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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Troy, Duffy and Mufasa Orwig

For the first time in any of our lives (**Troy** is 9), our mom recently left us at home for four days without her. A nice lady named Jolene stayed with us, and then another nice lady named Sue came over when Jolene had to go to work. Mom had to help Connie McCabe drive to some place called Oklahoma to rescue several dogs who needed to come to *Arizona Golden Rescue*. It was strange not having our mom around for four days – she has never left any of us for more than a few hours – but we managed. **Duffy** reminded our dog sitters when to serve our meals and alerted them by going to the sliding glass door and “announcing” that he needed to go out. **Mufasa** got his fill of attention, bringing toy after toy to them for inspection. He also wangled some extra treats when he got **Cassie Martin’s** food bag off the kitchen counter, tore open the plastic bag and ate one of her pre-packaged meals. Fortunately, **Cassie** had already had her breakfast and was leaving that afternoon, so she didn’t starve. **Troy** moped under the kitchen table – but then he usually does that.

When Mom got back, she brought home one of the dogs that had come from Oklahoma. **Tripp** was really scared of everything, even us, although we can’t imagine why! **Duffy** tried to make friends with him by going up to the side of the playpen **Tripp** was in, but **Tripp** just backed into the corner and growled. So, Mom kept all of us out of the laundry room for the week he was at our house. **Duffy** snuck in there again during the last morning **Tripp** was at our house and he didn’t react this time, even though **Duffy** stuck his nose into the openings between the playpen bars. Mom has told us that **Tripp** now has a great home and so do the other three dogs that came to Arizona. We hope all the dogs that came from Oklahoma will be as happy as we are to live here.

Speaking of living in Arizona, we would like to remind you of two important things. First, please do not leave your dog in your vehicle – ever! Pets need three elements to help them beat the heat... air, water and shade. Leaving your car window down an inch or two is not enough to provide a safe environment for your pet, especially in the summer, as the temperature inside the car can rise to a deadly level in just minutes. In Arizona, police officers are actually allowed to break car windows to release a pet if the

pet appears to be in distress and the owner cannot be located.

The other thing we would like you to remember is to put booties on your dog if you go out walking or hiking (and take water, too). If the pavement is too hot for you to walk on with bare feet, it is too hot for your dog to walk on without foot coverings. There are two brands we like, *Mutluks* and *Ultra Paws*. Both have leather soles (important) and really protect our feet from the heat. They felt very strange when Mom first put them on our feet, but she made us get up and walk immediately and we got used to them quickly. Now we think they are really cool-looking – we kind of prance and dance when we have them on – and our feet stay cool!



Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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First Quarter this year has been incredible! Thanks to the planning and administrative talents of Liz Tataseo, our retired Director of Operations, we had a couple of really great events – *Mardi Gras Casino* and *Paws At The Park*. Liz did a wonderful job handling all events during the entire past year, and we sincerely thank her for her service. We reached the milestone of 500 rescues (#500 was 14-018 **Lilly**, who was actually in our hands before 14-017 **Murfee**). And we brought back to Arizona four dogs rescued from a going-out-of-business breeder in the Oklahoma area and have given them new lives. It is an auspicious start to our 6th year in the rescue business!

As is always the case, though, we could use more help. Dogs do not rescue themselves. Our Intake and Placement Teams are top notch and very efficient, but what happens after a dog is accepted by Intake? It needs transport from wherever it is – surrendering owner or shelter – either to a vet or to a foster or foster-with-intent-to-adopt. Sometimes, it is a “come-get-this-dog-now” situation, and we have to have transport people willing and able to get on the road almost immediately any day of the week – Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson are often those people; Dana Haywood, Jim Henkel, Don and Rusty Krause, Liz Tataseo, Cindy Tigges and I have also helped in such situations. It would be great if others would answer the transport call, too. We require at least two ride-alongs with an experienced transporter before we will turn you loose on your own. Seems like many transports have a unique factor, though. So, even with two ride-alongs you may not experience every nuance of transport, but help is only a phone call away. Guess what one of the perks is of providing transport for rescued dogs? Your mileage is tax deductible! Dana had over 12,500 rescue miles on his vehicle last year; I had over 9,400; and adding both their vehicles together, I am sure Connie and Nick had more than that. This year, Connie has already accumulated over 2,200 miles just on the trip to Oklahoma and back to AZ.

Money to support rescued dogs does not grow on trees. As you can see from the pie chart on page 10, Donations make up a large percentage of our income (32.7%) and we thank you all for your help with that. Fundraising at events is the greatest necessity, however – at 33.6% of our income during 2013, events where we make money are extremely important. Such events do not run themselves, though. It is the job of the Director of Operations to coordinate events and fundraising activities, and right now, we do not have anyone in that position. If we are going to continue to rescue dogs, we must continue to raise money to do so. We need a Director of Operations! Please consider doing this extremely important job and contact me with your interest.

Director of Operations

By Deb Orwig, President

There is no column in this issue by the Director of Operations (DO). At the moment, we have no Director of Operations, and this is a very worrisome situation. As I have said many times, we cannot rescue dogs if we do not have money enough to care for them. How do we get that money? Our greatest source of income is from events, and these are what the DO oversees: events and fundraising.

The Director of Operations is a Board position, so one requirement is attending a Board meeting about every other month or as we feel necessary. These are normally on a week night at 6 PM at my house in north Glendale, and we have food, often a potluck or everyone chips in for pizza. The position also requires some skill with the Internet and no reluctance to receive and answer e-mails. In addition, it requires attention to detail and sometimes planning months in advance of a major event like *Casino*, *Paws At The Park*, the *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* or the *Paws & Pasta Dinner*.

The DO is not expected to attend every event, or, if attending, to stay throughout the entire event. However, keep in mind that for many events several volunteers may be needed to set up a canopy (or two) and tables and perhaps also the merchandise we sell – the DO coordinates the volunteer effort for most events, the exceptions being the Meet-and-Greets we do at *PetSmart*, *Petco* and *Pet Planet*.

Our By-laws are available on our website. The By-laws spell out the duties of the DO in more detail than I have presented here. If you are interested in taking on the challenge of this job – and it can be one – please review the By-laws and then contact me at dorwigaz@cox.net or by calling 623-693-0589 for further discussion. Remember, all those currently on the Board or in a Team Management position were once new to their jobs and are now doing them well. You can, too!



Paws Forward

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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What is it that you have been meaning to do but somehow have not gotten around to doing? While spring traditionally means cleaning – cleaning out dirt, unused items and generally getting things organized – it can also mean getting rid of old patterns and excuses.

For our four puppy mill dogs, breaking out has meant a whole new life and an opportunity to become the Golden they were meant to be, not just a commodity. Watching those dogs begin to unfold and blossom the day after they arrived from Oklahoma has been a thrill. As they began to respond to the positive attention, it was like watching time-lapse photography after watering a wilted flower. Truly amazing! For those who have taken on the challenge of integrating these dogs into their family, our special thanks. These are gorgeous dogs, but they have no idea how to just be a family dog. Through love, patience and consistency, the reward will be great.

Spring is a good time to assess what it is we want to change. Have you been meaning to take your lovable but sometimes-frustrating Golden to training so the percentage of lovable times increases? Now is a good time to do it. You still have time before the summer vacation hits, and you may find it easier to take your furry friend with you if you do some serious training first. For reference, you can check out the August issue of *The Golden Paw* for suggested training options. It is available from our website if you go there through Firefox or Google Chrome.

If you appreciated getting your furry friend from us, the assistance given you in the process, the information available through **AGR**, please remember every one of us is a volunteer. We can use your help for as much or as little time as you can spare.

Concerned you aren't "knowledgeable" enough? We train, we educate, you will learn a lot as you go along, and you will never be without back-up if you need it. Each of you has skills and knowledge we would like to tap into. **AGR** only functions through the participation of its members. As we head into vacation season, we need more people to cover while others go on vacation. We have winter visitors who are heading back north, so we need others to fill in. If you, yourself, have vacation plans, we will work around them. Please consider calling or e-mailing your interest in helping. Please, let's talk. It's for the dogs!





**Our dogs
really need
a few hands.**

Director of Operations (DO)

This is a Board position that oversees all AGR activities, most of which are fund raisers of one kind or another. The DO schedules all events in a timely manner and coordinates volunteers to staff each event. He/she is responsible for putting these events up on the website Events Calendar, for writing a wrap-up article on each event for the newsletter (or getting the event committee chairman to do so), as well as for writing a column article, which usually focuses on upcoming events and/or the need for volunteers. Outgoing DO Liz Tataseo has prepared an outline of position responsibilities and a timeline for the scheduling of all major events. Please contact President Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net if you are interested in learning more about this most important job and, perhaps, taking on the challenge.

The bottom line is that without fundraising events, both small (Meet-and-Greets) and large (like Casino and the Golf Tournament), we will not be able to rescue dogs.

Event Support Team Members

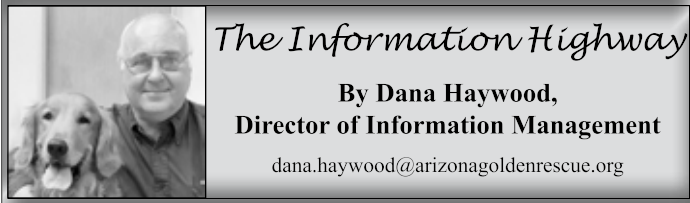
This is a team that is currently being formed to aid in setting up and cleaning up events, and moving supplies and equipment as needed. Team members should be able to help lift and carry items to and from events and the storage facility, in addition to help set up the canopies. "Youngsters" under 50 and teenagers are particularly well suited for this job, but all are welcome! It does not require staying for the event, just in helping to set it up and/or clean up. You do not need to commit to both. Most of the time only an hour or two would be required once a month or even less. Contact Connie McCabe at photocraf@aol.com

Fund Raising Team Members

This is a team that is currently being formed to aid in soliciting donations, especially for event silent auction and raffles. It requires contacting previous donors (lists will be provided) and also taking the initiative to secure new donors. While we often work for a specific event, it would be wonderful to also seek general donations all year. Contact Connie McCabe at photocraf@aol.com

Transport Team Members

Additional Team members needed! This position requires picking up dogs from their surrendering owners, shelters or vets and delivering them to a vet or to their new homes. It is one of the most rewarding jobs you can do in Rescue! Contact Dana Haywood at dana.haywood@arizonagoldenrescue.org



The Information Highway

By Dana Haywood,
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It has now been five years since our founding and we recently took in our five hundredth dog. Over the last five years, there have been a lot of changes in the way we do things, but the one thing that does not change is that the DOG ALWAYS COMES FIRST! No matter how sophisticated the database is that we have, or how enhanced our website is, if we stray even a little from that important ideal we have failed in our mission. I am proud to say that we have not strayed from that ideal, and we still make sure that the dog always comes first when we are trying to place him or her.

As Director of Information Management I am working on getting information out to the public as to what *Arizona Golden Rescue* really does. Our theme this quarter is Spring Break-out, and my variation on that theme is spring cleaning and returning to more of our founding ideals now that the intake of dogs has slowed a bit because of the economy getting better. Since late last fall we have a new pet store partner that has allowed us space for Meet-and-Greets in the East Valley. We were invited by the Chandler *Pet Planet* to come to their store with our dogs. In February we were invited to another location of the *Pet Planet* chain in Paradise Valley. Since then, we have also been asked to participate at their new Tempe location. Beginning in March 2014 we will have regular Meet-and-Greets at this very rescue-friendly group of stores. *Pet Planet* is dedicated to selling high quality dog food at reasonable prices, and they advise customers of the dangers of rawhide. I find so many of their ideals to be so close to our own that I enjoy this partnership that we are developing. Everyone is invited to come to one of these locations to join us. Check the website Events calendar for dates and times.

Along with the idea of returning to our roots so to speak, I am having a new banner made for my Meet-and-Greet locations and encouraging other such locations to use one also. The message presented by the banner is what we do in a few words.

Rescue – Rehabilitate – Rehome

Our prime goal is to rescue Golden Retrievers in need. Many need to be medically rehabilitated and we have those that need emotional rehabilitation to be able to go to a new home. I think this new banner addresses all those needs. We will also have educational materials on the table at our events to promote responsible pet ownership.

We always have the never-ending need for financial support, and we are always seeking ways to fund our organization's financial needs to accomplish what we have dedicated ourselves to, care

of the dogs. One of our newest ventures has been the *Fry's Community Rewards* program. Anyone can link their *Fry's* VIP Cards to support *Arizona Golden Rescue*. *Fry's* then sends us a check quarterly. It costs you nothing at all to do, and every time you shop you are supporting *AGR*. If you have not already signed up, please go to our website for instructions. Also, encourage your friends and family to sign up. Anyone can join in support of *AGR*, not just *AGR* members.

Another way to help *AGR* is when you shop online. When you shop through *iGive.com* you help *AGR* with every purchase. Just go to www.iGive.com/ArizonaGoldenRescue to sign up.

Do you shop on *Amazon.com*? You can go there directly from iGive.com/amazon

I now send out monthly e-mails listing all the events that are happening that month. We always need help and appreciate any time that you can give us. If you can join us for an hour or three at a Meet-and-Greet, please come – you will be more than welcome. We can also use help at major events when we need to have set-ups and take-downs. Got an idea for a fundraising event? Please let us know. We are always open to new ideas.



The Human Connection

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

We say that a lot, because that is why we are all part of this wonderful group. You would not be reading this if it were not for your love for the dogs. But as much as that is true, it takes a lot of hard work from a lot of people to keep this organization, and therefore the dogs, alive and thriving. So, since this is the “Human Connection” column, I'm going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and stories about some of the people you think you know. Hopefully you will learn something new about them and gain more insight into how they got here. I have been writing in order of membership number, beginning at “one” and featuring several members in every column. I know there are people who really just wanted to adopt a dog and have no interest in participating in *AGR* activities. I will respect their privacy and just concentrate on those who are currently active in the organization. In the last issue (February 2014) we learned some things about 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.



Now let's meet another founding member, Anne Kowalski (12F). Although Anne's travel for business during the past few years has prohibited her from attending many **AGR** events, she still makes and donates stained glass windows for **AGR** fund raising events.



This gorgeous stained glass piece made by Anne is on display in Deb Orwig's kitchen window

When she lived full time in Arizona, Anne helped with the annual *Paws At The Park*, gift wrap events and Santa photos, and she still participates when her schedule allows. But since her husband, Dan, retired three years ago, they travel frequently between Arizona and North Carolina with their handsome young Golden, **Salty**.

