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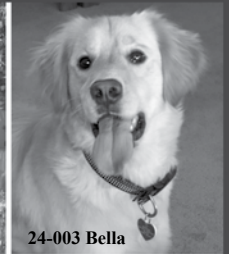
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Wags and Woofs

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Many WOOFs and WAGs to all the volunteers who helped with *Paws At The Park* in whatever way you did. It was a fun and fantastic event! We dodged the weather goblins – it rained on my way to the park at 8 AM, then the rain cleared out and we had a very nice day until around 3:30 PM. As we were packing up, the sky darkened and the wind came up, but we were able to get everything packed into the trailer and vehicles before it actually started to rain. We had the largest crowd we've had in years: 122 paid, 107 attended (if you paid but were unable to come, you can consider your registration fee a donation, which is tax deductible). And we had 252 paws on the ground (i.e. 63 dogs)!

Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener did a fabulous job securing volunteer help – all volunteers are listed in Denise's article on pages 36-40. The six young people who came from *Coronado High School's National Honor Society* were just terrific in the morning. Next year, though, we need to get an equal number to come at the event's end, as we could have used more help for pack-up. The food was wonderful, and the raffles and silent auction items were especially enticing with all the beautiful baskets prepared by Carolyn Brown. Near the end, we had the Parade of Rescue, an absolutely thrilling sight to see so many Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes proudly high-stepping to the tunes of "Rescue Me" and "Who Let the Dogs Out?" If you were unable to attend, please look for announcements about the date and place early next year and plan to come.

There are a few members who regularly volunteer but are quiet and just show up when they've said they would, often staying for the entire day. WOOFs and WAGs to Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener. Our event set-up and pack-up would be infinitely more difficult without your help. Just wanted you to know we appreciate you!

I personally want to thank all of you who have inquired about the status of my back post-surgery. The surgery was brutal – two rods, a cage and 28 screws (all titanium so I will not set off an airport scanner) were implanted and all the lumbar vertebrae were wedged and fused. I had to wear a brace for 3 months, but after that the surgeon told me to dispose of it and start physical therapy, which I did. I am continuing to go to PT twice a week and have made progress – I am mobile without any assistive device and can drive.

Health Care Director

Liz Tataseo, our current Health Care Director (HCD), has let the Board know that as of her birthday in June 2025, she will be retir-

ing as HCD. Her notice of resignation will not go into effect for another year from now, so she has given us all plenty of time (we hope) to find someone else to do that essential job. We would like to put an understudy in place as soon as possible, so that the job personnel transition will happen as seamlessly as possible. If you are interested in getting more involved in Rescue and have an interest in canine health care, please contact Liz by e-mail (e.tataseo@yahoo.com) or phone (623-297-4613) and talk to her about what is important to know about this job and how you can become her understudy.

We also need a new person to handle IT issues. The job will be primarily website-oriented. If you have experience in website design and management, please consider taking on this position. See the ad on page 3 and contact Debbie Ball (debball5687@gmail.com).

The Golden Paw Newsletter

What do you do with your copy of our quarterly newsletter? Do you read it from cover to cover? Do you put it on a coffee table or in the bathroom and glance at it occasionally? Are there sections of it that you always read? Are there sections you never read? Do you trash the whole publication without even opening it and wish we hadn't sent it to you?

I would like to know if you are a member who never reads the newsletter, or maybe you open it and just read my opening remarks and look at the *Upcoming Activities* box (page 30). It was just announced that postage rates are going up again in July. Although we get a good rate by using bulk-rate mail, our per-piece postage rate is still going to increase. If you do not want to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, it won't hurt my feelings if you say so, but it will save us money in printing and postage costs.

Rather than a hard copy, you might want to opt for a soft copy that I can send by e-mail (several members already get the newsletter this way). Most issues are not so large that they won't transmit through regular e-mail. If an issue is large, which the August →

Editor's Assistants' Notes

We want to remind you that if you want to walk your dog(s) any time from now through October, be sure to put booties on their feet and/or go very early in the morning or late at night once the sidewalks have cooled down. The "rule of paw" is that if it's too hot for you to walk on it with bare feet, it's too hot for your dog to walk on it with out foot protection. See page 19 for more information.

issue will be because it will be an updated version of our very popular Health Issue (last published 4 years ago), I can send it to a Dropbox and you can recover it from there. Please let me know by e-mail (dorwigaz@cox.net), phone (623-693-0589) or text if (1) you do not want the newsletter sent to you in any form or (2) you would rather have a soft copy than a hard copy. We are still trying to get old issues of the newsletter put on our website, so I can't promise that any particular issue will be available there.

Speaking of the Health Issue, which will be revisited in August... This is a great resource for any dog owner, but especially those who have Golden Retrievers or Golden mixes. Articles that cover many common and uncommon health conditions will be reprinted all in one place – the August 2024 issue. It will have a pull-out chart in the middle that includes common over-the-counter medications that can be used with dogs. This issue will be a good resource for all dog owners. It will probably will be too big to send by regular e-mail, so I will figure out another way to get it to you if you opt for soft copies of the newsletter.



What's Up DOC?

