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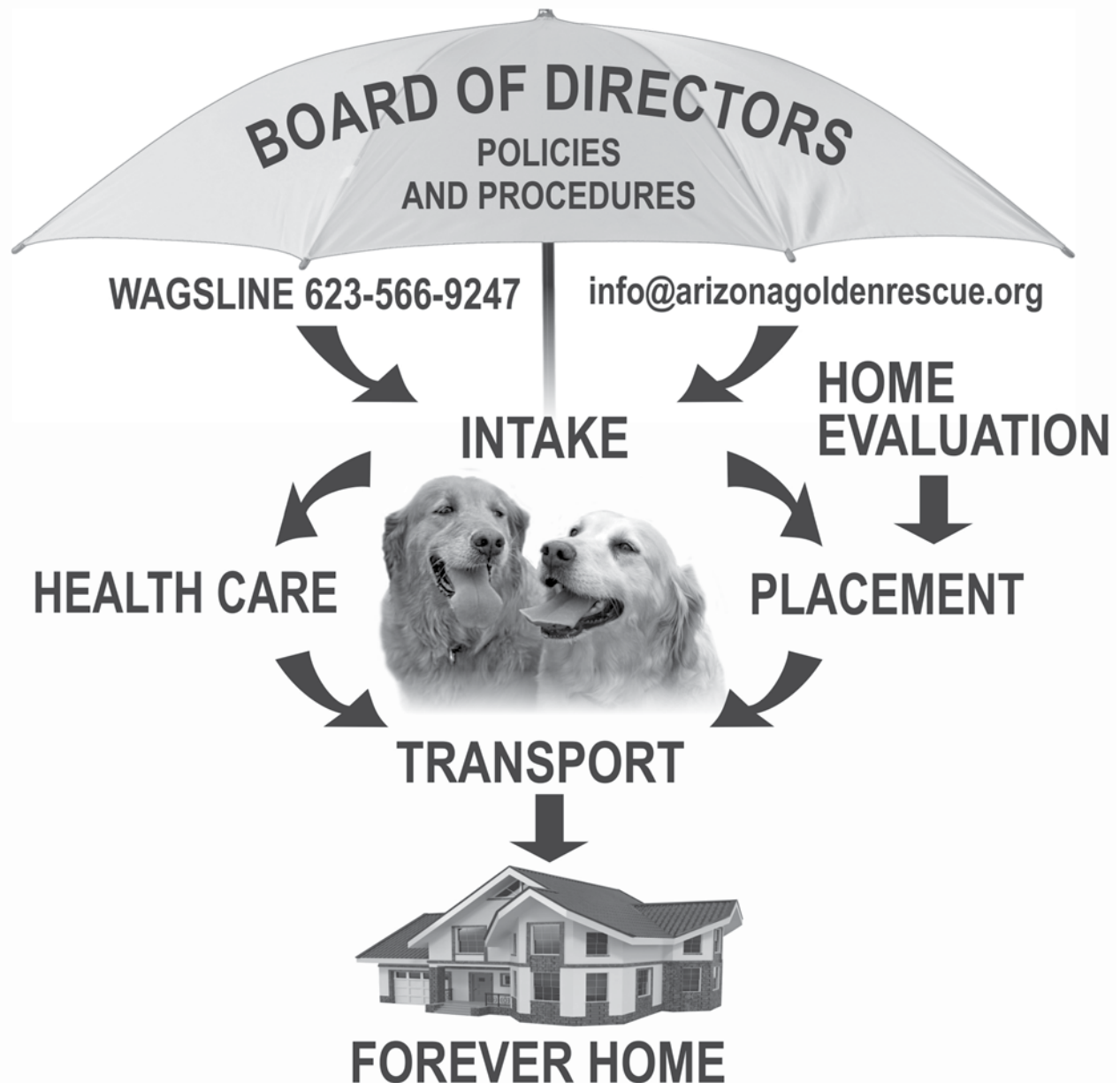
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## Editor's Assistants' Notes



Dolly, Mufasa, Duffy and Troy Orwig

Woo hoo! It was a date to remember for a long time! September 27, 2014 started out as a nice day, and when all of us were greeting the golfers as they checked in, the sun was shining and it seemed like it would be a great day for golf. We just loved being petted and hugged by that nice group of people! However, bad weather moved in very quickly very soon after the golfers drove their carts out onto the course. Our mom took us home, a 35-minute drive, and by the time we were there, the rain had started. She told us later that it was scary driving back to the golf club on the highways at 15 miles per hour with emergency flashers flashing – the wind was blowing the sheeting rain horizontally at times and many trees were down on the surface streets! We are glad we weren't in the car then – **Dolly** would have tried to crawl under the front seat, as she is scared of thunder and lightning! At home, she hid in the bathtub. Mom told us that this year's golf tournament was the best ever despite the weather and thanked us for greeting the golfers as they arrived. No one complained about the rain, and many even said they had fun anyway. Certainly, no one expected weather like we had on the last Saturday of September! Thanks to everyone who helped to raise money to care for new rescued dogs. It was a great team effort!

### The Green Bean Diet

We want to mention how proud we all are of our "sister" **Dolly**. When she came to our house in April, she was a little over 8 years old and weighed 113.6 pounds. She was so overweight she had a lot of difficulty getting up off the floor and could barely waddle! Mom put her on the "green bean diet" right away. This is not a meal plan where you just add green beans to the kibble. You have to reduce the amount of kibble you would normally use by half and add green beans (canned with no salt added, frozen, or fresh are best). The green beans add filler but no calories. The ideal weight loss should be 1-2 pounds per week. Dolly now weighs in at a svelte 78 pounds! She gallops out to get the newspaper every morning and can chase the rest of us around the back yard and keep up with us! We've heard that **14-034 Jaxx** has had similar weight-loss success. Way to go, **Dolly** and **Jaxx**! You'll both live longer, healthier lives!

## Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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I subscribe to the *Golden Retriever Club of America's National Rescue Committee's* e-list for Golden Retriever Rescue Presidents. There are often interesting threads that permeate the "conversations" on this list. Among the more recent ones were responses to some questions posed by Carol Allen, Chairman of the *NRC*. She initiated discussion on the following topics:

(1): Has your organization experienced a notable decrease in Goldens coming into your program? If so, is your program satisfied with this decrease OR are you becoming creative and more aggressive about outreach efforts? If the latter, what are some of the creative and more aggressive outreach efforts? Does your program just accept the reality and say, "We'll continue to meet the need as best we can and accept the lower numbers," or do you say, "This, too, will change"?

As with most GR Rescues throughout the US, *AGR* has seen a decrease in the number of dogs coming into Rescue. Our highest intake number, 146, was in 2012; last year, we dropped a little to 121; so far this year, we have taken in only 82 dogs as of this writing, so we do not expect to reach 100 by the end of the year. No matter. This year, we have improved the lives and health of those 82 dogs significantly and have found excellent forever homes for them. The results of our fundraising efforts are at an all-time high, so we have the money to take care of whatever medical and behavioral intervention the dogs need. The only real disadvantage of a decrease in intakes is to all of the approved-to-adopt applicants who are waiting for a dog. There are more applicants than ever. So, the few who actually get a rescued dog from *AGR* are very fortunate, indeed, that they were the best match for a particular dog.

We have not changed our method of outreach. We still do Meet-and-Greets in several locations in the Valley almost every weekend. We still do major events like the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* and the upcoming *Paws & Pasta Dinner*, the *Holiday Pet Festival* and the holiday season gift wrapping at *Barnes & Noble Booksellers*. All of these events, small or large, are public outreach efforts. We learned years ago that our dogs are the best advertisement we can have, far better than any paid ad in a newspaper or through other media.

*Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.*

~Henry Ford

The second topic of discussion on the list has been: Are you seeing a decrease in volunteerism? Have the demands/expectations of the adopting public changed? If so, how?

According to statistics that the *NRC* compiled from 95 of the GR Rescue groups in the US, *AGR* has one of the largest number of volunteers. We have not seen a decrease in volunteer numbers since our formation in 2009. If anything, we have a larger volunteer force now than ever, if we include one-time volunteers such as many who come to the *Tempe Marketplace Barnes & Noble* gift wrapping in December, as well as those who participate more frequently. That does not mean we can't use more help, or don't have a need for specific jobs to be filled, because we do. We still do not have a Director of Operations, which is the Board position that oversees events and fundraising. We have been without someone in that position since March. I have made numerous pleas for someone to take the position to no avail. Fortunately, we have chairmen already in place for all the Meet-and-Greets we do, as well as for all the holiday season activities, and I have managed to find a chairman for the *Paws & Pasta Dinner* and for next year's *Parada del Sol* and *Trail's End* events. If no one is willing to take the Board position, it would be nice if someone would be willing to at least chair the *Casino Event*, which is tentatively scheduled for February 21, 2015.

Our volunteers work well together in the Teams we have established. Please note the groups listed on the inside cover of this issue. We have a Team for almost every major activity that needs to be done, so that no one person has to "do it all." Our Teams include Health Care, Home Evaluations, Intake, Photography, Placement and Transport. Our Health Care Team has specific individuals assigned to specific vets, but each volunteer communicates with the whole team and with the Board, so that everyone knows what's going on health-wise with every dog. Our Home Evaluations Coordinator assigns a specific Team member to do a particular home evaluation based on geographic proximity; we could use more volunteers to do home evaluations, especially in the Ahwatukee and East Valley areas. Intake and Placement Teams are set up so that one volunteer from each Team is "on call" each week and then not again for 5-6 weeks. Summaries are provided to the entire Team and to the Board at the end of each week so that everyone who needs to know knows which dogs have come in and which have been placed with whom. Photography Team members are assigned by Connie McCabe to take pictures in their geographic regions, or in my case, photos at events that Connie cannot attend. All Transport Team members are notified when a transport needs to be done and someone puts up their hand to do it. Our Team organization and the consequent teamwork by our volunteers are effective and important. Won't you consider joining one or more of our Teams?

***Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.***

~Author Unknown

*Director of Operations*

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**Will  
someone, or  
perhaps a couple,  
please take  
this  
position?**

**MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Paws & Pasta Dinner*, Sunday, November 9  
at *Little Bite of Italy* in Sun City, 11 AM - 5 PM

**PACC 911** Adopt-a-thon during *PetSmart's National Adoption Weekend*, Saturday, November 15, 10 AM - 3 PM,  
10030 N. 90th St, Scottsdale

*Holiday Pet Festival*, Saturday, December 6  
at *WestWorld*, Scottsdale, 10 AM - 6 PM

Gift Wrapping at ***Barnes & Noble Booksellers***

Arrowhead store:

Saturday	November 29	1 - 5 PM
Sunday	December 7	1 - 5 PM
Sunday	December 21	1 - 5 PM
Wednesday	December 24	9 AM - 6 PM

Happy Valley store:

Saturday	November 22	1 - 5 PM
Sunday	November 23	11 AM - 5 PM
Friday	November 28	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	November 30	11 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	December 6	1 - 5 PM
Sunday	December 14	11 AM - 5 PM
Friday	December 19	10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	December 20	1 - 5 PM
Monday	December 22	9 AM - 4 PM

Tempe Marketplace store:

Saturday	December 20	9 AM - 6 PM
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***Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.***

~ Vince Lombardi

*Paws Forward*

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We at **AGR** have a mission to find the very best homes for every one of the precious dogs that we learn need new homes. It is both that simple and that complex.

We all know of people who have found a dog and, while they cannot keep it themselves, do everything to find a good home for it. Some of us may have even done some of this ourselves in the past. Sometimes, these casual placements work, but more often they don't. The dog may need extensive medical care or may be a training challenge. Not all family members of the receiving home may be on board with the addition. To make a good placement that is most likely to result in the dog staying in its forever home, you need a variety of resources and skilled people to truly assess the environment and resources a prospective adopting family has before suggesting that a specific dog be placed with them.

Every part of the process needs to work: evaluating applications and homes, transporting dogs from the surrendering owners to either the vet or their new home where they facilitate introductions to any resident pets, addressing the dog's medical needs through our generous participating veterinarians, and record keeping, both manual and digital. For those with behavior issues that need addressing, we have our behavior specialist for assistance. This is the dog part of the **AGR** team.

Of equal, if not more, importance is the part of the organization that is involved in fund raising, so we can afford to take care of the incoming dogs. We also need competent accounting skills, someone who applies for available grant monies, and a myriad of other activities. All of these are critical to the **AGR** team.

Where do we get team members? From people just like you – in fact, all of you. We need your skills, your outlook and your time, however little or much you may have. We have several members whose job descriptions basically read “All of the above.” We have others who are only here in the Valley for the winter and are immediately limited; others have jobs that make allotting specific times difficult. With the variety of needs, we can find a place for you. We can use all of you. Please consider becoming part of the **AGR** team.

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

~ Margaret Carty

One of the reasons that Arizona Golden Rescue is so successful is because of the database that we had designed for us by **The Cyber Image** and also the website that we created to help with so many areas. What does this have to do with teamwork? The fact is that the database has allowed all the teams to work together with a common tool available to all of them. In the Information Management arena, teamwork begins with Gail Haywood answering the WAGSline calls and either directing the callers to other resources or directing their request to the proper individual. She uses a portion of the website designated for her to put in WAGSline requests to the Intake team when an individual calls to surrender a Golden. The Intake Team member on call responds with an “I got it” message, so everyone involved knows that the caller is being addressed. If the call results in a Golden coming in to Rescue, the Intake Team member fills out an online request to the Transport Manager so that he/she can arrange for a transport of the Golden. This is accomplished via the database with a request going out to all Transport Team members and waiting for someone to volunteer.

When someone submits an application for a Golden, the application goes directly to Sheila Joyce, our Home Evaluation Coordinator, so that she may assign one of her team members to do a Home Evaluation. After completion of the home evaluation, the Home Evaluator fills out an online form to the database with the results and indicates whether he/she approved or denied the applicants to be potential adopters. While doing the evaluation report, the evaluator assigns what is called “Tags” into the database that allow the Placement team to search applicants for specific characteristics that match the Golden with the potential new adopter.

Once a potential adopter has been identified and has accepted the Golden that is being proposed, a Transport Request is sent to the Transport Manager who then sends out an email to all the members of his/her team to find a transporter for the Golden. Once the transport is completed, a Transport Summary is entered into the database and all members and managers who are concerned with the transport are notified of the details of the transport.

What I have identified here are the procedures that go on every day in our Rescue and definitely identify how our database has allowed us to work more efficiently and the teams to work together. Now that is what you call Teamwork.

Besides the formal teams, we also have the Meet-and-Greet hosts who must arrange to have members show up to their events. In

addition, we have the individuals who volunteer to man an event and arrange to have members join their team. One of the most actively attended events where we have the most volunteers is the Golf Tournament that we just had in September. We have multiple members at sign-in; we have members in the raffle and silent auction areas; and we have members working the merchandise area. We then have the volunteers who are actually on the course with water for the golfers, our photographer Connie McCabe taking pictures on the course and the before-and-after pictures at the clubhouse.