Those of you who attend any **AGR** events or Meet-and-Greets have certainly met founding member Tony Cotner, number 13F. He almost always has **Daisy** with him (she wears the unique lime-colored donation vest), but occasionally he will bring one of his other Golden Retrievers, **Rocky** or **Goldie**, too. Tony has been a big supporter since **AGR** was formed and never misses an event if he can help it. He may also be accompanied by one or both of his sisters – Jan, who lives in California but visits frequently, and Jen, who lives in Tempe. Tony's family moved here from Illinois when he was just six years old. He owns two mines in Nevada and has been mining fine turquoise there since 1990. He and his brother-in-law go to Nevada to do the blasting and excavating work for several weeks a year, generally for 13 hours a day. The Damele and Paiute turquoise stones he brings back are highly prized by the Native Americans for use in their jewelry. Although the store is no longer open, in 1972 Tony established *Cotner's Turquoise and Gold* in Scottsdale. He has since found it more lucrative to sell at gem shows or from his home. In addition to helping with **AGR** events, Tony has been known to enjoy some time at the casinos in Scottsdale. And when Tony wins big, so do the **AGR** dogs, as he will generously add some of his winnings to their donation vests at the Meet-and-Greets.



Cricket Forstrum, number 14F, is currently traveling in Israel, and so we will meet her in the next issue. She will have lots of interesting stories to tell us!

Teri and Jeff Guilbault share number 15F. If you have adopted a dog from **AGR**, then you have likely met or spoken with Teri, who

has served as Health Care Manager, Director of Operations and also Director of Dog Care. And Jeff has been one of our best Santas at **PetSmart**. He is also the chief cook and bottle washer at the **AGR** annual *Paws At The Park* and other events. Teri has had to curtail many of her **AGR** activities this past year, but we hope to see her back in full swing soon.



Teri and Jeff Guilbault, along with their daughter, Michelle, now Michelle Miller, were lifelong Michigan residents until they moved to the Valley in the summer of 2007. Teri worked for over 30 years as a legal assistant for one of the largest law firms in Michigan, and Jeff was a large-claims insurance adjuster. They were both very active with their church and spent many hours a week volunteering in that capacity. After their first dog, **Sandi**, who was an Irish/English Setter mix went to the Bridge, it was decided that a Golden Retriever puppy to keep their oldest son company was in order. Back then, Rescues weren't very common and so **Sandy**, with a "y", who was purchased from a very reputable breeder, came home. **Sandy** was followed by **Allie** and then **Blossom**, all of whom came from the same breeder, and it was **Allie** and **Blossom**, along with three cats, who traveled across the country to Arizona.

At the time of their move West, **Allie** was 9 and **Blossom** was only 2 and full of energy. Once the Guilbault family settled in, they started having conversations about getting **Blossom** a buddy to keep her active, as **Allie** was starting to slow down and not very interested in the type of play that **Blossom** wanted. One Saturday afternoon, Michelle and Teri decided to take a trip to **PetSmart** with the girls. While they were checking out, the cashier commented that she had just "rescued" a Golden Retriever. When Teri asked where, she replied that she got the dog from a Golden Retriever Rescue in the Valley and said that rescue organizations were pretty active in this area. Teri immediately went home, got on the Internet and found **RAGofAZ**, put in their application and soon, their first rescue, **Jessie**, became part of the family. **Jessie** was only 7 months old and scared of his own shadow, but he and **Blossom** bonded immediately and he began to feel at home. Of course, Rescues are always looking for volunteers, so Teri joined up with them as a vet liaison until **Arizona Golden Rescue** was formed, and then she moved to volunteer with **AGR**, as she was so very impressed with the dedication and drive of founding member, Debbie Begley.

The rest, as they say, is history. Jeff and Teri joined **AGR** on the day of our first organizational meeting. Teri offered her assistance as Organization Secretary, since she had done that kind of thing for their church back home. From there, she branched out to vet

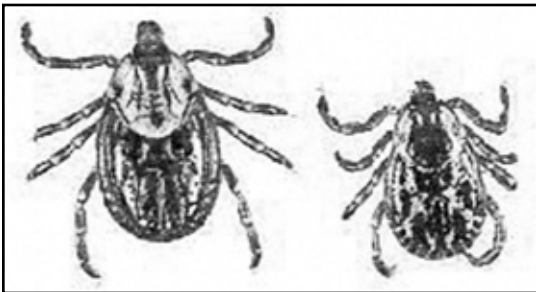
liaison, then Health Care Manager, then Director of Operations and then Director of Dog Care, all the while dragging Jeff and Michelle along to meet and greets, picnics, holiday events and the like. They have also adopted **Goldie**, who was **AGR's** second rescue and their first "foster failure." **Goldie** is now over 15 years old and doing well. Then came tripod **Fresno**, another "foster failure," and finally **Jackson** to round out the pack.

Health and Safety

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Tick Fever and Valley Fever in Dogs

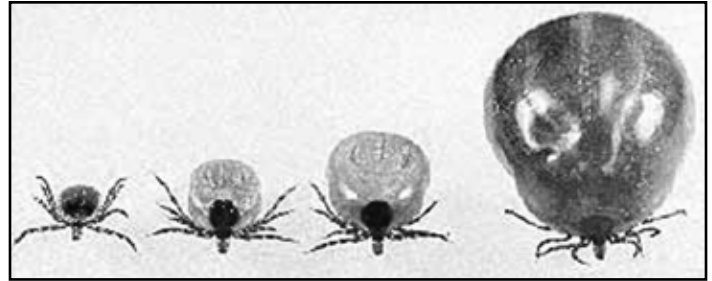


American dog tick female (left) and male many times life size

a nuclear blast. They are parasitic arthropods that feed on the blood of their hosts, and are a dreaded enemy of canines and humans alike. Ticks do not fly, jump or blow around with the wind. Not all ticks transmit disease, thankfully, but those that do are a threat. Most tick-borne diseases take several hours to transmit to a host, therefore locating and removing a tick will lower the risk of disease. Dogs can be exposed to ticks in areas of tall grass, meadows and parks, but they can also pick them up in your yard. Ticks can even be transported on birds and easily dropped into your yard, as well. When a tick finds a host, it attaches its mouthparts into the skin, thus beginning the blood meal. They will often attach themselves in crevices and/or areas with little to no hair – between the toes, within skin folds, and in and around the ears are all great hide-outs for ticks.

The life span of a tick can be several months to years, with thousands of eggs being laid by a female at any one given time. There are four life stages of most species of ticks – eggs, larvae, nymphs, and adults. In order for a tick to thrive, it needs to be attached to a host, therefore getting a supply of blood and allowing it to grow to its next life stage. Too much information? I agree – but some of this is crucial to know.

Lyme disease is the most well-known disease transmitted by ticks to humans and canines. However, fortunately this disease does



Stages of engorgement of deer tick which transmits lyme disease; about twice life size

not occur in Arizona. Some ticks can also cause a temporary condition called "tick paralysis." Difficulty walking could possibly develop into paralysis in your dog. When a tick is removed, these signs typically begin to resolve. You should always contact your veterinarian as soon as possible if you notice any weakness, lameness, joint swelling and/or anemia. Proper testing is necessary, and treatment should begin immediately.

Tick fever or Ehrlichiosis is a common tick disease found in dogs and humans. A tick ingests the organism *Rhipicephalus Sanguineus* when feeding on an infected host and can transmit tick fever to subsequent dogs that it feeds upon. The incubation period is typically 7-21 days after attaching to the host. Symptoms depend upon which phase of the disease is present in your dog. The acute phase is accompanied by rather non-specific symptoms which may include poor appetite, listlessness, fever, cough or discharge from the eyes or nose. The chronic phase may display the acute symptoms as well as nosebleed, other abnormal bleeding, swelling of the legs and weight loss. In both phases, symptoms result from destruction of red blood cells, platelets and occasionally white blood cells. Symptoms of either phase may also include diarrhea, vomiting bile, lameness, paleness of gums, lethargy or increased thirst.

Blood tests determine the diagnosis of tick fever. **AGR** has every adult dog tested for this disease, as sometimes dogs are asymptomatic. Initially a profile indicates anemia, and an Idexx snap-test confirms presence of antibodies. At two weeks or more post-therapy, an Ehrlichia PCR test will confirm that the organism has been eradicated. Similar clinical signs that are present may be diagnosed as other diseases including cancer, therefore diagnosis of tick fever is very important. Titers may be negative early in the course of the disease even though the disease is present.

Treatment for tick diseases is determined by the specific infection. Doxycycline is the most popular drug of choice for treating tick fever and lyme disease. Dosage is determined by body weight and typically given twice per day for a period of 6 weeks or longer for tick fever, and 2-4 weeks for lyme disease. Tick fever typically responds rapidly to treatment. The chronic phase of the disease often requires hospitalization, intravenous fluids, antibiotic therapy and possibly transfusions. This chronic stage is when the parasite moves into attack mode, impacting the dog's immune system. It may then be difficult to treat as the parasite has often lived in one

or more organs of the body. At this late stage, treatment may be ineffective and death may possibly occur.

If you find a tick on your dog, be careful not to squeeze the body of the tick, as this may cause any disease organism or bacteria to be passed into your pet. Using a pair of tweezers, grasp the tick at point of attachment – as close to the skin as possible. Without twisting or turning, pull the tick straight off the skin. It is normal for some of your dog's skin to come off with the tick. Apply light pressure to the area if bleeding occurs. If part of the tick's head remains, use tweezers to gently pull it out. After tick removal, gently clean the dog's skin at the bite area with mild soap and water. Be sure and contact your vet if you notice signs of illness, as symptoms can take weeks to months to appear.

The best way to prevent your dog from getting tick fever is to eliminate ticks near your dog. Applying a topical tick prevention product, such as Frontline® or Advantix®, is an effective way to keep ticks off your dog. Another option is a tick collar, although they are not always reliable. Please be aware that these products contain toxic components and you should always consult your vet before using them. In this case more is not better. Equally important is the need to keep your dog's environment free of ticks by having your house and yard sprayed if you find ticks on your dog.

We are luckier than the more humid parts of the country. Ticks tend to thrive in wetter regions, yet in the desert we have valley fever to contend with. This disease caused by the fungus *Coccidiomycosis* is reaching epidemic proportions in Arizona. In our area, the highest prevalence of infections occurs during June and July and from October through November. The disease is contracted by inhaling fungal spores which are released into the air when the ground is disturbed by construction or after physical disturbance of infected soil by wind or after rainfall. Every time we have a wind storm, valley fever incidents increase.

Valley fever cannot be directly transmitted from person to person, nor can it be transmitted from people to animals. A dog with valley fever is not contagious to other pets or to your family members. Valley fever can potentially spread to other dogs or people if a draining skin lesion, caused by an underlying bone infection, accumulates under a bandage or dries on the coat for several days. The transmission of the disease in this way is a very rare occurrence.

Early signs/symptoms of the infection in dogs include fever (temperature greater than 102° F in dogs), dry cough, lack of appetite, and lethargy. Valley fever can affect many organ systems but most commonly involves the lungs, bones or eyes. Dogs with the lung form of valley fever often exhibit a dry, hacking cough, moderate lethargy, decreased appetite, increased drinking and, perhaps, a mild fever. The bone form typically causes bone pain or swelling manifested by limping, if the involved bone is in a leg. The eye form can lead to vision problems and changes in the appearance

of the eye. Occasionally, other more severe symptoms will be observed. Sometimes there are no symptoms even though the animal has the disease, which is why **AGR** has every adult dog tested for valley fever. Your veterinarian can use a number of diagnostic tools to confirm the presence of canine valley fever, which include checking for outward signs of the infection (lesions), running a blood test to confirm the levels of VF antibodies (referred to as the titer), and viewing x-rays of the dog's joints and chest. Clinical signs of infection may not appear for weeks following infection.

Treatment of valley fever usually requires twice-daily administration of an oral medication such as fluconazole, which has become very expensive in the past few months. Prolonged treatment may be necessary, ranging from 3 months in the early-detected lung infection to a year or more in an advanced bone infection. Once the disease is in remission, low-dose maintenance may be required indefinitely for some dogs. Vitamin C must also be given in order to aid absorption of the medication. Using milk thistle to protect the liver is also recommended, and some have found that the addition of sulfa increases the effectiveness of the drug. Untreated animals will usually die from complications caused by this disease, or treated dogs may have complications from the medication used to treat it.

Tick fever and valley fever have one common factor – early detection is key in battling these diseases. Although you cannot prevent valley fever, there are preventative measures you can take for tick fever as stated above. Our dogs depend on us to be knowledgeable about these diseases and get the proper diagnosis and medications when the disease is present.



Service Paws

By Wendy Enos

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Starting Over

It is hard to imagine starting service dog training all over from the beginning. What a long road lies ahead of us on which we have only taken a few steps. My service dog, **Sophie**, was certified in 2006, and now her career is over. She's retired. Surprisingly, she doesn't even act like she misses working; she enjoys being a pampered pet!

My new trainee, **Cubby**, is well underway in his formal training and loving every minute of it. With my having been through this particular program before, one might think it gives us a huge advantage. In some ways, that is true. I have been applying those specialized training techniques to **Cubby** since he was six weeks old. But some things have changed in the past eight years, including my own limitations. The assistance dog laws have changed. We have a new lead trainer. Things are going to be different this time around.

The most important thing I have had to consider is that **Cubby** is not **Sophie**. I don't expect him to be, nor do I want him to be, her carbon copy. He has his own unique personality, disposition, intelligence, and character traits. He is a completely different dog.

That should be a good mindset anytime you bring in a new dog, whether it is into the home or into the classroom. Just as it is unfair to compare one sibling to another, it is equally so to compare one dog to another. Many people I have met over the years look to adopt a new dog "just like the one they once had" and end up disappointed because he's not. Some dogs, such as Golden Retrievers, may look like they come from cookie cutters, but no two will ever be the same.

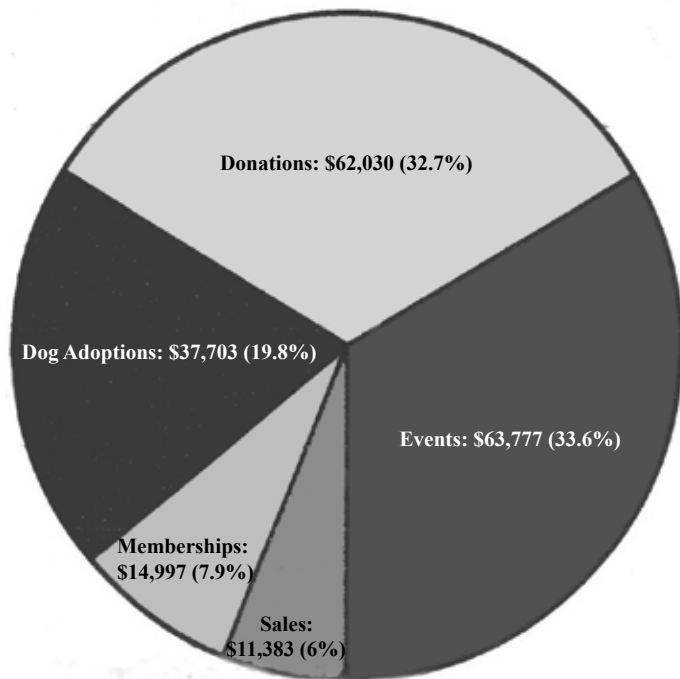
No doubt there will be many new topics to write about as we go along this training trail. Already there have been many thought-provokers, and I look forward to sharing some of them with you in future issues.

