them on the **AGR** Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/124724086406/>



Please consider stopping by a Meet-and-Greet close to you to meet your fellow **AGR** members. Everyone is welcome, and it is a great way to socialize your dogs and meet the public, too! Plus, the more people and dogs who are there, the more foot traffic is drawn to us for even more contact and donations.

Cyndee and Mark Schwartz with Bruno in October



Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

CHANDLER, 2860 E Germann Rd – Dana Haywood, Host



Sharon, Deb, Adriel, Tony, Mary, Gail and Patty

We had a very nice showing of members and their dogs on November 15th. Attending were Dave and Ruth Cohen with **Lad** and **Daisy**, Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Patty Forte with **Bella** and **Dante**, Sharon



Ruth and Dave Cohen with Lad and Daisy



Dean Mortimore with Missy



Patty Forte with Dante and Bella

Flores with a rare appearance of **Honey**, Mary Gutowski with **Sedona**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**, Dean Mortimore with **Missy**, Deb Orwig with **Troy** and **Duffy**, Judy Petitto with **SandiJoy** and Adriel Rowley with **Ember**. We got



Fred Prose, Chris Spiel and Patrick Doyle

Connie was unable to attend on October 11th, so Deb Orwig hosted with **Duffy** and **Troy**. Joining them were Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Patrick Doyle; Fred Prose with **Jasper**; Cyndee and Mark Schwartz with **Bruno**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; and

Shotzie Workman with **Ginger** and **Penny**. It was a lovely day to sit outside and relax with friends and a lot of great dogs! We collected \$54 in donations and sold four calendars for a total of \$94.



Shotzie with Ginger and Penny

We had a nice day on November 15th, even if it was cold and rainy with slow traffic,



Jasper catching a treat – Connie takes such fabulous pictures!

Thank you to Nick Dodson for setting up and tearing down; also to Karen Davis with **Star** and **Caesar**; Patrick Doyle; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**; and Chris Spiel with **Bailey**, **Jack** and **Nash** for joining **Grizzly** and me! We didn't make a lot of money, only \$78, but talked to several potential adopters and met a lot of nice people. And the dogs had a great time. Deb Orwig arrived just in time to collect the donations, as we called it quits an hour early due to rain and cold.

We did not hold a Meet-and-Greet at this location in December.

SCOTTSDALE, 7077 E Mayo Blvd – Denny Myrick, Host



Stephanie Watkins with Barkley and Charles, Wes Harrington with Andie and Sadie, Tony Cotner with Daisy, Deb Orwig with Troy and Duffy, Dana Haywood with Bilbo, Gail Haywood with Riley, Cynthia Wenström with Hannah and Denny Myrick with Molly

A f t e r a f o u r m o n t h b r e a k from the the hot summer weather, **AGR** r e s u m e d t h e M a y o B l v d

PetSmart Meet-and-Greets on October 10th. We had a nice turnout with the following attendees: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Wes Har-

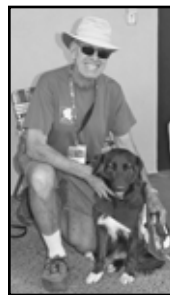


Hannah knows her job!

rington with **Andie** and **Sadie**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**, host Denny Myrick with **Molly**, **AGR** President Deb Orwig with **Troy** and **Duffy**, photographer Pam Spicer, Stephanie Watkins with **Barkley** and **Charles**, Cynthia Wenström with **Hannah**. A special welcome to newcomer Stephanie Watkins. Her dogs, **Barkley** and **Charles** represented **AGR** very well. This was an especially successful Meet-and-Greet at this Scottsdale location – **AGR** took in \$377 in donations and \$50 in 2016 **AGR** calendar sales.



Stephanie Watkins with Barkley and Charles



Denny Myrick with Molly

On a beautiful fall day the following **AGR** members attended the November 14th Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet: Tom and Sally Fetherston with **Rocki** and **Molly**, Wes Harrington with **Andie** and **Sadie**, Mike Lane with **Hannah**, Denny Myrick (host) with **Molly**, and photographer Pam Spicer. We collected \$201 through donations and calendar sales. **AGR** at-



Wes Harrington with Sadie and Andie, Mike Lane with Hannah, Tom and Sally Fetherston with Rocki and Molly and Denny Myrick with Molly

tendance was down due to one large competing event (**PACC911** Adopt-a-thon) held elsewhere, and to another (**Foothills Animal Rescue**) held in the same storefront space where we were located.