Without all this teamwork, we might fail as a Rescue, as there is no way these days to be the size we are and not have the teamwork available to us. Because of all the hours that so many members dedicate to our Rescue, I want to personally thank each and every one of you who helps out in one way or another to make this organization a success.

Does this mean that we have all the volunteers that we need? The answer to that is definitely not, as we can always use more volunteers. Many of us long-time members who have dedicated ourselves to this Rescue are not the spring chickens we once were and can always use a little help in so many areas, especially during the planning and execution of events. We also need members to help fill positions that become vacant, sometimes because the member can't participate the way that they have in the past for many reasons. We also need younger blood to help us go on into the future.

We realize that many members are professional people and find it hard to find the time to take part in an organized Team or to be able to attend Meet-and-Greets, but there are still ways that you can support our Rescue operation. One of the easiest ways to help out *AGR* is to link your *Fry's* VIP card to *Arizona Golden Rescue* if you shop at *Fry's* supermarkets. We get a quarterly check from *Fry's* as a result of people using their VIP card when shopping. There is no cost to you, and it does not affect your gas points. We just received the notification that for the last quarter we will be receiving a check for \$826.18. This amount was generated by the 109 families that had linked their cards to *AGR*. With approximately 350 active families that belong to *Arizona Golden Rescue*, just imagine what we could do if we were to be able to double that number to at least 200 families. Do you have friends and family that also love your Golden? Have them also join our team by getting them to link their cards to *Arizona Golden Rescue*. Every family that joins helps out *AGR*, and it does not cost them anything to do so. When you consider it took essentially no effort on the parts of the friends and members of *AGR*, that is a nice amount to receive, and it all goes to help out our dogs.

As hopefully everyone realizes, the cost to *Arizona Golden Rescue* to rescue and to medically rehabilitate the dogs that come to us averages about \$1000 per dog. When you consider that the

highest adoption charge we have is \$350, there is a huge gap in cost that we need to make up by doing fundraisers, including the ever-essential Meet-and-Greets. We always hope that every family that gets a dog from us and is required to become a member at that time will strongly consider renewing their membership when it expires one year from the date of enrollment. A Single membership for \$25 or \$40 for a Household does not normally cause financial issues for a family, but when you add up how many members are eligible to renew each year that amount helps *AGR* greatly. Why not become a part of the team that rescues and rehabilitates our deserving Golden on their way to a new life?

We need to help *Arizona Golden Rescue* keep its mission going on into the future, as there are Golden out there depending on us to be there for them.



### “It’s all about the dogs.”

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

So, since this is the “Human Connection” column, in every issue I am going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and stories about the some of the people you think you know. Hopefully you will learn something new about them and gain more insight into how they got here. I have been going in order of membership number, beginning at “one” 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 the August 2014 issue, 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.

And now for member number 22F ("F" means founding member), Angela Palumbo...



Angela moved to Gilbert from New York in 1989. She was one of the original 13 members who formed **RAGofAZ** back in 1998 and then followed along to **AGR**. Angela has been really active some years and almost invisible other years, depending on her schedule, but she is still here!

For three years she was in charge of the Meet-and-Greets at the Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart**, where she also was the Chairperson for the Tempe Santa photos. She worked at numerous picnics over the years and has participated in the **Barnes & Noble** gift wrapping events. Angela was on the Home Evaluation Team for 3 or 4 years also, and bowled at the **PACC911 Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue** events. She did try to foster a long time ago – **Maranatha** was with her for a few weeks until her **Sunny** said it was time for her to go (she got a wonderful home), then **Bungee** came until his adoption was final, then **Buddy**, who lived with her for 8 years. Angela failed as a foster, but succeeded as a fur-mom.

Angela moved to Wickenburg in 2013 with all of her furkids: **Cosmo** (her baby boy heart dog) and **Belle**, both Golden Retrievers; **Lily**, a crazy Border Collie mix; **Fred**, the Cattle Dog mix; **Ellie**, a Lab and Boxer mix (who just crossed the Bridge on 9/24/14); **Salem**, the black cat; **Shadow**, the Medicine Hat Paint horse; and **Lil Miss Xena**, half Arabian/half Quarter horse – and of course Mike, the human.

Angela still works at the Attorney General's Office and commutes to downtown every day. She belongs to the Photography Club, which is part of the Wickenburg Art Club, does agility with **Lily** (the Golden wannabe) and rides horses. Sometimes she sleeps, too, time permitting. Angela is also learning the joys of country living, which include ants, coyotes, scorpions, snakes, tarantulas and, best of all, bats!

Next up are founding members Don and Carol Thompson (26F).

They met when a friend set Don up with a blind date with Carol's identical twin sister. Her sister couldn't make it (didn't want to date an airman), so Carol filled in. Don had no idea because the friend picked her up and brought her to the dance where he was playing in the band. He only discovered the switch when it was time to take her home. Carol was in college at the time and work-

ing as a secretary on campus. Don was an airman stationed at the dispensary at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque. That was 1967, and they married in December of that year. After Don re-enlisted while in SE Asia, they were stationed in Illinois and Colorado. Don got out of the AF in '71 and went to college in Albuquerque, while Carol worked as an office manager. Their two boys were born there in '76 and '78. About two years after college, Don went back in the AF as a nurse. They were able to travel around Europe while stationed in Germany and then retired here at Luke AFB in '92. After Don retired from the AF, he went into home care as a profession. Then he did a four-year stint as the Director of an Alzheimer's facility. That's where **Sadie**, adopted from **RAGofAZ**, worked with Don. After **Sadie** passed away, they adopted beautiful **Lucinda** from **AGR**. Don went back to home care until last year when he retired.



That's Don in the Santa suit with Carol and Lucinda

Don and Carol were very active in Rescue for many years, initially with **RAG** and then with **AGR**, taking part in parades, gift wrapping, Santa photos, home evaluations and many events. Carol did quite a bit of proofreading of the newsletters but had to cease that activity due to her health. She still likes to do quilting, tole painting and crocheting, while Don plays guitar and does wood carving. He is an incredible artist. He has created a beautiful series of notecards and generously continues to donate his beautiful custom paintings to our silent auctions.

Now let's meet Bob and Kathi Youhas (28F).

Although many of you already know them from their many years of service to both **RAGofAZ** and **AGR** in so many capacities, here are some facts you might not know...



Bob and Kathi share the same birthday – St. Patrick's Day! Bob was born in Passaic, NJ, and raised in Garfield, NJ, the fifth of seven kids. He has an interesting combination of Austrian, Czechoslovakian, Hungarian and Russian ancestry. His mother came to America from Czechoslovakia when he was only 16 months old. Bob worked on the Apollo spacecraft guidance systems in the mid to late 1960s, and he also worked in the building industry doing engineering and product scheduling; he got to spend seven months working in Panama on a project for one of his employers. As many of you know, Bob really enjoys handyman projects, along with cooking and baking. He can build anything, and his Polish pierogies are incredible! He really enjoys the mountains and streams, and his ideal vacation is to spend time fishing in the North Carolina mountains, where they currently reside.

Kathi, a cancer survivor of 11 years, was born in Summit, NJ, the oldest of four children. She was raised mostly in NJ and then PA. Her maternal great grandparents came from Ireland in the mid 1800s. Her other maternal great grandmother came from Sweden in the early 1890s, and there are a couple of other countries thrown into the mix. She attended nursing school and worked as an LPN and later worked in the health insurance industry. Kathi enjoys sewing and reading (mostly whodunnit books). While Bob prefers the mountains, Kathi likes the shore. Her dream vacation would be to visit Ireland and Sweden, in addition to the cruises to Hawaii, Mexican Riviera and Alaska that they have done.

They moved to Arizona in 1977, after living in Columbia, SC, and have been married 49 ½ years, with two children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. They have had Golden Retrievers since 1980 when their neighbors had an “oops” with their Goldens. Their son, who was about 10 at the time, kept bringing a different puppy home every evening and talked them into letting him buy one of the puppies with his paper route money. About a month later there were still two puppies left so they got one of them for their daughter and it has been a love affair with Goldens ever since. They currently share their home with **AGR** rescues **Carter** and **Maura**. They also have **Krissie**, a beautiful Heinz-57 mixed-breed dog that they rescued with her nine puppies years ago.

Bob and Kathi are happily retired and have been living in NC for almost a year to be with their son and two grandchildren. Kathi said they miss their **AGR** extended family and their friends from church but are happy to be with their family. Bob and Kathi may have moved to NC but they have remained active **AGR** supporters. They recently represented **AGR** at Goldstock (see article on pages 32 - 33) and brought home over \$700 in merchandise sales, silent auction proceeds and donations. Kathi has become active with **Neuse River GRR**, and has volunteered at their golf tournament.

And now, let's meet Dr. Katie Donahue (29F). In her own words:



Greetings! An interesting bio about me... other than I have three mentally-challenged dogs who currently live with my parents while I live in a hospital.

I have been involved in Golden Retriever Rescue since 2005 when I was a third year medical student at **Midwestern University** in Glendale. I became involved as a volunteer when I found out Deb Orwig lived up the street from me. Every weekend **Conrad** and I would wander off to whatever event happened to be going on and socialize with people who weren't buried in textbooks. Saved my sanity!

When **AGR** was founded in 2009, I submitted my membership application while deployed to Afghanistan. As a member of **AGR**, I have never actually lived in the Phoenix metropolitan area. I lived in Yuma for two years and frequently traveled to Phoenix for different events. If you ever purchased raffle tickets at **AGR** events prior to 2013, you probably purchased them from me. One of my favorite things to do is put on my Golden Retriever apron and sell raffle tickets at the golf tournament. Missing the event the last two years did not make me a happy person. I have also done home visits in Yuma and fostered and transported several dogs who moved to the Yuma area.



I completed a Family Medicine residency at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton from 2011-2013. A six-hour drive and an 80-hour work week kept me from getting to Phoenix as often as I would have liked, but I made the trip for the major events and continued to write the *Magic Moments* section of the newsletter until February of 2013 when I started studying for my board examination. That kept me involved with the dogs we had rescued and all of our new adopters.

After graduation, I received orders to move to a small clinic in Iwakuni, Japan, about 500 miles south of Tokyo. I was not able to take my three Goldens with me, which significantly displeased me. I called my mother to inform her she would be inheriting my dogs for a year; that significantly displeased her. She and my father had just completed a renovation on their home 20 years in the making and my sister had just moved out, which left them alone in their home for the first time in 26 years. News of my new orders was not well received.

In any event, **Jake**, **Joe**, **Samantha**, and my mother and I made the five-day journey from California to Pennsylvania to situate my fur-children in their long-term vacation home. My mother was concerned about how the dogs would manage the trip. I was concerned about how my mother would manage the trip. No one died, and we all made it back in one piece, although none of us got in a car for about three days afterward.

I have since made it back to the United States and am now residing in North Carolina. I was selected for fellowship training, additional training a physician may choose after completion of residency. I am completing a fellowship in obstetrics at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune. I went house hunting and selected a lovely abode with a very high fence and securely latching gate, as **Samantha** enjoys both jumping fences and opening gates to go for walks. And my dogs are still living with my parents. While I'm sure the dogs would love my very nice house with its very nice yard, I am rarely there. I neglected to read the fine print that came with my fellowship application which stated I would be at the hospital for approximately nine zillion hours a day. I did not



want to subject the dogs to that much time alone, so they are still enjoying quality time at their vacation home in Pennsylvania.

My grandmother has since moved in with my parents and she and the dogs keep each other company during the day. When my father comes home from work he chases them around the yard and then they all eat a lot of cookies – my father prefers Oreos over dog biscuits. I’m very appreciative of my parents keeping the dogs for an extra year, as they would probably have eaten all of my furniture by now if they were living with me. I miss them quite a bit when I come home from work and there is no one to jump into bed and watch TV with or to keep my toes warm. Come July when I graduate, I anticipate them moving back with me. They are also coming for a visit in November; my parents are driving down and I’m actually taking vacation time from work. I’m not sure what I will do other than sit on the floor and play with the dogs, but I am sure my parents will insist we do something as a human family. I am also hoping to make it out to Phoenix sometime in the spring to see old friends and meet new ones. Make sure you have your dollars ready because I’ll have the raffle tickets!

a titer of 1:32) and placed on medication. His littermate brother, **Chip**, who had lived with **Scout** all his life, tested negative.

Tests were definitely warranted. **Scout** appeared healthy. One other example is **Caesar**, who came into Rescue in early 2013. He had lived in the Prescott area all of his 8+ years, so we did not think he would need testing for valley fever. However, our vet advised us to go ahead with the test even though **Caesar** was not exhibiting any symptoms and even though he had come from the northern part of Arizona where the incidence of valley fever is very low. We thought we might be wasting our money on the test (at anywhere from \$43 to \$108, it is not inexpensive) until **Caesar’s** titer came back positive at 1:32. He was also started on medication.



**PJ** came to **AGR** from Tucson later in September, and he was limping on his front legs and in pain. After X-rays and because we did not want to wait until blood test results were back (takes about a week, as the vet sends out the dog’s blood sample to an analytical laboratory), **PJ** was placed on medication for valley fever and pain medications. The test results revealed a titer of 1:32.



The worst case we have ever seen in **AGR** was in 2013. **Bonita’s** valley fever titer was 1:256, the highest level that can be measured. She exhibited all the classic symptoms such as coughing, limping, lack of appetite and energy, and fever. Her initial blood work confirmed that she had a chronic infection in her system. The vet suspected valley fever and thought that it had infected **Bonita’s** spinal column and brain, as she exhibited a “drunken soldier” swaying walk. She was in extreme pain so was started on high doses of morphine and corticosteroids, as well as on fluconazole. After six months of medication, **Bonita’s** titer had dropped to 1:32, and by February 2014, it was even lower at 1:16, excellent progress considering how high it was originally. Although she may be on fluconazole for life, she is now acting like a normal dog.

Because valley fever is most prevalent in Arizona and occurs in other areas of the Southwest, one of the blood tests that **AGR** asks all of our vets to do is the Cocci test. If you look at the map on page 10, you can see the percentage of dogs positive for valley fever in various areas of the Southwest. Arizona is one of those areas that has a high percentage of dogs that have been found positive for the disease. Like **Scout** and **Caesar**, many dogs have



*Health and Safety*  
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*Valley Fever or Coccidioidomycosis*

Five dogs, four different conditions (two were asymptomatic) and all of them with the same disease – valley fever. **Trip** was surrendered in 2011 with a hind limb he could barely walk on and most of the time didn’t use. No one had taken the time to really find out what was wrong and, suspecting the worst, the family surrendered him to **AGR**. After testing, **Trip** was found to have the disseminated form of valley fever, and the leg could not be saved. Now a tripod (notice no right hind leg in the photo), **Trip** has been

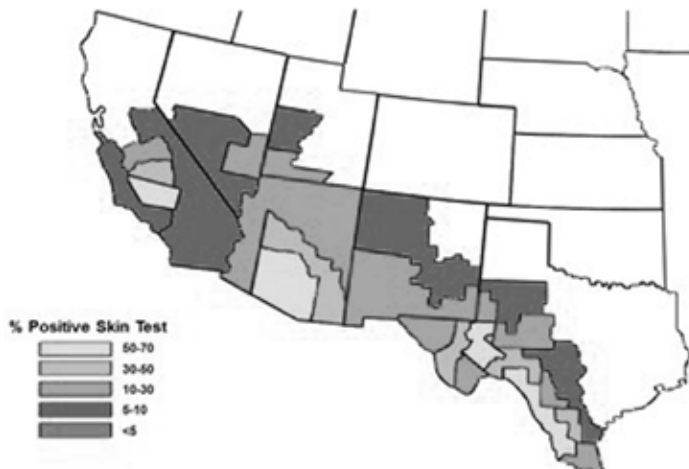


tested clear of the disease for 18 months, but he will be tested yearly to be sure he remains negative.