Have a safe, happy summer... and don't forget to put shoes on your dog if you are out and about. That blacktop runs upward toward 170 degrees! Gotta keep those paws protected!

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Below is a pie chart showing **AGR's** sources of income in 2013. Total income was \$189,890.



Reporting period: January 1, 2014 - March 31, 2014

Total Assets as of April 15, 2014: \$138,307.00

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Adoptions	\$6,300.00	\$ 6,350.00 ¹
Bank, Credit Card, Legal, Prof.		983.83
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	330.00	
Casino Event 2014 ²	7,058.42 ²	1,397.49 ²
Auction	1,645.00	
Donations	2,113.32	
Sponsorships	350.00	
Raffle Tickets	195.00	
Registrations	2,755.10	
Donations ³	13,653.53	
Dues and Subscriptions		42.42
Gifts/Grants	5,500.00	500.00
Interest	20.15	
Memberships	4,905.00	
Merchandise	1,055.90	137.70
Office Expenses & Supplies		123.16
<i>Paws At The Park Picnic 2014</i> ⁴	1,474.41	254.87
Auction	250.00	
Donations	84.00	
Raffle	554.41	
Registrations	586.00	
Postage		706.91
Rent or Lease		386.13
Santa Claws Photos taken in 2013	555.00	
Stationery & Printing		1,286.06
Telephone & Website		47.04
Vet and Dog-Related Expenses:		
Boarding		420.00
Behavioral Training		3,306.00
Collars, Tags & Leashes		732.84
Dog Related – Miscellaneous		43.67
Microchip & Heartgard® Expenses		37.94
Transport Expense		243.27
Veterinary Services		28,868.63
TOTAL	\$40,852.41	\$45,867.96

NET INCOME: -\$5,015.55

Checking Account on 04-15-14: \$44,963.67

Savings Account on 04-15-14: \$82,047.89

The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 04-15-14: \$11,295.44

Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 04-15-14: \$12,833.13

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

² 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

³ Includes *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* as well as General Fund, Honorary and Memorial donations

⁴ Income does not include merchandise sales – that income is shown separately

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 January 10, 2014 through April 6, 2014. All adoptions finalized after April 6th will be in the next issue.

13-102 Rosie is a beautiful English Cream Golden that came to us from an owner who had hoped to breed her but, because of Rosie's possible hip issues, decided to surrender her to Rescue, as the owner was not interested in a pet. **Rosie** is about 3 years old and had obviously not been spayed, nor was her vaccination record clear. Additionally, the surrendering owner had correctly surmised that she needed double hip surgery. She was placed with Sherry and Bob in Fountain Hills. They are nursing her through her surgeries and providing lots of attention!



13-104 Bella is a very pretty 5-year-old girl that was surrendered to us last fall because of unknown medical issues which the owner had not been able to successfully resolve. We immediately took **Bella** to our vet and the vet said she was certainly in trouble as she was jaundiced, had fluid in her abdomen, and her liver was shutting down. After some immediate intervention, things began to settle down. After several weeks, the vet felt she was well enough for some additional tests, and a resulting biopsy found that accumulated toxins had caused liver damage. Thus began a long road for her with many daily medications and return vet visits. She was placed with her fosters-with-intent-to-adopt, Tom and Nelda, who have given her extraordinary attention and kept up on her medical needs to the point that her adoption has now become final! We are so glad to report a happy ending for this well-deserving girl.



13-107 Blossom 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 came to us at 13 months of age and she is a real beauty! She was immediately placed with Tim and Molly in Phoenix, who have been enjoying watching this youngster grow (and grow and grow)!

13-108 Sebastian is a very sweet boy that came to us from the *Arizona Humane Society* with a history of seizures, some dental issues, and atrophy of his hind end. His previous owners said he knew basic commands and could even "sing"; unfortunately, they could not keep him due to a serious illness in the family. He is a handsome 7-year-old, and his seizures are well controlled with medication. X-rays did show a heart murmur and mild dysplasia and arthritis. It was felt that bioscaffolding injections would help his hips and arthritic hock. This procedure is basically an osteoarthritic implant injected directly into the joint, which promotes the creation of structural cartilage that can significantly reduce his pain and increase his mobility for 18-24 months. We have had very successful results with this procedure in the past, and it is the treatment of choice for older dogs for which total hip replacement is not a good option. He came through his first injection with flying colors, even vaulting himself into the back of the car for his ride home. About a month later, he was diagnosed with a tumor near his ear, and this was successfully removed. Through all of this, Dustin and Allison of Surprise were by his side giving him love and attention. They wrote to us: *Hello! Sebastian is doing well! He is eating dinner as I type. He settled in quickly and does not seem to be having any issues. To say that he is a good dog is an understatement. He is great with the kids and cats. We went on a walk and he has gotten used to them very quickly. He does not even pull at all any more. He just walks right beside us with no tension on the leash. We have been going on walks, playing fetch, and tug-of-war. He tried to play with the cat in the back yard this evening, but our cat is not quite ready for that yet. I am surprised*



how well they get along so soon. **Sebastian** and the cat are in the same room and close all the time without any issues. Earlier today our younger kid was putting blankets on him and trying to put him to bed. We gave him a bath today and that went well. He did not mind it at all. I knew he was a good dog, but our family is blown away on how awesome he is and how quickly he just fit in and made himself at home. Thank you for all of the help in getting started with us. We will keep an eye out for any AGR gatherings and try to get out to them. Thank you, Dustin and Allison, for taking in this guy and helping him become healthy!



13-112 Sara is a young and pretty 1-year-old dog that was relinquished to us by her owner. She was in great condition and only needed minimal vet care (including spaying and vaccination updates). Dan and Cleta in Phoenix were more than happy to adopt this cute little girl. They have updated us: **Sara** came to live with us on our 32nd wedding anniversary as a shy and scared puppy. Thanks to big

sister **Coco**, she is now energetic, inquisitive and resourceful in finding ways to play. We are so happy the girls get along so well. **Coco** is a Golden Retriever mix that we rescued almost 7 years ago when she was about **Sara's** age. **Sara's** personality is unique and unpredictable. She makes us laugh, and we are so glad that she came to live with us. A happy ending for sweet **Sara**!



13-113 Sirius is one of the seven English Cream Golden Retrievers that came into Rescue last fall from the **Arizona Humane Society** after his owner/breeder passed away. At 9 years of age, **Sirius** has some age-related issues with his hips, teeth, and hearing – things that many of us human senior citizens can understand! An extremely affectionate boy, he loves to be petted, and is very

mellow and gentle. He has been placed with Trudy in San Tan Valley. She has renamed him **Winter**.

13-114 Tucker came to us from the Eastside Shelter as a handsome, sugar-faced, 10-year-old boy. At only 28 pounds, he was thought to be a Golden/Cocker mix, a cute little guy. We took care of some medical issues with him, and subsequently placed him with Cristi and Steve in Peoria. Unfortunately, after just a short time with them, he became aggressive and attacked some kids in his neighborhood. We tested him for thyroid, hoping this was possibly the reason for the aggression.



Unfortunately, it was not. With the possible liability to the owner, and the risk of injury to other people, **Tucker** sadly was sent to the Bridge. He will be remembered as a handsome little man.



13-118 Shep is another smaller Eastside Shelter dog of indeterminate age and lineage that came to us with some serious dental issues and was underweight. His blood work was perfect, however, for a little guy with some infection probably due to the condition of his teeth, which were black. Poor guy had to have nearly all of his teeth extracted.

He is a very nice boy, very gentle and walks fairly well on leash. He was a real pistol when he went for his photo session with Connie, being quite boisterous and wanting to play. We figure he is a Golden and Whippet-type mix, being short haired with a long unplumed tail. His cuteness continues with pricked ears! Trudy of San Tan Valley saw the beauty in this fellow and took him to live with his new brother, **Winter**.

13-119 Bailey is a gorgeous 7-year-old Golden girl that was relinquished to us from an owner who felt she deserved a better life. Her medical issues were minimal, and she was immediately placed with Jenny and Jeffrey in Phoenix who have renamed this sweet girl **Reardon**.



13-121 Curtis was given to us by a family who found him at the gate of a 1600-acre ranch. After checking for a microchip and posting lost ads on several websites with no success, they turned him over to us. **Curtis** was only approximately one-and-a-half years old, so it is possible that someone just dropped him off thinking the typical “he’ll get a good country home.” He was quite happy and playful at the finders’ home and got along well with the resident dog and cats. No surprise that he despised being crated and wanted to be out on his own, though. Carrie, Jane and Lu were ecstatic to adopt him and have renamed him **Jack**. They wrote us: *You’ll be happy to know that **Jack** has fit right in and we are so in love with him and vice versa. Everywhere we go everyone stops to pet him and say how beautiful he is. He is the “Class Clown” in his classes at PetSmart. One day he took everyone’s toys and laid down on top of them and pulled them out one by one. He is a giant 81-pound goofball. He is just the very best thing to happen to me. We have so much fun taking walks and playing in the backyard, **Jack** sprinting and me trying to catch up. My mom and I went to Paris in late January*

and brought him back some really cool toys that he loves. He's the King of our house! As for his previous owners, thank God they dropped him off at that farm. They don't have a clue what they're missing out on. It feels like he has been here forever. I love waking up nose to nose with him every morning. He snores and farts in his sleep. He's a total boy! Just wanted to thank you and everyone else who made it possible for me to get **Jack**. A GIANT thank you from the bottom of my heart. He's my sweet baby! Sounds like **Jack** has found the perfect home!



14-001 Chase is a handsome, rollicking, 8-year-old Golden boy surrendered to us because an illness in the family prevented him from getting the care he needed. He was raised with a Cocker Spaniel, loved to ride in the car, loved kids, and loved to cool his stomach in the pool after a good run. The quintessential Golden! A dog like this is easy to place, and Krissy and

Jason in Tempe were delighted to take in this boy. They have reported: *When we got him he was a little scared because he had only been with one family his 8 years of life. We have a Maltese/Shitzu and a Yorkie and they didn't really like the idea of a new dog (and a 90-lb one at that!). Now, Chase has fit in so perfectly with our family. He is very sweet and extremely playful! We still can't believe he's 8 because he will chase a tennis ball 50 times and he jumps up my kids' beds and hangs out with them. When music is on and I start dancing just a little... he always jumps up and puts his paws on my shoulders like he is my dance partner! It's hilarious! The little dogs now love him, too, and my 8-year-old son is over the moon with him. Thanks for allowing us to adopt Chase... we couldn't be happier... and I think he's really happy too!* We love being able to place a dog like this!

14-002 Holly, a pretty English Cream Golden, was surrendered after a five-month on/off discussion with her owners who were hoping that **Holly** would work out staying at their parents' home until they could get a home of their own. Alas, it was not to be. **Holly** is only a bit over a year old and lack of training made it



difficult for the parents who are in their 70s. She was raised with other dogs and young children, and other than her lack of training is a terrific dog. We were able to place her immediately with Don and Sheri in Chandler who, no doubt, are enjoying the trials and joys of a young Golden! They have renamed her **Eowyn**.

14-003 Tuffy is a handsome, 3-year-old Golden mix rescued from the Westside shelter. His glorious Golden look is offset by a strik-

ing gray/black tongue leading to the diagnosis of a Golden mix! Whatever he is, he is one beautiful boy. After being neutered and receiving some other basic medical care, he was placed with John and Rebecca in Surprise who have renamed him **Deeks**. Rebecca sent us an update. *We love Deeks so much and appreciate all the "front end" work that the volunteers did so that Deeks could begin his new life as part of our family!*



14-004 Brinkley is a cute 1-year-old girl that sadly had to be returned to us after being adopted last year as a puppy. Unfortunately, it was determined that she needed double hip surgeries which the new owners could not afford. But, fortunately for **Brinkley**, we were able to place her with Doug and Carolyn in Scottsdale. They are willing to give this sweet girl a won-

derful forever home and lots of TLC as she goes through her surgeries. They wrote to us: *We have been a Golden Retriever family for nearly forty years. Our children grew up with them, and now have Goldens in their own homes. We've always had two: one older and one younger (Golden, that is). Last fall our beloved Sandy died at age 14, leaving her 11-year-old companion, "Prairie Dog", bereft and confused about what became of her. However, it must be confessed that she gradually began to appreciate being the Queen herself. We knew this was not good and that she needed a younger companion as we've always done. We contacted Arizona Golden Rescue, thinking we'd like an older dog, maybe 6-9. But before long they identified one-year-old Brinkley as a possibility. In some respects because as an older couple with experience, no pool, and only grandchildren who understand Goldens, we could handle older puppy behavior and one who has serious dysplasia, requiring two major surgeries this year. It was love at first sight. Brinkley has wriggled her way into everyone's heart. She had her first hip surgery two weeks ago and is having a very fast recovery. Prairie Dog thinks she invented Brinkley and they play gently together. Much gratitude to the wonderful folks at AGR! Thank you, Doug and Carolyn, for being super adopters!*



14-005 Peanut is a red/gold 5-year-old Golden surrendered to us with his younger adopted sister, **Almond**, from a family that, because of lifestyle changes, felt the dogs did not get the attention they deserved. **Peanut** is a happy-go-lucky guy mystified by reflections. Per-

haps he is just a Zen dog, and thinks deep thoughts. Having no bad habits or medical issues, these dogs were very lucky, as we were able to place them together with Davina and Aaron in Chandler. Keeping a bonded pair together is always our goal.

14-006 Almond is the younger adopted sister to **14-005 Peanut**. Both of these dogs came to us from a family who felt the dogs needed more attention than they could provide. **Almond** is only 2 ½ years old, so we are sure she was happy to stay with her older brother, **Peanut**. Thanks to Davina and Aaron in Chandler for making this possible!



14-007 Mayter is a big boy (all 100+ pounds of him) that, after only being adopted four months earlier, was surrendered to us by an owner who concluded he had too many dogs. We are not sure how old this sugar-face guy is, but we think about 4 or 5. Although **Mayter** needed minimal vetting, he did need a drastic change in

diet to help him lose weight. He was immediately placed on the infamous green bean diet to get some pounds off him. Changing his diet also to a higher quality dry dog food should help him slim down. He was easily placed with Marti in Phoenix who says she adores him, and that he is awesome and an absolutely wonderful pleasure to have around. Happy landings, **Mayter**!

