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# The Golden Paw

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## Training

*The Key to Effective Volunteers and to a Well-Behaved Dog*

*The focus of this issue is on training, both in terms of our volunteers and in terms of our dogs. When it comes to dog training, though, keep in mind that if you talk to 20 different dog trainers, you will get 20 different opinions about how training should be done. The method that is right for you is the one that works!*

Some basic obedience training techniques are shown in the photos below. The commands include HEEL, SIT, DOWN, STAY and COME. Moves include LEFT TURN, RIGHT TURN, ABOUT TURN, and HALT.



Rusty heeling on loose lead with Kitra; a chain link training collar is being used



Beverly Farrar leading Rusty into a left turn while heeling



Rusty automatically sits nicely at Beverly's left side when she stops walking



Kitra tells Rusty to go DOWN using both verbal and hand signal commands; he will now respond to either type of command used alone



Kitra using verbal and hand commands for Rusty to SIT from a down



Beverly uses both verbal command and hand signal when Rusty is on a SIT-STAY and she wants him to COME; notice her right arm is extended directly out to the side, then she draws her hand toward her chest – the arm motion is done quickly and precisely



After receiving the command COME from Kitra, Rusty moves to sit directly in front of her



After completing each exercise correctly, Rusty gets praise from Beverly, the most important step in successful dog training

See back cover for some fun things you can train your dog to do.



The "models" for these photos are Kitra Tovar, senior trainer at Partners Dog Training School, and AGR member Beverly Farrar, who is now fostering Rusty and learning to work with him. The dog is 12-100 Rusty, who recently earned his Canine Good Citizen certificate. To learn how your dog can earn his or her CGC, see pages 31 - 32.

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## Editor's Assistant's Note



Mufasa Orwig

Training, training, and more training. That is all I hear about now that puppy **Duffy** is almost six months old. Mom says I need it, too. Hmph. Well, maybe a little brush-up wouldn't hurt! She says she's taking me to **Partners**. But that puppy is just out of control from my point of view. He gets away with way too much. And he talks back to Mom, too, especially when she wants

him to do something he doesn't want to do. What a brat!

A couple months ago, **Duffy** figured out that if he went over to the laundry room door and barked, Mom would run to open the door and take him outside. Granted, once out there he would do his business, so I guess we will just have to listen to the occasional barking. Why can't he just wait until Mom lets the rest of us out? After all, she does that every couple of hours during the day and he can sleep through the night now for 8 to 9 hours without needing to go out. Hmm. Maybe he needs to go out more often during our waking parts of the day because he spends a lot of that time pestering me (he would probably call it "playing"). We wrestle, play

"mouth wars" and tug on the toys – **Duffy** doesn't tear them up as fast as he used to. I have to admit – and hate to admit – that he has become my best buddy.



Duffy on top of Mufasa

Mom says that after **Duffy** learns the basic obedience commands – heel, sit, down, stay, and come – she is going to start training both of us for therapy work. She says we need to learn how to read with third graders who don't read as well as they should. I did that once at the end of the last school year and I really liked being with the kids. They all wanted to pet me and rub my belly when I rolled over. By the time I visited, though, almost all the kids were reading chapter books that didn't have any pictures, so I was kind of bored and got restless. It will be better at the beginning of the school year when none of the students reads very well, and they all bring in books with lots of colorful pictures.

Before I can read with the kids on a regular basis or go visit patients in hospitals, I will have to pass the *Canine Good Citizen* test, and then I can be tested for therapy dog suitability. Be sure to read about

the requirements for both of these tests on pages 31 - 34. Maybe your dog could qualify, too, but they won't unless you adopt the philosophy we have in our house: every day is a training day!



## Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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"Things do not happen. Things are made to happen."

~ John F. Kennedy

Dedication. That is how things are made to happen in **Arizona Golden Rescue**. We have an incredibly dedicated work force doing the jobs necessary to keep the organization going and our rescued dogs cared for in the manner they should be. It is some of those dedicated folks who will provide the training any "newbie" will need to be a successful contributing participant.

Training, whether it be of company employees, of dogs, or of volunteers, is always – or should be – a work in progress. Lack of training, no challenge in the job, or even no change in routine may lead to mistakes and lack of confidence or may predicate disinterest and stagnation. It may result in a bored employee, an unresponsive dog, or a volunteer who has lost interest and motivation for remaining a volunteer.

In **Arizona Golden Rescue**, with encouragement we try to direct our volunteers' passions into activities which will stimulate such passions. We provide training in all focus areas, so that no one will feel like they do not know what they are supposed to do.

The Board and Team Managers have been working on updating and completing our *Operations Manual* (Policies and Procedures). If you choose to serve on one of our Teams, you will be given a copy. Hopefully, it will provide much of the guidance necessary for a new volunteer to feel confident as a participant and contributor.

In addition to this written document, you will be mentored by an experienced volunteer. In some cases, such as for new members of the Intake or Placement Team, that will be the Team Manager. In some cases, such as for new home evaluators or transporters, you will be briefed on procedures by the Team Manager, but you will also be mentored by a volunteer who has done numerous home visits and/or transports. In fact, for the latter two positions we require at least two ride-alongs with an experienced volunteer before we will let you do a home evaluation or transport on your own.

You have heard us say over and over, "Get involved and your life will become more fulfilled." We have a great group of trainers, both people trainers and dog trainers. Pick a focus area and we

will see to it that you receive adequate and thorough training to handle what you're expected to do.

We will also provide the necessary training for entering information into our database, and we will continue our mentoring until you feel comfortable doing whatever job you choose to do.

Even something as uncomplicated as coming to a Meet-and-Greet... our Meet-and-Greet chairmen will ensure that you know what to expect and how to serve as an effective volunteer at such events. If you are an adopter, you are already familiar with our adoption process and can describe the adoption experience to the uninitiated. Because you have had one done at your home, you are also familiar with what a home evaluation entails. Additionally, you have been on the receiving end of what a transporter does. We will "fill in the holes" for you with information before you do it alone.

In short, whether you become an event volunteer, a Team volunteer, a Team Manager, or even a Board member, you will not be expected to "just wing it" by yourself – someone will always be available to help you and back you up. We want and need your participation, so why not give it a go soon?

*With Paw Extended*

**By Liz Tataseo, Director of Operations**

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#### *Do volunteers need training?*

**Gonzo** and I hope you are having a "cool" summer in wonderful Arizona. At this time of year, most of our Meet-and-Greets and fundraisers are inside, not outside, so join us when you can as often as you can.

The question has arisen about volunteer training and that depends on what you volunteer for. For Meet-and-Greets, you should have a good understanding of the adoption process and you should be able to explain to the public how they can adopt (our process) and what the costs are. Our organization's informational brochure contains all that information – all you need to do is read through it. You can let your dog be his or her wonderful, furry self and that takes care of why they should adopt and not buy a dog. The easiest way to "train" for Meet-and-Greets is to just attend one or more and stand near one of the more experienced volunteers. Listen and learn. Easy!

If you are volunteering for a fundraiser, then you will get specific training for what needs to be done for each event. If you want to volunteer for an ongoing volunteer job, you will get specific training tailored to that position. We need volunteers in all areas – all are worthwhile and all help our Goldens get to their forever homes.

We have many Meet-and-Greets coming up and hope you can join us for some of them. Come for the entire time or a couple of hours. You and your dog will enjoy the time together and meet some great people. We also have some fundraisers you will enjoy without your dog, and we can use many volunteers for those events. Below is a list of currently scheduled events, but we add on when new ones become available, so always check the website for upcoming events ([www.arizonagoldenrescue.org](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org)) and be on the lookout for emails from **Gonzo** and me.

#### MEET-AND-GREETINGS

Wed Aug 7 @ 3 PM - 7 PM **Salty Seniorita** Yappy Hour  
3636 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale

Sat Aug 10 @ 1 PM - 5 PM, **Petco** 9480 W 99<sup>th</sup> Ave, Peoria

Sun Aug 11 @ 1 PM - 5 PM, **PetSmart**, 9960 N 91<sup>st</sup> Ave, Peoria

Sun Aug 18 @ 11 AM - 3 PM, **PetSmart**, 7290 W Bell Rd

Sat Aug 24 @ 11 AM - 2 PM, **PetSmart**, 7077 E Mayo Blvd, Scottsdale

Sat Sept 14 @ 11 AM - 2 PM, **PetSmart**, 7077 E Mayo Blvd, Scottsdale

Sat Sept 14 @ 1 PM - 5 PM, **PetSmart** 9960 N 91<sup>st</sup> Ave, Peoria

#### FUNDRAISERS

**Bowl-A-Rama for Special Needs Dogs** on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at **AMF Scottsdale Lanes**, 7300 E Thomas Rd. This is a lot of fun and doesn't take long, just about 3 hours. We dress up in costumes, sing songs and bowl! And watch other Rescues do the same, but we always win – Ha!

**Fore Paws! Golf Tournament** on September 28<sup>th</sup> at **Camelback Golf Club**. This is a wonderful fundraiser, and on the 28<sup>th</sup> we will need many volunteers for the day or even a couple of hours. Prior to September, we need people to find donations from a business or a service that we can use for our raffle and auction. You just need to ask what they can give to help our wonderful dogs. Contact me at [five.goldens@yahoo.com](mailto:five.goldens@yahoo.com) for a donation letter that will explain to a donor the specifics of the event and gives our non-profit status.

We also need volunteers to fill goodie bags for golfers, arrange auction and raffle items prior to the event, transport all equipment and items the day before the event, set up the day before the event and finish set-up on the day of the event. Other positions on the 28<sup>th</sup> are registration, merchandise table, raffle/auction monitoring, raffle ticket sales and general duties as needed. We could also use a few fresh volunteers to help with clean-up after the event (around 8:30 PM). It is fun, and we make lots of money for the dogs!

## A Joyful Journey

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The theme for this quarter's newsletter is training, and there could not be a more important theme when considering dog care. Regardless of the age of our new family member, training for both the Golden and the family begins at introduction and continues throughout the remainder of our time together. Golden's do not learn how to best belong by accident. They learn from us... by watching, by listening, by doing (both correctly and incorrectly) and processing our feedback (or lack thereof). Coincidentally, while we may not like to admit it, we are being trained by our Golden's as well. Sound familiar? Yes, there are significant similarities when one compares this with child rearing.

The message in this article is not going to rehash specific training methods, as there are wonderful resources already available regarding specific techniques that have sound research to support them (*Your New Dog Manual* provided to our adopters by *AGR*). On the contrary, my message is intending to focus more on how we think than on what we do. My reason for this approach is really quite simple... our mindset clearly will influence how effective we will be with whatever training methods we choose to employ.

In my last article, I talked about how careful we are when placing a dog with a new family – how each of the families has been thoroughly screened to ensure that the Golden's that were placed would be well cared for and, most importantly, loved! So, the initial ingredient in successful dog training is love, unconditional love, actually. While it may seem obvious, I still believe it important to note that “unconditionally loved” Golden's really require less training. Why? Not only will the Golden want to return that love, but, as importantly, unconditional love will make your Golden feel safe and secure. Anxious Golden's make more mistakes because anxiety often leads to worry and confusion.

My wife, Sharla, often talks about “presuming positive intentions.” Clearly, the original context wasn't about dogs, but I do believe it has a place in this discussion. When examined more closely, “presuming positive intentions” is the attempt to give others the benefit of the doubt when it comes to motivation tied to behavior. Mistakes are generally not intentional, but instead a by-product of good intentions gone awry. Again, it is a mindset that chooses to assume a positive perspective. How does this relate to Golden's? Golden's are pleasers by nature. Just as children don't know better, puppies, too, often act without regard to outcome. Realizing this early on can certainly alleviate problems for the new family. Just as homes need to be child proofed, so do they need dog proofing. The hole chewed in the carpet was not about

us. It was about an adventure. Sure, teaching is necessary regarding what is consumable and what is not, but this was curiosity, not a “gotcha.” So, instead of assuming your Golden knows better, it may be wiser to think of mistakes as teachable moments. Golden's do what works. If counter surfing nets food, why wouldn't they jump up on your counter?

Effectively teaching our dogs requires us to be on our toes, however. Golden's learn from all of our interactions, not just when we are formally training. Just as with children, communication and follow-through matter. We must be consistent with our feedback (both words and actions). If we want them to come when we call, they need to know that means each time we call them. Lack of follow-through may result in confusion for the Golden. This confusion, then, may yield inconsistent performance. So, do not tell them to do something if you aren't prepared to or aren't able to follow through. Just as important, however, is remembering that our tone and mannerisms also communicate. Why would our Golden's want to come if they detect our anger or frustration?

Finally, it is important to remember that training is really teaching. Teaching is about building, not taking away. So, house training our Golden's is not about not going in the house. Rather, it is about learning where to go (e.g., outside). Puppy chewing is going to happen; it is up to us to help them learn to chew things that are acceptable rather than the furniture. If we want them to behave differently, we must remember about teaching them what to do rather than what not to do. Please remember, however, learning a new skill can take time, and our dogs need our understanding, support, and love to be successful. Look at it as a joyful journey, and my guess is you will find a forever companion that will treasure you as only a happy Golden can. Enjoy...

### Note from Deb Orwig, AGR President

The *AGR* Board of Directors has recently had to accept David Jewett's resignation from the Board. David needs to step away to deal with some medical issues. His “joyful journey” with *AGR* is not over, though. During his upcoming convalescence, he will be diligently studying to learn more about dog behavior, so that ultimately he will be able to help *AGR* as a behavior consultant. During the last six months, David got a taste of what effective behavior modification involves, as he was working with me and **12-100 Rusty** twice a week while **Rusty** was at *Partners Dog Training School* and then three times a week after we moved **Rusty** back to boarding at *Academy West Animal Hospital*. He saw first hand how effective training along with an understanding of behavior can work to improve the life of a dog. We are excited that he wants to remain active with *AGR* in this capacity and thank him tremendously for his service on the Board.

### Other Personnel Changes

As per our By-laws, the Board has appointed Sue Vallie to take over the position of Director of Dog Care. Sue has been Placement Manager for the last several months and is ideally suited for DDC.

Sue says, *Minnesota was my original home. I subsequently lived in southern Arizona, Japan and Virginia before returning to Phoenix permanently in 1976. Family includes two adult children and seven grandchildren, all living in Arizona. Employment has included secondary education, working for a nonprofit agency, private investigations and human resources, retiring from the City of Phoenix after more than 20 years.*

*Animals have been important all of my life, having grown up on an exceedingly involved "hobby farm" in Minnesota. I grew up with horses and dogs, as well as a multitude of other farm animals, with the usual 4-H and Pony Club activities.*

*I volunteered with **Rescue A Golden of Arizona**, from which my husband Roger and I received our first rescued Golden, **Bonnie**. We have since adopted **AGR's 12-013 Penny** and currently are getting acclimated to having **AGR's 13-061 Oliver**, who is definitely a delightful Golden in witness protection (he is a "phantom-type" Goldendoodle).*

*After David assembled the Placement Team in February of this year, I have been the manager of this neat group of people before being asked to step up to attempt to fill David's able shoes.*

Debbie Mikol, a member of that Placement Team, will be taking over as manager of that Team.

Our thanks to both Sue and Debbie for their willingness to further serve **Arizona Golden Rescue** in their new positions.

This past quarter has marked significant progress in our organization, especially as far as information management is concerned. I have spent a lot of time communicating with the database programmer over the last couple of years to make sure that the database was exactly what we wanted, and there were many builds to get to this point. After about three years, we can finally say that our database is complete. Now comes the training necessary to make sure everyone knows how to use the database. Luckily, because of my education and my job outside of **AGR**, I am fairly well versed in computers and networks, so learning this new database came easily to me. Consequently, I am able to help everyone else with it. Many users have been leery of moving over to the database and moving away from written or typed reports and faxing or mailing them in. We have had members ask to be able to keep doing things the old way, as they felt they were not able to use the new system. Thankfully, I have been able to relieve their fears when I am able to train or explain how to use the database. We have tried to make it as user friendly as possible so as not to require a degree in computer science to work with it.

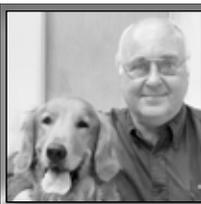
With the expansion of our Intake and Placement Teams, we have had numerous training sessions, and I expect to have some refresher sessions now that the final version of the database is out. As this month's newsletter theme is Training, all that is being done as just mentioned came at the right time for this issue. Besides the training that Intake and Placement have required, other areas of training are being done for other members who volunteer for teams such as Home Evaluations, Transport, Health Care and Follow-up and, last but not least, the position of WAGSLINE and documenting all telephone activity.

Training does not have to be as formal as it is for all the positions mentioned above. It can be a self-training by everyone to help out **AGR** – you just need to train yourself to do some online activities a little differently.

One very easy way to help out **AGR** is to use the GoodSearch search engine powered by Yahoo. For every unique search in a week's time period, **AGR** gets one penny for the search. It may not sound like a lot, but when you figure how many times a day people do Internet searches, the pennies add up.

Another way to help is with GoodShop. Many people use online shopping, and for most shopping that you would normally do online you can go through the **AGR** interface to do the same shopping. The big difference is that **AGR** gets a percentage of each purchase without costing you any more than if you were to go to the store directly.

There is also GoodDining. If you register the credit card that you would normally use for dining out, when you eat at a participating restaurant, **AGR** gets a percentage of the cost of your meal.



*The Information Highway*

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When someone hears the word training, at least when we are dealing with a dog rescue, you think about the training of the dogs. There is so much more involved with training than just training our dogs: we also train our members to handle positions within our organization.

Check out GoodSearch.com to find out more information about ways that you can help **AGR**. They also have more ways to raise money listed on the site.



“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 weren’t 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 would like to begin a new feature. In every issue, I am going to present 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’m going to go in order of membership number, beginning at “one” and feature several members in every column. I know there are a lot of people who really just wanted to adopt a dog and have no interest in participating in **AGR** activities. I will respect their privacy and just concentrate on those who are, or have been, active in the organization.

So let’s begin with Deb and Larry Orwig, numbers 1 and 1A on the membership roster. Almost everyone knows that Deb, along with Debbie Begley, co-founded **Arizona Golden Rescue** in 2009. Deb is not only the President of **AGR** (incredibly time-consuming enough) but is also active in creating publications, doing home visits and transports, attending events, fostering, puppy raising, fundraising and other promotional and administrative duties. I imagine almost all of the members have met her at an event they may have attended or seen her name on an article or important announcement. Larry attends as many events as possible, too, and supports Deb in her full-time **AGR** activities. Together, they have **AGR** dogs **Duffy** and **Mufasa**, in addition to **Ladybird** and her 8-year-old pup, **Troy**.