By Debbie Ball
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I mentioned in the February 2024 issue of this newsletter that our **AGR** public page on Facebook was hacked in late November 2023. This affected our public page only, NOT the private group page, the latter of which requires investigation and approval of group members by our Social Media moderator Kathy Blue. The hackers of the public page removed both Kathy Blue and me as Admins on the public page; then they posted phony fundraisers resulting in false charges to non-suspecting donors through the associated PayPal Giving Fund. As of this writing in early April, those entries to the PayPal Giving Fund are still being reconciled by PayPal, and our PPGF remains inactivated until that process is complete. Of the \$30K+ donations that were recorded by PayPal for *Giving Tuesday*, PayPal discovered that \$10,562 were bogus donations, so we had to return that money to PayPal. Once they finish the reconciliation, we may owe them all or part of an additional \$1,100, but that still puts us ahead financially, as we will have still profited by over \$18K from this mess! Countless hours and e-mails have been spent on this hacking situation by me and by Kathy Blue. Contacts have been made with the FBI, Facebook, and PayPal. Sadly, our Admin capabilities on the Facebook public page have still not been reactivated and the phony fundraisers still appear. Due to the lack of Admin capability restoration, we cannot even take the public page down...yet. I remain hopeful that someday soon Facebook/Meta will restore our access to the public page and remove the hackers, so that we can once again utilize that venue for those that search Facebook for *Arizona Golden Rescue*. In the meantime, please do NOT make any donations to **AGR** through Facebook! We welcome any and all donations to be made directly to **AGR** via either Zelle directly to info@arizonagoldenrescue.org or via a check in the mail to the address shown on the back of this newsletter.

NEWS FLASH!
Facebook has been restored as of May 1, 2024!

In addition to my regular responsibilities for database administration and training, adoption contract preparation, and tracking of all dog expenses in Excel files, I also continue to work on updating our various Policies and Procedures. All the various team member volunteers should have documented policies and procedures for reference, but some of these have not been updated in a few years. We plan to use a standardized format for these, with hopes of loading them into the database on a restricted server for easy access and ready reference. Also, I am working on trying to improve some of our website pages and menus to make these a bit more user friendly. If anyone has the time and interest to help with any of this, please contact me.

HELP!
wanted

Website/database help needed.

**Creative ideas
welcome!**

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Golden Adventures!

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Through the years as a member of **AGR**, I've come to realize what an integral role volunteers play in the success of a Rescue and fundraising! Event volunteers are involved in packing vehicles with equipment, such as tables and displays, along with merchandise the night before. Some use their vehicles to transport everything to and from the event, while others come in the morning to help set up, help with merchandise sales and monitoring, bring their dogs to greet the public, and pack up and unload everything that day or the next day. While volunteering one or more hours, you will get to know different **AGR** members, build new friendships, enjoy homemade goodies, and have fun while spending time outside enjoying the weather! Bringing your dog and visiting with the public is very important. Talking to people about **AGR** while they love on and pet your Golden, brings out the best in people as they slide a dollar or more into the dog's donation vest. These donations sometimes raise as much money as sales of our merchandise! Although volunteers don't get paid, there is a dedication that surpasses having a regular job. They show up because they are dedicated to a cause that involves raising money for the medical needs and care of our beautiful dogs! Volunteers, we need you!

In 2023, **AGR** took in 104 dogs. Call me a little crazy, but two of them found their way into my heart and home. As many of you Golden parents know, it's like eating one potato chip... you can't stop at just one! Adopting another is very tempting and addicting! I've learned that fostering is not in my makeup, as it always leads to "I'm not going any place else once I'm at your house"!

So, members we need your help to continue to provide for our rescued dogs the health care that they need. With your volunteering at our events, you help raise funds for our beautiful Golden hearts and love bugs! Your time and suggestions are always appreciated!

At our *Paws At The Park Annual Picnic*, Jeanne Wegener created a survey of possible future events for our members to fill out. Thank you, Jeanne! We appreciate the 54 members who took the time to fill it out and return it. The results are as follows: 14 people selected a wine/beer tasting event; 13 chose a cook-off; 12 checked the cornhole tournament; and 10 selected a casino night. Six other ideas included a picnic, barbeque, dog fashion show, golf tournament, and pool day at Hamilton Aquatic Center in Gilbert (no dogs allowed). We will follow up with these possibilities and hopefully plan events that will encourage everyone to attend and enjoy! Thank you again!

Youngster Golden **Winnie's** perspective: *if it weren't for you won-*

derful volunteers, I wouldn't have had the surgery I needed to close the hole in my heart. I'm loving life, running with my two furry friends and acting like the crazy puppy I was meant to be... and driving my mom a little nutsy!

All events are on the **AGR** Calendar on the **AGR** website (arizona-goldenrescue.org). Giving your time as a volunteer is at the core of our wonderful Rescue organization. We are grateful for any time you can help, whether it be for an hour or two a month or even one day a year. Every hour of a volunteer's time is treasured!

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

Health and Safety

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Tick-borne Diseases

No one likes ticks except pathogens that need ticks to complete their life cycle. Neither dogs nor people can get tick fever unless directly bitten by a tick. Sometimes, dogs can have ticks and have no disease (the tick has to feed for 1-2 days), but dogs do get sick, and some dogs can get sick years later.

AGR tests every dog with the Flex4 blood test which can identify heartworm and three of the most common tick fevers: Ehrlichiosis, Anaplasmosis and Lyme disease. There are other types also less often seen here in AZ, including Rickettsia and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

Signs of tick disease can include vomiting, fever, joint swelling, lameness, and lethargy. Many dogs have no overt symptoms. Other symptoms can include diarrhea, seizures, depression, skin lesions, discharge from nose and eyes, weight loss, fever. These symptoms can indicate diseases other than tick fever, so it is necessary to do the Flex4 blood test.

It's important to make sure your dog is negative for tick fever before any surgery because other symptoms are a low platelet count, anemia and abnormal white blood cell counts. That means normal blood clotting is inhibited and the immune system is hampered.

Treatment is usually a broad-spectrum antibiotic for at least one month; most dogs respond within 24-48 hours. The most common antibiotics used are doxycycline, tetracycline, and minocycline. Fortunately, most dogs, after recovery, have lifelong immunity.

There are over-the-counter methods for controlling ticks: medicated collars, chews etc. that don't really work well or can be a hazard to other dogs if they chew on the collars or to children who might handle them.