**Scout** was surrendered to **AGR** in early September and had no symptoms of the disease; he looked like a happy and healthy two-year-old. After testing, **Scout** was found to be positive for valley fever (with



no symptoms for the disease, even though positive. Some exhibit classic symptoms like **PJ** and **Bonita**. Valley fever is not contagious and cannot be passed from animal to animal, from animal to person, or from person to person.



Map from Valley Fever Center for Excellence website

**What is valley fever?** Valley fever in dogs (and humans) is caused by the fungus, *Coccidioides sperules*, which grows in the soil and can become airborne during wind, construction or farming. Infection occurs when the individual, whether dog or human, inhales the spores. Valley fever symptoms can occur within three weeks of inhalation and the first sign can be a lingering cough. About one-third of people who are exposed are able to fight off the respiratory infection caused by the fungus, which often presents as a prolonged case of flu. About 70% of dogs who inhale the fungus do not become sick. In others, it can be a mild case or prolonged, debilitating and potentially lethal. Valley fever incidence is one of the reasons **AGR** requires all dogs adopted to be inside dogs. Dogs left outside for long periods of time are more likely to get valley fever.

**Valley fever titers.** Valley fever levels are determined by a ratio called a titer, which measures the antibody levels in a dog's blood. When a dog has been exposed to the fungus, their immune system begins to produce antibodies to fight the fungus. Dogs that are positive for valley fever at the 1:2 or 1:4 titer levels are considered exposed but not active and usually do not receive medication, but **AGR** does have the dog return for a retest in three months to make sure the titer is still low or negative. Dogs with exposure levels of 1:8, 1:16 and up are given an antifungal drug called fluconazole, which is the generic form of Diflucan. **AGR** recommends giving a dog milk thistle or Sam-E or Denamarin® (combo of both) to offset any liver issues that can be caused by the fluconazole. **Trip**, **Scout**, **PJ** and **Caesar** all had titers of 1:32. Most dogs will have to take the anti-fungal medication for several months up to 1-2 years. Some that have a very high initial titer may have to be on the drug for a longer time, perhaps for the rest of their lives. Dogs

with the more common respiratory infection will usually start feeling better in one to two weeks but must remain on the medication to completely eradicate the fungus. After **Trip's** amputation and being on the medication for only two weeks, there was a visible improvement in his energy level and demeanor.

**Disseminated Form of VF.** Dogs and people can also get the disseminated form of valley fever if left untreated for a long period of time, as in **Trip's** case. Valley fever can most often spread to the bones of an individual and cause lameness or swelling of the legs and, at its worst, bone lesions and calcification. But it can infect almost any organ in the body including the brain as it did for **Bonita**. Dogs with disseminated valley fever are usually prescribed pain medication to support the time needed for the anti-fungal medication to work. The time needed for a dog to be on medication for the disseminated form is usually a much longer period.

The **Valley Fever Center for Excellence**, located at the **University of Arizona** in Tucson, was established to address the problems caused by the fungus, *Coccidioides*, the cause of coccidioidomycosis (valley fever). Two-thirds of all infections in the United States occur in Arizona, mostly in the urban areas surrounding Phoenix and Tucson. The **Center's** mission is to mobilize resources for the eradication of valley fever through: 1) the development of public awareness and education about valley fever, 2) the promotion of high quality care for patients with valley fever, and 3) the pursuit and encouragement of research into all aspects of *Coccidioides* species, and the diseases that it causes.

A study by the **Valley Fever Center for Excellence** and supported by the **Valley Fever Vaccine Project of the Americas** found that

- Dogs that spent 80% of their time outside were 5 times as likely to be infected as dogs who spent their time indoors.
- Dogs that were taken outside for walks had a decreased incidence of the infection if walked on sidewalks.

**AGR** feels that all dogs going to their forever homes should be given the best chance to have a long and healthy life. While we cannot predict or account for health issues that develop after a dog is adopted, by doing blood work (which includes valley fever testing and a snap test for heartworm and tick fever), vaccines, a complete health exam and treatment of any injury or condition a dog initially brings into rescue, adopted dogs are given a solid chance for a happy, healthy life.

**Trip** will soon be seven and is healthy and happy. You can meet him at many **AGR** Meet-and-Greet activities. **Caesar** has also attended several events. **Scout** and **PJ** are just starting on their way to wellness.





*Service Paws*

By Wendy Enos

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*Rainbow Bridge*

It would take some kind of audacity to even suggest that losing a service dog is more painful than losing a pet dog. I have now done both, and it certainly is not! It might differ in some ways, but the sense of loss, the heartache, and the tears are all the same. I would imagine every reader here has endured that agony more than once.

It all happened so fast. All of a sudden, **Sophie** stopped eating and drinking. Naturally, we raced her to the vet who did some blood work, X-rayed her belly, and put her on medication to stimulate her appetite while we waited for the test results. In a week, with no improvement, we were back in the office to have follow-up blood work. With an indication of possible cancer the previous week, I wasn't surprised when the diagnosis was handed down... lymphosarcoma and leukemia. The vet gave her 2-6 weeks.

We got two. **Sophie's** submandibular lymph nodes became so enlarged she had to hold her head up in order to breathe. She could hardly swallow. I don't know if she was in pain or not. She didn't act like it, but who could really know? Her distress progressed to the point where we could not let her go on. A traveling veterinarian came to our house, and I held **Sophie's** head and her paw as she leaped out of this world and into the next, to Rainbow Bridge.

Is there really a Rainbow Bridge? Well, maybe it is not really called that but, yes, I believe there is. The beautiful pictures we have all seen with the soft grass and pretty flowers and the cloudless sky and clear flowing streams... I truly believe it is every bit as fresh, crisp, and brilliant, only a thousand times better than that. What a comfort to know she is happy, healthy, and comfy in such a beautiful place. I know in my heart I will see her again.



**Sophie** was my constant companion, my eyes, my four extra legs, my balance, my confidence, and my safety. Never was there a time she didn't put my needs ahead of her own. How I depended on her, and she was always there. Thankfully, she was already retired and she knew I'd be taken care of, with **Cubby** in training and already doing what I need him to do for me.

I miss my girl. She was an awesome service dog, and a wonderful friend.

**Reporting period: January 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014**

**Total Assets as of October 15, 2014: \$173,415.05**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Adoptions	\$22,880.00	\$ 6,650.00 <sup>1</sup>
Bank, Credit Card, Legal, Prof.		1,745.98
Calendars	3,070.00	3,373.55
Casino Event 2014 <sup>2</sup>	7,058.42 <sup>2</sup>	1,397.49 <sup>2</sup>
Donations <sup>3</sup>	39,811.40	500.00 <sup>4</sup>
Dues and Subscriptions	16.00	152.26
Event Expenses		453.63
Gifts/Grants	6,100.00	
Gift Wrap Events	560.90	
Goldstock <sup>5</sup>	366.50	
Golf Tournament	37,844.39	6,916.75
Insurance		434.00
Interest	54.65	
Memberships	12,430.00	
Merchandise	2,792.90	2,331.04
Office Expenses & Supplies		601.53
<i>Paws At The Park Picnic 2014</i> <sup>5</sup>	1,474.41	254.87
Postage		1,384.24
Promotional		142.14
Raffle	103.00	
Rent or Lease		
Santa Claws Photos taken in 2013	555.00	
Stationery & Printing		3,333.47
Telephone & Website		125.40
Vet and Dog-Related Expenses:		
Behavioral Training		5,120.00
Boarding		615.00
Collars, Tags & Leashes		732.84
Dog Related – Miscellaneous		43.67
Microchip & Heartgard® Expenses		854.68
Travel Expense <sup>6</sup>		571.12
Veterinary Services		69,974.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$135,117.57</b>	<b>\$107,707.92</b>

**NET INCOME: \$27,409.65**

**Checking Account on 10-15-14: \$80,005.72**

**Savings Account on 10-15-14: \$82,088.89**

**The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 10-15-14: \$11,320.44**

**Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-15-14: \$22,448.73**

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$6,000 that *AGR* sent to the Golden Retriever Puppy Mill Rescue Team to help with puppy mill dog acquisition

<sup>2</sup> Does not include deposits for facility and games made in 2013; that amount was \$1,115.00, so total profit for *Mardi Gras Casino* event was really \$5,943.42

<sup>3</sup> Includes *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* as well as General Fund, Honorary and Memorial donations

<sup>4</sup> Monies collected for gift for Karie Wilson, who was getting cancer treatment

<sup>5</sup> Income does not include merchandise sales – that income is shown separately

<sup>6</sup> Travel to Oklahoma to pick up puppy mill dogs includes 2 nights in a motel, several meals and gas

***Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable.* ~Kenyan Proverb**

## 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 July 8, 2014 through October 5, 2014. All adoptions finalized after October 5<sup>th</sup> will be in the next issue.*



Mr. McGhee, 7 days old

**13-085 Mr. McGhee** is a story all unto himself! This little guy came to us off a craigslist ad at just five DAYS of age. **McGhee** was born without the paw and lower portion of his front right leg, so he was more of a challenge than the usual infant pup. Being such a cute little fellow with a bit of a special need, he went immediately to Michele, foster mother of all the young and needy Golden pups. In

about three months, we listed him on our website and within days had 52 inquiries about him from all over the U.S. and Canada! And the same when he was listed on PetFinder. Well, who could blame all those interested people? He was small when we got him and endeared himself to many people immediately. His vet felt that swimming would be great exercise for him, and the perfect family was found for him with Amy and George in Gilbert, along with their three teenagers and a swimming pool! Adding to the fun was their young Golden, **Wrigley**, and the family cat. His new family sent us an update. **Mr. McGhee** has been a great addition to our family. He is a happy, healthy puppy



Mr. McGhee, 3 months old



Mr. McGhee at graduation from first obedience class

who loves to run, dig, and wrestle with dogs and kids alike. We often joke that we should have renamed him **MudGhee**, because if there is water or mud, he is in the middle of it. So, he gets a lot of baths. When we aren't home, **Mr. McGhee** and his Golden brother **Wrigley** go next door to keep Grandpa company. **McGhee** lies in the doorway to monitor any comings and goings, because he hasn't met a person or animal he didn't like, and he doesn't want to miss any company. **McGhee** aspires to be a lap dog, but based on the size of his paws, we don't think that will be realistic. **McGhee** started puppy

training this week. He already has "sit" mastered; we are working on "down", "stay" and "stump bump", instead of shake. In the spring, he will learn to swim. We hope that someday he will be a therapy dog. Thank you so much for rescuing **Mr. McGhee** and selecting us as his forever family. We love him. By the way, you can visit him on his Facebook page, [www.Facebook.com/MisterMcGhee](http://www.Facebook.com/MisterMcGhee). There are some very entertaining photos of him on his page, so you might want to go read about this fantastic boy! From a cute puppy to a very handsome young man, **Mr. McGhee** is a great example of why we do what we do. Also, **Mr. McGhee** is the featured dog for October in our new 2015 calendar.

**14-037 Grizzly** came to us from one of the local shelters. He was thought to be about 10 months old, and appeared to be a Golden/Border Collie mix (a.k.a. a Golden in Witness Protection). After initial vetting and a neuter, "**The Grizz**" was packed off to Waddell to live with his new people, Christine and Tim.



**14-039 Max** is a handsome 2-year-old male dog surrendered to us by his owner, who was not able to devote the time needed for a young dog and felt that Max deserved more. He had been living with other dogs, a cat, and kids, so he would be an easy placement for us. His vet work was up to date, so he immediately went to live with Krista in Gilbert. Must have been karma, because her previous dog was also a **Max**! Congratulations, **Max** and Krista!

**14-040 Charlie** and his brother **14-043 Boomer** were surrendered to us by their owner. The boys had been together all of their seven years, and it was important they be adopted together. **Charlie** was especially in need of medical attention, having had a chronic skin condition for months that was not responding to treatment. Af-



ter some testing, it was confirmed that **Charlie** has a condition called sebaceous adenitis, which cannot be cured but can be controlled with medication and other skin care. This is a hereditary disease that causes the sebaceous glands in skin to become inflamed and die. Frequent bathing and medication can certainly keep this under control. The boys went off to live with Pamela and Ken in

Phoenix where they are enjoying their own pool! We are always so grateful to adopters who are willing to adopt a bonded pair. Twice the love, we figure!

**14-041 Rocky Balboa**, now known as **Bilbo**, was less than two months old and in terrible condition when he was abandoned in a stray cage at a shelter in the middle of the night late last May. At only six pounds, he was so small he could fit in someone's hand. We got him to the vet immediately, and no one was sure he would make it through the night. He was severely dehydrated with a possible upper respiratory infection or low-grade pneumonia. It was also initially thought that he was blind but it was hoped it



Bilbo, day of intake

was only due to the severe infection he had (which it was). He really rallied with great treatment and TLC, and after 6 days was allowed to go home with his fosters-with-intent-to-adopt, Dana and Gail and their daughter, Dawn. We knew **Bilbo** had a forever home at that point.



Bilbo – sometimes his ears are up, which shows off his Golden-mix heritage

How could he not with the shape he was in and his overwhelming cuteness? He overcame all his adversities and has now been attending **AGR** events and having regular updates on our Facebook page, where he is admired and adored by everyone who meets or sees him. He is very proficient at stealing the show. Dana posted some great photos of **Bilbo** on **AGR's** Facebook page in July and reported then: *Today he weighed in at 22 lbs. He is growing into being a big boy now. I am glad he is not a human child, or we would not be able to keep him in clothes!* Dawn also added, *He is all puppy now with all the fun and challenges that come with puppies.* It was really nip-and-tuck with this little fellow at the beginning. We are happy and grateful that our wonderful team of vets saved him and that Gail, Dana, and Dawn's



Sometimes his ears are down, – he really looks like a Golden puppy then

TLC really turned this pup around. We look forward to seeing him at many **AGR** events in the future. You can see some wonderful photos of **Bilbo** as the featured dog in July of our 2015 calendar.



**14-042 Fuzzy** was rescued from the euthanasia list at **MACCS**. Being approximately 15 years old and nearly blind, she was definitely going to require some TLC for the remainder of her life. She only weighed about 20 pounds and was thought to be an adorable Golden/Cocker Spaniel “lap Golden” mix. The transport volunteer named her **Fuzzy** because she

was just like a cute little bear. She was diagnosed with mature cataracts and dental disease, and was placed with Carolyn and Gordon in Phoenix. She was progressing nicely, but after just a couple of weeks she began declining fast and not eating. X-rays unfortunately showed a high probability of a stomach tumor and she was humanely sent to the Bridge. No matter what her previous life had been like, she knew love and sofas the final few weeks of her life. Rest well, **Fuzzy**.