But, did you know that in high school, Deb was a member of the **Terra Linda High School** (in San Rafael, CA) Marching Band (bells) and Concert Band (bassoon)? In Deb’s junior year, that band was invited to dedicate the **Oakland Raiders** brand new football stadium. She earned a scholarship on the bassoon to a music camp and a couple years later was a summer-long counselor at that same camp. In high school, Larry was active in the school’s drama club. Deb earned a B.A. in botany from the **University of California, Santa Barbara**, a Master’s Degree in botany at **Calif-**

**ornia State University, Los Angeles**, and a Ph.D. in biology with an emphasis in marine botanical ecosystems from the **University of California, Santa Barbara**. Larry attended **Stanford University** as an undergraduate and met Deb while working on his Master’s Degree in physics at **UCSB** – he was her physics lab TA. They married after Deb completed her undergrad work. Larry also finished a Doctorate in physics at **UCSB**. Before moving to Arizona, they lived in Connecticut for 18 years with their daughters, Erin and Merissa. Erin is now General Manager at **Phoenix Rock Gym** in Tempe; Merissa is teaching English in Japan. While in Connecticut, Deb became well known as an environmental activist. She was instrumental in getting curbside recycling started in the Town of Monroe and served on the Town’s Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions and the Fairfield County Soil and Water Conservation District for many years. In spite of working long hours, Larry enjoys long-distance hiking. He has hiked every major trail in the Grand Canyon and has done the rim-to-rim several times.

Numbers 2 and 2A on our membership roster are Debbie Begley and Patrick Doyle. Debbie and Patrick helped build **AGR**, and we would not be here without their efforts. Some newer members never had the pleasure of meeting Debbie when she was **AGR**’s Director of Operations, as she passed away two years ago. If you did not know her, that is a shame, as she was an incredible lady whose enthusiasm and positive energy inspired everyone. We all knew how tirelessly she worked, and for Debbie, it truly was all about the dogs. She helped rescue 162 dogs for **AGR** before she left us. She had a special place in her heart for her **Khakidawg** and **Sandy**, and Patrick’s **Annabelle**. Even when she knew she would not be with us much longer, she set the wheels in motion to make sure that the show would go on without her. That was very important to her, and I know she would be proud of how far we have come and of the fact that we have now rescued 432 dogs. In her honor we have set up the **Debbie Begley Memorial Fund**, which will be used to support **AGR**-rescued dogs that have cancer or other extraordinary medical problems. Donations to this **Fund** can be made year round online, by mail or at any event.

But, did you know that Debbie was a native Arizonan, born in Ajo and raised in Glendale? Debbie was always the apple of her daddy’s eye. She was the first girl in the Glendale school system to take the boys’ wood shop class. It paid off later, as she was very creative in designing much of the signage for various fundraising events. Debbie always had a love of animals, especially dogs and horses. She enjoyed horseback riding until falling from her last horse and fracturing her pelvis. As an adult, she also spent time in Utah; Denver, CO; and Farmington, NM. She lived for two years in Germany when her former Marine husband was stationed there during the Vietnam conflict and helped raise his four children. She also had two sons, one who now lives in Alaska and one in Wyoming. Debbie worked at a variety of jobs: waitress; banquet server; kitchen designer; a number of positions at **Home Depot**, includ-

ing training new employees; delivering VHS tapes for rental to various stores in Colorado and New Mexico, and processing mortgage loans for **Bank of America**. She enjoyed cooking, made a mean Crab Louie salad and loved tiramisu more than any other dessert. She also adored hats.



Whenever you saw Debbe at the events, leading activities and working the front lines, you may have missed Patrick Doyle, **AGR's** Facilities Manager, who likes to keep out of the spotlight. He quietly works behind the scenes, helping to maintain and transport materials, signs and structures, set up and tear down every event. Patrick is also one of



our most beloved **PetSmart** Santas. At Meet-and-Greets, he can be seen hanging back a little with his **Annabelle**, who also prefers to stay out of the spotlight.

But, did you know that Patrick was born in Trenton, NJ, raised in PA and NJ, and is a second-generation Irish American? His paternal grandfather was born in County Wicklow and came to America in the late 1890s. In his teen years, Patrick worked in his parents' pizza restaurant. He joined the USAF after graduating high school, and between active duty and the reserves, served for 29 years. During his time in the reserves, part of his employment also involved holding a civil service position from which he retired in December of 2012 after 31 years. Most of this involved being an aircraft mechanic. His tours of duty included two rotations to Italy and three rotations to Turkey. Patrick also made a training movie for the Air Force in 1976 (no autographs please) and assisted in training members of the Israeli Air Force to work on the F15 Eagle.

Patrick enjoys long walks on the beach with his dogs, but unfortunately he is currently unable to pursue this, as it is hard to find a nice sandy beach in Arizona. One of his hobbies has been to create decorative metal items which he sold. If a genie popped out of a bottle and granted Patrick one wish, it would be to purchase enough acreage in the Mormon Lake area to create a sanctuary where Golden Retrievers would live until they were adopted; to care for dogs with medical issues and provide a permanent home for dogs that are unable to be placed due to age or serious medical conditions; and to provide hospice care for terminally ill dogs.

Member number 3 in our all-star line-up would be Liz Tataseo, retired Principal and current **AGR** Director of Operations. She has extensive experience in our organization, having also served as Director of Dog Care and is also our Medical Records Manager. She does fostering, home visits and transports. Liz is seen at almost every event and helps to organize most of them. She has adopted two of her five dogs, **Augie** and **Trip**, from **AGR**. Liz

also lives with **Cooper**, **Gonzo** and **Sweetie**, and rotates their appearances at various events.

But, did you know that since Liz ended up graduating during summer session (she missed a semester with pneumonia and valley fever), she started teaching in a very small school in Bowie, Arizona (which is about 105 miles SE of Tucson). She taught Earth science, biology, math and English (even though it was not her major), was the yearbook advisor, Cheer and Pom coach, and even "boys" PE when they couldn't get anyone else. She spent three years there and had to leave for a bigger city, where she got her own first personal pets: a hamster and a kitten that was given to her by a student. The kitten grew up and lived peacefully for 18 years with several dogs.

Liz is interested in all sports: tennis (she coached tennis in Bowie also), football, basketball, track, hockey and Olympics. Her father was a boxer and wrestler – he and Liz were the sports people in the family! Liz also is a diehard **Arizona Diamondbacks** fan and has weekend season tickets for home games.

## Health and Safety

By Teri Guilbault, Health Care Manager

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As Health Care Manager for **Arizona Golden Rescue**, I get the privilege of being able to speak to just about every adoptive family about all of our dogs. It is so much fun for me to hear the total joy in the voices of a dog's new mom or dad and to hear them talk about all the great things their new furkid is already doing in just a short time. Of course, I also get the opportunity to talk about some of the "adjustment issues" that our rescues and their new families have to deal with, such as getting along with the resident animal(s) or a family member's animal, food aggression ("You're NOT getting your face in my dog bowl! No way!"), possessiveness with toys, etc. There are a myriad of circumstances that can pop up which need to be corrected.

When I speak to an adoptive family about their new dog's health issues, including vaccinations, testing, etc., that have been or need to be done, invariably the conversation turns to general behavior problems. Most times, such issues require only minimal work and a period of adjustment time to resolve, but other undesirable behaviors may take a longer time and more work, and occasionally the intervention of someone to get through the bumps. **AGR** has an absolutely fantastic behaviorist, Teryl Hall, who willingly spends as much time as necessary to work with a family to help with behavior issues. In some cases, we strongly suggest that the family enroll in an obedience training class to help their new dog learn his or her boundaries, commands or a general lesson in just how to behave.

Training your dog to obey basic commands, stay off counters, or just behavior modification is as important to his or her health as yearly examinations, testing and vaccinations. Training your dog, whether a brand new puppy or a senior dog, is important and is also essential to his or her continued good health.

Counter surfing, getting into the garbage, or eating the wrong plant indoors or outdoors can result in the dog becoming very sick, having to undergo surgery, or even die depending on what they manage to get into. Giving your furkid a chew toy that turns out to be lunch or dinner when he or she decides to eat the entire thing instead of just play with it can be extremely costly and definitely most hazardous to your dog's health if surgery is necessary to get that material out. Leaving something lying around that you think your dog couldn't possibly chew up... and then coming home to find that it has been destroyed and most of it is missing is nerve wracking until you find the dog either eliminates it or starts showing signs of illness and then immediately needs to be taken to the vet.

Teaching something that you might think is relatively easy, such as walking on leash, is also important so that neither your dog nor you is hurt when an incident arises during a walk. Housetraining is also necessary, not only for a puppy, but also sometimes even for an adult dog who has spent his or her life outdoors and does not know the basic potty rules. Even learning to use a doggie door and training your dog how to go in and out might be a process if a dog has never been exposed to that before.

Having your dog properly trained to keep him out of trouble and to avoid a potential trip to the vet is always an ongoing part of responsible dog ownership. Even well-behaved dogs need that occasional reminder to keep them out of trouble, as they just love to test you to see if they can get away with something that maybe they couldn't before. There are always new enticements that come into your home or your back yard that we need to look out for as well. Included in this issue is a list of dog trainers that work throughout the Valley who offer a variety of resources in case you need them. If you are a member of *AGR's* Yahoo Group, you will have a great resource of people who can provide tips and tricks or ideas to help, as well. If you have not joined our Group, take a moment to do so and enjoy hearing from folks who always have good ideas or resources for you: <http://groups.yahoo.com>

### Training Tip

The most important aspect of dog training is to **do** it. The two most important concepts of dog training are **consistency** and **persistence**. Use one-word commands (sit, stay, down, off, come, etc.). You can even use nonsense words, as long as you use the same word to mean the same thing every time.



### Service Paws

By Wendy Enos

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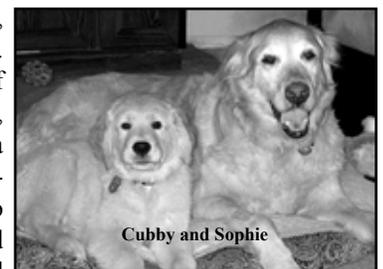
### Grooming the Future Service Dog

No, not a bath, trim, and nail clip... I am talking about basic training. Allow me to introduce **Sophie's** future successor service dog ... **Cubby**. **Cubby** came to us at six weeks of age with all the bubbly energy, exuberance, and bad manners of a Golden puppy. Like all pups, he is into absolutely everything and likes to nip at anything he can get his mouth on. He is a regular chunk of coal destined to someday be a diamond.

Structured puppy class is out until he is fully immunized, but does that mean we have to wait to begin training? By no means. It is never too soon to teach good manners or to make each playtime into a learning experience. In just a few weeks of everyday playtime, **Cubby** has learned how to come, sit, stay (albeit for only a few seconds), heel, leave it, off, and sometimes even take it. He has no idea he is actually learning something; it is all fun and games for him. He is being rewarded and praised for doing something he does not even know is pertinent to training, so it only stands to reason he is going to do it again! Put a name with that activity and he has just learned a new command... in the form of a game.

My sister gave me the best piece of advice for raising a puppy that I ever got. "Make it hard for him to do the wrong thing, and make it easy to do the right thing." Consistency is the key... do it over and over and over and over again.

My nine-year-old service dog, **Sophie**, is all but retired now. She steps back into harness if I absolutely must work her, but mostly she has earned a rest and is taking very seriously her new job of helping to raise **Cubby**. I look forward to sharing future progress and adventures with you. Stay tuned!



And please don't forget your dog's paws while out and about this summer. If you cannot comfortably leave your hand on the ground for ten seconds, be it cement, dirt, or asphalt, it is too hot for your dog, too. Shoes on a dog? Absolutely!

*In dog training, jerk is a noun, not a verb.*

~Dr. Dennis Fetko

## The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

### Reporting period: January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013

Total Assets as of July 15, 2013: \$110,184.64

	Income	Expense
Adoptions	\$18,826.00	\$ 949.05
Bank, Credit Card, Legal, Prof.		436.91
Bowl-A-Rama	100.00	
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	430.00	
Casino Event Total <sup>1</sup>	4,437.55	1,370.09
Auction	1,575.00	
Donations	1,182.55	
Raffle Tickets	265.00	
Registrations	1,275.00	
Wanted Posters	140.00	
Donations	18,449.40	
Dues and Subscriptions		85.49
Event Expense		650.56
Gift Wrap Events	1,928.31	
Grants	2,770.29	
Insurance		384.00
Interest	46.45	
Memberships	7,667.00	
Merchandise	2,130.80	644.29
Office Expense & Supplies		509.84
<i>Paws At The Park Picnic 2013<sup>1</sup></i>	2,094.81	283.46
Auction	520.00	
Donations	146.00	
Raffle	548.00	
Registrations	880.81	
Postage		604.08
Promotional		315.24
Raffle	190.00	
Rent or Lease		600.00
Repair & Maintenance		61.35
Santa Claws Photos taken in 2012	1,250.00	
Stationery & Printing		4,774.66
Telephone & Website		156.46
Vet and Dog-related Expenses:		
Boarding		2,193.43
Behavioral Training		5,621.00
Collars, Tags & Leashes		1,269.80
Microchip & Heartgard® expenses		796.81
Veterinary services		54,259.13
TOTAL	\$60,320.61	75,937.70
<b>NET INCOME: - \$15,617.09</b>		
<b>Checking Account on 7-15-13:</b>	<b>\$17,529.78</b>	
<b>Savings Account on 7-15-13:</b>	<b>\$81,987.11</b>	
<b>The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 7-15-13:</b>	<b>\$12,312.76</b>	
<b>Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 7-15-13:</b>	<b>\$14,921.65</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Income does not include merchandise sales – that income is shown separately

## Grants

By Deb Orwig

*AGR's* Grant Writer, Cindy Ferrante, has been very busy during the past quarter. The fruits of her efforts came in just after we closed the books, so some are not reported in *The Financial Picture*, but I wanted to mention the grants that we have received. Cindy has done a great job! She had this to say:

*Arizona Golden Rescue* has received wonderful news! *The Petco Foundation* is funding *AGR's* grant request in the amount of \$500! These funds will be designated for *AGR's* new program entitled Emergency and Comprehensive Medical Care.

*Arizona Golden Rescue* provides medical care to incoming surrendered or rescued Golden Retriever (or retriever mix) dogs. Emergency medical treatment is available by licensed veterinarians at a discounted rate but usually runs \$400 per dog and up. Emergency care for our dogs was nearly \$25,000 in the year 2012! Comprehensive care includes basic diagnostic tests for valley fever. Arizonans spend thousands on valley fever in canines each year. It is easily detectable by blood tests, but there are cases where persistence and advanced diagnostics are required to rule out other diseases and confirm valley fever. Courses of medication are usually extensive, averaging 6-12 months. Canine parvovirus, canine distemper virus, canine corona virus infection (CCV) and other contagious diseases can also be detected and treated. Pain medication is distributed to allow our dogs to heal in a safe and humane manner. By funding this program, *The Petco Foundation* is making it possible for *AGR* to bring awareness to our community, as well as to continue to provide quality care to our rescued Golden Retrievers. Wags and kisses to *The Petco Foundation!*

*AGR* also recently received a very generous donation from the *Golden Retriever Foundation's April Fund*: \$1170.29. Yes, that is a rather odd amount, which I will explain. The *GRF's* fiscal year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> of one year through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. During their fiscal year, a rescue group may apply for up to \$5,000 in grant monies from the *April Fund*. Up to \$400 can be awarded to help with extraordinary medical costs for any one dog. Such things as the standard vet work we have done on an incoming dog, including spay/neuter, vaccine update, testing for valley fever and heartworm, and micro-chipping are not eligible for grant monies, but such things as hip, elbow, or other types of necessary surgeries such as bloat, eye problem (e.g., entropion) diagnosis and treatment, and parvo diagnosis and treatment are. Each month, the *GRF* Board of Directors meets to determine which applications are eligible for grants to help with medical expenses. Sometimes, they will give the full \$400 for a particular dog, but sometimes not all the dog's expenses, even if more than \$400 in

total, will be eligible. That is the explanation for the odd cents. Between July 1 and December 31, 2012, **AGR** received \$3829.71 in the form of *April Fund* Grants. So, for the remainder of **GRF's** fiscal year, we were eligible for the rest of the \$5,000: \$1170.29.

Also to help with medical expenses, this time for **13-010 Charlie**, who had to have hip surgery, we received a welcome grant from the **Phoenix Animal Care Coalition (PACC911)** for \$1100. This money is our 2013 allocation from their Emergency Medical Fund.

Our thanks to both Karin Forsythe, our previous Grant Writer, and Cindy Ferrante, our current Grant Writer, for their efforts to get these funds.

Since the beginning of 2013, we have also received financial support to the tune of \$980 from **PetSmart Charities** through their *Adoption Rewards Program*. After we finalize an adoption, Connie McCabe sends the adoptive family a form to fill out and sign. She includes a self-addressed, stamped return envelope. Once she receives these forms back from our adopters, she takes them to one of the **PetSmart** stores at which we do Meet-and-Greets and has them scanned. In return, she gets a booklet of coupons which she then mails to the adopters. **AGR** gets \$15 per adoption, unless the forms are scanned during one of **PetSmart's** quarterly National Adoption Weekends, in which case we receive \$35 per adoption. Please, please fill out and return the form if you get one! We thank Connie for donating all the postage expenses involved.

Cindy has also recently applied for grants from **Bissell** and from **Build-A-Bear**. Hopefully, in the November issue we will be able to report a positive response from both of these programs.

There are four other companies that support **AGR** by offering matching grants to their employees' donations: **American Express**, **Bank of America**, and **Wells Fargo Bank**; **Avnet** will make a donation in honor of the hours that an employee gives as a volunteer. Do you work for one of these companies? If so, be sure to talk to the Human Resources Department about their grant program. If you work for a company other than one of these, perhaps your company has a matching grant program or will make a donation based on hours of volunteer work by an employee – please inquire. Matching funds from your company effectively double any donation you make to **AGR** without doubling your financial burden.

If you know about or hear of any grants for which we might apply, please contact Cindy Ferrante at [AGR\\_GRANTS@cox.net](mailto:AGR_GRANTS@cox.net)

*If you want to change your dog's behavior,  
don't complain... train!*

## *Donation to the Yarnell Fire Fund*

**By Deb Orwig**

After a disastrous lightning-caused fire on Yarnell Hill near Prescott, AZ killed 19 hotshot firefighters, the **Arizona Golden Rescue** Board of Directors voted unanimously to send a \$1900 donation to the Yarnell Fire Fund. The money was taken out of *The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*.