There are many RX medications that either go on the dog to seep through the skin for protection or tablets or chews that also kill off ticks once they bite the dog. Usually those are given once a month, but they can also cause other issues. Always read the information about these meds and talk with your vet before using them.

There are pest control companies that use organic and non-poisonous sprays that can kill ticks and other pests in your yard. Ticks can enter your yard on the wind, or dropped by birds or other wildlife. Due to the state's warm climate, tick season in Arizona usually starts in April and lasts through October.

What to do if you find a tick on your dog:

If you find a tick on your dog, follow these steps for safe removal:

- Expose the tick by gently pulling back any hair that may be covering it.
- With a pair of fine-tipped tweezers, grasp the tick's head. Do not grasp its body as this may cause the tick's blood to be injected into the skin.
- Pull the tick's head directly out from the skin. Avoid twisting or wiggling the tick.
- Once the tick is removed, dispose of it in a trash receptacle with a lid or flush it down the toilet. Wash the bite mark and your hands using soap and water.

Are There Ticks in Arizona? Tick Season in Arizona Info (<https://www.pestworld.org/pest-guide/ticks/>)

Yes, There Are Ticks in the Desert!

Several articles on a-z-animals.com including
<https://a-z-animals.com/blog/scariest-types-of-ticks-found-on-dogs/>
<https://a-z-animals.com/blog/tickborne-disease-diseases-that-can-be-transmitted-by-ticks/>



Brown Dog Tick



Pacific Coast Tick

These are types of ticks in Arizona and what can be passed on to animals.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Tick</u>	<u>Hosts</u>	<u>Diseases</u>
1	Rocky Mountain Wood Tick	rodents, sheep, deer	Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Colorado tick fever
2	Brown dog tick	dogs	Rocky Mountain spotted fever
3	Rabbit Tick	rabbits	Rocky Mountain spotted fever
4	Winter Tick	dogs, coyotes, deer, elk, horses, cattle, and beavers	N/A
5	Western Black-Legged Tick	lizards	Lyme disease
6	Bat Guano Tick	bat dung	Still studying
7	Pacific Coast Tick found in SW AZ	large mammals like dogs and deer	Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tick paralysis, tularemia, and anaplasmosis
8	Adobe Tick	small mammals like rodents	Unknown



Winter Tick



The Human Connection
By Connie McCabe,
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"It's all about the dogs"

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

So, since this is the "Human Connection" column, in every issue I am going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and stories about some of the people you might know. Hopefully, you will learn something new about them and gain more insight into how they got here. I know there are a lot of people who just wanted to adopt a dog and have no interest in participating in **AGR** activities. I will respect the privacy of those who prefer not to be active and just concentrate on those who are, or have been, most active in the organization.

Hopefully, by now you will have noticed that many of our members have stayed to be part of the organization long after their first-year membership has expired. And, many times, even after

the **AGR** dogs they have adopted have gone to the Bridge. There are many members who have never even adopted a dog from us and some who don't even have a dog at all! We are grateful to those who have continued to renew their memberships year after year and who contribute their time, money, and hearts to the group, whether or not they are interested in adopting a Golden.



Garrett and Julie Wheadon

Let me introduce you to one of our newest volunteers, Julie Wheadon, and her husband, Garrett. Julie keeps the spreadsheet of potential adopters up to date, so that the Placement Team always has at hand the current information on available approved applicants. Julie and Garrett are adopters and volunteer at many events.

In Julie's words: *Hi! We are Garrett and Julie Wheadon and are enjoying our new lives in Glendale and the **AGR** experience.*

*Thirty years ago, we brought our first golden (**Rio**) into our family and quickly acquired 3 more (**Mesa**, **Corona**, and **Rodeo**) to add to the furball chaos! The last of the four lived to the age of 17. We took a little break from having a dog to live the city life, however that was short-lived – we were missing our Golden, so **Makena** joined us in 2018, and **Cruz** in 2019. Promising our friends and family that we would not get ourselves back to four golden, we stopped there.*

In 2021, Julie moved to Glendale to care for her aging parents. Flying back to Washington every month to Garrett and the pups, she realized daily life without a dog wasn't really the best life. And then there was **Kai**! Watching the **AGR** website, Julie saw this handsome 1½-year-old boy that needed a quiet place to recuperate and heal from his upcoming hip dysplasia surgery. Since Julie was working remotely for her Washington business, and her mom moved near her in Glendale, it was a perfect opportunity to be a part of something extra special. After talking with family, Garrett and Julie met Liz and were excited about the possibility of **Kai** joining their family. In August 2022, Connie introduced them to **Kai**, and it was love all around!

Kai had his first surgery in September 2023 and did well. His big sister and brother joined the Arizona household in November. By the end of December, all three were running around the backyard, enjoying their new life together. Garrett flew down every weekend in January and February and has now joined the family here permanently. We love taking the three out for walks and hearing the comments about our "kids."



23-042 Kai Wheadon

*We have begun to prepare for the next hip surgery for **Kai** this month, explaining to the gang there will be some rules. Life will change once again, but we are so grateful for the opportunity and could not imagine doing anything differently.*

Next, meet Jamie Deppey, our newest Intake Team member, and her husband, Bill. They are also adopters and frequent volunteers at various **AGR** events.