**14-043 Boomer** is the littermate of **14-040 Charlie**. These 7-year-old boys were relinquished to us by their owner due to Charlie's continuing medical issues. Fortunately **Boomer** did not inherit the disease that continues to plague **Charlie**, and he just needed a very minor vetting before he went off with **Charlie** to their forever home with Pamela and Ken in Phoenix. A happy ending for both of these boys!



**14-044 Finn** came to us from a family who realized that he needed a better quality of life with people who could give him lots of time and attention. **Finn** is a young, 2-year-old English Cream Golden who is just stunning! The family had taken excellent care of him, as all his vet records were up to date. He had spent time with other dogs, cats, and young children so was

a great bet for just about any applicant. Barbara and Jim in Surprise jumped at the chance to get this boy. **Finn** himself sent in an update of his new life: *I am having so much fun in my new forever home. My family thinks I am wonderful. I have the biggest brown eyes and a creamy white coat, so how can they resist my furry charm! They even kept my original name, **Finn**, because it means “fair” or “blond” in Gaelic. Yes, I'm a pretty lucky guy! I wasn't so sure about the ride that brought me to my new family because*

I am pretty much a “white knuckle” traveler when it comes to getting into a car. Mom and Dad are really working on that by taking me on fun visits to my cousin’s house for lots of running and playing. But, they have this thing called a golf cart that I love! I’ll get in it every chance I get – even when I’m not supposed to! – because it takes me to more fun places. I also have a ton of new toys, and I love taking Mom and Dad for walks. Somehow I am getting the impression that they should be taking me for walks. I think they may have to work on that just a while longer. Blame it on my puppy-like nature and the rabbits! All in all, I couldn’t be happier. **AGR** chose the best forever home for me!

**14-045 Winter**, at 9 weeks of age, was just too much for his original family. At least they came to their senses quickly and realized he needed to be with a family that could take the time and had the energy to handle a young puppy. We placed him immediately with Melody and Craig in Anthem, who pronounced him “the absolute best” and have renamed him **Harley**. They have written to tell us how



he is fitting in with their family. *We both believe Golden Retrievers do best in pairs. We also thought we had a loving home to offer another pet. So, I signed up for a rescue dog. I didn’t for a minute believe we would get the type of dog that I thought we needed! I wanted a puppy that wouldn’t ‘take over’ from Sundance. So we waited for a male puppy, not more than a year old. Imagine my surprise when I received the phone call about a 9-week-old English Cream who needed a good home that night! The rest, as they say, is history!* Our bundle of joy, **Harley**, arrived and he has the rule of the house. Sweet and loving and yes, a lot of work as puppies are, but we could not be more thrilled. **Sundance** adores him and looks just like him! They play on our grass every morning (at 5 AM!) chasing each other



Harley and his look-alike-but-unrelated 6-year-old big brother Sundance

around with a sock in their mouths. **Sundance** is enjoying his role as ‘the big brother’ and is enjoying his companion. What a fabulous experience this has been for us as a family. **Arizona Golden Rescue** is an incredible organization. The professionalism that we encountered at every aspect of the adoption has been phenomenal. From the home evaluation to the drop-off of **Harley**, to all of the check-in phone calls along the way, we are extremely impressed. We are happy to say that we are now a part of this organization and hope to assist others in finding their perfect pets!

**14-046 Maggie** was surrendered to us by an owner who traveled frequently and felt she deserved a better home. A black Golden-



doodle (we call them Golden Retrievers in the Witness Protection Program), she liked pools, people, and other dogs, an easy placement with that combination! After an initial stop at the vet for shots and micro-chipping, she happily moved in with Janess and Thomas in Chandler. A super dog!

**14-047 Max** is a cute little guy who came to us at only three months of age because of a family member’s allergies to dogs. The surrendering family had **Max** for only a week and had purchased him from a pet store. As is typical for pet store dogs, **Max** had some medical issues that needed to be addressed, and rounds of vaccinations were upcoming with neutering in his future. Sarah and Joel were excited to get this boy and scooped him up for his trip home to Scottsdale to meet his new sibling, **Kula**. He has been renamed **Jax**. Here is the latest on **Jax**. *About mid-June, we received a phone call from Debbie at AGR telling us that there was a three-month-old puppy available immediately if we were up for it. Not expecting such a young tot, we jumped into action and “puppy-proofed” our house, and that evening welcomed Max (now Jaxon or Jax) into our home. He is now a rambunctious six-month-old teenager, very verbal, and with energy to spare. He enjoys long walks, challenging and/or playing with his much older Golden brother, Kula (also a rescue, a long time ago), and having the occasional run-around with his sibling cats. He has not yet been persuaded to become a swimmer, which is unfortunate because it would be a great way to burn off some of his surplus energy. We will keep trying! Sounds like Jax is giving his family a run for their money!*



**14-048 Fozzi** is a young pup acquired from a pet store by a family hoping to train him to be a therapy dog for someone with severe arthritis. However, they realized they were not able to spend time with him or train him. They described him as “full of energy and loves to play.” Really, how unusual for a Golden! His original adopter then returned him because



he was just way too alpha and exuberant for their older dog and didn’t play nice at doggie day care. We were able to place him with Chris and Marc in Mesa who immediately signed this boy up for some obedience training. They have renamed him **Beau**. Hopefully, training will do the trick for this young and active boy.

**14-049 Sierra** is a beautiful lady “of a certain age” who was surrendered because the owner was moving in with a boyfriend

who was allergic. All we can hope is that the boyfriend was worth it, since she got **Sierra** as a pup at 4 months of age. But regardless, when we called Gail in Phoenix and asked if she would consider a 14-year-old dog she replied “absolutely, I would”. People like Gail and her daughter Kristen are Rescue angels. **Sierra** suffered some initial separation anxiety, but good grief, wouldn’t that be expected? Gail has written to tell us: ***Sierra** is an amazing, loveable Golden turned in by her family who could no longer keep her. She is now in her forever home (lucky us) and is a thriving 14-year-young girl who loves her four daily walks... leads by her nose with everything else to follow including her tail, leash and Mom. Her favorite pastime is flushing out rabbits from behind bushes and watching them run. She has a keen sense of smell and sees them before anyone else does. What an amazing bird dog she would have made! **Sierra** loves everyone she meets, is so sweet, and people call her a puppy. She even goes to work with me two days a week; she is our ‘shop dog’. Thanks, AGR, for this wonderful companion in her Golden years; I would recommend adopting a senior dog to most, they are so special.”* Thank you, Gail. You and your daughter are truly our heroes.



and their two boys in Chandler. Shelly gave us an update: *We are so thankful for our wonderful dog **Charlie Girl** and Arizona Golden Rescue! **Charlie** has changed our lives and made our house happy again! In April of 2014, our Golden of 13 years passed away. It was so traumatic for our family, and we thought we would never find that same puppy love again. We filled out an application with Arizona Golden Rescue to see if we could find another Golden. We couldn’t imagine having another breed. Jim was amazing and so helpful with finding us another dog. As soon as we saw **Charlie** get out of Jim’s car, we were in love. She is the sweetest, most loving dog. **Charlie** can’t walk by any of us in the family without getting a big hug or a kiss. She loves her daily walks, playing fetch in her backyard, waking up the boys in the morning and being around anyone who will give her love. She has made our home feel complete again! We cannot thank Arizona Golden Rescue enough, we are certain that **Charlie Girl** is the perfect fit for our family. **Charlie** looks like one happy dog, and she has a very happy family. Great ending for this dear girl.*



**14-050 Max** is a young, 13-month-old pup whose owner of two weeks gave him up because **Max** was too destructive in the apartment while the owner was gone. This was **Max’s** second home. His original owner, who bought him at a pet store, gave him away (probably because of his puppy antics). Our lives would be easier if people really gave consideration to acquiring a

young dog before making a purchase at a pet store. However, Diane and Jim in Goodyear were so excited to be chosen for him that they cancelled a planned trip out of town just to get him. His initial vetting revealed an ear infection, and he had not yet been neutered. He has been renamed **Bentley**, and was quickly signed up for training class (smart new family)! We’re happy this guy has finally found his forever home!

**14-051 Charlie** is a beautiful, dark-gold, 2-year-old young lady who was surrendered by her owner who was a single mom going back to school and realized **Charlie** needed more people time than she was able to give. **Charlie** was obviously very well loved. Within a day we were able to place sweet **Charlie** with Shelly and Dave



**14-052 Mary Jane** is a cute, young 5-month-old Goldendoodle who is rambunctious and full of life. After initial vetting she was placed with Jeff, Tammy, and her new furry siblings in Chandler and has been renamed **Roxy**. They reported she was great, loves to play, and is the best puppy they have ever had. Tammy told us, *I couldn’t wait to get home from work today... **Mary Jane** has captured our hearts. Last night went great. She slept with Jeff and me. She has perfected the doggie door and no “accidents” to report in the house. I am so happy that we completed the AGR application and proud to say that we are AGR members. Thank you so much for recommending Jeff and me as a “forever” home to this beautiful girl needing rescue! She and our Golden **Zin** are having so much fun together. Our other Golden, **McGuire**, is also joining in on the action. So far so good! I would also like to extend our thanks to Sarah and Sue. Can’t wait for my next day off to spend more time with this crew!*



**14-053 Bailey** is a happy, young Golden/Great Pyrenees mix that was originally surrendered to a Great Pyrenees Rescue group at only 7 months of age because of her exuberance and interest in exploring areas on the other side of the globe with her ever growing paws. She was returned to us by her original adopter because of possible leash aggression issues. She was placed with Lisa and Casey in Glendale who have declared, ***Bailey** is perfect! So fluffy, gentle*



with all the kids, started to play. She loves the car. We could not have been blessed with a more perfect doggie to add to our family! Sounds like the third time is the charm for sweet **Bailey**.



**14-054 Mozart** is a stunning, 4.5-year-old boy who was returned to us by a family who adopted him in 2011 and was now moving from their 5000-square-foot home on acreage to a condo. Loving this boy dearly, they wanted to give him a better life than he would have had hanging around a condo. He was obviously very well cared for with all vaccinations up to date and in excellent health. Being

great with cats, kids, and other dogs, he was easy to place with Steve and Noel in Phoenix. Best of luck to you, **Mozart**, because you deserve it!

**14-055 Teddy** is a handsome, big, six-year-old dog who came to us tipping the scale at over a hundred pounds! His owner had passed away, and **Teddy** had been his constant companion, having earned his Service Dog certificate. The surviving widow was unable to keep him, and wanted him to go to a new family who could give him the attention he deserved.



**Teddy** arrived with his constant companion, a pink stuffed toy that was his signal for needing to be let outside. Obviously being very well trained, **Teddy** was easy to place with Bill and Meg in Phoenix.



**14-059 Sebastian** is a dear old boy of nearly 12 who is going deaf and has some mobility issues. His owner had him since **Seb** was only 3 months old, so it was extremely hard to relinquish him due to the allergies of a newborn son. He was described as a real teddy bear, loving hugs and cuddles. The owner also said **Sebastian** loves to celebrate his birthday in early December,

is used to having his own stocking under the Christmas tree, and likes to open gifts. Was this guy loved or not? He was placed in a foster home with Jo and Rod in Scottsdale who quickly became foster failures with this guy. Can you blame them? What a sweet dog!



**14-060 Marley** is a cute little six-month-old Golden mix who ended up in a shelter because the original owner said **Marley** was too rough with her very young chil-

dren. Wow, the dog is only six months old – WWTT (What Were They Thinking)! Young dogs are easy for us to place with applicants who know what to expect from a pup, and Burt and Lydia in Laveen were no exception. We have the latest on **Marley**. *We wanted to thank you so much for placing **Marley** with us! What a cutie she is and such a good girl.* A door closes somewhere and another one opens. A new start to your young life, **Marley!**



**14-062 Charlie** is a 4-year-old gorgeous male who was surrendered to **AGR** along with his best friend, **14-063 Emma**, his 9-year-old Golden companion. **Charlie** and **Emma** were previously with a family that had a resident terrier that was not accepting them. **AGR** was very successful in placing this bonded pair together, and they continue to live life as a

pair of happy kids! Scott and Sue in Scottsdale were so excited to have these two join their family. We are always grateful to adopters willing to take a bonded pair, so a big thanks to Scott and Sue!

**14-063 Emma** is a beautiful, dark-gold 9-year-old who came in with her younger best buddy, **14-062 Charlie**. We confirmed that she has a low-grade heart murmur, but it has not (and should not) cause her any problems. She is an active girl and loves to swim so much, we could not get a photo of her dry! We were so happy when Scott and Sue in Scottsdale took this pair into their



home. They report the twosome follow them around from room to room. Yes, that's a pair of Golden!

**14-064 Emma** is a young, two-and-a-half-year-old English Cream Golden we nabbed off craigslist from some folks who realized after five days that they were really cat people and did not want to entertain a dog. And they also objected to her bad breath. Oh boy. With five cats in the house, we think **Emma** may have been lucky to escape! This pretty girl had obviously already had a litter of puppies,



so spay surgery was immediately planned. As we had no medical records, she was given our full round of treatment for incoming dogs including an exam, vaccinations, spaying, and blood work. We placed her with Carol and Don in Flagstaff who have made her a part of their family with their dogs, **Jackson** and **Sundance**. She has been renamed **Sarah**. We have received a nice update. *Don always wanted a girl. We had two boys; one a Golden rescue from the shelter in Flagstaff, the other a black Golden from **AGR**.*



We love both dearly and they brought joy and happiness into our lives. Then, a "girl" became available! And as Connie said, "The right girl will come along." **Sarah** is sweet, loving, affectionate, playful, a pushy broad, fits right in with the boys; she asserts herself with the boys, loves toys, loves to swim and go on long walks, is getting strong and gaining weight, gives kisses, and is an absolute joy. There's not much more we can say about her, except we love her dearly and thank you so much **AGR** for all you do. Have fun up there in the beautiful country of northern Arizona, **Sarah!**



**14-071 Susie-Q** was brought into Rescue needing double hip replacement surgeries. After her first successful surgery, she was adopted to a retired military veteran who saw her through her second surgery and all her rehab. Sadly after having her for awhile, he felt her care was just too much responsibility for him, and returned her to us.

We were able to place her immediately

with George and Sharon in Sun Lakes, who renamed her **Abby**. They sent us an update. **Abby** is a Golden who is loving, smart, playful with people and other dogs. When she wants out, she goes to the door or gives a woof. This AM she exhibited her protective bark directed at strangers next door repairing a roof. She walks at my side as if she were trained to do that. In summary, **Abby** is an integral member of our family, and we are pleased that we were picked for her 'Forever Home'. Congratulations on a happy landing, **Abby!**

**14-072 Chuey** was turned over to us as the result of a pending divorce where neither party felt they could keep him. **Chuey** is an 8-year-old "sugar face" Golden with a big smile for everyone. Having lived with cats, other dogs and kids, he was an easy guy to place. He loves to swim, hike, and play with his toys. With no medical issues except a need for an ear cleaning, he was placed with Bob and Cheryl in Phoenix who have renamed him **Charlie**. **Charlie** is now enjoying life with his **AGR** fur-sister **Candi**, who has decided he's OK and he can stay.



**Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.** ~Andrew Carnegie

## Diamonds in the Ruff

By Linda Knight, Health Care Team Volunteer

Life as they know it would not have been the same for several Golden Retrievers during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014 without the support and contributions from so many people devoted to **AGR's** continual fight for the best care for these dogs. When someone decides that they want to adopt a Golden from **AGR**, they receive a dog that has been medically evaluated and treated by some of the best veterinarians in the Valley. In addition, some of these beautiful canine souls have had training that was desperately needed to make them as well balanced as possible. The value of the dollar is measured by the unconditional love and attention by the Board of Directors, the Intake Team, the Health Care Team, the Placement Team, the Transport Team – every one of us is touched in so very many ways. Whether it be an emotional thankful e-mail from an adopter, or donations to help make these guys healthy, or toys for a Golden that has never heard a squeaky before, or a tail wag and a "woof", or members and supporters spreading the word that "it's all about the dogs" – we all are richer for it. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us help the Golden Retrievers. Third quarter vet bills were in excess of \$17,500. The following dogs were helped to become healthy in amounts over \$1000 and are, thus, members of **AGR's** *Diamonds in the Ruff* club.



**14-004 Brinkley** successfully completed her second FHO (Femoral Head Ostectomy) in the beginning of July. She was a trooper during her first FHO earlier this year. She showed the same determination to conquer her second surgery and confined healing with flying colors! This beautiful girl was rescued from the Casa Grande Shelter at 4 months of age. **AGR** soon discovered

she desperately needed surgery on both of her hips due to extreme hip dysplasia. Keeping a 1-year-old puppy contained after two major surgeries was not an easy task, but Doug and Carolyn have done an amazing job! Thanks for taking on this special loving girl and helping make her healthy and able to run like the wind! Wishing you an awesome and pain free new life, **Brinkley!** **Brinkley's** total for just her second surgery was over \$2730.

**14-059 Sebastian**, a very handsome senior of 11½ years, was emotionally surrendered to **AGR** by his owners. Not every rescue is surrendered for behavior or medical issues. The newborn infant in **Sebastian's** home was allergic to him. The family loved him enough



to have **AGR** help find the perfect new home for him. During **Sebastian's** senior exam, the vet was determined to find the cause of **Sebastian's** chronic ear infections. After unsuccessful rounds of oral antibiotics, **Sebastian** underwent ear lavage. A benign polyp was discovered and is being watched. **Sebastian's** foster was armed with ear follow-up instructions and a very loyal Golden in tow. **Sebastian** then worked his magic and it happened... **Sebastian** had a new forever home! A "foster failure" is a term those of us in Rescue chuckle at – most of us personally know one or more foster failures (ourselves). **Sebastian's** former family wanted us to know that he likes to celebrate his birthday on December 1<sup>st</sup>. He also likes to have a stocking under the Christmas tree and likes to open gifts. **Sebastian** has completely adapted to his new home and family. He will not have to be uprooted yet again because of his mobility and hearing issues! Success! **Sebastian's** vet invoices totaled over \$1060.



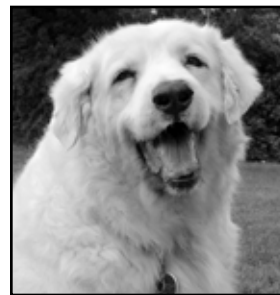
**14-062 Charlie** is a 4-year-old gorgeous male that was surrendered to **AGR** with **14-063 Emma**, his 9-year-old Golden companion. **Charlie** and **Emma** were previously with a family that had a resident terrier that was not accepting them. **AGR's** was very successful in placing this bonded pair together, and they continue to live life as a pair of happy kids! Their new family is so excited that **Charlie** and

**Emma** have joined their home, as the pups bring much joy. **Charlie** and **Emma** spend most of their days playing with each other (sometimes a bit roughly and loudly), but they are typical Velcro Golden Retrievers that follow the family into whatever rooms everyone else is in. When **Charlie** was examined and his shots were updated, it was discovered that his ear was in need of ear surgery and he also needed a good dental. He sailed through the ear lavage with flying colors and has returned to his new home with his buddy **Emma**. An ear lavage begins with the patient under general anesthesia. A video endoscope is then utilized to flush and physically remove wax, debris, and infectious material from the ear canal. Ear drums can be meticulously cleaned at this point and evaluated for trauma or rupture. In the case of ruptured eardrums, the middle ear can be lavaged to remove accumulated debris, and medication can be instilled into the area of infection. Cost of surgery was about \$1011.

**14-067 Scout** (left in photo) and his littermate, **14-066 Chip** (right in photo), are both handsome, exuberant 2½-year-old pedigreed Golden Retrievers from the great state of Missouri. Their family moved to Arizona to a home with a postage stamp-sized yard – not nearly enough room for these guys to romp and play, as they were used to running in large acreage. They were both surrendered to **AGR** and the fun began! These beauties



went to the vet to have vaccines updated and exams performed. **Scout** was found to have a positive titer for valley fever (1:32) and was immediately started on fluconazole. Both boys will need to be neutered at an appropriate time. Having a very bonded and strong-willed pair is a challenge **AGR** is up to! Both dogs being undisciplined, having never had limits put on their behavior, were sent to "boot camp" training at **Partners Dog Training School** and learned to be well balanced Golden Retrievers! Unfortunately, after only 11 days at **Partners**, **Chip** had to be taken to a 24-hour vet in Cave Creek, as he developed an infection in one foot and spiked a high fever. The tab for the overnight stay was over \$1600; the bill for both dogs at **Partners** was about \$2,000. Both boys are now doing well by themselves. Additional invoices for neutering and valley fever follow-up and treatment will fall into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014.



**14-070 Aengus**, a lovely senior, was originally rescued by **AGR** in September of 2010 from **The Humane Society of Yuma**. At that time, he had several teeth removed that were cracked or broken. **Aengus** was placed in a new home in Snowflake and became very bonded to his adopted Dad. Dad's illness and subsequent death forced **Aengus** to be returned to **AGR**.

He is currently being updated on all his vet needs and is being evaluated as far as being placed with a multi-dog family. After being an only dog for several years, **Aengus** is picky about his friends and has become a little spoiled with his toys and food. He had a cyst removed successfully along with more dental work. To date, vet bills have reached about \$1225. **Aengus** is available for placement – is he tugging on your heart strings?

## August Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

By Deb Orwig

In the May issue of this newsletter, we made a plea for donations for our Special Needs Dogs, most of whom had been featured in *Diamonds in the Ruff* columns during 2013 - 2014. In the past, it was for such dogs that we collected money in support of our *Bowl-a-Rama* team, and all the money raised was designated to help these dogs. This year we did not participate in the *Bowl-a-Rama*, but we still needed donations to help our Special Needs Dogs. Quite a few of you used the Pledge Form and envelope that were included in the May newsletter and sent in donations. Our summer fundraising campaign brought in **\$7,505**, plus Teryl Hall paid our vet bill at **Four Legged Friends** for \$1,373, for an effective total donation collection of **\$8,878!** Last year's *Bowl-a-Rama* total was \$6,483. Thank you so much to all you generous souls for supporting our summer fundraiser!

**Summer Fund Drive Contributors**

Linda Arters  
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Thanks so much, everyone!

**The Financial Picture**

By Deb Orwig

In a Rescue operation such as *Arizona Golden Rescue*, there is always a need for money to pay bills. As I demonstrated to you in the August issue of *The Golden Paw*, in 2013 81.6% of all the money we took in was used for dog-related expenses; 7.4% for printing and postage; 6.5 % for event expenses (sometimes we have to spend money to make more money); 2.5% for administrative costs; and 2% for merchandise and promotional items. We are on a similar track for 2014. No person involved in *Arizona Golden Rescue* ever gets a salary or puts any money in their pockets for anything except legitimate, pre-approved expenses. An example in 2014 of the latter is that *AGR* paid for the trip – gas, motels (2 nights) and meals (we ate at places like *IHOP* or *McDonalds*) – that Connie McCabe and I made to Tulsa, Oklahoma to pick up four puppy mill dogs.

The fact that no one in our organization ever gets paid for anything they do is important to all of us. These statistics mean that if you make a donation to *AGR*, you can be confident that most of it will go directly to help the dogs we rescue. Many nonprofit, charitable organizations cannot say that about their purpose for being – that over 80% of donated money goes directly to aiding their cause. Many nonprofits have paid staff. Not that that is necessarily bad, but it does mean that a donation you make to one of those organizations is diluted by salaries that need to be paid and perhaps also by facility overhead expenses.

*Arizona Golden Rescue* does not have a facility. We do rent a storage unit to relieve my garage from having to have *AGR* stuff piled to the ceiling; even with a 10' x 35' storage unit pretty full, one-fourth of my garage still houses *AGR* merchandise. I don't mind. Since I am the Merchandise Manager, it is easier for me to sell merchandise and to cart it to some events if it is at my house. Come visit me if you need something – a T-shirt, toys for your dog, magnets for your car, a gift for someone special... we have a lot of great items on hand that you will not find anywhere else. The profit on all the items we sell goes to help the dogs, of course.

If this year is no different from past years, many of you will make end-of-the-year donations to *AGR*. For your convenience, there is a pre-addressed envelope included with this newsletter. Every donation will be appreciated, no matter how small or how large, and every one will be acknowledged. If you have made other donations during 2014, you will get a letter for your tax purposes listing all your donations. It is because of multiple donations from many of you that we wait to acknowledge them until the beginning of the next year – saves paper, printing, postage and time.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

# OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Diego Blakeney

Shiloh Ball



Sophie Enos

Murphy Dahlke



Bailey Ferone

Abbi Farkas



Murphy Hill

Griffin Hevner



Nana Nomakeo

Fuzzy McDaniel



## 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.

Ellie Palumbo



Colby Sigafoose



Sweetie Tataseo



AGR Members  
Bill Drury  
Jeff Pellegatti

Christiane Wehry  
Beloved mother of AGR Member Michele Wehry

## Planning Ahead

By Deb Orwig

During the past quarter, two *Arizona Golden Rescue* members/adopters passed away, Bill Drury and Jeff Pellegatti. The dog each had adopted was returned to **AGR**, which is what should have been done. There are two clauses in **AGR's** Adoption Contract which are there specifically to protect the welfare of the dog. Every adopter of an **AGR** rescued dog must sign a copy of the Adoption Contract, which specifically states: *As FWITA/ADOPTER, I/we am/are aware that the dog must be returned to AGR if, at any time or for any reason, I/we cannot keep it.* Of course, if the adopter passes away, he/she can no longer keep the dog. In the cases of Bill and Jeff, relatives had been informed about the need to return the dog to **AGR**. Bill had a lingering illness, so his dog was surrendered to **AGR** a few weeks before he actually passed away. In Jeff's case, his death was quite sudden, but his family knew that his dog needed to be returned to **AGR**. We send our condolences to both families and appreciate their cooperation in returning the dogs to **AGR**.

Unexpected deaths are not uncommon. Accidents of all kinds ending in death happen. Medical emergencies happen. If you are an adopter of an **AGR** dog, have you informed your family members and relatives that should you pass away, your adopted dog must be returned to **AGR**? Is that provision stated in your Will? If neither is the case, please take steps now to ensure that the dog comes back to **AGR** should you, the adopter, pass away or become incapacitated and unable to take care of the dog. One suggestion is to write up a statement to that regard and print off two copies, one to be kept in the glove compartment of your vehicle (in the case of vehicular accident) and one to be kept in your freezer. Yes, your freezer! Paramedics will look in the freezer for important papers should they be called to your home in a medical emergency.

The other provision in the Adoption Contract to protect an adopted dog's welfare is: *As FWITA/ADOPTER, I/we agree to notify AGR if the dog is lost for more than 4 hours or is stolen and when the dog dies.* If your dog goes missing, perhaps due to being frightened by thunderstorms, fireworks, or other loud noises, or if your pool, landscape or pest-elimination technician leaves your gate open accidentally, we can help recover your dog if you let us know as soon as possible after the incident. **AGR** is part of a network that gets notified about lost animals. Plus, we can give you valuable tips on how and where to look for your lost dog.

To promote our *August Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs* and to solicit donations, I sent a first-class letter to every **AGR** adopter. Some of the letters were returned because the adopters had moved

between three and six months ago and did not notify us. These letters I was able to resend because the post office applied a label with the new address. If an adopter had moved over six months ago, the letter just came back with *Moved, Forwarding Address Expired* on it. Our Membership Manager, Sandra Hansen, was able to reach most of these families by e-mail (fortunately, most people keep their e-mail address even when they move to a new US Mail address) and got their new addresses. However, we have now lost touch with six of our adoptive families, and this is very distressing for us, as we will never know what happens to their dog and when, so that dog will forever remain an "open book" in our database. Several adopters notified us that their adopted dog had passed away. The ones we know about now are included on the *Rainbow Bridge* page of this newsletter.

If you move or change your e-mail address, please notify *Arizona Golden Rescue*. We will remind you that you need to also notify the microchip company with which your dog is registered (most are with Avid, but some are with Home Again or another company), so that they have your new US Mail address and phone number. This is especially important if your dog escapes your new property. **AGR** will be notified if your dog is found and reported to the micro-chip company, but we cannot help you recover the dog unless we know where you are.

Katie Donahue can tell you just how important it is for **AGR** to have current contact information. When Katie was sent by the military to serve in Japan last year, she left her three adopted dogs with her parents in Pennsylvania. They had fenced in their entire back yard in anticipation of Katie's dogs staying with them for a year. One of the dogs, **Samantha**, got out because someone left the fence gate ajar. **AGR** was contacted by the vet to whom the finder took **Samantha** to get her scanned for a micro-chip. At that time, we had no contact information (phone number or e-mail address) for Katie's mom or dad. So, I emailed Katie to let her know she needed to contact her folks. At the time, it was 3 AM in Japan, but fortunately Katie was awake and working on her computer, so she saw my message come through and immediately called her parents to let them know where **Samantha** was. Needless to say, **AGR** now has contact information for Katie's parents, but we had to go halfway around the world to get it!

*No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.*

~ H.E. Luccock



**PAWS & PASTA**

A Spaghetti Dinner for Arizona Golden Rescue  
Dinner includes Spaghetti buffet, salad, bread dessert & beverage (coffee, tea, soda, water)

11 AM to 5 PM  
Sunday, November 9, 2014

Outdoor seating area available if you want to bring your dog

Hosted by Bryan Foley & Nancy Wheeler of  
**Little Bite of Italy**  
15462 N 99th Ave, Sun City, AZ (corner of 99th Ave & Greenway)

**Only \$10.00 per person**  
All proceeds go to Arizona Golden Rescue to help the dogs.

No host bar will be open  
Item raffle and 50/50 raffle  
AGR Merchandise available for purchase  
Trained dog demonstrations

No advance tickets  
Pay at the door

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The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Fry's. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

Your supporters (109 households) who shopped at Fry's between 06/01/2014 and 08/31/2014 (Cycle 2013, Qtr 4) have contributed to your **\$826.18** total donation. Thank you for your continued support of your local Fry's store.