14-008 Gracie is a very pretty red Golden that, at age 7, was surrendered by her owners who were moving and could not take her. She was not spayed, so that was the first plan of action when she came to us. She also had a lump which was found to be benign after it was removed. She was placed with Fred and Jill in Glendale as a foster so it could be



determined what was the best type of home for her. Well, Fred and Jill determined theirs was the best type of home, and so she stayed! **Gracie** has written to let us know: *My name is Gracie. I went to the Proses (a.k.a. Jasper's house) as a foster. I had to be spayed and recover from an infection and I went there to recuperate. But now they say I'm a failure! I'm not sure what that means but it's nice to have a fur brother, Jasper. The best part is I've turned everything into a competition between us: Who can get through the door first, who can drink the most water, who is closest to the bathroom door*

when we're waiting for someone (I don't understand why humans take so long) and who gets the most lap time. I am no slouch when it comes to playing rough-and-tumble with Jasper on the floor. And I give as good as I get when it comes to wrestling and mouth wars. But Jasper cheats; he sits on my head! And I do like my back yard – all those bushes have birds!" Congratulations, **Gracie**!



14-009 Roxie is a beautiful, blonde girl that came into Rescue with her Chocolate Lab buddy, **Riley**, because of the owner's health problems. Since **Roxie** had lived with **Riley** for 7 of her 8 years, we wanted to be sure to keep them together. Both of the dogs appeared minimally trained, as they had been kept outdoors for several years.

An interesting scenario came up with some new applicants where it was obvious this duo was a perfect match; the husband wanted a Chocolate Lab, and the wife wanted a Golden. Bouncy, boisterous **Roxie** needed some dental work, but then was off with **Riley** to their new home with Hillarie and Kelley in Bellemont. Sounds like a great placement for folks who happened upon a mixed pair that suited them perfectly. See **Riley's** write-up below for their update.



14-010 Riley is **14-009 Roxie's** pure-bred Chocolate Lab sibling. He and **Roxie** were quite bonded with each other, so keeping them together was a priority. Both dogs lived in a home with kids, cats, and each other but had been kept outdoors for several years. Hillarie wrote to us with an update: *We lost our Golden fur baby last September and it took us a good long while*

to think about getting another. We knew without a doubt that we would get another Golden and my husband had also always wanted a Chocolate Lab. Well, after only a few weeks of being approved by AGR, Roxie and Riley showed up on their website needing a forever home together. It was just meant to be! We were a little hesitant about their ages, as we were looking for younger dogs, but we took a leap of faith and I can't tell you how happy we are! Roxie and Riley are the biggest sweethearts and we are truly so lucky to have them in our lives. We have fun hiking in Sedona, going for car rides, playing at the dog park and our house feels alive again. We look forward to loving these sweethearts for many years to come. Thank you AGR for all you do! Our thanks to Hillarie and Kelley for keeping them together!

14-011 Sally is one sweet Momma Dog! She came to us from a shelter, where she was taken in with her puppies – this was at least her second litter. All her puppies were black and white with the exception of one Golden one, so we know either she had a notewor-

thy boyfriend, or she is part Golden herself. Poor little girl – the vet found a bullet in her when she was spayed. Well, she's on her way now, being quickly adopted and loved by Denny and Debbie in Scottsdale. They have renamed her **Molly** and don't mind one bit that she looks like a Flatcoat Retriever. They wrote us: *She is the closest thing to an "instant pet" that*



everyone wants. Very MELLOW...the direct antithesis of Jake! No accidents... not one... in the house but we also give her plenty of opportunities to go outside. Smart as a whip; knows sit and down. Eager to please. Clueless when it comes to play. Friendly with other dogs. Good appetite. At night, goes right into her crate and sleeps the whole night through. Before her spay surgery she walked well enough on a lead, although she does tend to bump into my leg a lot by tending to stay too close. That too shall pass as she gets used to our daily walks. I want to thank AGR for making it possible for us to have this sweet little girl. It was only a week ago today that Jake crossed the Bridge, and Molly has helped me get through this traumatic event. Molly is such a sweet, sweet girl and we are fortunate to have her. From a gunshot, skittish momma to a beloved friend in a short time. We are glad that Molly found such a super home.



14-012 Molly is a quite timid 5-year-old girl surrendered to us because the owner could not handle **Molly's** somewhat antisocial behavior. Poor **Molly** was choosing to hide in the closet, wasn't interested in human affection, and couldn't handle the resident alpha Papillion. This is pretty indicative of typical puppy mill behavior. We are glad, in a case like this,

that the owner realized their dog deserved more help than they could give. The owner had only had her a few months, and we don't know **Molly's** history before that, but it certainly could not have been good. **Molly** was truly blessed when Bill in Chandler stepped forward to gladly adopt her, giving her all the time and space she needed to recover her life. Bill reported that she initially set up shop in his laundry room and was quite friendly to him. He has now updated us further: *Molly has turned into a real outdoors girl. She found a good buddy, a hound who lives next door, and almost every day we go out to one of the water or wilderness type parks for splashing, running through the mud, chasing rabbits, and having all sorts of fun. Molly's buddy is the ring leader and he's teaching Molly all the tracking and chasing tricks. She goes in the water and is tempted to swim, not yet though. Today she cleared a six-foot-wide-or-so irrigation ditch – quite the athlete. Molly is well behaved, has learned to climb stairs, and enjoys helping me work at my workstation. She loves to ride in cars, have her hair brushed, and be pampered. Can doggy bling be far*

behind? She's still a shy girl...but that's Molly. She's a great companion and a great friend. Just took someone to understand her, and we are grateful to Bill for the time and patience he has given this super girl. Welcome to your new life, Molly!



14-014 Toby is a big, beautiful, young 2-year-old boy turned into Rescue by an owner moving to California who did not have landlord permission at his new place for a big dog. He arrived as just one of your typical unaltered and untrained teenaged-hooligan Golden Retrievers with a great big smile! He was placed with Adam in Peoria who renamed him **Rhys**. After an initial settling in period, he was neutered,

had a dental, and was brought current with his vaccines. We know Adam is going to enjoy having this goofy dog around! Adam wrote to update us. **Toby** – now **Rhys** – is a two-year-old male Golden Retriever whose family was relocating for work and were unable to find housing where they could bring their family member with them. Fortunately they loved their Golden enough to contact **Arizona Golden Rescue** to find **Toby** a forever home.

Rhys is a delight. New to a home where he is kept indoors, he has shown himself to be a quick and enthusiastic learner. He is learning to walk on a leash and shows excellent manners. He's now learning not to jump on his dad and to respond consistently to vocal commands. He loves to be brushed and enjoys exploring the local walking paths and trails. He has healed quickly from his neutering and seems happy and secure in his new home. **Rhys** and his dad, Adam, are thankful to all the volunteers at **AGR** – the Placement Team, the Transport Team and the Health Care Team, all of whom have been instrumental in helping place **Rhys**. **Arizona Golden Rescue** has made us a family.



14-020 Thunder bounced into Rescue at 6 months of age with owner claims of not enough time for him. We saw that picture clearly – a young, boisterous 60-pound Golden needing some training and lots of attention. Fortunately, we have plenty of adopters willing to offer a young dog just that! Pam initially fostered him and said he was very cute and smart, how-

ever that "little grin" of his was not so cute at 2 AM. Fortunately for her, he thundered over to Bill and Linda's house the very next day. They wrote to us: *With a name like Thunder we expected the worst from our rescued six-month old puppy. What we received was the total opposite, the sweetest, best-behaved puppy anyone could ever dream of. A true Velcro dog, he's seldom far from either of us and has brought us total joy and love. Thank you, Rescue, our lives are so enriched by Thunder.* Yep, a 6 month-old Golden puppy will do just that!

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Linda Knight, Health Care Manager

The first quarter of 2014 included fewer *Diamonds in the Ruff* dogs than the fourth quarter of 2013. Your generous and kind-hearted contributions helped **AGR** pay a total of over \$15,900 in vet care invoices, which helped several wonderful Golden Retrievers receive much-needed vet attention. In addition to actual vet expenses, we treat the “whole dog,” which sometimes includes addressing behavioral issues. During the first quarter, over \$3,100 of the above amount was directed toward behavior modification. As always, without you these sweet and loving dogs would not be as healthy physically and mentally as they are today. Thanks to so many of you for your generous and much-appreciated monetary donations, as well as food, toys, beds and other items.



13-084 Glory (Tami) received care for a tooth that desperately needed vet attention, as she was beginning to show discomfort while eating and was drooling along with having halitosis. Vets expertly extracted a tooth and eliminated her root abscess with antibiotics. Our concern was that this episode was related to **Glory's** previously-diagnosed oral malignant melanoma. The oral surgery went well and along with the expert care given by her mom and dad (which included hand feeding), **Glory** was getting back on her feet and doing well. Several weeks later, **Glory** started drooling again and was preferring soft food. A routine exam by the oncologist showed signs of difficulty while opening her jaw. The inevitable was happening, and our hearts were breaking. **Glory's** personality had indeed blossomed in her short time with her forever parents, and everyone whom **Glory** met was touched by her gentle and loving spirit. In early March, the incredible journey with **Glory** was coming to an end as she was having greater difficulty in eating and swallowing, and a large mass was found under her chin by her throat. It is with great heartache and sadness that I report that **Glory** went to the Bridge surrounded in love by Barb and Jim who gave **Glory** an incredible new life in her short time with them. **Glory** will be missed by so many people, including ones that never had the chance to meet her in person. See you at that Bridge someday, dear **Glory**. Total vet cost was close to \$1,700. Fortunately, we had monies set aside in the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* to treat **Glory's** cancer and related issues.

13-097 Watson (Adam) has been feeling much better since his stem cell injection in December 2013. After im-



provement in his hips, his oral hygiene was addressed in February. **Watson** had five teeth extracted due to fractures and abscesses that were developing. Loving care by Bob and Sherry helped ease **Watson** into healing from this ordeal. This extensive procedure required an overnight stay at the vet, and the total for all extractions, medical care and meds exceeded \$2,150.

13-104 Bella continues to improve since coming into **AGR** in late 2013. Her liver issues are being expertly addressed, and she has finally picked her forever home! After a rough New Year start, **Bella** is feeling much better being on a special low-protein diet. **Bella** has a copper storage problem which can lead to cirrhosis; she will be on medication to help remove the copper, most likely for the rest of her life. She will have her blood checked every 3 to 4 months and will be watched for fluid accumulation in her abdomen. Her adopter, Tom, reports that **Bella** happily takes her nine meds every day and has gained some much-needed weight. **AGR** thanks Tom for taking on **Bella** and keeping up with her complicated but necessary medication schedule. Ongoing vet costs are almost \$1,000 for the first quarter.



13-120 Holly (Bella), **AGR's** Christmas 2013 miracle, continues to be known as our “goat”, wanting to eat anything and everything in sight. Normal behavior modifications typically can correct this behavior, but **Holly** is a classic example of having the uncommon disorder known as “pica.” Pica is a

medical issue referring to a dog's craving for a non-food item and the subsequent eating of said item. After we ruled out underlying medical issues, including diet and appetite, **Holly** was referred to a behavior specialist for several weeks. She has shown great improvement and has just picked her forever home with one of **AGR's** very talented trainers, who will help **Holly** continue her training and keep her from ingesting objects other than food and treats! Expenses for first quarter for **Holly** are in excess of \$3,100.



14-004 Brinkley, a young, sweet Golden, needed hip surgery known as FHO, Femoral Head Ostectomy, which is a surgical procedure that involves removal of the femoral head. The procedure is performed when hip joint disease results in continuing pain and other methods of treatment are not feasible or do not produce the desired

results. When the femoral head is removed, the pain from pressure on the joint capsule and the cartilage is relieved. **Brinkley** underwent this surgery in mid-February and is doing quite well! When she is completely healed, she will have the same procedure done on the other hip. Ongoing care and dedicated support by Doug and Carolyn have made the intensive rehabilitation process necessary for **Brinkley's** recovery a success! Vet expenses incurred so far are close to \$3,000 with another surgery pending.

It is a rare dog that **AGR** takes in that costs us less than the adoption fee to get vetted. But there are some whose vet expenses really set us back financially. During this past quarter, several **AGR** dogs have required extraordinary medical intervention. If you can make a donation toward the vet expenses of any one of them, you will be listed as a Diamond Donor in the August issue.

The Dog Rules
by William Thomas

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

Book Review

By Jude Fulghum

Pure Gold, Adventures with Six Rescued Golden Retrievers by Holli Pfau, 2012, Glad Dog Press, ISBN: 978-0-9836451-0-8

What a wonderful book about the author's Golden Retrievers! From living in Southern California through a move to Durango, Colorado, the author describes the ups and downs of finding and living with rescued Golden Retrievers. Her first Golden, **Nikki**, led her down the path of cofounding a nationally recognized program for animal-assisted therapy in Southern California. Starting at one hospital in the Los Angeles area and expanding all over the country, the program became a nationwide model. She treats the reader to heart-warming stories of the program's dogs and their interactions with patients, both old and young, and the importance of therapy dogs to the well being of hospital patients. Falling in love with the Durango area, she and her husband decide to retire there, and she begins her journey into the world of dog agility and obedience. There are some wonderful tales of the miscues (owner caused, she is sure) that happen when working with an exuberant young Golden in obedience and agility rings. Imagine a boisterous Golden much more interested in visiting with spectators and racing over to put her paws up on the prim-and-proper judge's shoulders than behaving like a dignified dog.

She did a great write-up on the Golden Retriever National Specialty Show held outside Seattle, Washington in 2007, which was attended by several current **AGR** members. She brought tears to my eyes describing the Parade of Golden Rescue, explaining that, without Rescue, those 50 dogs probably wouldn't be alive to walk in that Parade. Imagine my surprise when she singled out the stories of two of Deb Orwig's dogs (**Hayden** and **Ladybird**), and my own **Hunter** as examples of the road many of these dogs travel to find their forever homes.

I much preferred her stories of her life and that of her husband and Golden Retrievers and the areas where they lived (forest fires and lost dogs, etc.) than the dog show circuit. There was significant emphasis given to the agility/obedience portion of her life, and while I know it is admirable that so many rescued Golden Retrievers go on to be champions in these areas, the most significant thing I got out of that portion of the book was the story of an awful hotel, which she doesn't name, in Phoenix where she stayed for a show at *Westworld*.

This is a very pleasant read, nicely written, with smiles and tears. At a little over 250 pages, it is an easy read for a weekend but very satisfying in realizing the huge importance of animal Rescue and how these dogs can go on to lead amazing lives.

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Sam Atkinson



Tucker Erickson



Amigo Hall



Yogi Bear Ken



Shorty Lockwood



Jake Myrick



Bodie Novak



Glory Renshaw



Molly Schlichter

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.

Yukon Schunn



Kody Slagowski (the wrong dog's photo was put in the last issue - sorry!)