Bill, Manda and Jamie Deppey, Maxx and Theo in front

From Jamie: *I have always been an animal person and my wonderful husband, Bill, has supported this love for the entire 54+ years of our marriage. We now have three dogs, four indoor cats, an African grey parrot, a horse and two goats. We each brought a dog to the marriage, and through the years have welcomed and loved – and in many cases, said goodbye to – many wonderful dogs of many breeds including: a Chihuahua, an Australian Shepherd, two Afghan Hounds, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, a German Shepherd, a Redbone Coonhound, two Boxers, a Lab, a Golden mix, a Mastiff mix, a Shepherd mix, a Doberman mix and a Terrier mix. I apologize to anyone I have forgotten.*

*Our boxer, **Crosby**, passed last year, leaving us with our two senior Labradoodles, **Manda** and **Maxx**. We always like to have three dogs so that the older dogs can help train the younger ones how to fit in with our household. The question was where do we start looking? The answer seemed like it was meant to be. Our daughter, Audra, had recently adopted a sweet little girl (**23-031 Ivy**) from **AGR**. No one knew that the cute little thing was pregnant. But right after the Rescue gave her a home, she gave them six beautiful, healthy puppies. As I was involved as a puppy grandma since our daughter and husband work, I was there most every day feeding, cleaning, and playing with puppies. I was so impressed with the people at **AGR** in their support for our daughter and their newly-expanded family, that their organization seemed the perfect place to start looking for a new young dog for us.*

*We were given the opportunity to foster and then adopt **Theo** (**23-092 Bruno**), a Goldendoodle, this past December. Not having had a young dog for about 10 years, and **Theo** being a 65-pound puppy with no training and several undesirable habits, has caused me to brush up on my obedience skills. I am a great believer in the importance of training to give them and the owner the best life possible. If **Theo** and others like him got the training they need at a young age, then someone like me wouldn't have to do it later when it's much harder for everyone. He's good for our senior dogs, as he talks them into playing (for very short periods). I take **Maxx** and **Theo** hiking and we all go camping as a family.*

I have always enjoyed volunteering when it involves animals, so I have donated time over the years as a 4-H leader (horse, goat, and poultry) clubs. I donated time at **AAWL**. My Labradoodle, **Manda**, and I did therapy work for 10 years, as well as being accepted into the **HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis** organization, and the “read to the dog” program at the library. During the process of adopting **Theo**, I began attending some of the events sponsored by **AGR** and found that I enjoyed the people I met there. When I was asked if I would like to become a part of the Intake Team in January, I accepted and am really enjoying it. It feels so good to help bring a dog into the **AGR** program and then follow it as it finds a loving home.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

CD

In early March 2024, we let our CD roll over for another 6 months – it had amassed \$101,656.66. We didn't need any of that money immediately, and at 4.5% interest it's worth keeping it tied up, especially since we had a sizable amount in our regular checking account.

Facebook/PayPal

Due to the Facebook/PayPal fiasco that Debbie Ball mentioned in her column (page 4), we had to switch our regular checking account to our *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* account. Debbe's Fund was originally created in 2010 to pay for expenses that exceed \$5,000 for one dog or total expenses for a dog that comes into Rescue with cancer. We have kept this Fund viable by doing one dedicated fundraiser per year (*Dine Out With The Dogs*), plus several supporters have sent donations specifically for this Fund.

Since Debbe's Fund was already set up as a checking account, I transferred most of the balance in our regular checking account to this account. A minimal balance is now kept in our original checking account. We paid \$10,562.17 back to PayPal that they had determined were bogus donations perpetrated by the hackers that got into our Facebook account on *Giving Tuesday* on November 28, 2023. This may not be the end of the pay-back, as the PayPal Giving Fund dashboard still says we owe them \$1,100, but they have not billed us for any of that amount yet.

Our thanks to all of you who made legitimate donations to **AGR** on *Giving Tuesday* in 2023 through Facebook. We request that you do NOT make donations to **AGR** through Facebook any time soon. We will let you know when we feel it is safe to do so again.

Insurance Situation

In late February, we received a letter of nonrenewal from the com-

pany that has held our insurance coverage for the last four years. They said: *Under the terms of your policy and state law...your policy is being nonrenewed because we are no longer writing this business classifications, operations, or exposures.* This despite the fact that we have never made a claim on our insurance in our 15+ years of business. Panic! Debbie Ball and I got on the Internet and found several insurance companies that appeared to be possibilities. Applications, some many pages long, were submitted.

One company that is used by many of the Golden Retriever Rescue groups, **Kennel Pac**, confirmed receipt of the application but a live person never followed through. One company we got a quote from wanted **\$15,000+** for basic coverage and an extra \$750 for each certificate we need for additional insured: **PACC911**, **Mari-copa County Animal Care & Control**, **Heidi's Village** (a boarding facility), **City of Scottsdale**, and **Parada Del Sol/Trail's End** – so the total would have been \$18,750 for one year! Another company wanted \$1,580 for one year of very basic coverage. That quote was far more reasonable, but I felt we could do better.

I contacted **PACC911** and asked them to review the policies that Rescues under their umbrella are required to have and send me a list of the various companies other local Rescues use. Robin Smith very kindly provided a list and suggested we contact a broker named Kris Kortum, who works for **MGI Risk Advisors** out of St. Louis. She was efficient, a joy to work with and secured us a policy from **Ategrity Insurance Company** that provided not only our required general liability coverage for \$750 but also did not charge extra for the five additional-insured certificates. Further work with her produced coverage for terrorism (strongly recommended, as we operate in large metropolitan area) for \$38. Also, we opted to adopt a Volunteer Accident policy for an extra \$300. Our previous policy with **Copper Silver Insurance Company** under **Stillwater** for \$572 in 2023-24 did not include either the terrorism coverage or the extra volunteer accident coverage. Ms Kortum has also secured Directors' and Officers' coverage, something we have never had, for an additional \$326 annually. So, we are well protected for the next year!

2023 Tax Return

For the last three years, nonprofit organizations have been required to submit their annual tax returns electronically – a good thing, actually, since they lost the return I mailed in four years ago – which means we have to hire an authorized agent to do it for us. The CPA, Gary Yeager, with whom Cindy Tigges (**AGR's** Accountant) and I worked to produce our 2022 tax return retired, so we were faced with trying to find someone else to file our 2023 tax return. Mr. Yeager sold his business to his partners and they have, fortunately, agreed to file for us for the same price he charged in 2023. They automatically applied for and were granted an extension to November 15, 2024. So, Cindy and I have some extra time in which to get the return done. Since the CPA puts his name on

the form, he will go through it to make sure we did it correctly, so we're basically paying him for issuing an approval and pushing a button, but we don't have any choice.