**Fry's Community Rewards Staff**

*Ed. Note: If you have not already done so, please link up or renew today! It's money for AGR with no cost to you and no work for us!*

*Storage Facility Move*  
By Deb Orwig

Earlier this year we were notified that the storage facility where we were renting two 10' x 20' units had been sold to new owners. They made a lot of improvements to the property, so we expected the rental fee to increase. However, the increase was a lot, so I inquired about renting one smaller unit rather than two. Fortunately, a 10' x 35' unit became available in early August. However, they would not hold it for us for more than a couple days, and we didn't want to lose the opportunity because the rental fee was almost \$60 less, even with the new pricing, than what we had been paying for the two 10' x 20' units. So, despite the heat of mid-August, we had to move everything from the two units to the one. I sent out a plea for help to our membership and was astonished at the response: 22 members from as far away as Ahwatukee to the south, Anthem to the north, Scottsdale, Paradise Valley and more locally from Phoenix, Glendale, Peoria, Goodyear and Buckeye said they would help (the facility is at 8780 W Bell Rd in Peoria). Only one person who said they would be there didn't make it. On August 17<sup>th</sup>, we started at 8:15 AM and were completely moved



Standing: Deb Orwig, Diane Ghezzi, Sandra Hansen, Phil Leavitt, Marti Joyce, Connie Wozniak, Cindy Tigges, Jill Prose, Gary Tigges, Sue Vallie, Janet Hobbs, Fred Prose and Jack Craven; Kneeling: Tom Ghexxi, Rand Drake, Anthony Pranckevicus, Adam Cardinal, Karin Forsythe, Connie McCabe and Patrick Doyle.

and re-assembled in the new unit by just shortly after 9 AM! What teamwork! Huge thanks to the following for helping me with this effort: Adam Cardinal, Jack Craven, Rand Drake, Patrick Doyle, Karin Forsythe, Diane and Tom Ghezzi, Sandra Hansen, Marti Joyce, Phil Leavitt, Connie McCabe, Melody Nickerson, Anthony Pranckevicus, Jill and Fred Prose, Cindy and Gary Tigges, Jane Triplett, Sue Vallie and her friend Janet Hobbs, and Connie Wozniak. Michele Meyer and her friend Helen Hennessy got lost on the way over (they live in Tempe), so they arrived almost when we were finished, but that was OK, because they brought juice and goodies for everyone. Earlier in the week, Nick Dodson and Liz Tataseo helped move some AGR stuff from my garage to the storeroom. Thanks to all who helped!

## Book Review

By Jude Fulghum

*Hounded* by David Rosenfelt, 2014, Minotaur Books, ISBN 978-1-250-02474-9

Rosenfelt's latest in his series of Andy Carpenter novels is another romp through the judicial system of upper New Jersey. Anyone who has read the previous novels in this series is familiar with his highly readable, yet somewhat sarcastic, style. This book is no different.

In this story, one of Andy's best friends, police detective Pete Stanton, is arrested for murder and possession of heroin. As we all know, Pete is above repute and could not have possibly murdered the ex-con, Danny, whom Pete helped upon Danny's release from prison. Enter Andy, who takes on the case and wrestles with a somewhat helpful district attorney and not-so-helpful millionaires trying to cover up a massive scheme to make money (it's always about the money). Assistance from an unusual source helps resolve a most ticklish situation, and the usual cast of shady characters help flesh out the story. Unfortunately, there is not much of **Tara**, the Golden Retriever, as a plot factor in this book; however, there is quite an interesting tie to veterinary medicine and some twists in Andy's relationship status aimed at moving along toward the next book.

Although somewhat predictable (as a series, not necessarily the plots), the Andy Carpenter tales are a great way to spend a couple of days, especially if you like Rosenfelt's brand of humor. I am always glad to hear of a new book being released by him, as I know I am going to have an enjoyable read.

## Retail Therapy for You and Rover:

*Chain Stores you Probably Didn't Know Allow Pets*

By Kim Salerno

President and Founder of TripsWithPets.com.

For many pet lovers, bringing a furry friend along on a shopping trip would be the perfect way to spend a day. While many big-name chain stores do have a "service dogs only" policy, you may be surprised to know that a number of them will in fact allow you to shop with your Shih-Tzu or browse with your bulldog. Please keep in mind that many of these stores only welcome pets on a

limited basis. In some cases, the decision to allow pets is left to individual store managers. This means that while one chain location may welcome your pooch, another may have a no-pets policy. In other cases, a stand-alone chain location may allow pets, while a mall location may have to comply with that mall's no-pets policy. Rules and policies change all the time from store to store and from location to location. It's important to contact any store you plan to visit with your pet to ensure that they will in fact allow him in – even if you have brought him into that store before. Out of respect to the establishment and its patrons, any time your pet visits a store he should be leashed and under your control at all times. Some stores ask that pets ride in shopping carts and be kept securely and tightly leashed, and some ask that they be contained in a carrier. Make sure you are aware of the store's specific policies before visiting.

### Department Stores

Several department store chains around the country have been known to welcome pets. **Banana Republic** is notably dog friendly, with some locations offering treats to canine visitors. **The Gap** and **Old Navy**, which are owned by the same company as **Banana Republic**, have also been known to allow dogs. **Bloomingdale's**, **Saks Fifth Avenue**, **TJ Maxx** and **Marshall's** allow dogs in at least some of their locations, and **Nordstrom** has welcomed pooches through its doors for over 20 years. **Bed Bath & Beyond** goes above and beyond at some of its locations by not only allowing pets, but providing specialty dog carts for them to ride in.

### Pet Stores

Perhaps not surprisingly, both **Petco** and **PetSmart** celebrate their doggie clientele, and leashed, well-behaved dogs are welcome throughout each store at every location. Some locations even offer doggie day care for shoppers. [Ed. Note: **Locally**, **Choice Pet Market**, **Pet Club** and **Pet Planet** all allow dogs on leash.]

### Home Improvement Stores

**Lowe's Home Improvement** and **The Home Depot** are both well-known for allowing pets – however, the degree to which pets are welcome varies widely from location to location. It's important to check with each individual store before bringing your dog with you to help you select your lumber or bathroom fixtures.

### Outdoor Stores

**Tractor Supply Company**, a well-known agricultural and farming supply store, welcomes leashed, friendly dogs at most of its locations – but that's what you might expect from a store that supports pet adoptions and holds an annual Pet Appreciation Week. **Bass Pro Shops** and **Cabela's** – both of which are hunting, fishing and all-around outdoor authorities – also allow pets at many of their locations; a fact that's not well-known, but also not surprising.

### Craft Stores

**Michael's** has a reputation for being dog friendly. While not every

location may welcome your pooch, some of them will allow him to ride in the cart as you browse.

### Local Stores

Many local chains or mom-and-pop stores work to develop personal relationships with their clientele. They also tend to have a lot of discretion and autonomy when it comes to whether or not they will allow pets in their establishments. Call ahead to your favorite local retailer. They may surprise you by saying your pet is welcome, especially if he's small enough to fit in a carrier or shopping cart.

*Ed. Note: Kim Salerno founded TripsWithPets.com, the pet travel site in 2003 and is an expert in the field of pet travel. Her popular website features pet friendly hotels and accommodations across the US and Canada, along with other helpful pet travel resources. Her mission is to ensure that pets are welcome, happy, and safe in their travels. This article was reprinted with permission.*

### **Subject: A Great Lesson on Stress**

*Ed Note: Some people, in fact maybe many, may harbor the misconception that volunteer work is stress free. They could not be further from the truth, at least when it comes to Rescue. When you are passionate about what you do, whether that be in a paying job or not, the desire is to do the best job possible. Worrying about the job provokes stress. So, we can all learn something from the following piece that was originally published on www.goodnews-planet.com on February 27, 2013.*

A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'half empty or half full?'... She fooled them all... "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden – holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up tomorrow.

1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
4. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
6. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
8. Never buy a car you can't push.
9. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
11. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
12. The second mouse gets the cheese.
13. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
14. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
15. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
16. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
17. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
18. Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

19. Save the earth – It's the only planet with chocolate! I think!





HERE and THERE

Events from July 8 through October 12, 2014

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](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org) – for dates and times of upcoming events.



*Fore! Paws  
Golf Tournament*

By Deb Orwig

*Seems it never rains in southern Arizona  
Seems I've often heard that kind of talk before  
It never rains in Arizona, but girl, don't they warn ya?  
It pours, man, it pours*

Paraphrased from It never rains in Southern California  
by Albert Hammond and Mike Hazlewood, 1972



Camelback Golf Club is very picturesque with beautiful views and often wildlife, as well

– until this year. And then, did it ever pour on September 27, 2014! The weather was good enough at 1 PM for the tournament to start, but **Camelback Golf Club's** Director of Tournaments, Shiloh Hagey, called it closed at about 2:30 due to a deluge that moved across the area from the southwest very quickly. After bringing my dogs back home to north



In the 14 years I have been involved with producing a golf tournament to benefit Golden Retriever Rescue, it had never rained on tournament day



A fast-moving storm coming from the southwest built up quickly and caused considerable damage on the golf course (photos right and below taken by Ralph Knight on the golf course with his cell phone), as well as on many surface streets

Glendale, I had just started driving back to **Camelback Golf Club** in Paradise Valley when the storm hit. I drove in sheeting rain on the highway at 15 miles per hour with emergency flashers flashing all the way back to the **Club**, normally a 35-minute trip



that took me well over an hour. Amazingly enough, there were no car accidents on the roads. Streets were flooded in many places and trees were down on 64<sup>th</sup> St going south to the **Club**

from Shea Blvd. At one point I had to drive in a northbound lane in order to continue south. It was a mess!



Relaxing before dinner

The golfers were all incredibly good sports. Only seven of the 113 pre-registered golfers were no-shows and none of the 106 who did come complained. Several even said, "It was fun!" They came into the clubhouse soaked

to the skin. In fact, one foursome hung out in the bathroom at Hole 8 for a while because of the downpour. Only a few of the golfers left. The rest stayed to relax, dry off, and get something from the bar, while waiting for the chef and his staff to get dinner ready early – they managed to serve at 4:15 instead of the usual 6:30, a fact that all the golfers and **AGR** volunteers appreciated very much, but which caused some of our dinner-only guests to miss the meal. We were very sorry that happened, but there wasn't anything we could do. The few who actually came



Drying off



Dinner-only guests Kristen and Gail Walker arrived in time to get food

to the **Golf Club** after the dinner remains had been cleared up were offered refunds, but none of them accepted, another example of the caring people who are members and supporters of **Arizona Golden Rescue**.

Despite the weather, this year's tournament was financially **AGR's** best tournament

ever! Our profit was **\$31,729.42!** All the financials are on p.34. We had many volunteers, generous donations, and terrific golfers and dinner guests. This golf tournament is **AGR's** major fundraising event and takes much time, energy and volunteer help to pull off successfully. The income derived from the tournament is what pays for our ever-increasing vet bills for quite a few months.



Cara Holland helped keep track of the golfers while Connie McCabe was busy taking pictures on the course

The tournament could not happen without countless hours and hard work from all of the volunteers. Chairing the event was Rich Calta.



Andy Formato, Teri Turner and Rich Calta; Andy and Rich were Tournament Sponsors and Teri helped Rich with the golfer pairings

handled the Golf Invite software to register everyone.

We thank Vikki Burgoon, Rich Calta, Nick Dodson, Candy Greff, Shiloh Hagey, Jim Henkel, Sherry Landwehr, Trish Martin, Con-



Deb Orwig and Rich Calta with Deb's boy Mufasa



Gail and Dana Haywood with Riley and Bilbo

Teri Turner, Mike Novick and Shiloh Hagey helped Rich with golfer pairings. The silent auction, raffle and administrative tasks were handled by Deb Orwig. Connie McCabe used her amazing talent to produce all of the graphics, signage and photos. Dana Haywood



Our raffle and silent auction baskets are always quite spectacular

bags. Dana Haywood procured the actual bags – very nice, reusable shopping bags – from **Pet Planet**. Special thanks to Rand Drake, an employee at **Philosophy**, who engineered a fabulous donation of cosmetic products from his company.



Raffle Room

Several volunteers helped to assemble baskets: Deb, Liz, Martha McDowell and Connie Wozniak; and/or stuff goodie bags: Patrick Doyle, Beverly Farrar, Sandra Hansen, Sheila Joyce, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig, Chris Spiel and Liz Tataseo.



Handling golfer check-in were Teddi Axne, Ruth Pulliam, Beverly Farrar, Jill Prose, Teri Guilbault and Chris Spiel

Sarah Seiber. Sarah Martin, Martha McDowell and Chris Spiel sold raffle tickets during the day. Teddi, Chris and Deb helped at the merchandise sales table. Watching over the raffle and silent auction areas when the golfers were out on the course were Sandra Hansen, Sheila Joyce, Rusty Krause, Martha McDowell, Jolene Schlichter and Sarah Seiber.



Martha McDowell sold lots of raffle tickets

All of the equipment for set-up and all the items for the raffle and silent auction were at Deb Orwig's house and had to be loaded into vehicles and Larry Jessup's trailer, which is stored at his son Shawn's house in Phoe-



One of our most popular Silent Auction items: *Eat Out Once A Month for a Year* included gift cards of at least \$50, some for \$100, to 12 different restaurants

nix (thank you for lending it) and thank you, Nick Dodson, for picking it up and hauling it), transported to the **Golf Club**, unloaded and set up in the clubhouse. For packing, transport and set-up help on Friday, we thank the following for their assistance: Kristen Brown, Adam Cardinal, Tony Cotner, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Beverly Farrar, Karin Forsythe, Connie McCabe, Debbie Mikol with her three kids



Cindy Tigges and Kristen Brown helped on both Friday and Saturday; we're sorry we did not get photos of Friday-only volunteers nor of some who were there just on Saturday

(Kat, Ryan and Courtney), Deb and Larry Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Cindy Tigges. In addition to those just mentioned, set-up help on Saturday morning added Teddi Axne, Karin and Rachel Forsythe, Gail and Dana Haywood, Cara Holland, and Jill Prose. Registration and check-in were handled by Teddi Axne, Beverly Farrar, Karin Forsythe, Teri Guilbault (our cashier), Jill Prose, Ruth Pulliam and Chris Spiel, with Martha McDowell selling raffle tickets.



Puppy Watson Axne was quite popular with the golfers during check-in

Golfers began checking in around 11:15 and were greeted by some of our canine ambassadors: Teddi Axne's puppy **Watson**; Tony Cotner's **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle's **Annabelle**; Gail and Dana Haywood's **Bilbo** and **Riley**; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson's **Grizzly**; Deb Orwig's gang of **Troy**, **Dolly**, **Mufasa** and **Duffy**; and Liz Tataseo's **Gonzo**.