On a cold and overcast Saturday, December 12th, **AGR** held a holiday Meet-and-Greet at Mayo Blvd **PetSmart**. We had a nice turnout of **AGR** members and dogs. The following members participated: Sally and Tom Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocki**, Wes Harrington with



Mike Lane with Hannah, who seems to find something funny!

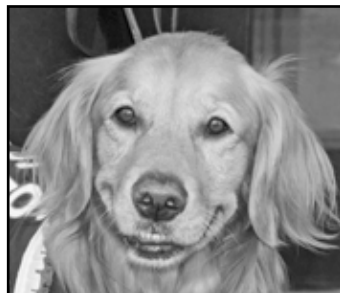


Barbara Merideth at right with Howie



Attending on December 12th: Cynthia Wenström with Hannah, Wes Harrington with Andie and Sadie, Sally and Tom Fetherston with Rocki and Molly, Ed Mertz with Mabel; kneeling are Marc and Stephanie Watkins with Charles and Barkley and Denny Myrick with Molly

Andie and Sadie, Barbara Merideth with Howie and Sammie, Ed Mertz with Mabel Denny Myrick (host) with Molly, Pam Spicer (photographer), Stephanie and Marc Watkins with Charles and Barkley, and Cynthia Wenström with Bailey and Hannah. We collected a total of \$344 in donations and calendar sales.



Charles Watkins belies the myth that dogs don't smile!

 *Meet-and-Greets at Pet Planet*
By Dana Haywood

We had a fairly quiet Meet-and-Greet at Paradise Valley *Pet Planet* on October 25th. Attending were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**, Deb Orwig with **Dolly**, Adriel Rowley with **Ember** and Jolene Schlichter with **Simba**. Rebecca and Dustin Mackerman also stopped by with **Sadie** and **Boomer** (photo at right). We got \$63 in donations.



Dave Engelhardt with Abby and Aiofe getting petted by customer, Jackie Engelhardt and Gail Haywood with Caleb and Riley

We had a real quiet Meet-and-Greet at the Chandler *Pet Planet* store on November 21st, as there was also a gift wrapping event going on at the Happy Valley *Barnes & Noble* store. Attending were Dave and Jackie Engelhardt with **Abbie** and **Aiofe**, Sharon Flores with **Honey** and Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and **Bilbo**. We collect-

ed \$64.90 in donations.



Sharon Flores with Honey

Attending the Meet-and-Greet event on November 28th in Paradise Valley were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**, and Adriel Rowley with **Ember**. This location is normally fairly good for donations, but on this date we sold one calendar and took in only another \$19.



Judy Petitto with SandiJoy

December 12th was a busy day with the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade* that we walked in. Then Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**, the Rodeffers with **Sucy**, and Adriel Rowley with **Ember** rushed to attend the Meet-and-Greet at the Chandler *Pet Planet* that Sharon Flores and Tony Cotner were graciously manning until we got there. Along with the aforementioned members and dogs, Sharon was there with **Honey**, Tony brought **Daisy**, and Judy Petitto came with **SandiJoy**. We had been asked to this location as *Pet Planet* was having a grand opening at their Mesa store and all stores were celebrating. The Christmas spirit must've really been with the customers this day, as we collected \$193 in donations!



Sheri Rodeffer, Gail Haywood, Tony Cotner, Judy Petitto, Adriel Rowley, and Karey and Kelley Rodeffer

Nom Nom Popcorn Fundraiser

By Jolene Schlichter

AGR's first gourmet popcorn fundraiser was a success, thanks to you! We raised \$341, and the good news is that our popcorn store never closes! Orders can be placed whenever you crave any of the 67 flavors from NomNom Popcorn! We continue to earn 40% of all sales.



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Golden Hearts



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Marsha Sue and Henry Kirk Forsythe

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In Honor of our upcoming marriage on December 31st – we wanted to share our excitement with a Goldie and also dedicate this donation in memory of our "Dog of Honor" Aiden

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In Memory of All 4th Quarter Bridge Dogs and people we have lost including Sunny Baselice, Charlie Bear Engstrom, Odi Erickson, Goldie Guilbault, Katie Koblick, Sunshine Krause, Moon Traxler-McDonald, Misty Prancevicus, Angie Sell-Lee, Aengus Wilcher, 15-097 Faith's three puppies Bernardo, Chico and Petra, 16-010 Talulabelle and Bill Atkinson, Audrey Brink, Pat Carlson, Gerald McHugh, Yanna Jorni-Reid, Rusty Krause, and Michael Pousson

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