Arizona Gives Day

I would like to thank all 55 of you who made donations to **AGR** on *Arizona Gives Day*, April 2. The list of donors is on page 43. I hope you all kept the receipt you were sent by **AZGives**, because I do not generally acknowledge these donations in my end-of-year donations letters.

Most of the *Arizona Gives Day* donations came from **AGR** members, but we had a very special donation of \$2,500 from the office staff of **Fiesta Bowl Charities (FBC)**! What a wonderful surprise! Each year, members of the **FBC** office staff make nominations for a nonprofit organization to support on *Arizona Gives Day*. This year, Connor McCorvel nominated us, and the staff voted to support **AGR**. Connor had seen our group in the *Parada Del Sol* and spent some time loving on our dogs at *Trail's End*. He was so impressed with the dogs and with the members he spoke with that he wanted to give us this special gift. **FBC** has supported us with a donation for the golf tournament every year we have requested one, but this monetary donation was so unexpected and so fabulous! Thanks to Connor for nominating us and to all at **FBC** for supporting us!

A Special Bequest

One other donation needs mentioning, and that is the one shown on the donors' page 43 as being from the Barnet C and Francine R Engler estate. In 2016, we met this couple at one of our public events. They donated \$25 to help the dogs. Once they had both passed away in 2023, we found out that **AGR** was a designated beneficiary of a donation from their estate: \$15,000! Since the letter that accompanied the check actually said "partial payment," there most likely will be another check coming sometime this year. You just never know what an impact our volunteers and our dogs can have down the road!

Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

Every year (except 2023) in July, I have sent out direct mail letters to **AGR** adopters. Calling this our *Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs*, I have asked our adopters to "pay it forward" by making a donation to help newly-rescued dogs, since we covered intake costs for the dog they adopted. In 2023, I included a plea for such donations in the August-September newsletter, but the resulting donations fell far short of what we had received in the past. This year, I will go back to sending out direct mail letters.

We will not be hosting a golf tournament this year, so it is really important that we generate some income during the summer. The tough economic climate has impacted everyone. Understandably,

Reporting period: January 1, 2024 - April 15, 2024		
Total Assets as of April 15, 2024: \$358,151.45		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 2,125.00	\$
Adoption Expense		665.00
Adoption Income	10,150.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		2,500.00
Calendars		
Sales of 2024 Calendars	231.00	
Credit Card & PayPal Expense		242.58
Donations		
General Fund	12,704.23	
Honorary	1,738.24	
Memorial	1,298.00	
Event Expense		391.57
Interest Earned	2,503.80	
Internet Services		359.25
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	8,540.00	
Merchandise		
Purchases		385.54
Sales & Shipping	3,666.71	
Office Expenses	676.72	
Paws At The Park	1,992.00	725.13
Auction	1,570.00	
Donations	1,075.97	
Prizes (Raffle Tickets)	1,075.00	
Postage		599.54
Rent or Lease (storage facility)		783.18
Stationery & Printing		2,491.28
Telephone		58.71
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		1,920.00
Boarding		5,568.00
Microchip Expense		19.99
Veterinary Services		47,488.45
TOTAL	\$45,784.41	\$ 61,274.27
NET INCOME	- \$15,489.86	
Old Checking Account as of 4-15-24:	\$ 1,100.18	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund Ckng Acct as of 4-15-24:		* \$252,980.81
CD as of 4-15-24:		\$104,160.46
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 4-15-24:		* \$ 23,320.40
*Since April 15, we have had some significant vet bills for 4 puppies that came in with parvo, as well as for a hip replacement surgery. The DBMF checking account on 5-05-24 was \$215,927 and credit card was \$23,199.		

charitable giving is the first budget item eliminated in times like this. From communications I have received from other Rescue organizations, it is apparent that donations in 2024 are down considerably and that has made it increasingly difficult to meet the relentless need for funds in the animal rescue community.

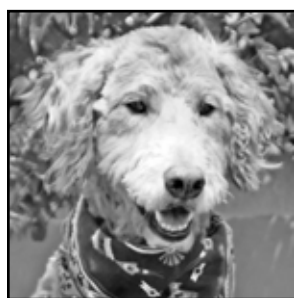
If you are one of our adopters, please send a donation if at all possible. All donations that come in during July, August and September will be attributed to this fundraising effort and will be used to help any special needs dogs that come into Rescue during the last half of the year.

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Debbie Ball
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Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on which *AGR* has had to spend at least \$2,000. In the first quarter of 2024, we had six dogs that met this benchmark. Please consider donating to help with the expenses of a specific dog, or just earmark funds for *Diamonds in the Ruff*. All donations are tax deductible – to the extent allowed by law, of course – and will be acknowledged as such.

23-037 Canelo is a 7-year-old neutered male purebred Golden Retriever that was returned to *AGR* in early June 2023. His previous adopter was moving out of the country and could not take him. While *AGR* searched for a suitable home for him, **Canelo** spent some significant weeks in boarding due to his unique behavioral characteristics. In January 2024, he was moved into a board-and-train with an animal behaviorist, Sharon in Phoenix. She worked extensively with **Canelo** on his manners and integrating him into her pack. Sharon and her pack decided they loved him so much, they adopted him and gave **Canelo** his forever home! Expenses for **Canelo** were **\$2,482** in 2024, with overall expenses of \$5,251 since his intake in June 2023.