The donation letter stated: *The money comes from a special fund which we set up in memory of Debbe Begley, our cofounder, who passed away in 2011. The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund was established to help with special needs dogs whose medical expenses amount to more than \$5,000 or who come into Rescue with cancer, or for other dogs in special circumstances. Surely, the pets of the firefighters' families fall into the latter category.*

*We hope that this donation will honor the memory of the firefighters who passed away, and we hope that it helps the families of those men in some small way.*

During the week after the fire started, I contacted each of the **AGR** members and adopters who live in the Prescott area to ask if they were OK and if they needed anything. All are fine and, fortunately, do not live anywhere close to the location of either the Doce fire or the Yarnell Hill fire.

## *How You Can Help AGR*

**By Deb Orwig**

I do not like pointing out that despite two fairly significant fundraisers, *Casino* and *Paws At The Park*, we have spent over \$15,600 more than we have taken in this year. Obviously, we cannot keep this up or we will go into the red in short order.

We hope you have helped raise some funds in support of our special needs dogs. As it turns out, the annual *Bowl-A-Rama for Animal Rescue* will be happening after all on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will be participating. All the money we raise in the names of the special needs dogs that were featured in the flyer that accompanied the May issue of this newsletter will go toward helping future special needs dogs. We had one come into Rescue just a month ago. Five-month-old **Buddy** has severe dysplasia in both hips. He had his first surgery (\$2700) on July 9<sup>th</sup>; the second hip will be done in three months. Please help us help little **Buddy** lead a long and pain-free life. If by August 1<sup>st</sup> you were not able to send in the

monies you have collected or which you want to donate, you can do so at any time, but the sooner the better.

Another fundraiser you can help us with is our upcoming *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*. If you are a golfer, please register to play. If you are not a golfer, you can come just for the wonderful dinner and participate in the fantastic raffle and silent auction. Also, there are any number of ways you can be a sponsor. Please go to [www.golfinvite/agr](http://www.golfinvite/agr) and look at the various sponsorship options. We can also use item donations. Have you received anything as a gift that you will not use? We can use it! Have extra points on your credit card account that you would be willing to spend on a gift card to give to **AGR**? Best ones to consider are any of the available restaurants, **The Home Depot**, **Sears**, **Best Buy** and **Bed, Bath & Beyond**. Except for restaurant gift cards, which we will put with other items such as bottles of wine or grouped in our traditional "Eat Out Once a Month for a Year" silent auction item, we will use the gift cards to purchase items for the raffle and silent auction.

There are other smaller ways you can support our fundraising efforts. As Dana has suggested in his column, use GoodSearch, GoodShop, and GoodDining.

Recycle your old cell phones with us. **AGR** member Karin Forsythe recycles them for cash for **AGR**. You can bring them to any Board member or to any Meet-and-Greet at any time. Karin has also finally gotten the word that **AGR** has been accepted into the **Chip Bag Brigade**. Save your empty salty snack bags – any size – pretzels, chips, nuts, etc. Shake out all the crumbs and bring them to us at any event. Once we have collected 40 pounds of empty bags, we can redeem them for 2¢ each. That may not sound like a lot, but figure out how many bags it will take to make up 40 pounds and you will see that that will get us a nice piece of change.

Also, instead of putting them in your curbside recycling bin, save your aluminum juice, soda, tea, and beer cans. There is an aluminum can recycling machine only 4 miles from my house. It returns 40¢ per pound. Only a few members have so far brought me empty cans, but the last time I took them to the recycler machine, I brought home \$9.72. If I do this once a month, then we will make over \$116 in a year! With more of you contributing cans, it will amount to more than that for little effort and no financial outlay on your part.

### ***Training Tool – The Newspaper***

A rolled-up newspaper can be an effective pet training tool when used properly. For instance, use the rolled-up newspaper if your dog chews up something inappropriate or has a housebreaking accident. Bring the dog over to the destroyed object (or mess), then take the rolled-up newspaper and hit yourself over the head as you repeat the phrase, "I forgot to watch my dog! I forgot to watch my dog!"



### ***A Touch of Gold 2014 Calendar***

Connie McCabe, with her masterful artistic skill, has created an absolutely spectacular 2014 calendar for **Arizona Golden Rescue!** The colorful cover has a montage of parts of seven of the monthly feature photos found inside; parts of the other five monthly feature photos are shown on the back cover. Each feature photo is accompanied by the dog's story, or, as in the case of the St. Patrick's Day puppies, *their* story. As usual, there are two pages of photos of volunteers at **AGR** activities (is your picture there?) and two centerfold pages showcasing our Gallery of Calendar Sponsors. In addition, every empty box you normally see on a calendar page has a photo of one of our rescued dogs (is your dog pictured?) You will want one of these gorgeous calendars for yourself and others to give as gifts, so order early to be sure you get the number you want, as we will not have an unlimited supply. We have kept the price at **\$10**, as it has been in previous years. You can order with the Order Form enclosed with this newsletter. Starting in October, calendars will be available for purchase from several of our regular veterinarians and at every **AGR** event. Calendars ordered in advance will be sent out in September. If you have an **AMBER**, **TOPAZ**, **PEARL** or **GOLD** membership, you will automatically receive a copy, as it is one of your membership-level incentives. If you want more than one, you will have to pay for the additional copies. Please be sure to add postage costs to your order if you want your calendar(s) mailed. See Order Form for cost schedule.

*Understanding your dog and knowing how to control him, develop his potentials, and resolve behavior problems, emotional conflicts and frustrations are no less essential than love and respect.*  
~ Michael W. Fox

## 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 April 1, 2013 through July 5, 2013. All adoptions finalized after July 5<sup>th</sup> will be in the next issue.*



**13-003 Shorty** came to us from the shelter as a filthy, matted, approximately 12-year-old Golden mix that nevertheless was just as happy as could be, with his tail wagging and held high. Initially, he needed heartworm treatment and was found to be hearing and sight impaired. He fostered with Deb, then with Joyce,

who saw him through many vet visits and tests to determine his true condition. Although his vision was a problem and he had "selective" hearing, Joyce felt he was a very happy-go-lucky boy that just needed the right home to make his life complete. As Joyce was going out of town for six weeks, Kristie and Wayne in Cave Creek agreed to foster him for that period of time. Their update tells us: *Shorty came to us in kind of an unusual way. I originally understood that we were going to foster him for 6 weeks while another foster was vacationing, but somehow our lines got crossed and the other foster was moving and we were then going to be his permanent foster home until he was adopted. Shorty had a little difficulty settling in for the first 10 days, as he had limited vision in one eye and total blindness in the other, so he was not finding the doggie door easily and decided he would rather just do his business in the house. After a few weeks of patience and practice, he was finally catching on, thank goodness. After about a month, I got a call that someone from out of state was interested in him and I just got a pit in the middle of my stomach because we were finding ourselves getting very attached to him. He is a quirky little fella, but so lovable and is fitting in with the rest of the pack. I'm sure you all know we adopted **Natasha** last year and recently lost her, but she and **Shorty** kinda had a kindred spirit, and they were usually always together lying side by side. We know he came from a bad situation before coming to the Rescue, and we absolutely couldn't make him go through another change. **Shorty** is part of our family now and we are lucky to have been chosen to love him unconditionally like he does us. Congratulations to some new members of the Foster Failure Club! Sounds like **Shorty**, although sight impaired, saw right into their hearts.*

**13-018 Holly** is a small, 5-year-old Golden/Lab mix that was returned to us after some escalating aggression issues with her original placement family's dog. We took her to *Academy West Animal Hospital* for evaluation, and after some initial work with her they suggested that she needed to be in a single-dog home where she would receive all the attention.

**Holly** was rehomed with Doris in Scottsdale, who has renamed her **Maggie**. Doris writes: *Holly (now named Maggie) is a real sweetie! She is getting accustomed to her new home and has been adjusting just fine to our home routine. She is well mannered, no doubt due in large part to those who cared for and worked with her at the vet in the weeks before I adopted her. We work every day on her leash manners! Thanks to everyone at AGR who was involved in bringing Maggie to me.*



**13-020 Bo** came to us at 4 months of age from a family who loved him but could not take care of possible medical issues. He was quite well trained for being so young and arrived with a box of toys, some good basic manners, and was housetrained. His medical issues were rather quickly resolved, and he was placed with

David and Sharla for initial fostering. As happens quite often, they were unable to part with him, and **Bo** is now officially a member of their family and little brother to **Keller**. David updates us: *Bo has been a joyful, yet challenging, addition to our home and is proving to be a wonderful little brother to Keller. We were curious how the boys would adjust to each other, and it has been quite a ride. We thought (hoped) that Bo would recognize Keller's need for guidance as a boy without sight and act accordingly. What a surprise when Keller took Bo's leash in his mouth to guide Bo! Tug-of-war is a regular event, although it sometimes takes*

extra effort on **Keller's** part, because **Bo** doesn't always let him get a firm hold before taking off with the toy. When all is said and done, though, they love to just hang out together, whether playing or napping. **Bo's** greatest joy, however, is proving he can reach things that we had been sure were placed out of reach. Even when caught in the act, he manages to make that fun by beginning a game of "catch me if you can." Good thing he's so darn cute! While living with a puppy can be a challenge at times, it certainly is never dull, and there is nothing better than a Golden's love and companionship. We have been truly blessed by our boys! Thank you **AGR** for bringing them into our lives.

**13-022 Colman**, now **Barklay**, is one of the St. Patrick's Day puppies that came into Rescue along with his five siblings on St. Patrick's Day as the result of a family's unexpected litter. Deb graciously offered her laundry room and back yard, quite a lot of her time, and, with the help of many volunteers, raised **Barklay** and his brothers and sisters so that they could go to loving homes truly socialized. It truly takes a village to raise a litter of Golden puppies! They were all in their forever homes by early May, so



When he sent this photo, Jack did not say who in the household was coming in or going out on a trip, but **Barklay** made it very clear he was not going to be left behind!

Deb's laundry room is now getting back to normal and she finally has new grass in the back yard. **Barklay** traveled up to Prescott to live with his new family, who write: **Barklay** joined the family of **Kelly, Jack and Duke** (our 9-year-old Golden) in mid-April and immediately fit in. He was so excited to be in our home and took to the leash like he had been walking on one for months! He is doing a pretty good job of ringing the bell to go out, with, to date, few mistakes. He loves human contact and will cuddle with you for naps. The one thing he is having a hard time getting used to is the crate. He really doesn't like being away from the rest of us. He's really a good dog! Way to go, **Barklay**, and may the luck of the Irish follow you forever.

**13-023 Duffy** is also one of the six St. Patrick's Day puppies. After happily toiling with **Duffy** and his siblings for many weeks, Deb realized that she just couldn't part with this sweet boy. So, **Duffy** has graduated from the laundry room to the living room and bedroom and is now a part of Deb and Larry's family including their fur kids **Ladybird, Troy** and **Mufasa** in Glendale.



Deb tells us: **Duffy** made his debut as an **AGR** ambassadog on the Friday before Mother's Day when he was just 14 weeks old. The **Happy Valley Barnes & Noble** customers loved seeing a Golden puppy with the group, and he loved every person and dog

who came. Since he and his littermates were kept together until they were 12 weeks old, he's very friendly and very social, as you might expect. He loves playing with squeaky toys, and one of his favorite activities is to get his whole self into the toy bin and lie down on top of all the toys. At 20 weeks, 46 pounds, and a size almost that of our senior dog **Ladybird**, he hardly fits into the toy bin anymore, but he still climbs into it. He also loves playing in water – likes to "dig" the water out of water bowls, get his entire self into the big 4-gallon water bin outside, play in the lawn sprinklers and drink out of the hose, but so far he's not real keen on swimming in the pool – when his feet can no longer touch something solid, he panics a little. We're confident that he'll get over that, though. He and almost-4-year-old **Mufasa** are best buddies; **Ladybird** also plays mouth wars and wrestles with him. **Troy** ignores him as much as possible – ever since **Mufasa** arrived almost two years ago, **Troy** never really has adjusted to not being "the baby." **Duffy** has added new life to the Orwig household and, of course, new responsibilities with being another dog to train. He's been quick to pick up the training, though. He now knows all the basic obedience commands: heel, sit, down, stay and come. He will sit automatically when we stop walking. He also barks at the door when he needs to go out. All in all, he's been a joy. We know we will be seeing **Duffy** regularly at **AGR** events and that eventually he will earn his wings as a certified therapy dog!

**13-024 Colleen**, now **Lucy**, came to **AGR** as part of the six-puppy package on St. Patrick's Day. After spending her requisite time in Deb's laundry room and in the pen out by the pool, she went to live with Eric and Donna in Glendale. They seem to be quite taken with her. **Lucy** joined our family on May



1<sup>st</sup>; she has grown and made new friends. She adapted nicely to her new surroundings and is a very happy puppy. She is now just learning to swim and we can tell she loves the water. She has visited the vet and wanted to make friends with a Great Dane – that was very funny. She has a room full of toys and her favorite is a large bear rug that she lies out on like a bed (photo above). At 38 pounds now and growing every day, all who meet her say she is going to be a "big dog!" We can tell she loves other animals. During a recent visit, she was best friends with **Vinnie** the German Shepherd. We only need the crate when we are stepping out; otherwise she likes to be with us. Thanks to all who helped bring us together. You are welcome, Eric and Donna, and here's to a long happy life with **Ms. Lucy**!

**13-025 Kaitlyn**, now known as **Ryn**, is also part of the St. Patrick's Six Pack. When it came time to match potential owners with the puppies, **Ryn** went straight for Greg and Jeanne and their family from Fountain Hills. We love it when puppies pick their peo-



ple! They write: *We are so lucky to have **Ryn** (formerly **Kaitlyn**, St. Patrick's Day Pups). Although she has only been with us for just over 2 weeks, she is the PERFECT*

*fit for our family – thank you AGR! **Ryn** is quite the backyard explorer and is still trying to figure out how those darn birds can sense her creeping up on them and then are able to fly away before she can pounce. She just had her first lesson in the swimming pool and found it much more fun than splashing in her water dish! She is very smart, and already responds to sit, shake and kennel up. We are still working on getting used to a leash; she seems to like to explore where and when she wants, and we have discovered she has a great pair of “brakes.” She still enjoys cuddling, after expending all that puppy energy, of course, and is giving our two kids a run for their money. We want to thank everyone at AGR, particularly Deb Orwig who spent a very busy 6 weeks getting the pups ready – **Ryn** came to our house on a very good schedule and pretty much already housebroken. If there is an Irish lottery, **Ryn** and her siblings surely won it!*

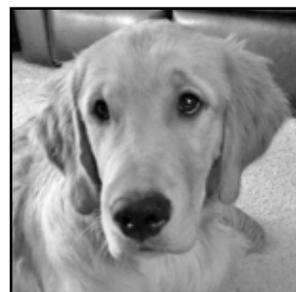
**13-026 Nola**, renamed **Nessa**, is another Six Pack graduate. She left the peace and quiet of Deb's laundry room and five siblings to go live with Allen and Diane in Phoenix where she has taken over their house and their lives. **Nessa** (formerly **Nola** of the St. Paddy's Day puppies) has been with us for two weeks. *It's amaz-*



*ing how much joy this 3½-month-old bundle of fur and energy has brought to our home. My husband and I delight in watching her explore the yard and experience things for the first time. Who knew a fluttering leaf could be so much fun to chase? We now have a system of tunnels in our yard and will get to experience the first bath this afternoon. **Nessa** sleeps like a dream for 8 ½ hours each night and then alternates between holy terror and mellow girl during the day. The biting has decreased quite a bit, but we still need to work on convincing her that toys taste better than woodwork or hinges. We couldn't be happier with this little girl and want to give Deb Orwig a great big “thank you” for taking such good care of **Nessa** for the first few months and for entrusting us with the rest of her life. We know that all your dedicated volunteers have front row seats waiting for them in heaven. Congratulations to all!*

**13-027 Ennis**, now **Murphy**, is one happy boy. As a member of the

St. Patrick's Day Puppy Pack, he has escaped the confines of Deb's laundry room and headed off to Scottsdale to live with Tracie and Richard. Tracie writes: **Murphy**, (formerly known as **Ennis**) our 15-week-old Golden, (one of the St. Patrick's Day puppies) came into our home on May 1<sup>st</sup>, joining our 6-year-old Golden, **Gus**. *It is a match made in heaven.*



*From the first day, **Gus** was attached to **Murphy's** hip, never being more than 3 feet away. Now, **Murphy** will first check on **Gus's** whereabouts before doing anything. **Gus** and **Murphy** enjoy wrestling with each other and taking walks around the yard along the perimeter of our cinder block wall. They are in the house, out of the house, in/out, in/out all day long. With the increased heat, a revolving door would be great. We are greatly indebted to Deb Orwig, **Murphy's** foster mom at AZ Golden Rescue, who instilled routines and procedures that made the transition from her house to our house very smooth and easy. We are embracing all the joys and challenges of puppy life, i.e. soft, cuddly hugs, a bounce when he walks, a curiosity that is limitless, and piranha-like sharp teeth. It would be great to freeze time to keep **Murphy** as a puppy longer, but we know he will continue to grow into a mature, handsome Golden. Sounds like a happy family!*

**13-028 Kelly**, a pretty, red/gold, nearly 7-year-old Golden, was returned to us by a wonderful woman who adopted her from AGR in June of 2012. She was heartbroken to have to relinquish **Kelly**, as they had become “best buds.” But after having a fall in her house and moving to a retirement facility, she felt she could not keep up with walking



**Kelly**, who would pull on the leash and go after the feral cats living by the home. Before we placed **Kelly** originally, we found that she definitely needed a female owner and should be the only dog in the household. With that in mind, we placed her with Teresa in Phoenix, where **Kelly** immediately went into the pool, happily chasing tennis balls. Having renamed her **Jelly**, Teresa writes: *Having had adopted Golden's in the past in Texas, I had a good idea of how lengthy the adoption process can be when I decided to approach AGR to help me find a new life-long friend. I also had pretty specific ideas of what I was looking for in my new pet (an older female who liked to swim), so I was prepared to wait as long as it took to find the right match for me. Imagine how surprised I was (and how totally unprepared I was!), when y'all called me only 2 weeks after my home visit about a matching dog who needed a home! When **Jelly** arrived with Dana just a day or so later, there was no question about whether or not she had found her new home. I knew right away that she was going to be my swimming buddy*

from now on. **Jelly** has been living with me now for a few months, and I can honestly say I have never had a dog as well behaved or as loving as she is. Her favorite toy is a tennis ball, and every day we play fetch until my arm tires out. When I get tired of fetch, she will entertain herself for hours... dropping the ball into the pool, watching it float around, fetching it out, and then dropping it in again. She is extremely friendly, and has gotten along with every person and pet that has stopped by our home to visit. **Jelly** is just a big ol' lump of pure joy in a big, red, fur coat...and I thank you, **AGR**, for pairing us up! I couldn't have asked for a better pairing!