Canine Ambassadors and our human volunteers: Liz Tataseo with Gonzo; Chris Spiel; Cara Holland; Sarah Martin; Teddi Axne with Watson, who is sniffing the ground in front of Beverly Farrar; Connie McCabe kneeling with Grizzly; Daisy Cotner in front of Jill Prose, who is holding Dolly Orwig; Tony Cotner; Deb Orwig with Mufasa; Karin Forsythe with Duffy Orwig; Troy Orwig and Bilbo with Dana Haywood

In addition to the above-listed volunteers, there are several other people who helped with the tournament in various ways. **Arizona Golden Rescue** would especially like to thank all **AGR** members who

helped solicit or gave donations; Larry Jessup for lending us his trailer; Shiloh Hagey and the staff at **Camelback Golf Club** for their generous support and help. Special thanks to Shiloh Hagey,

who acquired donations from **Camelback Inn** and **Starr Pass Resort & Spa**, in addition to foursome donations from **Camelback Golf Club**, **Starr Pass Golf Club** and **Troon North Golf Club** that helped us raise money in our silent auction.



Shiloh Hagey, Director of Tournaments at Camelback Golf Club

Tremendous thanks also to pro golfer Kevin Strelman, who gave us an autographed golf club, several autographed hats, an autographed tee flag from this year's Championship Tournament (which he won) and three of his signature lemon golf club covers. We added these items as a group to our silent auction, and they brought in \$500!



Patrick Doyle was also there with 14-year-old Annabelle

One other item of note was a staycation weekend in Prescott at the Vista View "cabin" (which can accommodate up to 10 guests, with dogs welcome) owned by Helen Hennessy. Wes and Arden Harrington won the bid on this silent auction item. They will have a great time there with their two Golden Retrievers!



The Harringtons – Wes, with his new business called Bed DRS, was one of our hole sponsors, and he also donated some items for the silent auction

Thanks to hustling by the kitchen staff, dinner service was avail-



able starting at 4:15. Although a few dinner-only guests decided to stay home and not to brave the weather, most pre-registered dinner-only guests were able to make it and were able to view the raffle and silent

auction and buy raffle tickets or place their bids. We all enjoyed a delicious Italian Buffet featuring Chicken Marsala, Baked Ziti, Caesar Salad, Tomato & Basil Salad,



106 Golfers ready to go out onto the course



Jolene Schlichter kept Mufasa out of trouble while she watched the silent auction area; Jolene was one of our best solicitors for items

Steamed Vegetable Medley, Rice Pilaf, and Inn-baked cookies and brownies. The food was fantastic and the service impeccable!

Although we had great prizes for the golfers, we did not award them because no foursome finished more than four holes before they all had to abandon the course. The prizes we would have given were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$100 gift certificates to *Veneto Trattoria*;

for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$75 gift certificates to *Pomo Napoletana*; for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$50 gift certificates to *Sushi Brokers*. Prizes would also have been awarded for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin for men and women. Each of the 4 winners would have received a \$50 gift certificate to *The Cheesecake Factory* or to *Casino Arizona*. All prize certificates will be saved for use at another event.



Sarah Seiber, a sophomore at UA and the daughter of one of our golfers, helped throughout the day; here, she is putting a descriptive label on one of a pair of hand-crafted Southwestern-style lamps donated by Carolyn and Gordon McDaniel



Karin and Rachel Forsythe helped with Saturday morning set-up and greeted the golfers with Troy and Dolly Orwig

it all done: Tony Cotner, Patrick Doyle, Nick Dodson, Beverly Farrar, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Dana and Gail Haywood, Sarah Martin, Connie McCabe, Debbie Mikol, Deb and Larry Orwig, Chris Spiel, and Liz Tataseo.

At the end of the event, equipment, merchandise, leftover raffle and silent auction items, and water still needed to be taken down and brought to Deb's house. Thanks to the following for staying late and getting



Nick Dodson with Grizzly

The day after the tournament, Beverly Farrar rescued all the hole signs that had been picked up by the *Golf Club* staff (we only lost one sign in the storm). She took them home and cleaned them up, then brought them back to the *Club* so that Connie McCabe and I

with *Grizzly* and *Mufasa* could get photos of the hole signs Connie missed during the cut-short tournament.

Throughout all the preparation for the tournament, Lori Prankevicus served as my secretary, keeping track on a spreadsheet of all the incoming donations, an invaluable service to me. Several times, she had to contact a donor or find an item online to determine the value of the donation, something that is important not only to *AGR* but also to the donor, as each donor will get a letter of acknowledgment for their tax purposes.

The team that produced this tournament from beginning to end deserves a medal and a huge thank you! Great job, everyone!

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Kory and Julie Kosier and friends Casandra and Pat Hart; the Kosiers bought two hole sponsorships, one for Glendale Steel Supply and one in memory of their Goldens Jesse and Amber

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(Some will be used at a future event)

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Chris McDaniel, Beth Chaffee, Pam Johnson and Vernon McDaniel; Beth bought a hole sponsorship for her business, State Farm Insurance; she and husband Jon brought two foursomes



Jeff and Michael Stevenson, Jacob Anderson and Rob Turner; Rob was really looking forward to winning this year's tournament, as he thought he had a really good player on his team! Bring them all again next year, Rob – we can't have bad weather two years in a row!

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 Paco Rudolfo  
**Ryan's Pet Supplies**  
 (catalog gift certificate)  
**Scentsy** – Cyndi Froelich  
**Simba Schlichter** (Jolene and Art's adopted dog)  
**Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts**  
**See Spot Shop**



Ralph Knight, Mike McGregor, Nancy Knight and Tyler Knight representing The Michaels Wilder Agency, which purchases a hole sponsorship every year



Jon Palermo, Carl Annibale, Richard Fleming, Dave Goldberg; our golfers come from all over – Carl, one of our Registrar Site Sponsors, lives in NJ, Richard is from Tucson, Dave and others from CA; still others came from NY, TX, and IL



Jack Craven, Don Krause, Tom Bauch and Larry Hevner



Nancy Knight with arms full of raffles

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Connie Wozniak  
**Zipps Sports Grill**



Garrett Paolella, Stephen Seiber, Greg Williams, Jeff Miller; Steve came from San Diego area, Jeff from NJ – golfers will golf anywhere the course and the company are good, and we have both!



Mike Traher, Jamie Jackson, Bill Herf, Gage Walker; Bill supports us every year with a hole sponsorship for his company, Ziegler



**We apologize for not getting photos of all of the foursomes that tried to play in our tournament, but this picture of wet, bedraggled Scott and Sam Pechersky, AGR member/adapters, shows you why – weather!**



Missy Powers comes to AZ from WI every year to play golf with long-time friends Teri Turner and Christi Miner

Fred, Brad, Braxton, Yari and Jill Prose with new friend Ellen Bayer; Brad golfed in one of the three foursomes bought by Graham Gaines, who also bought a hole sponsorship for his company, **Sonora Investment Management**; Ellen's folks had registered for dinner but were unable to make the drive from Surprise due to the weather



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Debbe Begley, *AGR's* Cofounder,  
passed away in June 2011



Sign showing our gratitude to  
Shiloh Hagey, *Camelback Golf Club's*  
Director of Tournaments



Jon Chaffee, Dan Fitas,  
Karl Lambert, John Abbs



Above: Silent Auction Items – Custom Oil Painting of Your Dog  
by *AGR* Member/Artist Don Thompson; Eat Out Once A Month  
for a Year. Below: Snack Attack! is always our most popular raffle



Sherry and Gary Landwehr; Sherry was one of our terrific solicitors. She is also very crafty – made the ceramic tile of a peacock at right in the photo of the PEACOCKS! Silent Auction Item; she liked all the other peacock items we put with her creation so much that she bought the whole package



Gorgeous women's concho belt donated  
by Carolyn and Gordon McDaniel was a  
Silent Auction Item

### Fore! Paws Golf Tournament Financials

**Income:**

- \$ 770.00 – Mulligans
- \$ 2,193.00 – Raffle
- \$ 8,000.00 – Silent Auction
- \$11,990.00 – Golf Fees
- \$ 1,400.00 – Dinners Only
- \$ 2,750.00 – Hole Sponsors
- \$ 5,000.00 – Tournament Sponsors (Rich and Andy)
- \$ 4,500.00 – European Cream Sponsors
- \$ 1,605.00 – Tail Waggin’ Sponsors
- \$ 200.00 – Registration Site Sponsors
- \$38,408.00 – Total
- Plus \$ 644.99 – Merchandise Sales including shirts, calendars (22) and assorted other items

**Total income with merchandise sales: \$39,052.99**

**Expenses Ahead of Event: \$928.56**

- \$111.74 -- Postcards
- \$105.46 -- Postage for postcard mailing
- \$145.00 – New Hole Signs
- \$265.00 – Golf Registration Website Rental
- \$301.36 – Mini-cutting boards for goodie bags

**Expenses Day of Event: \$6,395.01**

- \$ 250.00 – Cash for golf club staff
- \$3,539.11 – Meals
- \$2605.90 – Golfing Fee

**Total Expenses: \$7323.57**

**Profit: \$31,729.42**

### Goldstock 2014

By Kathi Youhas



*Goldstock* is a gathering of Golden Retrievers (including some Golden wannabees who are in the Witness Protection program) and their owners. *Goldstock* is held every year over Labor Day weekend

at a children’s camp in the Poconos in northeastern Pennsylvania. While it is a great time for socializing, the main reason for it is to support Golden Rescue.



After a 5-year absence, Bob and I returned to *Goldstock*. The setting is beautiful, with

mountains, a lake, lots of grass and nice cabins nestled in amongst the trees. This year the weather was a bit cool in the mornings



Kathi and Bob at the AGR merchandise table at Goldstock

and very chilly at night. Flannel pajamas and extra blankets came in quite handy. The weather was a delightful change from the Arizona temperatures that we remember and

quite similar to the weather we have recently experienced here in North Carolina.

Each of the Rescues in attendance set up tables with their merchandise to sell, and all monies go to that particular Rescue. There is also a silent auction and a live auction for special merchandise.



Gail Haywood’s hand-crocheted afghan brought AGR \$125 at the Goldstock silent auction

This year, many thanks go to our own Gail Haywood, who crocheted a beautiful blanket with a Golden head in the center and instead of “*Arizona Golden Rescue*” on it, she was able to put “*Goldstock 2014*” on it. There were several other wonderful items available in the live auction and in the silent auction.

Several games were held (also known as the Doggie Olympics) both in the lake and on land. Medals were awarded to the fastest swimmer, the oldest swimmer, dock diving, fetching balls, fetching a piece of clothing or slippers that belonged to their owners, and many other games too numerous to mention. There was a demonstration by the “Doghous Dancers,” and afterwards there was a short class on working with your dog for doggie dancing. Testing for CGC and TDI was offered, and there was only one dog who did not meet the standards for certification .



There was a trivia contest for those in attendance who wished to participate, and some wonderful people at the winning table donated their winnings to **AGR**! What a delightful surprise that was!

One of the most hallowed traditions of *Goldstock* is the Parade of Rescues and the Senior parade. Our **Krissie**, **Carter** and **Maura** all qualified for the Rescue parade, and **Krissie** along with **Maura** qualified for the Senior parade. The most



moving and emotional part of the weekend was the Candle Ceremony honoring those pets who have passed on to the Rainbow Bridge (including dogs, cats, horses and various other types of pets), as well as friends and relatives who have also passed. As you can imagine, a lot of tears were shed and many boxes of tissues were used.

While Bob and I had planned on attending this year, Deb Orwig asked if we would represent **AGR** and man a merchandise table while we were there. We were happy to do so, as living in NC does not give us an opportunity to participate in Arizona activities.

We drove north from NC with our fuzz-butts and combined the trip into a mini-vacation to see some friends and relatives in PA, NJ and VA that we have not seen in several years. We did experience some construction and heavy traffic delays on the way there, and while on our way to NJ we had a tire blow on us. All in all, however, we had a great time and came away with wonderful memories and, most important of all, money for **AGR**!

*Ed Note: Our thanks to Kathi and Bob for representing AGR at this event!*

### Meet-and-Greets

By Deb Orwig

Summer in Arizona is a particularly brutal time for Meet-and-Greets, primarily because we must be indoors. Although we have sandwich board signs on the sidewalk pointing to the store in which we are set up, the people traffic is not nearly as great as when we are set up outside; people cruising through the parking lot do not stop and come into the store because they see our sign, only if they see us with our dogs. Fewer people with whom we interact means less money collected in donations. One benefit is that the members who come to each Meet-and-Greet usually have a lot of time to talk among themselves and get to know each other better; the dogs get a chance to socialize, too.

During the summer, we were indoors at the **Petco** at 99<sup>th</sup> Ave/ Northern Ave on the first Saturday of the month from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. We were also at the **Pet Planet** on Via Linda in Scottsdale on the first Saturday of August from 11 AM to 3 PM. On the second Saturday, we were at the **Pet Planet** in Chandler from 11 AM to 3 PM. On the second Sunday, we went to the **PetSmart** on 91<sup>st</sup> Ave between Olive and Northern Ave in Peoria. On the third Saturday, you could have found us at the Bell Road (Glendale) **PetSmart** store and at the **Pet Planet** in Tempe, both from 11 AM to 3 PM; and on the fourth Saturday, we set up at the **Pet Planet** in Paradise Valley from 11 AM to 3 PM. We did not do the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** until September, because it was too hot to be outside. There is no place for us to set up inside except at the very back of the store by the **Banfield Veterinary Clinic**, and there are so few people that come all the way to the back of the store that it is just not worth our time to be there. We can set up in the front of the store just inside the doors at all the other stores mentioned above, which is why we do continue to go to these places when it is hot.

Liz Tataseo chairs the **Petco** location and the Bell Road **PetSmart**. Connie McCabe hosts the **PetSmart** in Peoria and when we do the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart**, Denny Myrick hosts. Dana Haywood chaired all the **Pet Planet** locations, and is now handling **Pet Club**. Our thanks to all of you!

Unfortunately, we will no longer be doing Meet-and-Greets at any of the **Pet Planet** locations. Like that of **Choice Pet Market**, the corporate management of **Pet Planet** has had a change in philosophy and will no longer host rescue groups that do not do on-the-spot adoptions. Although we appreciate their past support, we will not change our adoption procedure or lower our standards for adoption in order to comply with the new avenue down which **Choice Pet Market** and **Pet Planet** want to go. We will continue our association with **PetSmart**, **Petco** and **Pet Club**, as these businesses applaud our rescue efforts and procedures.