23-075 Bodhi is a 3-year-old neutered male Goldendoodle surrendered by his owner in late September 2023, as they could not keep this strong, untrained boy with their young family. The typical veterinary workup was done and vaccinations updated. In late October, a mast cell tumor was discovered on the side of his chest area. Oncology surgery was done, and **Bodhi** continued to be boarded at the veterinary office. In mid-January 2024, one of our member families took **Bodhi** in as a foster. They helped him get two electrochemotherapy treatments, with two follow-ups scheduled. The fosters report **Bodhi** is a sweet and loving boy who needs some work on obedience training while we search for his forever home. **Bodhi's** expenses in the first quarter cost *AGR* **\$3,036**, or \$7,752 since his 2023 intake.

23-091 Patrick is a 1-year-old unneutered male Goldendoodle surrendered in November 2023. His former owners were too busy



to give him the attention and training he needed. He received the typical veterinary tests and vaccination updates in mid-November, and he was subsequently placed with Jessica and Edward in Goodyear. In early January, *AGR* paid for **Patrick's** neuter and an updated urinalysis discovered another UTI. In mid-March, **Patrick** was taken to the emergency vet for radiographs and fluids, but all seems to be well now. First quarter expenses so far for **Patrick** cost *AGR* **\$2,150**.

24-002 Bentley is a 10-year-old neutered male Golden/Lab mix surrendered by his former owner who could not take him when she moved to a group home for medical reasons. **Bentley** had his vaccinations and veterinary tests brought up to date, and he was then placed with Paige and Jeff in Scottsdale. In February, he developed a cough and was seen by the vet for radiographs and meds for possible valley fever. In mid-March, the cough worsened, and **Bentley** was taken to *AMSC* for emergency hospitalization, fluids, radiographs, and bloodwork. The diagnosis was pneumonia and bronchitis; he continues to test negative for valley fever. He is still coughing up a lot of phlegm; additional antibiotics have been prescribed. *AGR's* expense for **Bentley** so far in 2024 has been **\$4,450**.



24-005 Miranda is a cute little 38-pound 1-year-old female Golden Retriever mix that was transferred to *AGR* from a shelter in Mexico. She had been found as a stray. She was already spayed and up to date on most vaccinations, but we had her examined with a heartworm test, cocci profile, and blood/urine check, and a Leptospirosis vaccine was given.

In late January she was placed with Karen in Scottsdale. However, in early March, **Miranda** started having some seizures and Karen was unable to care for her. **Miranda** was taken to *Blue Pearl* emergency vet for fluids and meds, then subsequently to *AMSC* in Scottsdale for radiographs and a neuro consult, where she was diagnosed with idiopathic epilepsy. At this point, she was moved to another foster family in Peoria for observation, then was placed in a home with Heather and Paul in Scottsdale. She will likely be on neuro meds for at least a year. Heather and Paul are comfortable dealing with any breakthrough seizures. **Miranda's** expenses so far have cost *AGR* **\$3,577**.

24-012 Gabe is a 6-year-old neutered male purebred Golden Re-

triever surrendered with his bonded female friend **24-011 Bailey**. Their prior owner had passed away, and his mother realized she was unable to care for the dogs on her return to another state. **Gabe** was brought up to date on necessary veterinary tests and vaccinations, and it was discovered his teeth were in bad shape. In mid-February, he had a dental done with several tooth extractions. However, he had a problem with the anesthetic, so he had to go back a week later to have the dental completed. First quarter expenses for **Gabe** were **\$2,325**. He and **Bailey** have been adopted as a pair by June and Dave in Bullhead City. Please read their adoption story on page 28.



Safety - First and Foremost

By Deb Orwig

Many of you who are reading this newsletter are adopters of **AGR** dogs. Consequently, you are familiar with our adoption process. But do you know the one thing that is paramount for us in every aspect of an adoption? **Safety**. In everything we do and how we do it, we try to ensure maximum safety for the dogs that come into our Rescue. Safety is our primary concern from intake through adoption and beyond.

Intake

Here is how the process works. Someone who wants to surrender a dog calls our WAGSline phone number, 623-566-WAGS (9247), or sends an e-mail to info@arizonagoldenrescue.org. The phone is answered by Sharon Flores between 8 AM – 8 PM M-SUN, and she monitors the voice-mails when she personally does not answer. If a call seems like it needs the attention of Intake right away, she will call whoever is on duty and they will contact the caller immediately. If it is not a “911” call, she will send an e-mail to the Intake Team. If a request for surrendering a dog comes into info@arizonagoldenrescue.org, I forward the message to the entire Intake Team and whoever is on duty responds to the person.



We do not often get Golden retrievers or Golden mixes from any of the shelters, but we lucked out with 23-074 Quinn, a Golden-Pyrenees or maybe a purebred Pyrenees

Shelter Dogs. With shelter dogs, Judy Pettito, Co-Manager of the Intake Team, reviews the dailies sent out by e-mail from Maricopa, Pima and Pinal Counties. If any shelter advertises a Golden or Golden mix, she monitors the dog until we have confirmation that it is a dog **AGR** would accept. She then tracks the dog to its “due out day”

and sends a request for transport to the Transport Team. Right now, we have only six **AGR** members who are authorized by the county shelters to pick up a dog under their New Hope program – we would like to have more! Their requirement is that the potential New Hoper must go through their training program. We attempt to bring in a shelter dog as soon as possible after it is released for adoption so that the dog is not exposed to kennel cough and other diseases any longer than is absolutely necessary (3 days for an unknown-owner stray, 5 days for a known-owner stray). Sometimes our diligence doesn’t work, though. Two cases in point: first, we had our name on a 10-year-old purebred Golden, but he was euthanized at the shelter because he started having seizures and was rapidly going downhill; second, I went to pick up a dog, actually got the dog, and had driven back towards home about 10 miles when I got a call to return the dog to the shelter – he had supposedly been committed to a member of the public before the shelter handed him over to me, which they should not have done. On a dog’s release day, the public is allowed to adopt between 11 AM and noon; if a dog has not been chosen by noon, then a Rescue can New Hope the dog. (Of course, the shelter wants dogs to be adopted by the public, because the public has to pay for them and Rescue gets them for free under the New Hope program.) So, I took the dog back and handed him over. It was a good thing, though – the lady told me her family had been to visit the dog every day he had been incarcerated, had played with him in the play yard, and had decided they really wanted him. Good for them – one dog that will most likely have a good forever home.