**13-029 Keygan**, now known as **Clifford** (surprise that he's a big red dog), is a 3-year-old happy and energetic boy whose owner had to give him up due to increasing financial difficulties. Fortunately for **Clifford**, he was placed with Bruce and Kristin in Chandler where he swims in the pool every day and runs about 2 miles each day with Kristin.

That is a good way to get all that energy under control. Evidently, **Clifford** is well loved: *Clifford is doing great. We are so happy he is part of our family. He loves to swim and chase tennis balls. He went camping for the first time and loved to swim in the lake. Clifford now gets along great with our two cats. It took them a while to get used to a dog that big. He runs in the morning and takes a walk at night before he goes to bed. He is very active and so much fun to play with. Clifford always wants to be close to us. He thinks he is a lap dog and constantly tries to sit on our laps. He has a new best friend called Duke, a Chocolate Lab. They play tug-of-war, swim and just play tag. Thanks, again, for bringing Clifford into our family. Have a wonderful forever life, Clifford!*



**13-030 Annie** is an adorable 7-year-old Goldendoodle that came into Rescue from an elderly woman who knew she could no longer provide adequate care for her. **Annie** had obviously been loved and well taken care of as she knew basic commands, some tricks to make her even cuter, and was crate trained. She was placed with Michael in Anthem, who worked with her initially to help

overcome some anxiety issues arising from being taken from one home to another, a frequent issue with Rescue dogs. Michael updates us: *Annie has been a breath of fresh air since I got her. I moved to Arizona about 3 years ago. My family and I have had Golden Retrievers my whole life, so when I had to leave home, it was very tough not having a dog. I moved into a house back in October, and once I settled in I knew it was time to find a dog. I signed up to adopt in November and was very anxious. I would check the website every day hoping to find a dog that would fit my personal-*

*ity. It took a while, but at the end of March I saw Annie. Annie is a 7-year-old Goldendoodle. I've never had a Goldendoodle and had only seen and met one before, but she looked too beautiful and precious to pass up, so I had to call and find out more. Annie came from a home where the owner could no longer give the proper amount of exercise Annie needs. Annie and I go for a couple walks a day and she loves it. She's a very good walker, except when she starts chasing all the rabbits. She loves and needs a lot of attention, which I am happy to give her. My job can be quite stressful sometimes, and I have found it very helpful to have a loving dog to greet me when I get home. I think we always assume the dogs are the ones that are lucky we adopted them, but I believe I was extremely lucky and grateful Annie came into my life. I look forward to the years of companionship and fun that Annie and I will have together: Congratulations to Michael and Annie!*



**13-031 Beckham** came to **AGR** as a bouncy, 9-month-old, cream-colored puppy whose owner was allergic to him. His owners were very concerned as they didn't want him relegated to someone's back yard. We assured them that he would be very carefully placed. Some applicants say that the thoroughness of adopting a Golden from **AGR** is on par with adopting a child, so his

relinquishing owners had nothing to fear. **Beckham** was placed with Dan in Mesa, whose father also lives in the home and has had Golden Retrievers for over 30 years. Dan had lost his 6-year-old Golden to cancer earlier this year, and **Beckham**, who he has renamed **Becker**, will hopefully help fill that hole with all his typical puppy antics. Dan's dad is home during the day, so **Becker** will have a playmate all day long! A great home for this wonderful little pup. Dan writes: *Becker has been an excellent companion for both me and my father. I grew up with Goldens; we always had at least one in the family at all times. When my Hunter had to be unexpectedly put down due to severe cancer at the young age of 6, it was devastating to us and our household became quite solemn. Becker has added that new life back into the household, and his puppyhood has been an added bonus. Here's a funny story. Becker likes to chew up the pine cones that fall off my tree in the back yard. Occasionally he brings them in the house at which point we take them away from him. He's allowed to chew them up outside, not in the house. Anyway, we were watching a ball game one evening and Becker had brought in a few pine cones in a row, and at a pretty quick pace. Well, after about 7-8 of these things, I knew that there shouldn't have been this many lying in the yard. So I quietly watched him as he went out to gather another one up to bring inside. Ends up my dad was collecting the cones and had a 5-gallon bucket stocked to the top. I watched as he went out straight over to the bucket, stuck his head inside, came out with another pine cone and hurriedly came back inside. He had cleared that bucket of 2/3 of the pine cones that were in it. He has*

been a wonderful hiking partner for me also. I was a little concerned on how he would react once we ran into his first critter on the trail. Well, the first critter we came across was a cow elk literally only 50 feet from us. He looked at her, then me, her, me, and then he came over to me and got behind me and stayed right there. I think he was intimidated by her size. Naturally he loves water. Honestly, I'm not sure if he ever swam before I got him. He didn't know what to do when he discovered water that was deeper than he is tall. He eventually pushed off toward deeper water and did a small loop and came back to the safety of the shore but went right back out and has been hooked ever since. I know he's never seen snow before. When we came across our first snow he didn't know what to think of it. He smelled it for the longest time, then poked at it with his paw, which eventually led to him rolling in it. Sounds like **Becker** is well and truly loved!



**13-032 Coby** is a nearly 6-year-old, very handsome, red Golden who came to us from a heartbroken owner who had to move to an apartment with dog weight restrictions and was unable to take him with her. **Coby** had a fun ride over to Alan and Anita's house in Paradise Valley where he was uneventfully introduced to his new Golden sister, **Meiko**, and brother, **Dakota**. Coby

had a few medical issues which needed to be resolved, but is now up to his old tricks fitting in nicely with everyone. His new family writes: *Joyful, joyful, joyful... that's Coby. He loves life! He is completely happy to play his day away with his two newfound Golden Retriever friends, Meiko, age 14, and Dakota, age 8. They play chase and Coby roughhouses with Dakota, as Meiko has made it clear she is too old for that! Coby loves to run about the yard, take walks, retrieve the ball, swim and go up north to our cabin in Strawberry. He showers us all with kisses. He is a valued and wonderful addition to our home. His wonderful nature brings happiness to us all! Thank you AGR for bringing Coby into our life. Sounds like all is well in Coby's new life!*

**13-033 Goldie** is a pretty 8-year-old girl returned to us because her previous owner traveled so much in her job that she felt it wasn't fair to leave **Goldie** with a pet sitter a lot of the time. She has been placed with Geri and Gerald in Sun Lakes along with their Boston Terrier, **Mickey**. Geri writes: *Goldie is a wonderful addition to our home. She is a calm loving pet. She follows either my husband or me around the house in a very quiet way. She likes to be with someone at all times. Our Boston Terrier rescue and Goldie get along well; however, the Boston would love to play but Goldie prefers to just be quiet. She seems to enjoy our yard and*



really loves her early morning and evening walks on the grass around the lakes in our community of Sun Lakes. She eagerly jumps in the golf cart to go on the walks. She is well behaved in the house and we have no worry leaving the dogs alone at home for a short time. **Goldie** is a perfect fit! Sounds like everyone is happy all around. Here's to your new forever home, **Goldie**!



**13-034 Barkley** came to us from the West-side shelter and as handsome as this deep gold/red boy was, it is curious why he ended up there. This approximately 8-year-old boy was very calm, gentle and friendly with good manners, which aren't always what arrives from a shelter. All he needed was neutering, and he stayed with foster Randy until he was ready to go to his forever home with Annabel and Donald in Mesa. Lucky

dog gets to spend his summers up north in Alberta, Canada, and escape the Arizona heat. His new family tells us: *Barkley has now been a part of our family for almost three weeks! He is so amazing... very playful, loving and cuddly. He will be heading north with us to Alberta for the summer and will be returning with the rest of his new canine friends, Emily and Luke, in the fall. With his extremely thick and furry coat I am sure he is going to find the cooler temperatures extremely welcoming. It warms our hearts knowing that we are able to offer Barkley a fabulous home where he will be loved and cared for. Thank you to all the volunteers at Arizona Golden Rescue for making this adoption happen.*

**13-035 Bouncer** is another one of those mature 8-year-old gentleman grinders that was an owner release. He needed some initial age-related medical care, including neutering, dental, updated vaccinations, and a senior panel of blood work, which all turned out OK, and then was ready to rock and roll. He was immediately placed with Kim and Keith in Litchfield Park where he fit right in with their dog, **Sierra**. Kim reports that he is doing great, is already playing ball with **Sierra**, and they love him. What more could a happy senior Golden need? Welcome home, **Bouncer**!



**13-036 Daisy** is a cute 2-year-old Golden/lab mix that was surrendered by her owners because they were moving and couldn't afford the expenses associated with a dog. After some initial vet and basic behavior work, she was ready to go to her foster, Randy, who spent quite a bit of time with her resolving some timidity and hip is-

sues. After **Daisy** spent some time in his care, Randy sought an active home for this girl and she found it with Brian in Tempe. We wish Brian and **Daisy** lots of wonderful years together!



**13-037 Samson** came to us as your basic cute and adorable 4-month-old Golden/Great Pyrenees mix puppy. The family who gave him to us had only had him a week before realizing he was way too much for them and their four young children. Patrick picked up this sweet boy and delivered him to Melanie and Rick in Sahuarita who are enjoying

puppy antics as we speak. They write: *He is growing like a weed and enjoying ranch life. He recently introduced himself to a cow. The cow was not intimidated by him one bit. Samson has been with us for 10 weeks and is 7 months old. He is a "very large puppy" and clumsy to boot which makes him really funny to watch. He thinks wake up time is between 4:30 and 5:00 every morning and does not distinguish Monday through Friday from Saturday or Sunday. In other words, there is no weekend sleep-in time with this happy-go-lucky fella!* Sounds like Melanie and Rick have struck gold!

**13-038 Tucker** was released to us by his owner. He is a very affectionate, handsome, and big 4-year-old Goldendoodle who loves everyone and everything. Part of his Golden talents are the love of frisbee and ball chasing, but water is just not his thing. Kathy picked him up and delivered him to Scott and Leah in Phoenix, where **Tucker** immediately had a wonderful time playing with the resident dog, **Bogey**. Leah gives us an update: *I knew as soon as I saw Tucker's picture, my heart had fallen in love with this dog. Tucker came into our lives one month ago today, and we couldn't be any happier. We were nervous to see how bringing a new dog into our home would affect our 3-year-old Golden, Bogey – but we knew within minutes they were going to be great pals. Tucker has such a sweet soul and wonderful manners. He and Bogey play in the back yard every night; even though Tucker is bigger than Bogey, he is very submissive with her. We are finding out new things about this boy every day – he loves playing in the sprinklers and every once in a while, he will give a good howl into the sky! We recently celebrated Tucker's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday with Frosty Paws Doggie Ice Cream, and we look forward to many more years of celebrations with our two sweet Goldenes. Thank you, AGR, for all that you do.*



**13-039 Gabriel**, believe it or not, came to us with his sister, **Gabriella**, from a shelter in Casa Grande. These 3-month-old Golden/Lab pups were picked up by Nick, who took both to his house



for a respite (not sure if for Nick or for the pups) and photos. **Gabriel** was delivered to Julie and John in Phoenix, who welcomed him as did their resident dog. After a few days, they decided to rename him **Lucca**, or **Luke** for short. Julie lets us know: *Lucca joined our family on April 19<sup>th</sup>. He was about 3 months old, 18 lbs and a bit timid. Two months later,*

*he is 38 lbs and 100% puppy! Lucca is extremely curious, very sweet and quite smart. He loves to retrieve and is currently learning how to bring in the newspaper and to swim. He also loves to go on walks and is fascinated with every bird and dog he sees! He has brought much joy, as well as puppy craziness to our lives! Thank you, AGR, for the wonderful opportunity to raise Lucca. He is a blessing!* Sounds like **Lucca** has found his forever home!

**13-040 Gabriella** is the sister to **Gabriel**, and they both bounced into Rescue from the Casa Grande shelter (when you are 3 months old, bouncing is one of the things you do best). Nick took both pups to his house where master photographer Connie took their photos before they were delivered to their new homes. **Gabriella**, a little more timid than her brother, was



taken to Lance and Tammy in Phoenix who were delighted to meet her, as was their small dog. All is going well for this cute little girl that was renamed **Brinkley**. Tammy reports: *Well, it all began on April 18<sup>th</sup> when Teri called to ask if we'd like to take in a Golden puppy that is female. Of course I said yes – we were thrilled, as we had just joined the Rescue on Monday of that week. I arranged my schedule for the following day; we couldn't wait to get our new addition. That was the longest Friday ever! I don't know if I would say it was love at first sight for her, but it sure was for us. Brinkley came with a few ailments but nothing the wonderful doctors at AMSC couldn't fix – they were wonderful. In the beginning, Brinkley was very mellow and we thought we had gotten lucky with a calm Golden. Come to find out she had a bug and once treated she became very high-energy. Brinkley really keeps us on our toes, and we are now starting private puppy lessons to get her some manners – she is a perfect addition to our family.*

**13-041 Apollo** was a distinguished older gentleman who was rescued by Nick from the **Arizona Humane Society**. Believed to be about 11, **Apollo** just loves everyone he meets and we knew he would make one of our adopters



very happy. He arrived leash and potty trained and knew how to use a dog door. After he had a mass removed from his back and wore the Cone of Shame, he gleefully joined Cynthia and Mike in their home in Scottsdale and was renamed **Paolo**. Cynthia writes: *We are so pleased to have Paolo join our family. Formerly Apollo, this stunning 11-year-old boy is as sweet as any Golden can be. He was renamed after famed architect and student of Frank Lloyd Wright, Paolo Soleri. He joins a resident Golden brother Bailey (7) and sister Hannah (2). He found his way into Rescue because his needs as a senior were more than his family's budget could allow. While we are a longtime 2-Golden family, this sweet boy deserved a loving home for the remainder of his years, and he found his way into our hearts. We are blessed to share his 'Golden Years' and include him in our family. His spirit is strong and his body is now, too, with great care and a few 'senior meds'. He joined our family in early May, just before Mother's Day. The true gift, though, was to his new human dad. Paolo bonded closely with Dad and loves to hang out in the home office, watch TV in the evening and, at the end of a quiet day, he sleeps right beside Dad's side of the bed. June marks Paolo's first Meet-and-Greet since joining our family and we know he will melt the hearts of everyone he meets.* Unfortunately, shortly after Cynthia wrote this paragraph, **Paolo's** health unexpectedly went downhill very quickly and he had to be helped across the Rainbow Bridge. Later, Cynthia said, *It was a blessing to share the past seven weeks with Paolo; 7 years probably would have been too short as well. When it's all said and done, we are grateful to AGR for rescuing him from the Humane Society and for giving him health in the last two months of his life.* In **Paolo's** memory, Cynthia and Mike gave **AGR** a very generous donation, made even more so by matching funds from Mike's employer, **Bank of America**. They sent the following note along with their check: *In gratitude for Connie McCabe's and Nick Dodson's love they shared with Paolo and the assistance they provided to us on his final day, and in grateful and loving memory of the most Beautiful Big, Red Golden Retriever we may ever know. We love you Paolo!*



**13-042 Raja**, now named **Deacon**, is a very handsome 4-year-old Golden boy who was surrendered to us because the family is expecting a new baby this summer and both parents work full time. Wanting him to have the life that such an awesome dog deserves, his owners tearfully gave him to us and warned that not only does he like to swim, he **LOVES** to swim,

and hoped we could place him with a family who owns a pool. After noticing a worsening limp, **AGR** determined that this boy needed double FHO surgery. Charlotte and her family in Chandler adopted this sweet boy and have gotten him through his first surgery. She tells us, *When we lost our Bella we were heartbroken. The kids just didn't know what to do without their pal. Deacon*

*has been a Godsend. He is the most loving dog and would play all day with the kids (or me) if he could. Even during the rehab from his surgery for hip dysplasia he has been a dream. We love him so much and are so glad he is our dog! Happy new life, Deacon! We hear your people are building you a pool!*

**13-043 Heidi** is a cute little 1-year-old Golden girl who came to us as a stray from someone who found her but couldn't locate her owners and had two dogs of their own. After the usual vetting, including a spay job, **Heidi** was whisked off to Gail and Jack in San Tan Valley. She has been renamed **Glory**. Happy landings, **Glory!**



**13-044 Honey** is a very cute "ghost face" red 6-year-old girl who was loitering at the Santa Cruz County shelter in Nogales until Dana and Gail rescued her. Another wonderful Golden who "can't hold her licker," **Honey** bathed Gail's face all the way to their house. After an unfortunate meeting with a potential adopter's cat, **Honey** was subsequently placed with Sharon

in Sun Lakes where she is enjoying a cat-free existence. Sharon writes: *Not sure who rescued whom when Honey came to live with me. I had lost my husband, my mother and a daughter-in-law within two months of each other about a year and a half ago. To say there was an emptiness in my life would have been an understatement. Honey has filled that emptiness. She is my Velcro dog – if I leave the room she follows. She nudges me each morning with her nose to wake me – her bright eyes saying good morning. She loves to go for walks and is learning not to pull on the lead. She is incredibly eager to please and is a fast learner. Honey has changed my empty house back into a home, and I cannot imagine life without her. Way to go, Honey!*

**13-045 Honei** (pronounced like honey) is a beautiful 7-year-old whose looks and activity level defy her age. She was surrendered by her original owners who were experiencing financial difficulties and felt they couldn't give **Honei** the life she deserved. Nick and Connie delivered her to Marshall and Connie in Surprise where she immediately took to major zooming



around their yard. She has some allergy issues and valley fever but is expected to recover fully. Her latest update: *We are a retired couple who have been Goldenless for the past 7 years, having had*

3 Golden retrievers in our past: **BrandyGirl**, **ChelseaGirl**, and **StoneyBoy**. It was an early morning shortly after the tragic Boston bombings as we sat watching a TV news show featuring 5 to 7 Golden therapy dogs venturing around everyone and just being Golden retrievers, as we all know them to be. As we sat watching with enjoyment, we said, "Let's do it!" That very morning we filled out our adoption application with **Arizona Golden Rescue**. We were approved and knew it most likely would be a long wait. However, shortly thereafter, **Honei**, an adorable 7-year-old female, came to our home for a visit to perhaps stay with us permanently. Well, there's no taking her back! She is the most adorable, well-behaved, and good-mannered dog we have ever had. We enjoy her company every minute of the day. Our having experienced a downturn from the economy and a serious medical illness in recent years, **Honei's** spirit has set our minds free from all the negative past. A special thank you goes out to all the great people at **Arizona Golden Rescue** who have made this adoption process so easy. **Honei** is the new joy in our lives, and we can't thank you enough. A very happy ending for this pretty girl!