Sophie Sparr



Bruno Sweetwood



13-117 Louie





Bubba



Kathy

*Spring Break-out
A Long-Distance Rescue*
By Deb Orwig, President



Lamar



Tripp

Intakes of unwanted Golden Retrievers by rescue groups nationwide have decreased in the last year, likely due to the improving economy for many families – by mid-March, *Arizona Golden Rescue* had taken in only 18 dogs. However, the public is becoming more savvy about adopting a rescued dog vs. purchasing from a pet store or a backyard breeder, so the number of applicants for adoption of rescued Golden Retrievers has increased; many applicants wait for months for the “right” dog to come into Rescue. It also means, though, that Rescue has a much larger pool of approved-to-adopt applicants from which to choose the best-fit family for any one dog. Good for the Rescue, good for the dog, not so good for all those families waiting for a dog.

On March 18th, I received notification about an upcoming going-out-of-business sale by a multi-breed dog breeder near Oklahoma; the sale was to take place on March 28th. The *Golden Retriever Puppy Mill Rescue Team (GRPMRT)* which monitors such sales, sprang into action and encouraged (by e-mail) all Golden Retriever Rescue groups throughout the country to support their efforts to get as many of the 16 Golden Retrievers available as possible. Within the following week, numerous groups sent donations, *AGR* included. Because our intake numbers were down and we had many approved-to-adopt families waiting for dogs, we also sent a request to bring some dogs to Arizona. Representatives from the *GRPMRT* had enough money to acquire nine of the sixteen available Golden Retrievers, and *AGR* now has four of them. Of the other five, a pregnant female went to *Love a Golden* in Missouri (whelped 11 puppies two days after she was “home”), a pregnant female went to *GRRACE/Indiana* (whelped 6 puppies on April 10th), a senior female went to *As Good As Gold/Illinois*, a senior female to *GRASS/Texas*, and a male is now with *Sooner GRR* in Oklahoma.



Tripp resisting leash

When a dog is part of a large group of dogs used strictly for breeding purposes, the dog’s socialization can be neglected. The dog may be kept in a small enclosure and given little opportunity to interact with people. The dog may have little exposure to “normal” daily sights and sounds. Many such “breeder dogs” become very withdrawn and react with fear when they see or hear something with which they are unfamiliar, which is almost everything. They probably have never worn a collar or been walked on leash, so they will try to rub off a collar (possi-



Kathy trying to rub collar off on side of X-pen

ibly causing injury to the neck) and may buck-and-bronc to try to get away from a leash. Some will hunker down, plastering themselves to the floor or ground when they see or hear anything unfamiliar. Many will shy away from a human hand, a loud voice, people wearing baseball caps (espe-

cially backward-facing ones), or water coming out of a hose. Some will refuse to go through doorways unless forced; some react negatively to ceiling fans; many will not eat from a bowl, only off a plate (or the floor). None have ever experienced riding in a vehicle, or sleeping anywhere except on a concrete or dirt floor, or swimming in a pool. Such dogs are what we consider “special needs” dogs – their “special need” is behavioral modification rather than medical intervention, although many need the latter, too. Time and time again, though, such dogs have shown remarkable resilience, and many turn out to be relatively “normal” dogs given time and patience.



Kathy hunkering down



The dogs did not mind the shampooing so much, but they did not like the water coming out of the hose at all

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Peggy and Mary trying to get Tripp through the doorway

Connie McCabe and I had the opportunity and privilege of driving to Tulsa, OK, to pick up and bring back to Arizona four of the dogs obtained by the *GRPMRT* on March 28th. We did not know until that evening how many dogs the Team was able to get, nor how many or what sex would be designated for Arizona. We had said we would take any age, either sex, and would take a pregnant female.



Connie and Deb by Connie's loaded mini-van; photo by Jolene Schlichter

Connie came over to my house on the morning of the 28th to load up the vehicle. We were able to fit one extra-large crate and three medium crates into her mini-van. In hopes that we might get two small females, we put a wire divider in the extra-large crate, so we theoretically had space for five dogs. About 7 PM Arizona time (which is two hours earlier than that in Oklahoma), we found out that we would

get four males and one female. We hoped that one of the males might be small enough to fit into the divided crate with the female. Turns out that was not the case – all three of the boys we brought back are good-sized dogs. So, once we saw the dogs in Tulsa, we had to make a choice as to which one to leave behind.

We had an uneventful trip to Tulsa. On Saturday, March 29th, we left Glendale at 8 AM and drove to Tucumcari, NM, arriving there at about 7 PM local time. On Sunday, March 30th, we stopped in Oklahoma City to have lunch with Cheryl



Lots of truck traffic during the drive but this wind farm in Texas was unique and added some interest to an otherwise rather boring drive

Nobody was going to get much water from this leaning water tower near Amarillo, TX



Barlow, a *Sooner GRR* volunteer who coordinated the puppy mill rescue effort. We finished the drive to Tulsa at about 4 PM and went directly to the boarding facility, *Woodland West Pet Resort*, to meet the dogs and take some photos. This facility, which is used often by the Tulsa



Connie, Cheryl and Deb; photo with Connie's camera by customer at Cracker Barrel

contingent of *Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue*, is really very nice. There is a regular veterinary clinic, a 24-hour emergency hospital, a doggie day care area, an overnight boarding area with both indoor and outdoor kennels, and a grooming room. They even have a special boarding room called the Lam-



borghini room (photo at right), which has a regular human bed, a fireplace, a large window and an easy chair – all the comforts of home – where someone can board their dog for \$60 per night.



Two of the males that had been designated for *AGR*, **Tripp** and **Chips**, had been having issues with each other to the point that *Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue*



Deb with Tripp and SGRR volunteers Pam Denny, who coordinates the Tulsa branch, Peggy Boerstler and Mary Sanders

(*SGRR*) volunteers had to put up a sheet between the kennels to keep the dogs from trying to attack each other through the chain link kennel fence. Also, both of these boys froze when a leash was put on them, and when forced to walk, they tried to get out of the leash. We decided there was no way we could handle both on the trip back to Arizona. Fortunately, *SGRR* has a wonderful volunteer named Mary who has fostered a number of difficult dogs, and she offered to foster **Chips**. We are confident that she will turn that boy around and help him learn how to be a normal dog.

On Monday morning, I took care of paperwork, paid vet bills, and we loaded up our four dogs, a chore since none of them wanted to cooperate with having the leashes put on or getting into the van and had to be lifted in.



Deb trying to corner Lamar to put the leash on him



It took both Pam Denny and Deb to get Tripp into the crate in the van

We left *Woodland West* at 8:30 AM. Unlike the past two days when the weather was gorgeous, it was sprinkling in Tulsa, but the storm was passing further east, so by the time we got to Oklahoma City we were in the clear and had good weather, albeit windy, for the rest of the trip. We stopped a total of three times to get the dogs out to walk around, but we could not get **Tripp** out of his crate (we tried), so he spent the entire 20-hour ride in the crate. Fortunately, he did not pee or poop in it! In fact, all the dogs rode well except **Bubba**, who got carsick twice. We had come prepared, though, with a bottle of Nature's Miracle®, paper towels and extra crate blankets.



Connie walking Bubba around one of the pet-relief areas at a rest stop

The 20-hour trip back to Glendale was brutal – too much driving and not enough rest – both Connie and I have vowed not to do a straight-through trip of that length again. If we get dogs from Oklahoma in the future, we will make arrangements to stop



Since they could see each other, closely-bonded Lamar and Kathy rode well in the van

for the night and board the dogs at a kennel in Tucumcari or Santa Rosa. We actually did stop for about an hour in Flagstaff just to rest our eyes and then stopped again for about a half hour at Sunset Point Rest Area on I-17. At Connie's house at 3 AM, with Nick's help we unloaded the dogs and the crates, then spent about an hour walking each dog individually around their big back yard. Each peed except **Tripp**, who was still so terrified of everything



he couldn't go. Connie and I finally settled the dogs in the crates in her family room (photo at left). She kept **Bubba** out of the crate but on leash and tried to sleep (without much success) in a recliner next to him.

I crashed for 3 hours in her spare bedroom – by then it was 4 AM on Tuesday and we had been up for 24 hours. No, we are no longer college students who can get away with pulling all-nighters! It took both of us several days before we got ourselves back onto a normal sleep schedule.

Later Tuesday morning, we got the dogs up and offered food – **Bubba** was the only one who actually ate anything until Connie brought out some homemade wheat-free pumpkin cookies. Then all but **Tripp** ate some of those. **Tripp** finally peed – for a whole minute! At 11 AM, Debbie Mikol, Liz Tataseo and Sue Vallie arrived to help us give the dogs baths. Sheila Joyce also came a little later to help with the baths. The dogs were all very stinky, and we are sure it was their first experience with a bath. A couple of the dogs had a lot of ticks. **Bubba** was infested with them to the point that we hustled him over to *Academy West Animal Hospital* to get dipped. Later that day, Debbie, who took **Bubba** home to foster, said she spent two



The bath brigade: Deb with Kathy getting the spa treatment by Sue, Debbie, Sheila and Liz

hours pulling off ticks. I found a few on **Tripp**, too, and applied Frontline® the next day.

Bubba left for his new home only two days later and, as expected, quickly adapted to his new family. Everybody loves **Bubba**, who now has the new name of **Oshie!**



After some stressful days, here is Bubba relaxing at his new home



When we picked them up in OK, all Lamar wanted to do was to hide under Kathy

only a few days and is settling in well. He has made friends with the resident Chocolate Lab, Dachshund and even the tortoises, whom he investigated with great interest

Kathy and Lamar, who were very bonded to each other, stayed at Connie's house. **Lamar**, now known as **Conner**, went to his new home after



After only a day at Connie's house, Lamar was comfortable at a distance from Kathy



(photo at left). **Kathy** has a heart murmur that needed further investigation by a vet, so she stayed with Connie and Nick longer, but has now moved to her new home.

Tripp came home with me. I set up a 4-foot by 8-foot playpen in my large laundry room and kept him separated from my resident dogs. It took him until Wednesday night to eat anything and until Friday night to poop for the first time! Every day he grew a little less nervous, a little more willing to walk on leash, and more accepting of and even enjoying human contact. After a week at my house, he would wag his tail when I went into the laundry room and said something to him. **Tripp**, now known as **Bentley**, is in his forever home with Amy and Steve in Cave Creek. I get daily



reports from them about **Bentley's** progress. After only three days with them, **Bentley** had gone into their pool on his own and lay down on the top step, chased a tennis ball around the back yard and brought it back to them, enjoys walking on leash and loves his nightly brushing. It is such a thrill to learn of this dog's progress!



A lesson from Lamar, now Conner, that we should all heed: relax and take time to smell the flowers

Baby steps are usually what you have to expect with dogs such as ones like **Bubba**, **Kathy**, **Lamar** and **Tripp**, who have been liberated from a breeding farm. Eventually, they will stop spooking at every new sight or startling at every new sound. Eventually, they will become the wonderful Golden Retrievers they were meant to be. We are proud that we could facilitate that effort with these four.

Connie's Wheat-Free Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dog Cookies

5 cups brown rice flour (plus ¼ cup to add if needed and to flour rolling surface)
 2 tablespoons flax seed
 1 ½ cups pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling)
 4 extra large eggs, beaten
 4 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 ¼ cup water as needed to make dough workable

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Mix the "wet" ingredients first: pumpkin puree, eggs, and peanut butter in one bowl. Next mix the dry ingredients: flour, flax seed and cinnamon in a large bowl. Mix the dry with the wet to make crumbly dough. Separate into 3 balls to make easier to roll if you are going to use cookie cutter. Add water or flour as needed to keep dough workable. If you pinch a piece and it crumbles, add a little water; if it is really sticky, it is too wet and you will need to add a little flour. Gather the dough together and form into a ball. Place on a lightly-floured work surface and roll it out to about ¼-inch thickness. You can either use a cookie cutter to cut out cute shapes, or just cut into squares with knife. Gather the scraps together and roll them out again and again until dough is used up. Place the cookies on a baking sheet – they can be crowded pretty close together since they do not expand much. Alternatively, I simply press the dough into a 10" x 15" cookie sheet and spread to edges with my fingers. Then I use a pizza cutter to score the squares. Bake for 30 minutes for hard treats. Let cool and store in freezer.

THIS HOUSE

(Author unknown)

Here in this house...

I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs "out there".

I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.

I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat.

I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat.

I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose.

My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

Here in this house...

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.

I will be talked to and even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words.

I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many.

My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!

Here in this house...

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not.

I will never be used to improve people's images of themselves.

I will be loved because of who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.

I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.

I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all.

If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

Here in this house...

I can trust the arms that hold, hands that touch...

knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me.

If I am ill, I will be doctored.

If scared, I will be calmed.

If sad, I will be cheered.

No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and known to be of value.

I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, or too unruly, or not cute enough.

My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought.

I will learn that my humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as dogs.

Here in this house...

I will belong.

I will be home.

The Reason

~ Author Unknown ~

I would've died that day, if not for you.
 I would've given up on life, if not for your kind eyes.
 I would've used my teeth in fear, if not for your gentle hands.
 I would've left this life believing that all humans don't care,
 believing there are no such things as fur that isn't matted,
 skin that isn't flea-bitten, good food and enough of it,
 beds to sleep on, someone to love me and to show me I
 deserve love just because I exist.
 Your kind eyes, your loving smile, your gentle hands, your
 big heart saved me.
 You saved me from the terror of that place, soothing away
 the memories of my old life.
 You have taught me what it means to be loved; I have seen
 you do the same for other dogs like me.
 I have heard you ask yourself in times of despair why you do
 it when there is no more money, no more room, no more
 homes – you open your heart a little bigger, stretch the
 money a little further, make a little more room, to save
 one more like me.
 I tell you with the gratitude and love that shines in my eyes in
 the best way I know how, reminding you why you go on
 trying.
 I am the reason. The dogs before me are the reason, as are the
 ones who come after us.
 Our lives would've been wasted, our love never given.
 We would have died, if not for you, our Rescuer!

JERSEY ATE MY MONEY!

By Linda Case



Linda and Ward Case with Jersey

Adopting a Golden is a rewarding experience, but sometimes I wonder who gets more of the reward! Case in point: our lovable Golden, **Jersey**, got a belly full of my money not too long ago. All cash! I had placed \$135 in currency on my nightstand.

The bills were in denominations of a hundred, a twenty, a ten, and a five. My intention was to deposit the cash in the bank the next day. Later that evening, I noticed the money was missing. "Where did I hide that money?" I thought. I was sure I had placed it on the nightstand. Thinking I might have stashed the money somewhere for safe keeping, I started tearing apart the house. "Was I losing my mind?" I said to myself. It had to be here. I started panicking – \$135 is nothing to sneeze at! Then my husband, Ward, said: "Maybe **Jersey** ate it." On any other occasion, I would have laughed at that state-



Exhibit A:
The culprit, Jersey

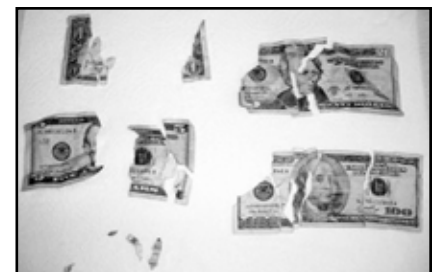


Exhibit B above, Exhibit C below



ment, but ever since we adopted **Jersey**, she has eaten a number of items when we weren't looking. First it was a vintage Scrabble game. Then two decks of playing cards off the dining room table. She got a mouthful of the mail one day. Then there's the time she ate half of a cardboard box. Jokingly, we tell people that **Jersey** doesn't get enough carbs in her diet!