Owner Surrenders. What happens with an owner-surrender? The Intake Team does an in-depth phone interview with the owner to learn as much as possible about the dog. The dog’s profile is then sent to Placement and stored in our database. Our Intake or Placement Team sends out



AGR’s Placement Team diligently attempts to place dogs that come in as pairs together, like 21-045 Athena and 21-044 Penelope



14-056 Daisy and 14-057 Sunshine were so bonded they even walked in sine with each other! How could we not place them together?

a request for transport to Transport Team members. Whoever accepts the transport then contacts the owner to make pick-up arrangements. Sometimes it is what Intake deems a “911” situation – either the dog is in danger or the owner is leaving town and will abandon the dog if it is not picked up “right now!” Fortunately, we have a couple of transporters who are willing to drop everything to go get a dog. And fortunately, we work with a veterinarian that has boarding facilities and is usually willing to



The safest way to transport a new intake, especially puppies, is in a crate – you can imagine how distracting to the driver it would be to have these 5 two-month-olds running around in the back of the vehicle! The transport volunteer gets the privilege of naming a shelter dog or a stray.

accept dogs from **AGR**. Once we have a dog, it is transported to our boarding veterinarian or to its new home. Many owner-surrendered dogs are not up to date on vaccinations and some have not been spayed or neutered. Few of them have been microchipped. Some are sick and need to be evaluated. Shelter dogs are at least vaccinated before they leave the shelter. Dogs are vetted while boarding, or the new adopters will be instructed to go to one of our participating vets where the dogs will get their vetting completed: we test our intakes for valley fever and heartworm, and, if they come from a shelter, we have a fecal test done, too. Our vets also will

treat anything that is treatable, like ear infections or open wounds. Other tests may need to be done, as well. If the dog is 8 years or older, we have a senior blood panel done to determine how well all the dog’s bodily functions are performing. All these tests are done to ensure that the dog is as healthy as possible when we transfer the dog to a new home.

Placement

Placement has the task of finding the best approved-to-adopt family for the dogs that come into our Rescue. For the safety and well-being of the dog, we match the family to the dog, not the other way around.

Adoption Application

How does a family get approved to adopt? First, anyone interested in adopting must submit an Adoption Application from our website. A nonrefundable \$25 application fee must also be paid. An invoice for payment will be sent from PayPal. After we receive payment, either via PayPal, by Zelle, or by a check sent in the mail, the Adoption Application is forwarded to our Home Evaluation Coordinator, Sheila Joyce. To help us match a dog with the

best possible family, the Adoption Application is designed to find out as much as possible about the applicant and his/her home environment.

Home Evaluation

Sheila reviews the application, checks her list of trained evaluators, and contacts the one living closest to the applicant to ask that the evaluator make arrangements to go to the applicant’s home or to conduct the visit via Facetime or Skype. **We could use some**

more home evaluators! To become a home evaluator for **AGR**, you must do a ride-along with a trained evaluator at least twice, as well as review the appropriate section of our Policies and Procedures Handbook. Using a 6-page form as a guide, the home evaluator thoroughly inspects the grounds and the home, noting anything that might pose a hazard to a Golden or Golden mix. The evaluator then enters the information into our database. If there are any “red flags”, such as dangerous or toxic



All parts of beautiful oleanders are extremely toxic; they have lush dark-green foliage and lovely white, light pink or dark pink flowers that bloom year round in AZ



There were piles of debris like this in both side yards; the homeowners were in the habit of leaving their side gates open and said their previous dog liked to “visit the neighbors” – they were not approved to adopt

plants accessible to a dog (e.g., lantana, oleander, cacti, yucca, aloe, etc.), or if there are extensive dirt areas or piles of debris in the yard or holes in the perimeter fence, notes are made.

The Coordinator will inform the applicant that these items need to be removed, fenced off or fixed before issuing an approval to adopt. If the visit is done in person, the evaluator takes photos. If Facetime or Skype is used, the applicant is asked to send photos of the back yard. Photos are stored in SmugMug so our Placement Team can view them. Bottom line is our home evaluators are charged with making sure an applicant’s home and yard are a

safe environment for an **AGR** dog.

Transport

After a placement has been made, Transport again goes into action and arrangements are made to take the dog to what we hope will be its new home. As with home evaluators, transport volunteers must do a ride-along at least twice with someone who is already trained. There are actually six different transport scenarios, and if you really want proper training, you should attend one of each type before you do any on



Most Golden, like 23-072 Rusty (who had never seen a cat but loves them), will get along fine with cats, as cats usually let the dog know quickly who is boss – and it isn’t the dog! Sometimes a new rescue dog will not get along with resident pets – or vice versa – and will have to be moved to another home; being compatible with resident pets is something Placement cannot predict even if the home evaluator takes a dog to the home visit.

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In Arizona, many homeowners landscape their yards with various species of cacti, lantana, oleander or Sago Palm, all of which are dangerous to dogs; our home evaluators tell applicants such plants must be removed or a hardware cloth barrier installed a foot deep, a foot higher than and a foot away from all such plants.

your own. If there are resident animals in the home, great care is taken by the transporter in introducing the new dog. Most of the time, a placement is successful, even in homes that have resident animals. However, sometimes situations arise that we cannot anticipate, and the Transporter decides for the dog's safety or for the safety of the residents, the dog cannot be left at the home. So, Placement has to try again to find an appropriate and safe home.