**13-046 Riggz** (left one of pair), and his nephew **13-047 Ryder** (right one of pair), came into Rescue together and were placed together, which is always the very best outcome for a pair of dogs bonded so thoroughly to each other. **Riggz**, the older of the two at age 10, was described by his previous owner as being a



bit stubborn, with a mind of his own, and a great believer in as much food as possible. **Ryder**, age 8, was a bit more needy than his uncle, yet loved to play, run, swim and do everything else a Golden loves to do. Nick and Connie delivered **Ryder** and **Uncle Riggz** to Jeff and Ellen in Fountain Hills, where a wonderful grassy yard awaited them. Ellen sent this message: *My husband and I had just lost our 5<sup>th</sup> Golden Retriever, **Hoss**, in April. He was*



It was not possible for Connie to get a photo of a dry **Riggz**!

*SO special to us and we thought we would never be able to replace him. We have loved each one of our Golden retrievers and we knew we had LOTS of love to give to others. Rescued Golden retrievers seemed to be the way to go for us, so we decided to go through the process to get a new one. Little did we know that **Riggz** and **Ryder** were available for adoption and they came as a pair, not to be separated. During our entire married life, we've usually had two Golden retrievers at a time, so this seemed like a situation that was just meant for us! We were approved and we got **Riggz** and **Ryder** on a trial basis. We soon discovered that we wanted to adopt them. Each of them is unique and endearing. **Riggz** is 10, is very smart and loves to sleep with*

his "baby" (stuffed Mickey Mouse toy). I think **Ryder** was born with a bone or a ball in his mouth, as one of these is constantly in his mouth. **Ryder** is very sweet and gentle in his demeanor. Both dogs together are a wonderful combination; they both love being with each other and behave nicely together. They both have voracious appetites and meal-time is quite an experience, to say the least... stand clear! They seem to love walking in the woods as well as on our local sidewalks. Neither seemed to have had much experience on leash, but they very quickly grew to LOVE walk time. They get plenty of exercise chasing the ball in our back yard or swimming in the pool. Our cat, **Sherbie**, was a little overwhelmed at first with having to share his domain with two new "boys" but he has adjusted well and now comes out to be with us as he did in the past (he would lie on the dog bed with **Hoss**). Our friends and family are all enamored with **Riggz** and **Ryder**, too. It's been a GREAT match for all of us! **AGR** was a great organization to work with and we are very pleased with the people that we have encountered throughout the entire process. They truly seem to be working for the best interests of the Golden retrievers in their care. We will highly recommend them to others who are looking to adopt a rescued Golden. We are always so grateful to adopters who are willing to take a bonded pair, and know this was a GReat match!



Ryder is always in the pool with **Riggz** or has a ball in his mouth or both!



**13-049 Banner** is an adorable 1-year-old pup that loves water, but doesn't know how to swim (yet). Initial vetting showed him to have valley fever, so he will be monitored and rechecked in the upcoming months. **Banner** was delivered to his new home with David and Paula in Surprise, who have renamed him **Bear**. On Mother's Day, Jim and

Diane brought **Banner**, now **Bear**, to our home. He was undernourished and very shy and nervous around us, but he immediately became fast friends with our resident Golden puppy, **Chloe**. What a wonderful gift! He loves going for walks around the Riparian Preserve, where he sees many bunnies that he dreams of catching one day. Another favorite pastime he has is hunting the lizards that scurry on the block walls in our back yard – another dream that we hope will stay unfulfilled. And then there is the pool! It did not take him long at all to fall in love with the pool. He leaps into the pool with total exuberance! It is great that he has a "cool" way to use up his puppy energy. But, while walks, bunnies, lizards and pools are a lot of fun, what he really loves doing is playing with **Chloe**! It is so much fun watching them play together! They really cooperate with each other – one will hold still and wait for the other to grab the opposite part of a toy to play

tug-of-war. They really have a great time playing with each other and are best friends! In a little more than a month, we have seen **Bear** really come into his own. He rarely shows any timidity and he is becoming more confident with every day. We are continuing to work on basic training, and now he will even shake your hand! He trots around with a smile on his face all day long. On Mother's Day, we welcomed **Bear** into our home and our hearts. On Father's Day, we celebrated the adoption being finalized and that we have a new perfect forever member of our family. Thank you so much, **Arizona Golden Rescue**, for bringing **Bear** to us and for all the support that you have given us! We know there are lots of fun things in store for all of them! Congratulations, **Bear**!



**13-050 Trace** is a show-stopping, 6-month-old bouncy guy that was just too active for his owner, who sadly relinquished him. Teri picked him up and delivered him to Maria's house where she was waiting with her son and his best friend. They introduced **Trace** to his own personal "play room" and basically just loved up on him like crazy.

By the time our volunteer left, **Trace** had figured out the doggie door and was playing catch with the ice cubes in his water bowl, to which Maria commented that she'll have the cleanest floor in Phoenix! Her husband, Harry, arrived with a giant stuffed football yelling "**Lambeau, Lambeau!**," which instantly became **Trace's** new name. Guess their favorite football team? Instant love for everyone concerned!

**13-052 Candi** strutted her stuff into Rescue as a gorgeous, blond, 7-year-old lady that was quite active as a hiker with her previous owners who said she really loved water. We were told she had no problem with male dogs and younger females, cats and children. Kim and Keith picked her up in Cordes Junction and took her to their house, where she loved their pool. After an initial trial at another foster home at which **Candi** made it clear she did not like the resident dog, Deb delivered **Candi** to Bob and Cheryl in Phoenix and helped introduce her to their resident dogs, **Baxter** (age 13) and **Buddy** (age 9). This first introduction did not go very well, so Deb took **Candi** back to **Academy West Animal Hospital** where we were boarding her and told her to take a couple days to think about what a terrific home she would have if she could accept the boys. At a second trial two days later, **Candi** decided she was going to be okay with the boys. After a few more days she even allowed **Buddy** to be the alpha of her new pack. Here's her update: *After a bit of a rough start, everything has come together nicely. **Candi** is now a full-fledged member of the pack. She's happy to have a new stepbrother **Buddy** and stepdad*



**Baxter**. It was love at first sight for us. **Candi** is such a beautiful dog, and, thankfully, very well behaved. After losing our female last year to old age, **Candi** is a great addition. We go for morning walks and she insists on carrying the leash herself. We took her over to **PetSmart** yesterday so she could pick out a toy for herself. She is now in her FOREVER home! **Buddy** and **Candi** love to play catch with the many tennis balls in the back yard. **Baxter** is a bit old to go out and play catch with them. We want to thank Deb for her patience with this process of adopting **Candi**!

## Diamonds in the Ruff

By Teri Guilbault, Health Care Manager

To update you on April's *Diamonds in the Ruff*, our previously featured dogs... With the exception of **Sadie**, who went to the Rainbow Bridge, all are doing well. **Shorty**, our senior *Diamond* dog, is doing particularly well, having found his forever family who just love him and want to spend his senior years spoiling him rotten.



**12-123 Gypsy** came into our Rescue last fall, and, upon testing as we always do with adult dogs, we discovered that she had contracted heartworm disease. In **Gypsy's** case, it appears that her condition was chronic, and she may have been living with this for quite some time. She underwent treatment to get rid of the heartworms and everything went

well. When she was ready for her six-month follow-up to make sure that all of those nasty heartworms were gone, we discovered that she was still heartworm positive. Occasionally, it does happen that the first round of treatment does not completely rid a dog of the heartworm infestation, so in May, we began a second set of treatments. As of now, she has undergone the first of two rounds of second set of treatments and will begin the second and, hopefully, final round in the near future. **Gypsy's** expenses so far have totaled a little over \$1,500.

**13-016 Caesar** is a very special boy who did community service as a search-and-rescue dog in the northern part of Arizona prior to coming to us to live out his "retirement" years with a wonderful family. Although he did not live in the Valley area, he tested positive for valley fever, so we started him on medication to get that under control. He also had some issues with excessive drinking and urination for which we have had to do some detective work to try and figure out the cause. We are still



working on getting those issues under control, but **Caesar** is starting to feel better and we hope that very soon his problems will all have been resolved. Total expenses incurred so far have amounted to approximately \$1,800.

**13-040 Gabriella**, now affectionately known as **Brinkley**, was a three-month old puppy who came to us with her little brother from a shelter in southern Arizona. Unfortunately, she came in with a variety of nasty bugs, starting with a serious case of vomiting and diarrhea which required an overnight stay at the vet, and a bit of kennel cough. Expenses for those little bumps in the road, along with her normal vetting, have amounted to a little over \$1,100. At this time, Brinkley is doing just fine and living the wonderful life that a golden puppy should!



**13-041 Apollo**, now **Paolo**, was a senior Golden who came to us from the shelter with a few issues which were never addressed by his former owner. He had a couple of growths that needed removal; these were, fortunately, benign. One of his eyes was a mess and needed to be taken care of by an ophthalmologist. He also had some other issues that were

discovered when his bloodwork was done. Unfortunately, after just a few weeks with his forever family, **Paolo** suddenly went downhill and had to be sent to the Bridge. We spent a little over \$1,500.

**13-042 Raja**, now known as **Deacon**, is a four-years-young Golden boy who was surrendered to us with information that he may have "some" hip dysplasia. After settling into his new home, going for walks and playing with his new human siblings and generally becoming way more active than he had been, it became obvious that his dysplasia was, in fact, pretty severe. **Deacon** underwent FHO (femoral head ostectomy) surgery in May and is now on the road to recovery so that he can again become an active, pain-free member of his family. Expenses incurred to date total about \$3,500.



**13-051 Lucky** is a middle-aged boy that came to us from the shelter. He had a few health issues, one being that he needed a dental since his teeth were full of tartar, and our vet needed to get that cleaned up so that they could get a clearer picture of anything going on in his mouth. Unfortunately, when he received his

dental, the vet discovered that his lower canines were cracked and the roots exposed, and that his front teeth, both upper and lower, had been worn down to the roots and they, too, needed extraction. We had some serious post dental issues, as **Lucky** became severely swollen from the surgery and unable to eat or drink, and it was discovered that underneath all the bad teeth was a massive infection that had probably been there for quite some time and had deteriorated his jaw area. After spending a few days at the vet on antibiotics and IV fluids, he went home to his new mom and dad and is now in the process of recovering and being loved and spoiled like crazy. His expenses so far have exceeded \$2,000. We would like to thank Kim and Kevin Moser for their very generous donation toward the cost of **Lucky's** medical expenses.



### *Some Common-Sense Training Tips*

**Train every day** – rain or shine, snow or heat – for 10 to 20 minutes. The younger the dog, the shorter the sessions should be. If using 10-minute sessions, try to do them twice a day; stop before the dog gets fidgety or uninterested and starts ignoring commands.

**Be patient and consistent.** Use the same word for the same command every time. Use short, crisp words, e.g. "down" not "lie down."

**Begin training sessions in a quiet area.** As your dog's responses become more dependable, train in areas where there are more distractions. Open-air shopping malls, where there is both vehicle and people traffic, are good locations; for the dog's safety, don't train off leash in public places. In downtown Phoenix, dogs are allowed throughout **Biltmore Fashion Park**.

**Use different tones of voice** to elicit the desired response from your dog. A high-pitched, happy tone that will motivate your dog to move works well when teaching "heel," "sit," and "come." Use a low-pitched, firm command when teaching "down" and "stay."

**Do not repeat commands.** If you do, your dog will learn it is not necessary to obey until multiple commands are given. If the dog does not respond after the first command, issue a correction and put the dog into the position you want. Praise for good response.

**Praise, praise and more praise.** Treats are not necessary, and if you use them as a reward for compliant behavior, it may be difficult for you to wean the dog from treat expectation. The dog should respond only to please you.

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



Jake Engelhardt



Maggie Engelhardt



Rex Engelhardt



Zoe Furman



Sasha Knieriem

Paolo Lane / Wenström



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.



Natasha Lockwood



Elsa Marie Muller

Perhaps one central reason for loving dogs is that they take us away from this obsession with ourselves. When our thoughts start to go in circles, and we seem unable to break away, wondering what horrible event the future holds for us, the dog opens a window into the delight of the moment.

~Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson

**Peter Wong's Dog Training Tips**

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*Ed Note: Peter Wong is an AGR member who has been training dogs since 1971. Those of you who have seen his Border Collie, Billie, in action at any of our events have really had a treat. Peter's experience includes three Utility Dog titles and one CDX (Open) title in formal obedience, and he has judged all levels of obedience for AKC sanctioned matches. He taught basic obedience for Petco for eight years. He is also experienced in training dogs for film and commercial work.*

**TRAINING:** Dog training is a skill, one that can only be acquired from constant learning and with an open mind. Good training is no big secret. There are three important ingredients that are vital to good dog training.

**Patience.** Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither will you be able to train your dog in a few days. Basic obedience requires 8-10 weeks to complete – the amount of time depends on breed of dog, age of dog, age of handler and competence of handler. You must be willing and able to work the dog every single day, rain or shine, including weekends, birthdays, holidays, etc. Do not be fooled by trainers who tell you an obedience-trained dog can be trained in a few days. A true obedience-trained dog is capable of performing all the obedience commands flawlessly off lead with plenty of distractions around – strangers, other animals and in any type of environment, whether at busy shopping centers, schools, busy traffic, etc. Be patient and take the time to train your dog correctly.

**Consistency.** The handling of your dog while in training is critical. You must be able to correct and offer praise at the right moment. If not, then the dog will not associate what is required of him with the correct action, and, thus, you will create confusion in his mind. Your actions should always be mechanical, not emotional. Do not attempt to reason with your dog – it will not work. Dogs are not humans and lack the capacity to think like humans.

**Praise.** Praise is the one ingredient you never want to omit. Praise at the right moment and often enough will motivate your dog like nothing else. Keeping the dog motivated with plenty of praise will encourage him to look forward to the training sessions. However, you only want to offer praise when a job is well done. Don't offer praise for the sake of praising. Only praise when a command is executed. It is not a good idea to praise him for doing nothing, as this sets the stage for your dog to expect something for nothing.

**SHOUTING "NO"** at your dog used to be an acceptable practice to demonstrate your displeasure. Many intelligent trainers now understand its application actually has no real value. For one thing, being negative will not bring out the best from your dog. Secondly, it may create confusion and frustration for your dog. Problems arise when the dog hears nothing but NO, NO, NO and more NOs. Failure to correctly respond to a command is easily corrected by simply guiding the dog to perform whatever

behavior you are asking for correctly, then immediately praising it. For example, if your dog did not respond to the "sit" command, quickly guide him to the sit position and offer praise immediately. You do all this without uttering "NO". If you were to become angry or upset and yell NO, it would accomplish nothing. It would only indicate that you do not have what it takes to train dogs. Eliminate NO from your vocabulary and see if it doesn't improve your relationship with your dog... I am sure it will.

**ON RETRIEVING:** Retrieving comes naturally for some dogs. Ball playing is great fun for them. This activity reinforces the bond between owner and dog. Additionally, it provides excellent exercise for the dog. Fifteen to twenty minutes twice daily of this activity will satisfy his exercise requirement.

When compared to the Forced Retrieve, the Play Retrieve has its limitations, It is for play only and helps create a tight bond with your dog. The Forced Retrieve is for serious work.

- The Play Retrieve is not reliable. What if the dog doesn't feel like it?
- The Play Retrieve is not a result of formal training, in which a dog is trained to retrieve under the most tempting distractions. In other words, it is a retrieve that cannot demonstrate any reliable outcome.

The Forced Retrieve has these advantages:

- The Forced Retrieve-trained dog is reliable to retrieve under heavy distractions – he is trained to ignore distractions and focus only on retrieving. He can be trusted to perform that task effectively and swiftly with no hesitation.
- The Forced Retrieve is important in that it is a prerequisite in mastering other important behaviors; such routines as picking up objects and dropping them into a box, the Basketball Trick, the Numbers Trick, Mail Box Trick, etc. Once a dog has mastered retrieving, it is simple to teach him to retrieve anything he is able to pick up and carry.

The teaching of retrieving is a rather long endeavor requiring 5 to 6 weeks of daily training. Patience and time are essential to success. The dog must be worked with all types of distractions and any hesitation should be met with a swift, inescapable correction. When commanded to retrieve, your dog's focus is to retrieve and ignore everything around him. This is truly what makes a trained dog a trained dog. Nagging or yelling is just no way to train a dog.

I use the ear pinch method to teach retrieving. This method is marked with controversy among trainers, but, it is safe to say that most trainers utilize and support this method. When done correctly, it produces a reliable working dog. Most trainers I know swear by this method. I used it on my rescued Golden **Sandy** (now at the Bridge), who, as many of you know, was a reliable trained dog.

## Training Facilities and Trainers

Compiled by Deb Orwig

Sheila Joyce with **Tessa** and Liz Tataseo with **Augie** took a basic obedience course with an excellent trainer, Christine Filler. Unfortunately, Christine is usually in Arizona for only the coolest five months of the year. However, she gave them a list of trainers and training facilities that she recommends. Other trainers recommended by members who have used them are listed here as well. Costs vary considerably.

Both Sheila and Liz have taken formal obedience classes with other dogs they have owned, so it is not as though either is a novice dog trainer. However, both know that formal classes are important not only for brushing up on training techniques, but also for the socialization of the dogs. Christine Filler gave them the following list for future reference.

### ARIZONA DOG PRO NETWORK

**Raechel Clevenger** rlclevenger75@gmail.com 602-502-3545  
**Desert Winds Dog Training** www.desertwinddogtraining.net  
<http://mindofmentalchaos.blogspot.com/> (blog)

- Currently at 67<sup>th</sup> Ave and Happy Valley Rd but moving to Black Canyon City in the near future.
- Covers Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix or Scottsdale, doesn't mind traveling; also as far north as Prescott and including New River, Carefree, Anthem, Black Canyon City and Cave Creek.
- Adjusts training methods to fit the dog and the family's needs; has a very holistic approach and looks at all aspects of the dog's life to help meet the needs of the dog as best as possible.
- Has some training in TTouch.
- Over 8 years experience as a vet tech.

**Christine Filler** cfiller1@msn.com 602-717-7909 **Christine's Obedient Buddies** www.obedientbuddies.com

- Covers the north loop of the 101 to New River and I-17 to Fountain Hills, but will be out of Arizona until November
- Old-fashioned, nothing-fancy trainer; no treats; plenty of correction and praise.
- Experienced in obedience and conformation showing.