On this particular evening, we tried an experiment. **Jersey** was lying on the dining room floor. Ward dropped a dollar bill next to her nose. **Jersey** didn't even flinch. "Huh," I thought. After dinner, Ward and I retired to the living room to watch TV. About a half hour later, we walked back into the dining room. **Jersey** was still lying on the floor, but the dollar bill was gone. "Ah ha!" I said to Ward. "We've got the culprit dead to rights!"

Needless to say, in the next few days, **Jersey** began pooping out money. It was interesting to see a dog's digestive tract remains! I thought the money would be out in three days. To my amazement, it took 3 weeks for **Jersey** to pass all of the currency! Yes, I diligently sifted through every smelly bag of doggie poop for 3 weeks until I got every piece of my money back! My husband thought I was nuts, but hey, this was my hard-earned money! Interestingly, the hundred dollar bill came out in 3 pieces, the twenty in a couple of pieces, the five and one dollar bills were in bits and pieces. Finally, the ten dollar bill came out all balled up, but in one piece! I carefully rinsed all the pieces in hot water and put them in baggies. I then took them to my bank. The teller had to call her manager over for this one! Thankfully, they exchanged all \$136 of the money because – and I only just learned this from the teller – all of the serial numbers were visible on the pieces of bills. As long as you have one serial number and at least one-third of the bill, you can cash it in for new money. I walked out of the bank with a big smile on my face. I didn't have the heart to ask the teller what she would do with the money.

Just in case you think I'm making up this story... Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I present to you three pictures: Exhibit A, the culprit; Exhibits B and C, the evidence.

HERE and THERE

Events from January 4 through April 6, 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 – for dates and times of upcoming events.



PACC 911 Adopt-a-thon at Highlands Church

By Liz Tataseo



As part of a **PACC 911** event on January 11, 2014, we had an all-day Meet-and-Greet at **Highlands Church** in Scottsdale. It was a very nice day and a lovely location, although there was not much traffic – we only took in \$66 in donations and had \$35 in merchandise sales. There were many Rescues and sev-

eral vendors who had lots of dog stuff for sale. Joining our group were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Debbie and Kat Mikol with **Hogan** and **Ivy**; Deb Orwig with **Troy** and **Mufasa**; Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**; Cindy Tigg es



Deb talking with Patty Brown

with **Charm**, **Duey** and **Koso**; and Jane Triplett with **Dutch** and **Bubba**. Jane did double duty, as she was there helping with Greyhound Rescue also – **Dutch** is a lovely adopted Greyhound. Patty Brown came by to donate some food and medications from a Golden she had recently lost. She also signed up as a new member that day!



Annabelle and Patrick



Parada del Sol and Trail's End

By Liz Tataseo



Arriving early at the *Trail's End* area in downtown Scottsdale at 6:30 AM on Saturday, February 8th, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson set up the tent and tables with merchandise and information. Af-



Rusty Krause with Sunshine talking with some folks interested in Rescue; Don at right



ter Rusty and Don Krause with **Sunshine** and **Stormy** arrived at the booth around 7:30 AM

to stay during the parade, Deb and Nick shuttled people and dogs to the parade staging area; Patrick also stayed in the booth with **Annabelle**. At *Trail's End*, we were given a much smaller booth space this year than last year but still did well. We had \$580 in donations and \$257 in merchandise sales and handed out lots of information. A week after the event, we received another \$50 donation in the mail from someone who said they loved seeing the dogs in the parade!

The parade itself was a lot of fun as usual, and the crowd loved the dogs. We were #78 in the parade line-up so had to wait a while to step off, but we weren't the last. Many people



With Todd Peschman and Jill Prose as our banner bearers, we finally stepped off at about 10:45 AM

came to march with their dogs: Teddi Axne with **Palmer**; Jon and Beth Chafee with **Holly** and **Bevo**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**;



Tom and Diane Ghezzi with **Mia**; Sandra Hansen with **Jasmine**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** and neighbor-dog **Trina**; Jim and Diane Henkel with **Bella** and **Winston**; Russ Ingram with **Reilly**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with **Grizzly** and **Winnie**; Kim and Kevin McVeigh with **Jack** and **Gus**; Debbie, Kat and Ryan Mikol with **Hogan**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy** – in the parade, Diane Ghezzi walked **Duffy** and Kat Mikol walked **Troy**; Susan Parker with **Ricky**, who rode in a buggy loaned by Teddi Axne; Joni and Todd Peschman with puppy **TJ**; Jill and Fred Prose with **Jasper**; Jane and Casey Pulis with **Rocky** and **Major**; new members Shelley and Lee Raddatz with **Charlie**; Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo and **Gonzo**, who rode in his own wagon; Cindy Tigges with **Charm**, **Duey** and **Koso**; and Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with **Cassie** and **NinAnnie**.



Many members hung around into the afternoon and collected donations with their dogs wearing donation vests. We had lots of visitors to our



Photos Row 1: Cindy Tigges with Charm, Duey and Koso; Jill and Fred Prose with Jasper; Jon Chaffee holding Holly and being careful where he steps, Beth Chaffee with Bevo; Row 2: Kim and Kevin McVeigh with Gus and Jack; Joni and Todd Peschman with TJ; Row 3: Tom Ghezzi with Mia and Russ Ingram with Reilly; Lee and Shelley Raddatz with Charlie and Sheila Joyce with her Charlie; Christine Spiel with Nash and Jack; Sandra Hansen with Jasmine; Row 4: Susan Parker pushing Ricky in buggy; Deb Orwig with Mufasa, Duffy and Troy; Gail and Dana Haywood with Riley and Troy; Liz Tataseo with Gonzo; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with Winnie and Grizzly; Mark Hill and Michele Wehry with NinAnnie and Cassie; Row 5, Jim and Diane Henkel with Winston and Bella; Debbie, Kat and Ryan Mikol with Hogan; Casey and Jane Pulis with Major and Rocky; Tony Cotner with Daisy; Teddi Axne with Palmer

booth and everyone was fascinated by the dogs, even the ones that were so tired they were stretched out on the pavement and not moving much. Thanks to everyone who came and helped!



Valentine's Day Gift Wrapping

By Deb Orwig



For the second year in a row, *Arizona Golden Rescue* was invited by the Happy Valley *Barnes & Noble Booksellers* to do gift wrapping before Valentine's Day. This year, we set up on Sunday, February 9th and on



Valentine's Day itself, February 14th; we were at the store from 10 AM to 6 PM both days. Gift wrapping is quite a fun and financially beneficial activity for *AGR*, no mat-



A happy customer with her wrapped gifts and one of our Valentine's bandannas

ter the time of year. Most of the money we collect is from outright donations by *Barnes & Noble* customers; we really do very little actual wrapping of items. On Sunday, we took in \$312 and sold \$22 in merchandise – I had some Valentine's and Mardi Gras Party Collars and Valentine's print bandannas at our wrapping table. On Friday, Valentine's Day, we got \$388.74 in donations, had \$30 in calendar sales and sold \$93 in other merchandise, which included seven Golden Retriever orna-

We actually gave the lady who brought these gifts for us to wrap the idea of what to buy after talking with her about what her kids liked



Luke Blue and Jasmine Hansen modeling their Valentine's finery

ments that Connie Wozniak had made, all of which Tony Cotner bought.

Attending on Sunday were: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sandra Hansen with **Jasmine**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Caleb and Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Martha McDowell, bow-maker extraordinaire; Deb Orwig with **Duffy, Mufasa and Troy**; Jill Prose with **Jasper**; and Liz



Martha McDowell wrapping



Kathy Blue with Luke; Sandra Hansen with Jasmine; and Liz Tataseo with Gonzo and Trip

Tataseo with **Gonzo and Trip**. It was going to be **Charlie's** second birthday that week, so all the dogs got treats. **Charlie** wore a party hat and got a new toy, which **Duffy** promptly decided he had to have.

On Friday, the Orwig gang was joined by

Kathy Blue with **Luke**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sandra Hansen with **Jasmine**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, whose actual birthday was that day; Debbie Mikol with **Hogan**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo and Trip**; and Connie Wozniak, our other other



Connie Wozniak and Tony Cotner delighting in watching Duffy wanting this little girl's pacifier



Duffy (left) was determined to take Charlie's birthday toy

bow-maker extraordinaire. In addition to the money we collected during our two dates, we also got a new member family, the Presleys, who had moved to Arizona from Texas, where they had been active in a Golden Retriever Rescue group there. We are excited to have them help us here in AZ!



Mardi Gras Casino

By Liz Tataseo



Ed. Note: For once, I wish we could afford to have our newsletter printed in color! With a purple, green and gold color scheme, the entire Mardi Gras Casino event was a gorgeous sight! Many attendees dressed in colorful outfits; everyone was given purple, green and gold



*beads by the Court Jester, who was dressed in purple, green and gold satin; and some even purchased beautiful masks like the one Emily Ruderstaller is wearing in the photo above left – that mask was bright magenta! The large masks hanging on either side of the doorway in the photo above right were gold with green and purple highlights. The three dogs who were on site, **Riley Haywood, Charlie Joyce and Trip Tataseo**, all wore purple, green and gold costumes.*



Everyone had a wonderful time at *Mardi Gras Casino* held at *Fresh Event*, 4117 N 16th St just off Indian School Rd on February 22nd. This year, dinner was catered by *Fresh from the Kitchen*, and the games were brought in by *Arizona Nights*. *AGR* provided the decorations, raffle and silent auction items.



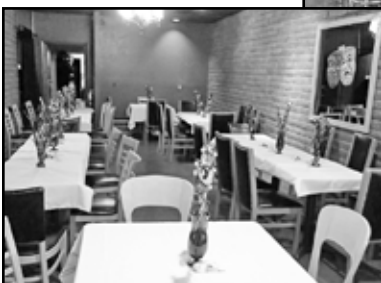
Set-up crew minus Nick Dodson (taking photo): Deb Orwig, Connie McCabe, Patrick Doyle and Liz Tataseo

We were able to set up and decorate on Saturday morning when *Arizona Nights* also set up. Thanks to Patrick Doyle, Nick Dodson, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo for bringing everything in and spending about three hours setting up. Clean-up was quickly done at the end and in addition to the set up crew, Sandra Han-

sen and Larry Orwig joined in to help. *Fresh Event* did initial set-up of tables, and their staff cleaned up at the end.



Fresh Event main room set up with casino games above; dining room area at left



Dried Tomato Pasta; Stuffed Ricotta and Spinach Shells with Signature Marinara; Garden Salad with Italian or Ranch dressing; fresh baked rolls with butter; and a Sheet Cake (Marble Cake with chocolate mousse filling). Yum! *Arizona Nights* provided the bar for the evening.



Court Jester Deb Orwig with beads



Ruth Pulliam at check-in table

our Banker Gail Haywood. By using vouchers provided by *Arizona Nights* for chips this year, Gail did not have to count piles of chips!

Partygoers were greeted by our check-in staff including Sandra Hansen, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and Ruth Pulliam. Raffle Tickets were sold by Martha McDowell and Ruth along with



Tigges family checking in

We also had a Wheel of Golden Fortune with adopted dog pictures on it made by Connie McCabe, and everyone had a



chance to win chips by giving it a spin.



Beverly Farrar, Liz Tataseo, Margo Makris and Trishia Murphy at Blackjack table

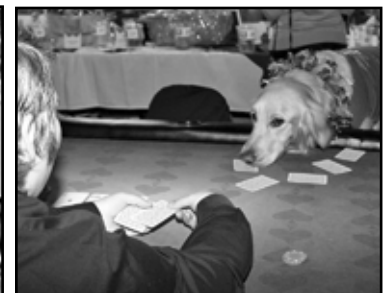
With few exceptions, the partygoers enjoyed Black Jack, Craps,



Larry Jessup, Rick Stephens, Fred Prose and Theresa Noble, (*Fresh Event* owner) playing at Craps table

Poker and some special Slot Machine competitions. The dealers were excellent at explaining how to play and "helping" everyone win. Leftover chips were turned in for raffle tickets, so everyone had a chance to win a raffle item.

We would like to thank everyone who came for their donations, willingness to join in the fun and supporting



Charlie at the Poker table... "I'm going all in!"



Terrific dealers from Arizona Nights



G. Wayne Neill, CPA, and wife Jessica was one of our Table Sponsors



New members Pat Ireland and Pattye Brown



Linda Knight having fun



Trip Tataseo wore a colorful purple jersey and a Mardi Gras party collar



Carrie Cananza, recent adopter who lives in Tucson, and her mom, Jane, attended



Jane Triplett and Kathy Orecelitto getting ready to play in Slot Tournament



Raffle tables



Riley Haywood sported a green-gold-and-purple metallic hat and a Mardi Gras bandanna

Arizona Golden Rescue. We had about 65 guests attend. Several members who could not attend sent donations to help with expenses, including Debbie and Rick Ball, Jerry Brummer and Janet Albrizio, Mary Jo and John Courtney, Karen and Phil Davis, Sharon Flores, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Joyce Hubler, Joyce Johnston, Geri and Gerald McHugh, Kim and Kevin McVeigh, Pat Morgan, Reno Navarette, Susan Parker, Judy Petitto, Robin and Jimmy Presley, **Orion** and **Astra** Sager, and Nicholas Yale and Bruce Bouldin. In addition, G. Wayne Neill, CPA, **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** and Liz Tataseo's Five Golden's purchased Table sponsorships; Deb Orwig donated the decorations. Our total profit for the event was \$5943.42.



PACC 911 Spring Fling

By Liz Tataseo



In front of the booth is a good place to meet people; in this photo are in back Jane Triplett and Robin Presley with Troy; front, Chris Spiel and Jimmy Presley

On March 8th, **PACC 911** had their *Spring Fling* at **St. Francis Renewal Center**. Due to the major renovations that are starting at the **Center**, this will be the last event there for a few years. Once again, Rescues, vendors and the public joined together to provide information and pets in need of homes. **AGR** does not do on-site adoptions, but we did hand out lots of information about our adoption process.

We had a fantastic booth space this year – right under the trees on the south side of the parking lot where we were in the shade all day – it was delightful! Setting up early were Patrick Doyle, Tony

Cotner, Dana and Gail Haywood, Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo. Joining in to help at the event were Pattye Brown and Patrick Ireland with their Golden's **Tully** and **Bailey**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, **Goldie** and **Rocky**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Dan and Kathy Farkas, who were in Scottsdale from Prescott Valley, with Goldendoodle **Abbi**; Jen Gittings; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Jan and James Newland; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Robin and Jimmy Presley and daughters, Jillian and Rebekah, with **Mandy**; Jolene Schlichter; Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; Jane Triplett with **Bubba**; and Michele Wehry and Mark Hill. Sandi and Bill Reilly stopped by with **Fast Eddie** for a visit.