### Meet-and-Greet at Pet Club

By Deb Orwig



Sarah Seiber with Dolly and Duffy, Dana Haywood, Tony Cotner with Daisy, and Gail Haywood; Riley and Bilbo were hiding

On Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we had our first Meet-and-Greet at the **Pet Club** at **Desert Ridge Marketplace**. At this location,



Jim Lamont with Mickey and Wrigley; Daisy and Bilbo also in photo

due to policies that apply to the entire **Marketplace**, we must always be set up inside the store. However, we were well received by the staff, and there was a fair amount of people traffic into the store. We sold three calendars and collected \$86 in donations. Attending



Debbie Mikol in front; Jay, Koblick, Gail Haywood and Jodi Koblick in back

were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**, Jim Lamont with **Wrigley** and



Duffy and Bilbo take any opportunity to play

**Mickey**; Debbie and Kat Mikol with **Hogan**; Deb Orwig with **Dolly** and **Duffy**; and Sarah Seiber, who helped with the extra dogs. Jodi and Jay Koblick stopped by to chat for a little while and bought a couple of calendars. Connie McCabe also came by with **Aengus** for a bit.

were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Gail Haywood and myself with **Riley** and **Caleb** and my daughter Dawn with **Bilbo**. We handed out several **AGR** brochures and Fry's flyers, also.



On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we were at the Via Linda **Pet Planet** in Scottsdale. Anonymous donations were \$41. Attending this Meet-and-Greet were Tony Cotner along with his sisters Janet

Newland and Jenny Gittings with **Daisy**, and Gail Haywood and me with **Riley** and **Bilbo**. Seems like every store we go to, **Bilbo** finds a playmate, and at this location it was a customer's puppy.

We met at the **Pet Planet** in Chandler on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Attending were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Jim Henkel with **Bella**; Judy Pettito with **Sandi Joy**; Gail Haywood and me with **Caleb**, **Riley** and **Bilbo**; and Sharon Flores. We had just found out that because of a new corporate policy of having to have adoptable dogs available we would not be able to have our Meet-and-Greets at the **Pet Planet** stores after our last August Meet-and-Greet. The Manager at the Chandler location, Mima, was sad to hear this, as she was the one who originally invited us to **Pet Planet**. We collected \$41 in donations at this location.



Patrick Doyle, Jim Henkel with Bella, Gail Haywood with Caleb, Sharon Flores, and Judy Pettito with Sandi Joy; Bilbo is out in front and Riley is hiding as is Annabelle

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



Ruth Pulliam, Tony Cotner with Daisy, Gail Haywood with Caleb, Bilbo and Riley, and Jenny

a while. We collected only \$11, as there was little traffic into the store.

We met at the **Pet Planet** at Paradise Valley on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Did a little better this week with donations: \$23.70. Attending



Bilbo the clown



On August 16<sup>th</sup> we met at the **Pet Planet** in Tempe. A light turnout, with only \$5 in donations, we had Sharon Flores and, of course, Gail Haywood and me with **Riley**, **Caleb** and **Bilbo**.

Our final Meet-and-Greet at any of the **Pet Planet** stores was at the Paradise Valley location on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. As usual, we did much better here with donations than at any of the other stores,



Gail Haywood, Tony Cotner, Chris, Spiel, Gail Walker, Dakota Nomakeo and Dana Haywood

\$109. This store is situated in a busy strip mall just a stone's throw from a *Fry's* grocery store, among many other stores, so the traffic is good and the weather was nice enough for us to set



Gail Walker with Sierra and Dolly; Sierra is 14 but really does not look as old as Dolly, who is 8 1/2

up outside. Both of these factors led to the greater amount of donations compared with what we took in at the other four stores in previous weeks. In attendance were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Christine Spiel with **Nash** and **Jack**, Gail Walker with **Sierra**, Deb Orwig with **Dolly**, Gail Haywood and me with **Riley** and **Bilbo** and our grandson Dakota.



Rusty (barely in picture) and Don Krause, Jane Triplett with treats, and Shotzie Workman

Also attending: Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**, Jane Triplett with **Bubba** (who is still going strong despite congestive heart failure) and Sue Vallie with **Penny** and **Oliver**. Shotzie Workman and two of

her grandkids came by with her girl **Ginger**, who has earned her first certification on her way to being a Therapy dog. Connie McCabe dropped by with paperwork and her foster boy **Aengus** who is recovering from some medical issues.

 *Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart*

91<sup>st</sup> AVE, PEORIA – Connie McCabe, Chairman

 *Meet-and-Greets at Petco*  
By Liz Tataseo



Sheila, Dana, Chris and Gail with dogs

September 6<sup>th</sup> was a slow day, but the people and dogs that came had a great time. Not much traffic that Saturday. Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Gail and Dana Haywood with **Bilbo** and **Riley**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash** and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**

met some nice people and accepted a donation from *Petco*: a two-part light-weight dog ramp. If any *AGR* member could use something like this, please contact Deb Orwig – we'll give it to you.

October 4<sup>th</sup> had more traffic, and we made \$88 plus sales of the 2015 calendar. We were happy to see Don and Rusty Krause return for the winter months and join us with **Stormy** and **Sunshine**.



Sue Vallie with Penny and Oliver, Patrick Doyle with Annabelle, Sheila Joyce with Charlie, Jane Triplett with Bubba and Liz Tataseo with Trip and Gonzo



Jane with Bubba, Susan with Ozzie, Pat with Sunny and Karen with Star and Caesar

We had a terrific day at the Peoria *PetSmart* on August 11, 2014, even though it was a little too warm and we had to be inside. That always reduces the amount of traffic and donations. Many thanks to Nick Dodson of course; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Gail and Dana Hay-

wood with **Bilbo**, **Caleb** and **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Susan Parker with **Ozzie**; Jill Prose with **Gracie**; Jane Triplett with **Bubba**; and Shotzie Workman with **Ginger**. And I took **Grizzly**, who smelled pretty strong from just being bathed. Everyone will be



Gail with Caleb on her lap and Riley on the floor, Dana with Bilbo, Jill with Gracie and Sheila with Charlie

happy to know that now that he is dry, he is odor free. We met great people and gave out a lot of literature and *Fry's* information. To see lots more photos of this and other events, please go to our website at [arizonagoldenrescue.org](http://arizonagoldenrescue.org) and select the "Events" tab. Then click on "Gallery".



Connie, Gail, Dana, Patrick, Dakota, Tony, Pat, Jill, and Fred

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, we had a nice but quiet day, which was surprising, given that it was one of **PetSmart's** National Adoption Week-ends. We did manage to make \$62.38 in donations and give out some information, though.

Many thanks to Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Nick Dodson; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo, Caleb** and **Riley**. Their grandson, Dakota, also came to help. Also Pat Morgan brought **Sunny**; Fred and Jill Prose came with **Jasper** and **Gracie**; and, of course, **Winnie** was there to help, too. Deb Orwig stopped by for a bit and got a group shot of us.

We had a very nice day at the Peoria PetSmart on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The quote of the day... as we were sitting outside the store with all of our dogs, a very



Chris with Jack, Nash and Grizzly, Don and Rusty with Stormy and Sunshine (who has never liked the camera), Daisy and Tony, Dana with Bilbo, Patrick behind Dana, Gail with Caleb (lap) and Riley, Susan with Ozzie and Susan's daughter Andrea



It is too bad this newsletter is not printed in color because Shotzie recently purchased a very eye-catching lime green AGR polo shirt from our online eMall! She also has a hat in the same color.

nice lady came up and asked Chris and me if we were the "dog people" or the "cat people." We missed some of the regulars but had a good turnout. **Grizzly** and I were joined by Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo, Caleb** and **Riley**; Don and Rusty Krause with **Stormy** and **Sunshine**; Susan Parker with **Ozzie**, and Sue's daughter, Andrea came too; and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. Later on we were joined by Shotzie Workman with **Ginger** and Jane Triplett



Don and Rusty Krause spend most of the summers at their lake house in Washington but start bringing Stormy and Sunshine to Meet-and-Greets almost as soon as they are back in Arizona

with **Bubba**. And of course, Nick Dodson came and helped me get set up and started, then after the football game helped take everything back. What a gorgeous day! We collected over \$182, including the sales of 10 calendars. We gave out lots of information and met some very nice people.

**7290 W BELL ROAD, GLENDALE – Liz Tataseo, Chairman**



Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash and Lori Pranckevicus with Bella

July 19<sup>th</sup> was a slow day inside, but we had some new members come and enjoy the day with us. Lori Pranckevicus came with **Bella**, her sister Stacey came with **Max**, a very tall golden, and also Stacey's children Emily and Shane who helped with the dogs. Regulars who came were Patrick with **Anna-**

**belle**, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash** and Liz Tataseo with **Trip** in his boots and hat. Deb Orwig came later and brought new adoptee **Dolly** for a short outing.



Trip Tataseo with hat and booties



Chris Spiel, Jane Triplett and Patrick Doyle

plus. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, Patrick Doyle came with **Annabelle**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**, Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and Jane Triplett with **Bubba**. We all enjoyed meeting and greeting and handing out information about **AGR**.

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, we had a larger group with more dogs, and every-

August was not too profitable due to other Rescues being present and a smaller **AGR** group than usual, but September made up for it with \$201



Karie Wilson with her Chocolate Lab, Tyson, and Ingrid on floor



Chris, Tony, Dana, Jane, Gail, and Patrick

one loved to give donations to puppy **Bilbo**. Tony Cotner brought **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle came with **Annabelle**; Gail and Dana Haywood were there with **Bilbo, Riley** and **Caleb**; Sheila Joyce brought **Charlie**; Chris Spiel came

with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo had **Gonzo** and **Trip**; and Jane Triplett brought sweet **Bubba**. Quite a few people stopped and stayed for a while. A great surprise was seeing Karie and Ingrid Wilson with Karie's new dog, a nice Chocolate Lab named **Tyson**. Karie had made peanut butter treats for all the dogs – yum!

**MAYO BLVD – Denny Myrick, Chairman**

As explained in the introduction to the Meet-and-Greet section of this newsletter, we did not have any Meet-and-Greets at the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** in June, July or August, because it was too hot to be outside and there is no good location in which to set up inside.



Janice Neubauer with Mandi, Ed Mertz with Mable, Wes Harrington with Sadie and Andie, Denny Myrick (standing behind Wes), Cynthia Wenström with Bailey, Dana Haywood with Bilbo, Gail Haywood with Caleb and Riley, Tony Cotner with Daisy, Deb Orwig with Dolly, Tom Fetherston with Molly, Sally Fetherston with Rocky and Teddi Axne with Watson and Palmer

After three months off because of the high summer temperatures, we had a very successful day on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Mayo Blvd



Connie and foster-boy Aengus

**PetSmart**... \$271 in donations! Attending were Teddi Axne with **Palmer** and **Watson**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Tom and Sally Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**; Wes Harrington with **Andie** and **Sadie**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Bilbo, Caleb**, and



Bilbo's ears have a mind of their own – sometimes they are both up, sometimes both down and sometimes one up and the other down!

**Riley**; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with **Aengus**; Ed Mertz with **Mable**; Denny Myrick with **Molly**; Janice and Jim

Neubauer with **Mandy**; Deb Orwig with **Dolly**; Pam Spicer; Gail Walker with Sierra; and Cynthia Wenstrom with **Bailey**.



Sally, Gail, Tony, Teddi and Tom

We had a nice turnout and lovely weather on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Mayo Blvd PetSmart Meet-and-Greet. We collected \$219.65, including the sale of six calendars. The following AGR members and their dogs participated: Teddi Axne with **Palmer** and **Watson**;

Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Sally and Tom Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley, Caleb**, and **Bilbo**; Laurie and Jay McFarlane with **Rufus**; Denny Myrick (Host); and Deb Orwig showed up with **Dolly** near the end. Thanks to everyone who participated.

*A Touch of Gold  
2015 Calendar*

Connie McCabe, with her masterful artistic skill, has created an absolutely spectacular 2015 calendar for **Arizona Golden Rescue!** Each feature photo is accompanied by the dog's story,



or, as in the case of the *Spring Break-out Puppy Mill Rescue* dogs, their stories. As usual, there are two pages of photos of volunteers at **AGR** activities (is your picture there?) and two centerfold pages showcasing our Gallery of Calendar Sponsors. In addition, every empty box you normally see on a calendar page has a photo of one of our rescued dogs (is your dog pictured?). You will want one of these gorgeous calendars for yourself and others to give as gifts, so order early to be sure you get the number you want, as we have ordered fewer than we bought last year. We have kept the price at \$10, as it has been in previous years. You can order with the Order Form available on our website. Starting in October, calendars will be available for purchase from several of our regular veterinarians and at every **AGR** event. Please be sure to add postage costs to your order if you want your calendar(s) mailed. See Order Form for cost schedule.

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We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support. All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between July 11 and October 14, 2014. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

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Included here are the "extra support" donations bestowed by the purchase of Copper, Amber, Topaz, Pearl and Gold Memberships. Thank you all for your continued and generous support!

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Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson  
Deb and Larry Orwig  
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Donation of a Calendar Sponsorship from  
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Katie Donahue  
Teri and Jeff Guilbault  
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Deb and Larry Orwig  
Liz Tatazeo

#### *In Memory of 3rd Quarter Bridge Dogs including Diego Blakeney, Murphy Dahlke, Sophie Enos, Abbi Farkas, Bailey Ferone, Griffin Hevner, Murphy Hill, Fuzzy McDaniel, Ellie Palumbo, and Colby Sigafoose*

Teri and Jeff Guilbault  
Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson  
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#### *In Memory of Max, Sierra and Jack*

Melissa Carter

#### *In Memory of Sadie Jane, beloved Golden of CieAna Gomez Kristina Bonfield*

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#### *In Memory of Debbe Begley (deposited in the Debbe Begley Memorial Fund)* Greg Korycki

#### *In Memory of Florence and Ralph Padavano* Denise Padavano

### Honorary Donations

The following Honorary Donations were all from  
Michele Meyer:

*In Honor of Linda Teveldahl's birthday on October 8*

*In Honor of the birthday of Toby and Stephanie Willits, who were both born on October 8*

*In Honor of the anniversary of Toby and Stephanie Willits on October 10*

#### *Gift Memberships and Subscriptions Given*

A Household Level Membership for  
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to help with medical expenses of  
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*Thank-You Donations*

To **AGR's Teams** for their compassion and dedication for helping to find **Sebastian** a new home  
Angela and Robert Miles

To **Sharla and David Jewett** for vacation cat care  
Barrie and David Holmes

To **Connie McCabe and Deb Orwig** for their wonderful help when **Bill** got sick and later died  
Lilian Drury

To **Deb Orwig** for vacation dog care for **Shiloh**  
Debbie and Rick Ball

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Anthony Lube for supporting **AGR's** rental of the **Phanfare** website for photo storage

Judy Petitto for supporting **AGR** with a monthly donation charged to her PayPal account

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Bobby Vossoughi for supporting **AGR** with a monthly donation in memory of his Golden **Casey**

Kelly Green for donating a huge box of empty chip bags

Barbara and Jim Renshaw for donating a new XL wire crate

**All donations specified for our August Special Needs Dogs Fundraiser are shown on page 19**

**All donations related to our Fore! Paws Golf Tournament are shown on pages 28 - 31**

*Congratulations!*

To **Trystan Schuff**, daughter of **AGR** Member **Teryl Hall**, for graduating from **Mountain Ridge High School** in May. **Trystan** was inspired by **Connie McCabe** to become a photographer and will soon be embarking upon a program of study to improve her skills.

To **Michele Wehry** and **Mark Hill** on their marriage on May 3, 2014.



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