**Lori Kay Hein** lkcrittercare@cox.net 623-849-6414 **L.K.'s Professional Pet Sitters** (Note: Lori Kay does pet sitting as well as dog training) www.lkcrittercare.com

- Covers west Phoenix (51<sup>st</sup> Ave to 199<sup>th</sup> Ave and Buckeye Rd to Bell Rd), Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Tolleson, Peoria and Surprise; would consider someone just outside those areas.

- Uses slip, martingale, pinch, buckle, and Gentle Leaders; adjusts method to fit the situation.

**Tawni McBee** thegreatfuldog@yahoo.com 480-586-5819 **All Greatful Dogs, Inc.** www.allgreatfuldogs.com

Covers Gold Canyon Ranch to Ahwatukee and east Phoenix, from 44<sup>th</sup> St and Indian School to Ahwatukee, Shea Blvd to Riggs Rd, Apache Junction, Gilbert, Chandler, Mesa, Tempe, some Phoenix, Ahwatukee, some Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, some Queen Creek; will do Fountain Hills but prefers not; will also meet people to train if necessary, but prefers in-home.

- Some classes, including CGC prep and test – she is a CGC evaluator for **AKC**.
- Does dog training and body care (Kokoro body care) for pets including dogs, cats, and some others (no reptiles or birds); can do training and body care at her home in Mesa near Val Vista and Southern.
- Balanced, holistic trainer with customized fee structure; usually charges for evaluations; will do consultations, especially for puppy starters.
- Preferred equipment: nylon slip, martingale, Starmark pinch or electronic collars; can work with Gentle Leaders, Haltis, clicker and harness, with adaption as needed.
- Also teaches massage classes for dog owners to learn how to do some massage themselves.
- Has an e-newsletter that goes out as needed and runs social walks usually once a month to which anyone with a well behaved dog can come.

**Kathy Smith** stekat3@directv.net 623-523-3467 **Crickhollow Academy of Dog Training**

Is in Wittman at Dove Valley and Hwy 60 (Grand Ave); can do Anthem and New River if necessary, as she works a full time job at I-17 and Carefree Hwy.

Covers west of Central in Phoenix, Goodyear, Tonopah, maybe Wickenburg.

- Runs a group class at 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and Pinnacle Peak on Sundays to which any trained dog is welcome with prior notice to her; problem dogs should be accompanied by their trainer the first couple of times; contact her for more information.

**Stacie Strauss** itraindogs@live.com H 480-998-9377 (try first) C 480-326-3505 **Pawsitive Performance Dog Training**

In Scottsdale and will travel approx. in a 25-mile radius to N & S Scottsdale, Phoenix, Fountain Hills, Paradise Valley, Queen Creek, and willing to meet clients if it's too far.

- Methods to fit what the dog needs and a variety of equipment including slip, martingale, Halties, clicker, harnesses (on little dogs), pinch and electronic collar (but is not yet comfortable doing a lot with e-collar).
- Shows her dogs in obedience, rally and agility, so would be able to help clients get into those.

The following facilities and/or trainers have been recommended by **AGR** members who have used their services:

**Arizona Dog Sports**, 4848 E. Cactus Rd., Suite 200, Scottsdale, AZ 85254 602.237.6775 azdogsports@msn.com  
Sheila Joyce has continued her training of **Tessa** and now has been taking **Charlie** to **Arizona Dog Sports**. She says, *Goldens love doing activities with their people! A great place to do this is at Arizona Dog Sports located near the Paradise Valley Mall. The 5000 sq.ft. facility is a gym for dogs with a pleasant temperature all year round. There are lots of obedience classes that are linked with fun dog activities, agility for all levels, heelwork games, rally, nose and scent work, and even classes children can do with their dogs! Charlie just recently got his CGC (Canine Good Citizen) certification there also, as the class taught the skills necessary to pass each part of the test. Get ready to have a fun time with your Golden while you get an obedient dog in the process! Call Layne Kizler to ask if they have a class you would like to take. Go to [www.AzDogSports.com](http://www.AzDogSports.com) to check out classes and instructors and their backgrounds.*

**Master's Kennels Dog University**, 17309 S 144<sup>th</sup> St, Gilbert 480-917-DOGS <http://www.doguniversity.com/>

They train dogs from all over the country, as well as offering boarding services.

- Credits include numerous CD, CDX, WC, and WCX titled dogs in addition to therapy dogs for local hospitals
- Proven training methods were developed over the years from experience and through close association with other successful trainers: no stress to you or your dog while making learning fun
- No choke chains or pinch collars are allowed
- Group and private training available
- Offers Snake Avoidance Training

From Teri Guilbault: *I met this lady when I went to Linda Knight's grand opening of her new grooming salon All-Star Grooming. She seems to know her stuff, and Linda was raving about what she does. She comes to your home and does aquatic training with dogs. Charges \$75 an hour. She can work with the dog in the pool or even just come out and show owners how to pool train or help with dog therapy.*

**Lisa Maldonado, Arizona Pool Dogs**

Owner/Canine Pool Training Specialist,  
Red Cross Canine CPR/First Aid Certified  
602-881-1018  
<http://azpooldogs.com/>

**Partners Dog Training School**, 4640 E. Forest Pleasant Place, Cave Creek, AZ 85331 480-595-6700 [www.partnersdogtraining.com](http://www.partnersdogtraining.com) Simply put, they teach dogs to do what is right!

- Excellent professional trainers
- Basic and advanced obedience, agility, swim classes and dock diving classes
- 3-week resident camp (boarding, with both individual and group training by staff trainers) or weekly training classes for owner/handlers available
- Companion dog training and CGC testing
- Guard dog training
- Snake avoidance training

**Partners** is where we had **12-100 Rusty** trained. He is now one of the best-trained dogs in Maricopa County! We highly recommend the training program at **Partners**. If you call to register for a class, be sure to tell them you have a rescued dog from **AGR** and they will give you a discount on the class fee.

**Pete 'N Macs Pet Resort**, two locations: 13034 W Rancho Santa Fe Blvd, **Avondale**, AZ 85392 623-536-2303 [avondaleaz@petemac.com](mailto:avondaleaz@petemac.com); also 321 E Elliot Rd., **Gilbert**, AZ 85234 480-633-3384 [gilbertaz@petemac.com](mailto:gilbertaz@petemac.com)

While they are a day care and boarding facility and offer grooming services, the available training is outlined as follows:

Personalized:

In-home offered within 20 miles of resort: single lesson or package of four lessons, \$77/hour, 4/\$288

In-resort lessons: single lesson or package of 4 \$67/\$242

Obedience training while boarding – call for pricing

Daycare and training, 5 days, \$360

Group classes, in resort:

Puppy, \$105 for 6 weeks

Beginner, \$110 for 7 weeks

Canine Good Citizen Prep (Puppy or Beginner required), \$75/4 weeks

Canine Good Citizen, \$115 for 8 weeks (Beginner or Instructor approval required)

That's My Dog? Trick Class, \$105 for 6 weeks (Puppy or Beginner required)

Rally for Fun, \$115 for 8 weeks (Beginner required)

Caring Canine Therapy Prep \$115 for 7 weeks (Beginner required)

**Phoenix Field and Obedience Club**, 2605 North 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Phoenix (south of Thomas Rd., north of McDowell Rd) 623-412-3288 <http://www.pfoc.org/class-information.html>

**PFOC** is a nonprofit club founded in 1946 whose purpose is to provide facilities for training in field and obedience work under the supervision of qualified trainers; to conduct sanctioned matches and obedience trials under the rules of the **American Kennel Club**; to educate the public to the value of the well-trained dog and to bring

better understanding between the dog and master through proper training; and to further the advancement of all breeds of pure-bred dogs and to do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of same and to encourage and promote good sportsmanship. The following classes are offered; a six-week session costs only \$40.

- Obedience, Rally, and Conformation Classes are offered
- Classes are held outdoors
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- Young Adult Beginning Obedience (puppies 7 to 10 months)
- Adult Beginning (Dogs over 10 months)
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- Advanced Beginning II (Fine tunes exercises learned in Advanced Beginning I)
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- Novice (Step two in preparation for showing your dog)
- Upper Level Show Training for Obedience (Open & Utility)
- Conformation Show Training
- Rally Show Training – Requires prior completion of a beginning obedience class

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**Shawna Swanson, Maverick Dog Training** 623-694-9094  
<http://www.maverickdogtraining.com/>

Established in Glendale, Arizona in 1997, **Maverick Dog Training** offers private lessons as well as group classes, board and train options, behavior modification, and conformation handling classes. Beginning Group Classes are available at three locations:

**All Star Animal Hospital**, 16772 W. Bell Road, Surprise

**Amigo Animal Clinic**, 14811 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix  
**Shepherd of the Hills**, 5524 E. Lafayette, Phoenix

Group classes will be available in the fall. In-home training is also offered.

**Team Canine**, 3935 E. Meadowbrook, Suite 2, Phoenix, 85018, 602-954-8353 [www.teamcanine.com](http://www.teamcanine.com)

**Team Canine** was founded by Brad and Jade (Tamara) Jaffe in 1999. Unhappy with the attitude of master/servant training styles based on intimidation and forceful methods, they ventured out on a mission to find another way. Here is what their website says: *Do you believe your dog could train himself to do whatever it is you are asking of him? Our dogs are constantly looking at us and our reactions and responses, and then adjusting their behavior to get what they want. We teach you how to understand and communicate to your dogs in a way that makes sense to them. There is no need to resort to using physical corrections, choke or pinch collars and especially shock collars (sometimes called remote collars). There is no need to “alpha rollover” or humiliate a dog to earn their respect. Our beloved dogs learn through trial and error; remember they don’t speak English (or Spanish, French, etc.). Whether it’s potty training, basic manners and obedience, or severe behavior problems like aggression, it’s our job to help teach them what it is we want from them. With a little bit of patience and the knowledge of how to communicate with your dog in the right way, they will literally train themselves.*

**Villa La Paws Resort & Spa**, 10640 N 32<sup>nd</sup> St, Phoenix, AZ 85028 602-442-7833 [www.VillaLaPaws.com](http://www.VillaLaPaws.com)

**Villa La Paws** is basically a dog day care, boarding and grooming business. However, they offer basic obedience and agility training at their nice, large, indoor training facility. Wendi Faircloth, Director of Training, is an experienced dog trainer and animal behavioral specialist. She has extensive experience in service dog training which mandates intensive training of the animal and the human partner. Wendi provides the dog training curriculum and management of trainers and their scheduled training assignments. Through *Paws University*, she conducts Paws Counselor training which includes, but is not limited to, dog behavior, preventive measures, safety for the dog and the handler, etc. Training curriculum includes:

- Puppy Training
- Behavioral Training
- Competition, Agility, Fly-Ball, Frisbee
- Recall Training
- Service Dog Training
- Therapy Dog Training

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## Top 5 Skills to Teach Your Dog

### Teaching Youngsters and Oldsters Alike

By Elsa Larsen

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When I began my dog training career in 1997, I started out by training service dogs. A service dog is an animal that has been trained to assist his disabled partner with specialized tasks such as picking up dropped items, finding lost keys or even reminding their partner to take their medications. It takes many months and hundreds of hours of training to teach the skills that a dog will need to become a service dog.

While most pet dog owners don't require that level of training for their dog, I do believe that the average dog owner would like their dog to have the same kind of self-restraint that any person with a disability expects from his or her working dog.

Here is my list of the five most critical skills I would want any dog to learn.

**1. Default Sit:** The very first thing I would teach any new canine charge is a default sit. I'll be honest here – I am not crazy about dogs that jump all over me. Not many people are – even the most enthusiastic dog lover. Bearing that in mind, I would start right away to teach my dog that it is more beneficial to sit rather than to jump. Sitting is incompatible with jumping. A dog simply cannot sit and jump at the same time.

To do this, I would first want to set the dog up so that he or she cannot make many (or preferably any) paws-on-people mistakes. I would make sure my dog was either on a leash or on a tether whenever new people were around. This takes the anxiety out of any human/dog interaction. It means that you no longer have to worry about whether your dog will jump on someone because she/he can't.

Next, I would begin the task of teaching the sit. I would want to make sure that I always had some very high-value rewards on hand to help ensure that my dog will want to work with me even if there are exciting things happening all around him or her. Since my goal is to teach the dog to automatically sit whenever new people appear, I would refrain from telling or asking my dog to sit (he/she might not choose to respond anyway and I would not want to inadvertently teach my dog to ignore my commands) but rather allow the dog to explore his or her options. Each time the dog chose to sit, I would follow that sit with a tasty treat, because I understand that any behavior that is rewarded should happen more often. You need to be patient during this process. It can take a bit of time before the dog figures out that it is the sitting that is getting him the tasty treats. Once my dog became more reliable about responding to each new person that came along with a sit, I would begin to work on teaching my dog or pup to maintain his or her sit for longer and longer periods of time.

**2. Chill On a Mat:** This is one of my favorite skills to teach. The idea is that you will be able to send your dog over to a portable mat (like a bath mat or towel) where he or she will lie down and remain until released. The little Goldendoodle pup (photo at right) is 16 weeks old and he is lying on his mat in the middle of a soccer field with a team playing in the distance. What the photo doesn't show are the four other soccer teams on either side of him. He shows all of this skill at such a young age. What a good dog and what good parents he has to spend so much time teaching him how to behave in public places!



**3. Come:** We all want our dogs to come when called, but a lot of dogs that I work with just don't. They are completely unreliable. You need to teach your dog that it is totally worth giving up whatever he or she is engaged with to come running to you. It is important to reinforce this behavior every time with a super tasty treat (if your dog is food motivated) or a game of tug (if your dog is play motivated).

If your dog isn't reliable, work on this skill with your dog on a long leash and then inside an enclosed area before ever trusting him off leash. If your dog does NOT come when he or she is called, whatever you do, don't nag him. Repeating commands is the quickest way to teach your dog to ignore you. Go and get her/him and go back to working with the dog on a line until he or she is more reliable.

**4. Eye Contact:** Eye contact is a great way to teach your dog to keep his or her focus on you. I start this skill by rewarding my dog every time he or she chooses to look at me – on walks, at the dog park, when kids are around, in the house etc. I call these "check-ins". Check-ins are a great way to start to teach your dog or pup that it pays to look at you.

**5. Leave It:** Leave that alone! Don't mess with it! The purpose of this skill is to teach your dog to back away and not to touch anything that you have asked him or her not to. The "it" in question could be a cat, a hamburger bun, a sock. Imagine how handy that would be!

In closing, remember to dedicate some time to training your dog or pup. It is not fair to get angry with your dog for misbehaving if you have not taken the time to teach your dog what is expected of him or her. No matter which skills you find important for your dog to learn, understand that behaviors need to be rewarded often and well, and you will need to limit your dog's opportunity to make the wrong choices by using better management – head halters or no-pull harnesses for a dog who pulls, leashes and tethers for jumpers, and long lines for a dog who won't come when he or she is called. If you feel like you need some additional help, you

can search for a professional trainer in your area at [www.apdt.com](http://www.apdt.com). Good luck!

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## Training a Puppy

By Allan Long

*Ed. Note: AGR took in nine puppies age 4 months or younger within a one-month period this quarter and have had several other dogs under one year of age come in since. Allan and wife Diane adopted 13-026 Nola, one of the St. Paddy's Day puppies, and renamed her Nessa. All of you who have adopted one of our puppies will relate to Allan's article!*

Once you announce to the world that you have a new puppy, friends and family flock to your house all wanting to ooh and aah over the new arrival. But in the back of their minds they think the dreaded thought of how are these two people going to be able to train that bundle of energy.

Then the horror stories begin. You hear tales of all of the destruction suffered at the paws of their once-oh-so-beautiful, tiny dog. House breaking, you are told, is the most difficult of all the training programs you have to teach your puppy. Be prepared to spend weeks upon weeks getting your puppy to go outside to do his or her business. Get plenty of newspapers, they tell you. And make sure you have a good supply of carpet cleaner on hand. The final piece of wisdom proffered is "once housebreaking is done, the rest is easy."

Training a puppy is work. But if you are willing to put in the time, the rewards are worth it. You will need a few things to get you started. The first is patience. Next is a plan and the willingness of each family member to follow the same guidelines. Language is critical. Your puppy is, in fact, a little baby. You cannot expect a

four-month-old baby to walk by your side or read and understand a novel. A puppy is no different. Simple one- or two-word commands are vitally important. Anything more and you will just confuse your pup. You will make mistakes – that is a given – but if you stick to what works, you and your new puppy will be so much happier.

Well, I don't know what my friends and family really experienced with their dogs, but let me tell you about our new puppy, **Nessa**.

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

**Nessa** did all of her business outside. Not once did she mess her sleeping area or her crate. Yes, there were four accidents on the rug, but three were in the first two days and not one was **Nessa's** fault. The admirers kept her from the doggie door by distracting her and oops, the accident occurred. I must give thanks to Deb Orwig in the potty training arena. Deb was the foster mother for **Nessa** and her five littermates, **Nessa** learned her potty training at Deb's house. We burn incense to Deb daily for that gift. Even so, **Nessa** would go from 9:00 at night to 5:00 in the morning without an incident. She continues to extend her time, but we do not push her beyond what she is comfortable with.

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

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

**Nessa** and I walk every morning and "heel" is our daily schooling subject. Puppies are curious, to say the least. Most days **Nessa** walks just fine. I tap my hip and say heel and we both walk in step for most of our walk. Puppies are easily distracted. A leaf fluttering at the curb or a bird sitting on the sidewalk will draw her attention away from the heel routine. Usually it is a simple matter to get her back to the task at hand. But, some days I think I am speaking in tongues. I can tap my side until I fracture my hip and

nothing diverts the little girl from her distraction. **Nessa** will go where **Nessa** wants to go and that is the way the walk veers from the plan. The key here is patience. I say “sit” to break her attention from whatever is distracting her and then try the heel command again. That maneuver usually works and, if it does, away we go. If not, we try the “sit” routine until we get the desired results. If all else fails, it is homeward bound.

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

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

As a Golden Retriever, **Nessa** has an inbred desire to please her human. This makes Golden Retrievers easier to train than many other breeds. When I compare my Golden to the Cairn Terriers I have had in the past, this is a kindergarten program by comparison.

If you are fortunate enough to raise a puppy, look forward to a great adventure. A few disappointments will occur along the way, but the sheer pleasure of watching your charge grow and learn in front of your eyes makes the effort worthwhile.

Remember, both of you will make mistakes. Have patience and stick to your plan. It is all worth the effort, especially when your puppy grows up to be a well trained and obedient dog.