Dan and Abbi

We did fairly well with donations – \$235 – and merchandise sales – \$105.

Thanks to the set-up people who were also there to take down the booth, along with the Presley family and Jan and James Newland. It went very quickly thanks to so many helping hands.



Dog House Team Building

By Deb Orwig



In mid-February, **PACC 911** released a plea to all its Rescue partners for help with an event I attended last year but which **PACC 911** could not



handle this year due to preparations for an upcoming fundraiser. There was one other Rescue group that responded besides **AGR**. The event, which was held on February 26th, was a team-building conference run by **Preferred Hotel Group**, and it was being held at the **Wigwam Resort** in Goodyear. Teams from a corporation that wanted to engender closer cooperation among its employees built and painted dog houses. Liz and I took her boy **Trip** and my guys **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**. The coordinator of the event, Dale Hahne, asked me to speak on behalf of Rescue, which I did. In turn, **Preferred Hotel Group** will be sending us a donation!



Stress Relief At ASU West

By Liz Tataseo



On, March 5th, we once again met students on **ASU West's** campus to provide stress relief for the students with our Golden Retrievers. The following people and dogs joined in for ball chasing or just lying around with dogs getting petted by the students: Vicki Atwater with **Harley**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with

Charlie; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Fred Prose with **Jasper** and **Gracie**; Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**.

This was just a fun time to help out the students of **Barrett's Honor College** who were missing their own dogs and finding stress relief by playing with and petting the Golden Retrievers. About 50 students dropped by during the 2 ½ hours we were there. There was a lot of ball chasing and retrieving especially by **Charlie**, **Mufasa**, **Nash**, **Jack** and **Jasper**. **Gracie** had a great time being petted, as did **Annabelle**, **Gonzo** and **Harley**. **Duffy** ended up having to stay with Mom Deb, since he wanted to go play football with students on the other side of the big field. Photos were difficult, as it was dark except for the stadium lights surrounding the field.



Paws At The Park

By Liz Tataseo



On March 16th, **AGR** held *Paws At The Park*, our annual Member's Meeting and Picnic, at **Sahuaro Ranch Park** in Glendale. We had a great crowd with many, many dogs, food, games and Adoption and Bridge Ceremonies. **AGR** provided lunch that consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, **KFC** cole slaw, water and soda, and a variety of desserts. It was really nice to see several families who had not attended any other **AGR** event during the past year.

Donna Novak started everything off with a game called "Glitzzy Golden Retrievers." Each person had to take 10 necklaces off their own neck and put them on their dogs. The winners were chosen based on fastest time and received a box of **Blue Dog Bakery** treats as a prize. A raffle and silent auction were available for participants to enjoy, and we had lots of merchandise for everyone to peruse.



Donna and Berek Novak with Annie and Jackson

Peter Wong's well-trained Border Collie, **Billie**, entertained the crowd with great tricks that took many hours of training to accom-



Billie Wong

plish. We also had the Golden Dog Wheel of Fortune (made for Casino Night) that for \$1 a spin won the spinner a number of toys based on what number was landed on, 1 through 5. Kat and Courtney Mikol (photo at right)

handled the Wheel during the event.

President Deb Orwig introduced the current Board and presented outgoing Director of Operations Liz Tataseo with a lovely necklace and earring set



The Board: Connie with Sammy, Sue with Oliver, Deb with Mufasa and Dana with Riley

for her service. Liz will remain active as Dog Records Manager. Deb then called for a vote of affirmation for the new Board which consisted of President Deb Orwig, Director of Dog Care Sue Vallie, Director of Human Resources

Connie McCabe and Director of Information Technology Dana Haywood; the Board was confirmed.



The Bridge ceremony sadly had many participants. Each participant acknowledged their dog and received a Rainbow Rosette and a Bridge Booklet put together by Deb Orwig with their dog's story and picture. We played the song *So Hard to Say Goodbye* (see p. 32), which was written for Deb by professional musician Shelly Guidotti many years ago when Deb lost her first rescue, **Bruno**. If you access Rainbow Bridge from the Dogs tab on our website, www.arizonagoldenrescue.org, you can hear the song sung by Ms. Guidotti.



Sarah Giles with Darby, who just got an adoption paw medallion

The Adoption ceremony, a much happier event, followed the Bridge ceremony. Each dog adopted during the past year was recognized and received a paw medallion on a ribbon. Then everyone who had a rescued dog from any source was invited to join in the Parade of Rescue. It was exciting to see so many Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes, as well as a few assorted other breeds, that had found their forever homes.



Liz Tataseo and Gonzo led the Parade of Rescue



Four of the six St. Patrick's Day litter rescued at 6 1/2 weeks of age one year ago: Tracie Freeland with Murphy (was Ennis), Deb Orwig with Duffy, Eric Alt with Lucy (was Colleen) and Greg and Jon Ahmann with Ryn (was Kaitlyn); missing were Nessa (was Nola) and Barklay (was Colman)

There was special recognition of four of the six puppies taken in on St. Patrick's Day last year. Now all

grown up, they are a handsome bunch! We just wish the other two had been able to attend, too.



Grillmaster Jeff Guilbault and Teri Guilbault with Jackson and Fresno

Many thanks to **AGR** member Robert Wilson, owner of **Arizona Culinary Institute**, for getting most of the food for us at wholesale cost. Thanks also to BBQ Master Jeff Guilbault who did all the BBQing with major assistance in the food area from Teri Guilbault. Sandra Hansen and Gail Haywood did check in duties; Martha McDowell sold raffle tickets; Sheila Joyce oversaw the raffle tables; Connie Wozniak sold merchandise; and Connie McCabe took

many amazing pictures. Thanks to the set-up people: Dave Engelhardt, Sandra Hansen, Dana and Gail Haywood, Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson, Deb and Larry



Several of the dogs including Duffy, Charlie and Hogan had a great time playing chase-and-run with some of the kids

Orwig, Angela Palumbo, Christine Spiel, and Liz Tataseo. Special thanks to those who joined with the set-up people to help break down the event: Tony Cotner and Sharon, Philip, Marcus and Ilan Wieser.

State of the Organization, March 31, 2014

By Deb Orwig, President

When Debbe Begley and I stood before a group of 30 of you on March 14, 2009, what we were able to tell you was this:

We had incorporated a new rescue group on March 11, 2009.

Thanks to Nick Dodson, we had a name: *Arizona Golden Rescue*.

We had an address, which had to be changed after a year because the mail box facility closed down.

We had a phone number with a catchy name: 623-566-WAGS (9247).

Connie McCabe had designed a gorgeous logo and had chosen our colors of rust, gold and cream to symbolize the spectrum of colors of Golden Retrievers.

We had written By-laws and were working on a Policies and Procedures Handbook.

On March 14, 2009, those in attendance at our first membership meeting paid dues and elected officers: a President; a Director of Operations; a Director of Dog Care; a Director of Information Management; and a Human Resources Director. The only title that was familiar then was President; the rest sounded kind of weird. No Secretary on the Board? No Treasurer on the Board? No, but the Board then appointed Teri Guilbault as Secretary; a short time later, Cindy Tigges offered to be our Organization Accountant and her appointment was made by the Board. We have found this arrangement to work extremely well.

So, we were off and running. Only about two weeks later by the end of March 2009, we had 121 members in 77 families; we had an Intake and Placement Manager, a Home Evaluations Manager, a Health Care Manager, a Membership Manager, a Merchandise Manager, a Transport Manager and a member checking our telephone voicemail calls; we had an operational website; we had taken in \$4189; we had even rescued our first dog, thanks to a connection made by Cynthia Wenström.

NOW, as of March 31, 2014...

We have 521 members.

We have raised \$828,449 in 57 months of operation and currently have \$142,961 in our bank accounts!

In five years, we have rescued 512 dogs and we have spent a total of \$514,867 vetting those dogs, an average of about \$1006 per dog.

We now have teams of volunteers working on Intake, Placement, Health Care, Home Evaluations and Transport.

Our website is terrific and getting better all the time.

Our database is incredible.

We have a live person answering our WAGS line from 8 AM – 8 PM Monday through Friday and voice-mail messages that go out automatically after 8 PM on and on Saturdays and Sundays.

We are on Facebook, Twitter, and GoodSearch and have numerous other Internet connections.

In the past 5 years...

We have done 203 Meet-and-Greets at 6 different *PetSmart* stores, 60 at 4 *Choice Pet Market* locations, 24 at *Trendy Pet & Rescue* in *Scottsdale Fashion Square*, three at *The Pet Shop* in Mesa, one at *The Pet Club* in Glendale, 12 at *Petco* in Peoria. We have attended 21 *PACC911* events, including the Bowl-A-Rama, *Franciscan Renewal Center* Adopt-a-thons in October and March, and the Adopt-a-thon at Anthem in January. We had a booth at the *Glendale Fire Prevention Parade* and walked in that parade in 2009 and 2011; we walked in the *Parada del Sol* in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and had a booth at their *Trails End* event all five years. During the holidays, we have taken *Photos with Santa* at 5 different *PetSmart* stores and one *Petco* (in 2013), did gift wrapping at 3 different *Barnes & Noble* bookstores; we also have done gift wrapping before Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day. We have participated in the *Holiday Pet Festival* at *WestWorld* for five years. We have provided stress-relief furapy for the students at *Grand Canyon University* and at *ASU West*. We have sponsored five *Fore! Paws Golf Tournaments*, participated in the *PetSmart Charities PetWalk* in February for three years, and have held three *Golden Paw Casino* events. We have also had a booth at the spectacular *Phoenix Pet Expo* for four years and will do so again on May 17, 2014. We are Adoption Partners with *PetSmart* and *Petco*, Community Partners with *PACC 911* and Charitable Partners with *People Saving Pets*; we have rewards programs set up with numerous businesses whereby if one of our members uses the business or makes a purchase from it, *AGR* gets what amounts to a commission; we are an accepted beneficiary of donations through *American Express Employee Giving Program*, *Avnet*, *Bank of America Employee Giving Program*, *United Health Care Employee Giving Program* and *Valley of the Sun United Way*.

I would like to thank all 239 of you who volunteered for one thing or another during 2013, many of you for many things, and I would like to encourage the rest of you to get involved. In particular, I would like to thank the 2013-2014 Board Members: Liz Tataseo as Director of Operations, Sue Vallie as Director of Dog Care, Dana Haywood as Director of Information Management, and Connie McCabe as Human Resources Director.

Also, we have a fantastic group of team managers: Michele Wehry as Intake Manager; Sheila Joyce as Home Evaluations Manager; Debbie Mikol as Placement Manager; Dana Haywood as Transport Manager; and Linda Knight as Health Care Manager. Karin Forsythe is our Organization Secretary and Cindy Tigges is our Organization Accountant. We have a fabulous team of home evaluators and a very active team of transport volunteers, but we could use more of both. Kathy Blue handles all our social media communications.

Does this sound like we have all our bases covered? Yes, we do, but we can always use more help especially with home evaluations and transports. We need help with planning and executing future fundraising events. In other words, if you want to get involved, we can find something for you to do! We hope you will.

So Hard To Say Good-Bye

By Shelly Guidotti
www.SongImages.com

*I had to say good-bye today
To the dearest friend I've known
And no one understands like me
Why my heart feels so alone
By my side to comfort me
When I wasn't at my best
You even loved me when I'd shout
"Stop being such a pest!"*

*I won't forget the games we played
Or your favorite place to sleep
The hardest part will be coming home
And you not there at my feet
Everyday that precious face
Filled my world with gentle love
Now you're with the
Angels up above*

*(Still) It's so hard to say good-bye
Like my shadow I could count on
You to be there*

*So don't mind the tears that I cry
It may take a little while to
Remember you and smile
It's the selfish part of me that wants
You right here back with me
Yes right here by my side
It's so hard to say good-bye*

*There will be days I know
As I learn to let go
The rain in my heart 'll feel like a river
Then like a soft gentle wind
From the warmth of a friend
Instead of tears I'll remember
You and smile*

NOTE: On our website, www.arizonagoldenrescue.org there is an audio presentation of this song along with scrolling photos of dogs who have gone to the Bridge. Whether it is an **AGR** dog or not, please notify us if your dog passes away.



Meet-and-Greets at Petco

By Liz Tataseo



"Regulars" at the Northern Ave Petco: Deb Orwig with Duffy, Troy and Mufasa; Christine Spiel with Nash and Jack; Liz Tataseo with Gonzo and Trip; and Patrick Doyle with Annabelle (not in photo)

hours in February and March but only three hours in April (1 PM to 4 PM), so we have decided to make our appearance there only three hours from now on.

During the first quarter of 2014, we did three Meet-and-Greets at the **Petco** located at 9480 W. Northern Ave in Glendale. We had an enjoyable time February 1st, March 1st and April 5th meeting and greeting the public. While it did not seem busy, we were able to collect donations of \$115, \$95 and \$152 for the three Saturdays – we stayed for four



We set up in a nice location outside the store under a wide overhang

The "regulars" at this location usually are Patrick Doyle with



Deb talking with Girl Scout (she was there with a group selling cookies) petting Duffy; Honeybear Jessup and Troy also came

Annabelle; Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Troy**; Christine Spiel with **Nash** and **Jack**; and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**. Joining us in February were Jane Triplett with **Bubba** and **Dutch** and Deb also brought **Honeybear Jessup**, who was va-

cation-boarding with her. In April, we had a bigger group of dogs: Bill Atkinson brought new adoptee **Thunder**; Debbie and Rick Ball came with **Shiloh**; Sheila Joyce brought **McKenna**; Deb came with all three of her boys including **Mufasa**; and Christine Spiel brought **Nash** and **Jack**. The larger group of dogs is what was most likely responsible for the higher donation income.



In April, Bill Atkinson joined us with very well behaved 6-month-old **Thunder** and Sheila Joyce brought **McKenna**



Debbie Ball has now retired, so we're sure to see more of her, Rick and Shiloh at our events

The management of **Petco** is very welcoming and we have a good location in front of the store under a nice overhang. When it gets too hot to be outside even in the shade, we will set up inside the store right up in front. Please think about joining us for a couple of hours on the first Saturday of the month – the more dogs we have, the more donations we get.



Meet-and-Greet at Pet Planet
By Dana Haywood



Gail Haywood with Trina, Riley and Caleb; and Tony Cotner with Daisy; puppy Rudy is in front of Gail

We had a quiet day at Chandler **Pet Planet** on January 11th, with Gail Haywood and Tony Cotner joining me for the first part of the Meet-and-Greet with **Riley, Daisy, Trina** and, of course, **Caleb**.

When we were first starting the day, we



Bella



Goldie

Both Bella Shirey, who has chronic problems with copper storage in her liver, and Goldie McHugh, who has lost some weight since coming to AGR, looked terrific and were wonderful ambassadogs

just wanted to play big time with our Golden retrievers, especially **Daisy**. Joining us later were Jim and Diane Henkel with **Winston** and **Bella** and at the same time Tom and

Nelda Shirey joined us with their **Bella**, who was looking quite nice and very happy today. We were then joined by Geraldine McHugh with **Goldie**. When we had just the original crew of dogs, we talked to a few people but did not get much interest in the way of donations. Once the crowd of Golden retrievers appeared and people saw them we had more people coming around to meet them and donations started to come in. In total we collected \$87, which included 4 calendar sales. Thanks to all who came out to help – it was much appreciated.

Volunteers also met at the Chandler **Pet Planet** on February 1st and March 1st, but the editor received no information about these events, except that donations were \$74 in February and \$27 in March.



Dana with Trina; Patrick; Cindy with Charm and Duey; Tony; and Gail in back

Our first Meet-and-Greet at the Paradise Valley location of **Pet Planet** was on March 22nd; we also met there on April 6th. The weather was great on both dates, and it was an enjoyable four hours



PV weekend store manager Mandy

at this store, with a nice amount of traffic coming to meet our Golden retrievers. On March 22nd, in attendance were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Anabelle**; Gail Haywood with **Riley** and me with **Trina**; Connie McCabe with **Grizzly**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and **Troy**; Jolene Schlichter; and Cindy Tigges

with **Charm** and **Duey**. We raised \$111.63 in donations.



Group on March 22nd: Dana, Tony, Gail, Jolene and Patrick (sitting on sidewalk)

On April 6th, at the Paradise Valley store, the following members attended: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley** and **Caleb**; Sandra Hansen; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Jodi Koblack; Debbie Mikol with **Hogan**; and Deb Orwig with **Duffy**. This week-

end was the Grand Opening weekend for their newest store in Tempe, so all the locations were having good sales. Some people interested in adopting spent quite a bit of time talking with us and took our information. So far,



On April 6th, customer petting Hogan while Dana, Tony, Gail and Debbie talk with him

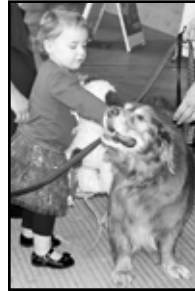
this is quite a good location for our Meet-and-Greets. We collected \$119 in donations. More photos on next page.



Sandra Hansen, Gail Haywood and Jodi Koblick had a nice conversation on April 6th



Charlie and Duffy wearing cowboy hats caused more than a few smiles



Ricky, now over 13 years old, enjoys attention

been doing it, have already made some good money. It is so great because it doesn't cost anything to the people who enroll, and there is no work needed by volunteers.

We had a great turnout on February 16th! One of the joys of fostering is to be able to see your foster babies be loved and



Sheila with McKenna and store employee Gage with Jasper

thrive with terrific families, and I was lucky to have two former fosters in atten-

dance today, **Jasper** and **Sebastian**. They have found the best homes ever, and it makes me so happy to see them.

Grizzly, **Winnie** and I were joined by Patrick Doyle and **Annabelle**; Dustin and Lorelei Falke with



Barbara with Glory; Ricky, Jo Jo and Susan; Fred with Jasper; Dustin and Lorelei with Sebastian; Patrick; and Jill with Grizzly

Sebastian; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**; Susan Parker with **Ricky**

and **Jo Jo**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Jasper**; Barbara Renshaw with **Glory**; and of course, Nick helping with the set-up and take-away. We had a pretty good day and received \$98.20 in donations.



Dustin, Lorelei and Sebastian



Annabelle being surprisingly friendly with Sunny

 Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

91st AVE, PEORIA – Connie McCabe, Chairman



Susan with Winnie and Ricky; store employee Dustin with Grizzly; Pat with Sunny; Karen with Star and Caesar; and Patrick with Annabelle

Beautiful day on January 12th! Thank you so much to Nick for helping me set up and take away, as usual. Also to Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle** (who is really looking and feeling great – she even got a little friendly with **Sunny**!); Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Susan Parker with **Ricky**; and Fred and Jill Prose with **Jasper**. We were kind of slow, but still had a great day, collecting \$78.86. We had several people express interest in adoption. One of them is a young gal named Theresa, who is looking for a dog suitable for assistance work. She has worked with **Happy Tails Service Dogs** in the past and recently lost her service dog.



Theresa with Winnie

We also gave out some **Fry's Community Rewards** information – I hope everyone reading this has signed up! Doesn't cost you anything and **AGR** will get a donation from **Fry's** based on your spending. Please sign up today. <http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/component/content/article/12-agr/support-agr/222-frysrewards.html> This is an incredible opportunity, and in the few months we've



Sheila with Charlie; Jane with Winnie, Grizzly and Bubba; Karen with Star and Caesar; Patrick; Pat Morgan with Sunny; Jill with Gracie and Fred with Jasper

We had a beautiful day at Peoria **PetSmart** on March 9th. Thanks to Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**; Fred and Jill

Prose with **Gracie** and **Jasper**; and Jane Triplett with **Bubba**. We collected over \$126 in donations and made a lot of friends. Also, many thanks to Nick Dodson for helping me set up and tear down, as usual. And to **Grizzly** and **Winnie**, too.

7290 W BELL ROAD, GLENDALE – Liz Tataseo, Chairman



Shaina Martin was a great help with Deb's dogs

January 18th was our first appearance of the year at this store. The weather was glorious, so we set up outside under a canopy. Joining the group were: Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; new volunteer Shaina Martin; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Fran and Jan Strock with **Holly**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**; Jane Triplett with **Bubba** and



Dutch likes to stand over Bubba



Annabelle loves her daddy Patrick

PetSmart on Bell Road meeting all the customers and enjoying the day. Joining in on February 16th were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Don and Rusty Krause with **Sunshine** and **Stormy**; Christine Spiel with **Nash** and **Jack**; Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie**; Sue Vallie with **Penny** and **Oliver**; and Deb Orwig came by with **Duffy** at the end.



12-year-old Sweetie is still doing well

On March 15th, it was not only hotter but the front of the store was packed with a couple of all-breed rescues so we ended up inside, which worked out well. Again, not too many dogs but we actually made out better inside the store than outside as donations were \$60 in February but a nice \$118 in March. Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, Christine Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash** and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**



Tessa came all decked out with a green headband and a St. Patrick's Day party collar

and **Trip** had a great time meeting the public and some of our applicants who were waiting for their forever Golden. The Bird family shortly thereafter took in the lovely **Layla**.

MAYO BLVD – Denny Myrick, Chairman



Diane with Moon, Debra with Sassi, Teddi with Palmer, Ed with Mabel, Denny with Jake, Donna with Jackson, Wes with Andie and Berek with Bodie

On an unusually-warm and sunny January 11th, the following **Arizona Golden Rescue** members participated in the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet: Teddi Axne with **Palmer**; Wes Harrington with **Andie**; Ed Mertz with **Mable**; Host Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Donna and Berek Novak with **Bodie** and **Jackson**; Debra Rothwell with **Sassi**; Ace-photographer Pam Spicer; and Diane Traxler with **Moon**. We made a lot of new friends including a nine-week-old Golden Retriever puppy who was getting her first shots at Banfield. It was a good day financially, as we collected a total of \$297.53 including one calendar sale.

On a gorgeous February 15th with the temperatures in the mid-eighties, Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet had a rather slow day with little foot traffic. Nevertheless, the participants and their beautiful Golden had a good time. **Arizona Golden Rescue** participants included: Teddi Axne with **Palmer**;



Teddi with Palmer, Ed with Mabel, Deb with Duffy, Cynthia with Hannah and Denny and his great-niece Keira with Jake

Ed Mertz with **Mable**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**; Cynthia Wenström with **Hannah**; Denny Myrick and Denny's niece Keira with **Jake**. Not present during group photo was Debbie Sable with **Rylie** and **Sienna**, as well as photographer Pam Spicer. We collected a total of \$226



Rylie and Sienna Sable

which included two calendar sales. Notably, this was the last outing for **Jake**, Denny Myrick's Golden, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge due to cancer several days later.



Cynthia with Bailey; Denny with Molly; Michael and Diane with Moon; and Sally with Mollie

Denny Myrick (host) with his new girl **Molly**; Pam Spicer (photographer); Michael and Diane Traxler with **Moon**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Bailey**. This was the initial outing for Denny Myrick's **AGR** dog **Molly** (was **Sally 14-011**), a 2 ½-year-old Border Collie/Golden Retriever mix from the animal shelter in Ajo. We collected a total of \$117.50.

It was a beautiful spring day on March 15th at the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet. There was a small turnout of **AGR**'s members as well as foot traffic. The following members and their dogs participated: Sally Fetherston with **Mollie**;



Molly Myrick did a great job in her first appearance as an **AGR** ambassador; she is obviously a Golden mix, which gives Denny the opportunity to tell the public that **AGR** takes in such dogs

TEMPE MARKETPLACE – Dana Haywood, Chairman



Don and Sheri Boonstra with Eowyn and Sedona

We welcomed many new faces to our January 18th Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet, and the weather was absolutely beautiful. We had to share the front of the store with **Ohana Rescue**; they had a lot of caged dogs who made a lot of noise.



Jackie Engelhardt with Abbie and Sage



Tim Tucker, Jr with Lexi

People actually commented how quiet our Golden were. Despite the noise and the sharing of the space, we talked to a number of people regarding our Rescue and handed out several brochures. We also sold 2 calendars. Total amount



Trudy Slan with Shep and Winter

of money taken in today was \$82.58. Attending were: Don and Sheri Boonstra with **Holly** now renamed **Eowyn** and housemates **Sedona** and **Coco**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Jackie and Dave Engelhardt with **Sage**, **Abbie** and **Aiofe**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley** and **Caleb**; Jim Henkel with **Winston**; Dave and Nancy Kimmel with **Sadie** and **Trooper**; Trudy Slan with **Winter** and **Shep**; and Timothy Tucker, Jr and his father Timothy Tucker, Sr with **Lexi**. We were so happy to see so many new faces along with

our regulars and hope to see them again at future events, as it is always just a good time spending time to help our dogs with such good friends. Thank you, everyone, for coming!



Tony Cotner with Daisy; Jim Henkel with Winston; Dana Haywood with Sammy and Riley; and Gail Haywood with Caleb

February 15th turned out to be not a very good day overall at Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart**. When we arrived to set up there were already a couple of Rescues there that took up all of the area we normally set up at and we had to find a small corner at the very east part of the building. We had very little traffic the entire time we were there, as people were more interested in the Rescue from which they could adopt, especially the one that had puppies.

We received no donations at all from the public. We did receive \$300 from Tony Cotner, though, as he had a big win at the casino yesterday and put a \$100 dollar bill in the Donation Vests of **Riley**, **Bella** and **Daisy**.

Attending were Tony and Daisy; Jim Henkel and **Bella**; Gail, **Riley**, **Caleb** and myself; and Tony's sister Jan came later in the afternoon to spend some time with us. Connie McCabe came by with **Sammy** to turn in some adoption forms and was able to take the group picture. Thanks so much, Connie.

I will be searching the area for another **PetSmart** or possibly a **Petco**, as every time we are in Tempe now **Ohana Rescue** is there, and the noise from the barking dogs makes it really hard to talk to people; also, we get very few donations because people are spending time with dogs they can adopt.

Thanks!

From Deb Owig

So that I could clean most of the **AGR** stuff out of my garage – it fully filled more than a quarter of a 4-car garage – the Board recently approved renting a second storage unit. We could not get a 20' x 20' unit, but as it turns out, two 10' x 20' units were cheaper per month anyway. So, with some considerable help from the following members, I spent two days sorting stuff and cleaning up the garage. Then we moved the **AGR** stuff to the new storage unit. We also had to clean out the old unit, as we were not able to get another one close to the one we had. Help on Friday included Nick Dodson, Don Krause, Connie McCabe and Liz Tataseo. Then on Sunday, Tony Cotner, Nick Dodson, Sandra Hansen, Dana Haywood, Connie McCabe and Liz Tataseo made the trek to the storage facility, each with a full carload of stuff, and we all helped rearrange the stuff that was already over there and put everything into two new units. Thank you, everyone, for helping with this chore and giving me my garage back!

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Thank you, **Fry's** Community Rewards Staff

*Ed. Note: Please link up today! It's money for **AGR** with no cost to you and no work from us!*

Paul Jolly Memorial Scholarship Established



Animal Shelter Fundraising has established a memorial scholarship with **Humane College** in memory of former **Petco Foundation** Executive Director Paul Jolly (photo at left), who passed away on March 8, 2014. The *Paul Jolly Memorial Scholarship* will provide two scholarships to every **Humane College** fundraising workshop offered in various cities throughout the U.S. The scholarship provides \$80 toward the fundraising workshop registration fees.

“Our goal in creating the *Paul Jolly Memorial Scholarship* is to honor and continue Paul’s work with those who are trying to make the world a better place for pets,” said Tim Crum, a friend to and mentee of Paul. “Paul believed in creating sustainable organizations through fundraising. As a result of this scholarship, animal shelter staff and volunteers will have a unique opportunity to learn how to create a sustainable organization through a **Humane College** fundraising workshop.”

Paul Jolly, born in October 1956, dedicated his life to saving pets. He worked tirelessly for several humane organizations but did his best work as Executive Director of the **Petco Foundation**. He raised enormous amounts of money and gave it to those who needed it to make the world a more compassionate place. Paul passed away peacefully in his sleep surrounded by his loving friends on March 8, 2014 after a full-blown battle with ALS. Paul will be remembered and missed by hundreds of people across the country who were touched by his life’s work to help pets.

In June 2013, after collaborating with many in the animal welfare industry, **Animal Shelter Fundraising’s** founder Tim Crum presented a website (www.paulejolly.com) to Paul conveying the love and gratitude so many felt for him.

Humane College was established in 2009 to provide educational and professional development opportunities to individuals who work or volunteer in animal welfare. Industry experts provide instruction through on-line webinars and workshops held in various cities throughout the United States. The **Humane College** has already instructed over a thousand animal shelter staff and volunteers in the past five years.

*Ed. Note: **AGR** has taken advantage of more than one such webinar.*

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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 January 11 and April 7, 2014. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

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NOTE: Karie has completed the autologous bone marrow transplant she needed; she is now recuperating at home and doing well. The family thanks everyone for their good wishes and support. Karie is enjoying the movies she has been able to purchase with the *iTunes* gift card we gave her – they are keeping her from going completely stir-crazy while she is confined to her house!

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Carly Reilly in the name of Glenna Gosselin via **Just Give**

Lynn and Gerard Schevers, Jr., who wrote, *The Golden Retrievers who "marched" in the recent Parada del Sol were exquisite; we loved seeing them!*

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