## Teaching Your Dog to Ring the Bells

By Jack Panosian

*Ed. Note: Jack and wife Kelly are the adopters of 13-022 Barklay, one of the St. Paddy’s Day puppies. I spoke to Jack when **Barklay** was only 9 weeks old, and he told me **Barklay** was already “ringing the bells” when he needed to go outside to do his business. I was amazed, and asked him if he would send me directions on how to teach a dog to do this. Not only is it an impressive trick, but it also accomplishes house training! Why not try it with your dog?*

I bought a couple of sleigh bells (1-inch bells work well) and ribbon from a crafts supply store. Cut the ribbon to a 3-foot length

and attach two bells to one end of the ribbon.

I suggest at least two, but no more than four, training sessions per day, if possible. Spread these out by at least four hours and maintain 5-7 minutes per session. Before starting your first training session, have at least a dozen treats readily accessible. Decide what phrase or word you would like to use as a command (e.g. “Ring the bell”, “Open the door”, etc.). For our purposes, let’s just use “Open”.

Take the bells and dangle them in one hand just an inch or two away from your dog’s nose while keeping your other hand on the door handle. Say “Open” and touch the bells to his nose while opening the door at the same time (if your dog wants to run out the door, simply put a leash on him and attach it to anything in the room which will keep him from going out). Close the door and remove the bells from his reach. **DO NOT GIVE HIM A TREAT.** Now, repeat the exercise while holding the bells an inch or two from his nose (an inch or two is very close!). Say, “Open” and get ready to open the door if he makes ANY movement toward the bells (he’ll probably move toward the bells to sniff them). When he does, open the door, and give him a treat while praising him. Praise, especially with Golden Retrievers, is every bit as important in training as the treat. Repeat as many times as possible in 5-7 minutes.

Now, what happens if he doesn’t make ANY movement whatsoever towards the bells? You can gently swing the bells into his nose just after saying “Open” and open the door; then give him a treat. This will probably add a few more training sessions before he gets the idea – I had to do this with my last Golden and he got it within a week.

When your dog confidently pokes the bells with his nose as soon as you present them an inch or two in front of him, start to present the bells a little further away or off to the side each time you say “Open.” Your dog will have to turn his head or take a few steps to touch the bells.

Once he gets the idea that he needs to ring the bells with his nose, you can attach the bells to the door handle. I suggest a height which allows the dog to use his nose, but not low enough for him to use his paw. I learned this the hard way. By putting it low enough for my dog to use his paw, that is exactly what he used instead of his nose, and promptly tore up the door casing!



Now it’s time to show him why we’re doing all this! When you take your dog outside for a potty break, say “Open” and wait for him to touch the bells with his nose. When he does, open the door, but don’t give him a treat this time. Take him to his potty spot and after he goes potty, praise and then the treat! With repetition, your dog will learn that he has to touch the bells with his nose to

make you open the door. Eventually, when he wants to go outside, he'll go to the door on his own and ring the bells. The first time this happens, praise him enthusiastically and immediately let him outside. It is important to remember to give the dog a treat after he goes to make sure he understands the drill; *I ring the bells – you open the door – I go potty outside – you give me a treat!*

Once they discover that bell ringing makes the door open and they get a treat, many dogs ring the bells whenever they'd like to go outside or want a treat – even when they don't need to relieve themselves. If you have a fenced-in yard or a runner, this is not really an issue. Just let him out – but sorry, no treat. If you do not have a fenced-in yard or runner, then when he rings the bell to go out, even if you know he does not have to go, open the door and take him out. Take him directly to the place where you'd like him to eliminate. If he doesn't go, just take him back inside.

### Canine Good Citizen Certification



With Deb Orwig as his handler, **AGR's** boy **12-100 Rusty** recently earned his *Canine Good Citizen* certificate. Achieving a *CGC* is the first step a dog must take on the way to becoming a certified therapy or service dog. The test was created by the **American Kennel Club**. Several training facilities have *CGC* evaluators who can administer the test. We know that **Partners Dog Training School** gives the test on the third Saturday of the month. **Phoenix Field and Obedience Club** also offers *CGC* testing, as does **Arizona Dog Sports** and **Villa La Paws**. Other training groups may also have *CGC* evaluators. You can find the evaluator closest to you by going to the **AKC** website: [http://classic.akc.org/events/cgc/cgc\\_bystate.cfm](http://classic.akc.org/events/cgc/cgc_bystate.cfm)

Before taking the *Canine Good Citizen* test, owners will sign the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge. The **AKC** believes that responsible dog ownership is a key part of the *CGC* concept and, by signing the pledge, owners agree to take care of their dog's health needs, safety, exercise, training and quality of life. Owners also agree to show responsibility by doing things such as cleaning up after their dogs in public places and never letting dogs infringe on the rights of others.

After signing the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge, owners and their dogs are ready to take the *CGC* test. Items on the *Canine Good Citizen* test include:

**Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger** – This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks

up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness.

**Test 2: Sitting politely for petting** – This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

**Test 3: Appearance and grooming** – This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot. It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

**Test 4: Out for a walk** (walking on a loose lead) – This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops. The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.

**Test 5: Walking through a crowd** – This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of over-exuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

**Test 6: Sit and Down on command and Staying in place** – This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the

handler prefers). The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay. Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

**Test 7: Coming when called** – This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to “stay” or “wait” or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

**Test 8: Reaction to another dog** – This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

**Test 9: Reaction to distraction** – This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

**Test 10: Supervised separation** – This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, “Would you like me to watch your dog?” and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, petting, or management attempts (e.g., “there, there, it's alright”).

### Could your dog pass this test?

All tests must be performed on leash. For collars, dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, and electronic collars are not permitted in the *CGC* test. Body har-

nesses may be used in the *CGC* test. The evaluator should check to make sure the harness is not of a type that completely restricts the dog's movement such that it could not pull or jump up if it tried.

The evaluator will supply a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring the dog's brush or comb to the test.

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something.

### Failures – Dismissals

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.

## Therapy or Service Dog Certification

In the Valley, the best place to train a dog destined to be a service dog is with **Happy Tails Service Dogs**. Their website states: **Happy Tails Service Dogs Training** is dedicated to the education and training of a person with a disability and a dog to become a working team. This in turn will lead to greater independence in their homes, neighborhoods and communities. Learned tasks are based on individual needs of the owner, thus enhancing their daily activities. Contact Joyce Weber at 623-580-0946 or go to the website: <http://happytailsservicedogs.com/>

Therapy dogs are not service dogs. In fact, if you have a certified service dog, that dog cannot also certify as a therapy dog. There are two main therapy dog certifying organizations: **Delta Society Pet Partners** and **Therapy Dogs International, Inc.** Requirements for both include that the dog must have earned a *CGC* first before getting tested for therapy work.

Choices for therapy dog testing are much more limited than for *CGC* testing. Your best bet would be to contact the organization to ask who is a certified evaluator in your area. Both **Delta Society** and **TDI** have good websites. For **Delta Pet Partners** scheduled courses and evaluations, go to [http://www.petpartners.org/courses\\_evaluations\\_scheduled](http://www.petpartners.org/courses_evaluations_scheduled). To review the testing requirements for **TDI**, go to <http://www.tdi-dog.org/HowToJoin.aspx?Page=Testing+Requirements>

One thing to keep in mind is that you and your dog cannot be registered for both **Delta Pet Partners** and **TDI, Inc.** If you want to do hospital therapy work with your dog, contact the hospital

where you would like to volunteer and find out what they require. Some will accept only **Delta**-certified teams, some will accept either **Delta** or **TDI**, and some have their own in-house certification program. There is no point in putting in the time and expense to get a **Delta** certification if **TDI** or in-house is acceptable.

## Becoming a Pet Partner Team

By Dan Farkas

*Ed. Note: Dan Farkas and wife Kathy adopted 12-068 Abbi from AGR last year. Despite living and training in Prescott Valley, Dan's experiences with achieving Pet Partner team status with Abbi can apply anywhere.*

When visiting hospitals and nursing homes with our Goldendoodle **Abbi**, I am often asked, "How does one become a **Delta Society/Pet Partner**?" First, a little background on my therapy dog team experiences.

Our current dog named **Abbi** is the second **Pet Partner** dog I have owned. The first was a Golden Retriever named **Abby** that we adopted when she was 13 months old. **Abby** was raised by her first owner from a puppy to be a companion to his spouse who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. When his wife passed, he wanted to give the dog to someone who would care for her, as it was too emotional for him to keep the dog. **Abby** required some training to walk on a leash, weight reduction, and basic training. It was not until she was about 4 years old that I felt confident she was ready to be tested and that I had the spare time to commit to visiting patients as a **Pet Partner** team.

After **Abby** passed from acute leukemia, in the fall of 2011, we contacted **Arizona Golden Rescue** to see if we could obtain another Golden Retriever. In June of 2012, we were asked to consider **Abbi**, a 7 ½-year-old Goldendoodle. We brought her home after being with her only 2 hours at a pet store where **AGR** was having a Meet-and-Greet. The next day, I took her to **PetSmart** to get food and treats, and their **AKC** trainer evaluated her on the spot and suggested I come back the following week when she would be performing **CGC** evaluations for a **CGC** prep class. During the next week, I worked with **Abbi** to learn to walk on a leash. She already knew the basic commands required for the **CGC**. We came back the next weekend and she passed her **CGC** with flying colors!

The first requirement to become a **Delta Society Pet Partner** team is to pass the **AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)** evaluation. Having owned and trained two other Golden Retrievers previous to **Abby**, I knew the requirements and trained her myself. Once I was confident she (and I) could pass the **CGC**, I contacted **KennelKamp** in Prescott Valley, AZ for the evaluation. Marisa Dunn is the **AKC** certified trainer at **KennelKamp**. We passed the **CGC** on the first try. Here is their website: <http://www.kennelkamp.com/>

There is also a **CGC** evaluator at the Prescott **PetSmart**, but not all **PetSmarts** have such. Ask at your local **PetSmart**.

There are several therapy dog organizations, but in Prescott Valley area only **Delta Society/Pet Partners** teams are permitted to visit hospitals and most nursing homes. **Delta Society** is changing their brand to **Pet Partners**, so I will use that branding. Here is the link to their home page: <http://www.petpartners.org/>

The next step was to obtain the information from **Pet Partners** on the specific requirements beyond the **AKC CGC**. The prerequisites to become a **Pet Partner** therapy dog team follow. If you think you and your dog meet these prerequisites, here is the link to get started: <http://www.petpartners.org/TAPinfo> You have to own an adopted dog for 6 months before being evaluated as a **Pet Partners** team. During that time, I continued to work with **Abbi** to ensure we could pass both the **PPST** and **PPAT** tests. We passed with flying colors and qualified for Complex environments!

Typical 'Attributes of a Great Therapy Animal':

- The animal is comfortable when being crowded by a group of people
- People-oriented/sociable, friendly and confident
- Will initiate contact, stay engaged, make eye contact, and allow their behaviors to be re-directed
- Is able to cope with stressful situations
- Knows how to respect personal boundaries; doesn't jump up on people
- Is non-aggressive towards animals and people
- Is comfortable being touched, at times awkwardly
- Is controllable, predictable and reliable
- Well-mannered interactions with other animals
- Reliable despite distractions
- Able to be cued from different positions
- Able to disregard food or toys on cue, i.e. with a "leave it" command
- Comfortable around health care equipment

Typical 'Attributes of a Great Handler':

- Is friendly – makes eye contact, smiles, etc
- Is a proactive advocate for his/her animal
- Is a considerate and caring leader
- Develops a relationship with his/her animal that reflects a loving partnership
- Prepares self and his/her animal for each visit
- Assesses a visit before, during and after
- Knows how to enhance his/her animal's ability to be its best with the people it's visiting
- The handler is aware of signs of animal stress, behaviors, and positions, and can reassure the animal with cues or commands (as needed) to help the animal be successful

The handler training manual is now available only online as PDF files. Once you sign up for the materials, study, and have passed the online test, you may then schedule to be evaluated. The evaluation consists of the Pet Partners Skills Test (PPST) and Pet Partners Aptitude Test (PPAT).

The PPST is similar to the *AKC CGC*, but has 12 requirements instead of only 10. The PPAT has 9 requirements and is designed to simulate conditions you may encounter on a visit. This screening helps determine the most appropriate environment for you and your animal to visit. Cost for the online testing is \$95 first time and \$70 every two years for renewal. Cost for the evaluation is usually around \$20, paid to the certified *Pet Partners* evaluator.

*Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC)* in Prescott and Prescott Valley and *Mountain Valley Regional Rehabilitation Hospital (MVRRH)* in Prescott Valley allow only *Pet Partners* dog teams.

Pet Partners requires:

- that you be affiliated with only their organization, and no others (e.g. as *Therapy Dogs International, Inc.*).
- you must NOT feed your dog raw protein, since the opportunity for disease is too high and can be spread to patients if a disease is contracted between the required annual fecal exams.
- the dog (and handler!) must be bathed/groomed no more than 24 hours prior to visiting a facility.

Summary:

- Obtain *AKC CGC* certification (and training) from any of several registered *AKC* trainers in your area. In Prescott, I recommend *PetSmart*. In Prescott Valley, I recommend *KenelKamp*.
- Go to the *Pet Partners* website and review the requirements for becoming a *Pet Partners* team. Sign up to obtain the study information and read and listen to all of the preparation material. Sign up to take the online test. The test takes a couple of hours, but you can stop at any time and continue later. You must pass the test before you can proceed for the evaluation.
- In the case of *YRMC*, you must become a volunteer of the hospital. Contact *YRMC* to obtain information on the requirements, such as an annual tuberculosis test and volunteer orientation classes.
- In the case of *YRMC*, since they are a partner with *Pet Partners*, schedule the *Pet Partners* evaluation. Evaluations are normally scheduled in February and August. *YRMC Pet Partners* volunteers assist the registered *Pet Partners* evaluator with the evaluation.
- In the case of *YRMC*, assuming you pass the evaluation and have received your registration badges from *YRMC* and *Pet Partners*, a green jacket for the dog, and a green logo polo shirt

from *YRMC*, you should schedule with the *YRMC* volunteer office to have another *YRMC Pet Partners* handler “shadow” you around the hospital so you know the “rules of the land”.

6) Enjoy visiting patients with your dog!

### *Cesar Millan's Tips for Dog Training*

Cesar's tips, outlined in his books and emphasized on his TV show, “The Dog Whisperer”: **Exercise, Discipline and Affection**, in that order. His books, *Cesar Millan* and *Cesar's Way*, are both interesting reads. His philosophy: “It's not about the dog. It's always about us. It's always about the owner. It's up to us to create an environment and circumstances in which the dog can thrive and be itself.”

### *HERE and THERE*

*Events from April 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013*



### *Dog House Day at the Marriott*

By Deb Orwig



Ladybird and Mufasa enjoying attention while Troy hunts for cookie crumbs in the grass

*Arizona Golden Rescue* was invited to be among 20 canine Rescue groups that went to the *Scottsdale Marriott* on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> as a surprise for the participants from a national company in a weekend-long team-building workshop. *PACC911* coordinated the appearance of all the Rescue groups. Several hundred company employees from all over the US attended. They were thrilled when they saw all

the dogs, as many were missing their own, and

lots came over to pet and hug the three I brought, *Ladybird*, *Troy* and *Mufasa*, who, of course, loved the attention. For our attendance, we were given a doghouse that had been constructed and painted by one of the company teams. It really is quite nice! We can do whatever we want with this item and will, perhaps, use it as a silent auction item sometime in the future.



Team member putting the final touch, a roof strip, on our doghouse



### Phoenix Pet Expo

By Liz Tataseo



Tony, Kathi, Deb and Jan in booth; the Pet Expo folks generously gave us a triple space

Arizona Golden Rescue once again joined in at the University of Phoenix Stadium to be part of the April 20<sup>th</sup> Phoenix Pet Expo. We had a booth in the main vendor area plus a separate space in the Mega Adoption Area. Thanks to Linda Den

Beste and her crew from Hug N' Pups Grooming Salon who spent all day doing nail trims in a third of our booth space and donated all their proceeds to AGR, \$333+, wow! AGR also had a raffle of great dog items



Vicki, Liz and Gail in Mega Adoption Area



Linda Den Beste, owner of Hug 'N Pups Grooming Salon, makes it seem like fun to trim the nails of a squirming Chihuahua; photo at right is of the Hug 'N Pups crew

t h a t brought in \$190, general donations of \$272.39, credit card merchandise sales of \$112.27 and cash merchandise sales of \$317. It was a good day for getting funds for AGR!



In the booth all day and working hard were Deb Orwig and her gang of Ladybird, Troy and Mufasa. Also in the booth but



Taryn Tigges with Charm

sometimes in the adoption area were Kathi Youhas, Jan Newland, Jen Gittings and Tony Cotner. In the adoption area or walking around the entire stadium collecting donations were Vicki Atwater with Harley; Tony Cotner and his sisters Jen Gittings and Jan Newland with Daisy; Patrick Doyle with Annabelle; Dana and Gail Haywood with Riley; Sheila Joyce with Charlie; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with Grizzly

and Sammy; Liz Tataseo with Gonzo and Trip; Taryn Tigges with Charm; and Bob and Kathi Youhas with Maura, Carter and Krissie.

Debbie Mikol and daughter came by with Hogan (formerly Redd) and Ivy, as did Dawn and Russ Ingram with Reilly. Also, Kim Lindenmeyer was there with Indy to take part in the Dock Diving Competition, as were Rick and Yanna Reid with Jake.



The Mikol family



The Ingram family

items and food samples, which Gonzo and Trip always asked for politely with those big brown eyes. Also in attendance were many veterinarians who discussed the latest treatments available for all pets. There was also a low-cost vaccine clinic. In addition to the dock diving competition, there was an agility competition. Eileen Proctor was a featured speaker and Shorty Rossi with his dog Hercules from Animal Planet's "Pit Boss" were special guests. Best of all, you can bring your own dogs to the Phoenix Pet Expo.



Nick Dodson trying Grizzly out on the agility course



### Spring Gift Wrapping Events

By Liz Tataseo



Katie surrounded by Goldens - no better way to spend an afternoon!

Happy Valley Barnes & Noble enjoyed having AGR members bring their dogs and do gift wrapping for their Mother's Day and Father's Day events. AGR was there On May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for Pre-Mother's Day gift wrapping and on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for Pre-Father's

Day gift wrapping, as in previous years. We were able to collect donations of \$660.48 and \$567.50, respectively, for each occasion.

Joining us in May were Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Katie Donahue (all the way from CA) with **Joe**, **Samantha** and **Jake**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Teryl Hall; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna** and **Charlie**; Martha McDowell; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, **Ladybird**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; Bob and Kathi Youhas with **Carter**, **Krissie** and **Maura**; and Sharon, Philip, Marcus and Ilan Wieser with **Nala**.



Sharon with Troy and Nala



Jodi and Gail with Riley; notice the mat Riley is lying on – it is a Cool Mat that Deb got at Ryan's Pet Supply; filled with a gel, it was supposed to stay at least 10° cooler than the surroundings, but it didn't work for more than about 10 minutes



Martha, Debbie with Shiloh

In June, we were joined by Debbie Ball with **Shiloh**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Anna-**



Birthday girl in the middle with four friends

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, we had a special treat. Nine young ladies, who were helping to celebrate the ninth birthday of one of them, stopped by when they spotted our group set up on the patio outside the bookstore. They were all wearing T-shirts that said, "Kindness Counts." The birthday girl, whose name we never got, had chosen to have

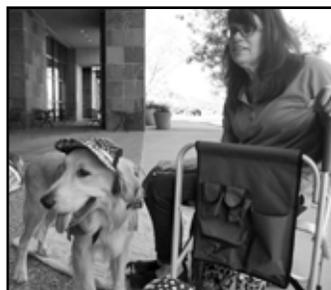
her friends do nine random acts of kindness instead of giving her birthday presents. Each girl put \$10 in our donation jar after spending some time petting the dogs. When they were done, they climbed into a stretch limo and were whisked away to their next moment of kindness. How about that for the maturity and selflessness of a group of nine-year-olds?!



Top row, left to right with Duffy: Cindy, one of Barnes & Noble staff members; Dana Haywood; gentleman visitor from out of state stayed for over an hour playing with the dogs; Marcus Wieser; Bottom row: Martha McDowell; Tony Cotner



The May gift wrapping event was **Duffy Orwig's** debut as an **AGR** ambassadog. Everyone wanted to hold the cute puppy, and he surely enjoyed every minute of the attention and every person!



Sheila with Charlie

**belle**; Teri Guilbault with **Jackson**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Jodi Koblick; Martha McDowell; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**, **Ladybird**, **Mufasa** and **Troy**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**, **Trip** and **Sweetie**; Sharon, Marcus and Ilan Wieser with **Nala**; Peter Wong with **Billie**; and Kathi Youhas with **Krissie** and **Maura**. **Billie** is a well-trained Border Collie who wowed the crowd with her many tricks.



Billie and Peter taking a breather between tricks

Camelback VW/Mazda/Subaru

By Liz Tataseo



Tony and Deb with Charlie. Daisy (under Tony's chair), Mufasa and Duffy

We were invited to be at the **Camelback VW/Mazda/Subaru** dealership on 16<sup>th</sup> Street/Camelback Road in Phoenix this summer for Memorial Day Weekend, as we were in 2010 and 2011. We were able to be there Saturday

and Monday over the weekend and took in cash donations of \$350+. However, the dealership will generously be donating \$50 for each car they sold while we were there. We will not know that amount until later in the year, but we noticed that they had quite a few customers



Michele and Mark in back; Jackie and Kurt with Katie in front



Sheila, Liz and Vicki with Charlie, Gonzo, Trip and Harley (lying down)

signing paperwork!



Trina

Cotner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley** and **Trina Kearney**, too; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Connie McCabe with **Grizzly** and **Winnie**; Deb Orwig with **Ladybird**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**; Kathi Youhas with **Krissie** and **Maura**; and Michele Wehry and Mark Hill.



Clarisa with Ladybird and Krissie

During both days, the dealership hosted a BBQ lunch (hamburgers and hot dogs) for customers and personnel, which was a nice touch for all who came.



Bob, Kathi, Gail, Tony and Patrick with Carter, Maura, Krissie, Riley, Daisy and Annabelle

We were able to set up in two showrooms, so we met many customers and dealer personnel. Joining us on May 25<sup>th</sup> were Vicki Atwater and **Harley**; Tony Cot-

ner with **Daisy**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Deb Orwig with **Mufasa** and **Duffy**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; Peter Wong with **Billie**; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Carter**, **Krissie** and **Maura**.



Fred (left) and Jill (right) Prose with friends who had just gotten puppy Oscar



Kitra and Rusty meet a new friend

On Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, more people came and we enjoyed the company of some new Meet-and-Greeters: Jackie and Kurt Kuechenmeister with **Katie**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Jasper**; new member Clarissa Molina; and Kitra Tovar came with **Rusty** for his first event. Kitra has been **Rusty's** primary trainer at **Partner's Dog Training School**, and **Rusty** was a perfect gentleman. (See his story on the website). Also with us were Tony



Winnie on chair (her favorite place), Connie and Grizzly

 *Petco Grand Reopening*  
By Liz Tataseo



On April 5<sup>th</sup>, Deb Orwig went to the **Petco** store on Behrend Drive in Glendale to purchase food for the St. Paddy's Day puppies. She got into a conversation with the store manager, which resulted in **AGR** being invited to the Grand Reopening of this **Petco** the

following day. With no guarantees of being able to hustle up some volunteers to attend with their dogs, Deb called me and I sent out an e-mail to all the Westside Valley **AGR** members plus Gail and Dana Haywood, who come from Apache Junction to attend almost every event we have. Within an hour, we had plenty of volunteers! Thanks to all for your quick response and attendance! All the **Petco** stores have been updating both their facilities and their inventory store by store, and each has had or will have a Grand Reopening in the near future. We convened on the patio outside the front of the store at 8:45 AM in order to get set up before the ribbon-cutting ceremony



Connie, Patrick and Kathi standing in back; Don, Rusty, Gail, Dana, Vicki and Liz

at 9 AM; we stayed until 2 PM. Joining me with **Gonzo** and **Trip** were Vicki Atwater with **Harley**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Don and Rusty Krause with **Sunshine** and **Stormy**; and Connie McCabe with **Sammy** and **Grizzly**. Kathi Youhas came by after she

finished her shelter walking duties. Dropping by to say hello were members Jackie and Dave Engelhardt, who had come from Tempe to visit the puppies at Deb's house; and Christine Spiel with **Nash** and **Jack**. There was only one other Rescue there plus some vendors handing out free samples and discussing their products. We had a very nice day, though, and brought in \$120 for **AGR**.

 *Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart*

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



The "regulars" at 91<sup>st</sup> Ave *PetSmart*: Karen with Caesar and Star; Pat with Sunny, Winnie and Grizzly; Susan with Jo Jo and Ricky; Sheila with Charlie, Sasha and Sammy; Connie was the photographer, as usual

Thank you to Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Karen Davis with **Star** and **Caesar**; Susan Parker with **Jo Jo**, **Jack** and **Ricky**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** for all your help on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. And to Nick for setting up. And to **Sasha**, **Winnie**, **Grizzly** and **Sammy** for making friends. It was a rather slow Sunday (I thought), and we only got \$53.43 in donations. It was a gorgeous day, so maybe a lot of people were staying home doing their taxes. Later on, I was washing the vests and found another \$26 for a total of \$79.13.

Many thanks to all the people and dogs who showed up at various times through the afternoon on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Early on we had Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Susan Parker with



Connie and Grizzly at right watching Cindy and Horton talk to a *PetSmart* customer

**Ricky** (who looks terrific!); Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; and Sue Vallie. They joined **Grizzly**, **Winnie** and me. Then Cindy Ferrante brought **Horton**, who is all grown up and well behaved. Michele Wehry and Mark Hill brought a donation check to Deb Orwig, who was there with **Mufasa**. All together we collected \$134.22 in donations and had lots of interested people take information.



The check that Michele is handing to Deb was for \$1000; it came from *Bell Mortgage, A Division of State Bank & Trust, Pay It Forward Program* via Brittany Monti, an employee; Brittany is a former student of Michele's, and wanted to recognize Michele for her volunteer activities with *AGR*! We thank both Brittany and *Bell Mortgage* for their consideration and generosity!

Many thanks to everyone who joined **Grizzly** and me on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>: Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Patrick Doyle with **Anabelle**; Pat Morgan



When it is too hot to be outside, which it was in June, *PetSmart* has us set up right in the middle of the store, a good location where we are visible to all the incoming customers; it is a little crowded, though, as this photo of Kathi, Pat and Karen with dogs and friends shows



Cynthia was kind enough to bring Paolo all the way from her home in NE Scottsdale to visit with Connie and Nick, who had been his fosters

with **Sunny**; Deb Orwig with **Duffy**; Susan Parker with **Ricky**; Cynthia Wenström with **Paolo**; and Kathi Youhas with **Krissie** and **Maura**. And of course to Nick who sets it all up and takes it all away for me. It was a slow (only a little over \$11 in donations) but pleasant day indoors and we had few visitors, maybe because it was Father's Day.

BELL ROAD, GLENDALE – Teri Guilbault, Chairman

It was a nice relaxing afternoon at *PetSmart* on April 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition to my furgirl, **Blossom**, joining me today were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Gail and Dana



Teri and Blossom



Don, Rusty, Gail, Tony, Dana and Sheila

Haywood with **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Don and Rusty Krause with **Sunshine** and **Stormy**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**; Kathi Youhas and her

girl, **Lady Maura**; and Michelle, Jared and Lucas Miller. We collected \$67 and met lots of nice people who stopped by to visit on their way to doing some shopping for their pets.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the May Bell Road **PetSmart** appearance had to be cancelled.



Kathi showing some kids something on her cell phone while Maura gets some petting

Kathi Youhas graciously agreed to chair our appearance at this store on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, as Teri was unable to do it (she did come to bring all the set-up materials and stayed for a little while). Kathi, who brought **Maura**,



Sammy and Duffy got plenty of attention too

was joined by Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**, Deb Orwig with **Duffy** and Ingrid Wilson with **Sammy**. Not much activity in the store that day, as it was quite hot. We were indoors, though. The dogs, of course, enjoyed the attention they got from the customers. Donations were \$75.

**MAYO BLVD – Denny Myrick, Chairman**



Cynthia with Daisy; Tony with Hannah; Tom with Molly standing behind Denny with Jake; Berek and Donna with Jackson, Tanner and Bodie; Dana; Gail with Riley



Denny has chaired the Mayo PetSmart Meet-and-Greets for three years and does a great job!

The following **Arizona Golden Rescue** members participated in the April 27<sup>th</sup> Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Tom and Sally Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Connie McCabe with foster **Apollo**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Berek and Donna Novak with **Tanner**, **Bodie** and **Jackson**; Pam Spicer; and Cynthia Wenström with **Hannah**. Donna Novak provided frozen hocky-puck size beef bouillon dog treats, and Pam took photos. We collected a total of \$176.19.

We managed to do a special, unscheduled Meet-

and-Greet on May 4<sup>th</sup>, as that was one of **PetSmart's** quarterly National Adoption Weekend days and the Mayo store management really wanted us to be there. So, we hustled together a few volunteers and did well with donations: \$191.40! As I was not sure I would be able to make it, I asked Deb Orwig to chair this one, and she did, but I rearranged my schedule and was able



Jolene with Molly, Gail, Liz with Trip and Gonzo, Tony with Daisy, Denny, Dana with Riley



to be there, too. Deb brought **Duffy** and I brought **Jake**, as usual. Also joining us were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; new volunteer Jolene Schlichter with lovely **Molly**; and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**. My boy **Jake** wore his new Donation Vest that my wife, Debbie, made. The background fabric is blue denim and the letters **AGR** and pocket and edge trims are red and white plaid. It really looks spiffy!

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, the following **AGR** members joined me and **Jake** at the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet: Sally Fetherston; Don Forwood with



Cynthia with Bailey, Debra with Chloe, Don with Sassi and Denny with Lexi (Pam's dog) and Jake



**Sassi**; Connie McCabe with **Sammy** (photo at left); Debra Rothwell with **Chloe**; Pam Spicer with **Lexi**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Bailey**. Debra Rothwell provided ice cube treats for our dogs. We collected a total of \$144.



As it is with Connie McCabe (photo to the left with Sammy), it is difficult to get a photo of Pam Spicer, since she is usually the one taking the pictures; here is Pam with Annika Axne and Duffy Orwig

It was a very hot day (103°) but the following **Arizona Golden Rescue** volunteers endured the heat for



Sally with Lili, Diane with Moon, Deb with Duffy, Teddi with Annika in stroller, Denny with Jake

the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Mayo **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet: newcomer Teddi Axne with **Annika** (who was a real hit in her stroller);



When Clifford sits, his head comes up almost to Mikenna's waist – he is, indeed, a Big Red Dog!

tings and myself, we welcomed new adopters Bruce and daughter Mikenna DeBruin with adoptee, **Clifford** (the big red dog). We also enjoyed meeting new Foster-With-Intent-To-Adopt Sharon Flores, who brought **Honey** to meet us all. It was pretty quiet there, but we did manage to raise \$60.

### Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

By now, you have all received the fabulous postcard that Connie McCabe designed to advertise our 5<sup>th</sup> annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* showing adorable little **Duffy Orwig** “driving” a golf cart and chasing after golf balls. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Camelback Golf Club. We will have a 1 PM shotgun start with 4-person scramble format. The tournament will be followed by a fabulous dinner, which is available to nongolfers, too, so plan to join us for the day or just for dinner. If you are a golfer and register by September 15<sup>th</sup>, the cost will be \$110; after that, the cost to golf will be \$135. A foursome before September 15<sup>th</sup> is \$440; after that, a foursome is \$540. Several levels of sponsorship are available – check them out on the golf registration website: [www.golfinvite/agr](http://www.golfinvite/agr) You can register to play, to sponsor, or just to have dinner. Dinner is included in the golfing fee, but for nongolfers who want to join us for the meal, it will cost only \$35 inclusive (\$45 after September 15<sup>th</sup>). During dinner you will have a chance to win some spectacular raffle items and bid on some incredible silent auction items. We will have our merchandise there for sale, as well, and Connie is making a great effort to have the 2014 calendars back from the printer by then, too. All profits go to help our dogs, of course. We will need volunteers to help with set-up on Friday afternoon, as well as volunteers to help finish the set-up on Saturday morning, help with registration, and help with raffle ticket sales, merchandise sales and with the silent auction check-out. Please plan to join us and contact Liz Tataseo at [five.goldens@yahoo.com](mailto:five.goldens@yahoo.com) or call 602-938-5927 to let her know when you can help. Please contact Liz if you have questions about the tournament or to pay with a credit card.

Sally Fetherston with decidedly unGold-en-like Maltese **Lili**; host Denny Myrick with **Jake** (new Donation Vest made by Debbie Myrick... looking sharp **Jake!**); Deb Orwig with very well-mannered five-month-old **Duffy**; Pam Spicer, photographer; and Diane Traxler with **AGR-dog Moon**.



Diane Traxler with Moon

It was a slow day, customer wise, and we collected only \$97. Near the end of our three hours there, Teddi ran home to get a life preserver for Deb to borrow for **Duffy**. She brought her other dog, **Palmer**, back with her to say hello.



Teddi with Palmer

### TEMPE MARKETPLACE – Angela Palumbo, Chairman



Bruce and Mikenna with Clifford, who was meeting Daisy Cotner

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the only Meet-and-Greet we had at the Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart** this past quarter was on



Bruce, Sharon with Honey, Dana and Daisy in front



Honey Flores

May 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the volunteers who came. Along with the regulars Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and Tony's sister Jenny Git-

### CONGRATULATIONS!

To **AGR** member Linda Knight, who recently opened the doors of her new grooming business, **All-Star Grooming**, 10855 N Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd, Suite 103, Scottsdale, AZ 85259 480-361-8336. Go to [www.All-StarGrooming.com](http://www.All-StarGrooming.com) for more information.

**BOOK REVIEW**

By Jude Fulghum

*The Possibility Dogs*, Susannah Charleson, 2013, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing, ISBN 978-0-547-73493-4

The author's first book, *Scent of the Missing*, was a **New York Times** bestseller and centered on the author's training and working with a search-and-rescue dog in Texas. The main dog from *Scent of the Missing*, a Golden Retriever named **Puzzle**, is more of a background dog in the new book, as the story centers around Susannah's work with "unadoptables." While she is considering the notion of taking on a shelter dog to train for either assistance or search-and-rescue work, an emaciated white puppy appears in her neighborhood purportedly having escaped from a shed where he was tied with a rope and abandoned to die. This dog, named **Jake Piper**, is the main character for the remainder of the book as she trains him, in very fascinating ways, in various facets of service work. Chapters alternate between the training of her new dog and stories of other dogs rescued from death's door that subsequently became successful service dogs. Many of these cases are very heartwarming, as the reader learns of the various types of service dogs and their capabilities. The book presents a rare insight into the various methods of painstakingly training a dog for service.

Although not as captivating (to me) as her first book, this new offering is important in presenting how service dogs (with many different areas of expertise) are trained, placed, and are making real differences in the lives of their human partners. Knowing that dogs previously thought of as "unadoptable" are as trainable and competent as their counterparts exclusively bred for service is encouraging to those of us in Rescue. **AGR** itself has had several cases of its rescued dogs going on to be award-winning service dogs. This new book is definitely worth your time to read, as is Charleson's first book *Scent of the Missing*.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To Katie Donahue for completing her residency training and Board certification in Family Practice Medicine. Katie is off to serve with the Navy in Japan for a year.

To Karie Wilson for completing her Ph.D. in Physical Therapy at **Northern Arizona University**. Karie now has a job in Avondale.

**#1 Training Tip: Do it!**

**TRAINING ON YOUR OWN**

If you prefer training on your own or just cannot afford the time or the expense of taking your dog to classes, there is now an audio-visual program available online called Basic Residential Obedience. It was created by Connie Cleveland, who writes a regular feature column called "Around the Obedience Ring" in *Golden Retriever News*, the bimonthly publication of the **Golden Retriever Club of America**. When you purchase the program, you are given a key code which will give you access to a "well-organized progression" through seven basic desirable behaviors: sit, down, stay, come when called, walk on a loose leash, learning to be quiet, and not jumping on people. The lessons use text, links to further explanations and clarification of concepts, and video clips to illustrate those concepts and the training techniques. The video clips are "exceptionally well done with respect to content as well as technical execution, professional, clearly audible and clearly illustrate the exercise being taught." The cost of the program is \$30, far less expensive than the fee for a typical live class series. The program is available from <http://www.dogtrainersworkshop.com/online-store.php> The disadvantage of training on your own, of course, is the lack of socialization for yourself and your dog.

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

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

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

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To Michelle Miller, who now has a business selling **Lia Sophia** jewelry. Go to [www.liasophia.com/miller](http://www.liasophia.com/miller) for more information. Michelle intends to donate 15% of sales to **AGR** members back to **AGR**!



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Anthony Lube for sponsoring our **Phanfare** photo website

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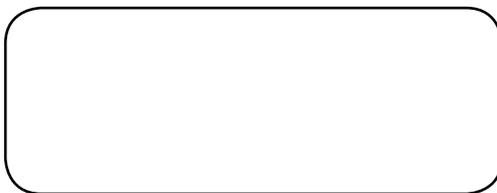


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