We think 20-033 Danny Boy (left above), 22-061 David (right above), 23-033 Loki (left below) and 23-037 Canelo (right below) settled into their new homes quite well!



Settling-In Period

Usually three weeks are allowed for the dog to settle into its new home. We have found that sometimes it takes that long for the dog to relax and for its true personality to manifest, and sometimes that "true personality" is an unpleasant surprise! We have had potential adoptive families demand that we finalize the adoption after 24 hours, but we usually make them wait the three weeks anyway. For the safety of both the dog and the family, we want to be sure the dog is going to work out. Depending on health or behavior issues that must be resolved, we may not finalize an adoption for a much longer period of time. We view behavior issues the same way we view health problems – if an undesirable behavior is fixable, we will find help to fix it. Sometimes we can assist by providing tips to modify behavior. Sometimes, fixing a dog's behavior is beyond any of our skills, so we will hire a trainer or place the dog at a training facility – there are a couple of good ones in the Valley.

Beyond Adoption

Beyond adoption, we are still concerned with the dog's safety. We check in with adoptive families periodically to be sure everything is going well. For the safety of the dog, we encourage adoptive

families to do the following:

- take the dog to a veterinarian for an annual check-up
- renew the dog's vaccinations when these are due
- annually test the dog for valley fever and heartworm
- give the dog monthly heartworm preventative
- have the dog's teeth checked annually and have a dental done if there is significant tartar buildup or cracked/broken teeth
- use a proper leash and collar with an ID tag (the **AGR** red heart tag if you have an **AGR** dog)
- train the dog how to walk nicely on leash
- license the dog with the appropriate county
- bring the dog to **AGR** events to help with socialization
- get the dog snake-avoidance trained if there are plans to hike with the dog or if the home is near open-desert land
- purchase booties to protect the dog's feet
- play with and exercise the dog (but avoid outdoor exercise on hot days)
- feed the dog a good-quality food
- never leave the dog in a vehicle at any time of year
- integrate the dog into the household (i.e. not keep the dog outside)

Providing for Your Dog if Something Happens to You

Do you have provisions for your dog(s) or other pets in your will? Upon your demise, the executor of your will must know what to do with your animals and, obviously, get the animals out of your home before the one-year probate period is up! Someone has to be informed about your pets. If you have an **AGR** dog and something happens to you to render you unable to care for the dog, the dog must come back to **AGR** – this stipulation is in the Adoption Contract you signed. Please be sure a family member or a lawyer who handles your estate knows that the dog must be returned to **AGR**. If your dog is not an **AGR** dog, please have a plan in place that someone else knows about, so that your dogs are cared for (and not turned over to a shelter) in case of your incapacity or death.

If you adopt an AGR dog and something happens to you – serious and/or chronic illness, physical impairment or death –so that you are unable to care for the dog, the dog must be returned to AGR!

Does someone among your family or friends or in your neighborhood have a key to your home? Suppose you were seriously hurt or killed in a car accident or had to go to the hospital for a medical emergency, would anyone know you have dogs at home and how to get to them? Have you left written instructions regarding the care and feeding of your dog(s) someplace in your home where someone could find them? I recently had to pick up a Golden that belongs to a friend who had to go to the hospital for emergency surgery. I had never been to her home, but she left a key with a neighbor and had thorough instructions regarding the dog typed on

a paper folded up to fit in an empty pill bottle and labeled **K-9 Vial of Life**. This pill bottle, which she had gotten from **Best Friends Dog Club** in Sun City, was inside the door of the refrigerator. On the paper folded up and enclosed in the pill bottle, she had provided all important information. It took me only a short time to collect the dog and all her necessaries. Do yourself and your dog a favor and make a **K-9 Vial of Life** (copy the form on page 20). Put a copy in your vehicle's glove box, too.

Vehicle Safety

Suppose your dog is riding with you in your vehicle and you are in an accident. You are hurt and are unable to get to your dog; the dog may or may not be hurt. Are there instructions regarding your dog in your vehicle's glove box? That is most likely where First Responders would look. Include the dog's name, age, food (what kind and how much), necessary meds, vaccination dates and name and phone number of your veterinarian.

Never leave your dog alone in your vehicle even for a minute and not even with the windows down or the air conditioning on. On a 90-degree day, the interior temperature can reach as high as 160 degrees in ten minutes. Animals can acquire brain damage or even die from heatstroke in as little as fifteen minutes. If you see a dog left alone in a hot car, write down the car's color, model, make, license plate number and specific location. Have the owner paged in the nearest buildings; call local humane authorities or police. Have someone keep an eye on the dog. In Arizona, it is legal to

How Long Before Your Car is Hot Enough to Kill?

STARTING INSIDE CAR TEMPERATURE	120°	127°	133°	149°	167°
	115°	122°	128°	144°	162°
	110°	117°	123°	139°	157°
	105°	112°	118°	134°	152°
	100°	107°	113°	129°	147°
	95°	102°	108°	124°	142°
	90°	97°	103°	119°	137°
	85°	92°	98°	114°	132°
	80°	87°	93°	109°	127°
	75°	82°	88°	104°	122°
70°	77°	83°	99°	117°	
	5 min	10 min	30 min	60 min	
	TIME				

break a car window in order to remove a dog or a child left inside. However, it would be better if a police officer would do the breaking! Don't leave the scene until the situation has been resolved.

Secure the dog in the vehicle. If taking your dog for a ride, please be sure your dog is secured in the back part of your vehicle (but not in an open truck bed!). Use a crate if your dog is a nervous pacer – a pacer will distract you, and his/her nervousness may cause you to have an accident. If your dog is a good rider, then secure the leash to a tie-down somewhere in the back or, if you have a sedan, on the back seat with a seat belt harness. Please do not allow the dog

to ride in the front passenger seat, or, even worse, to ride in your lap between you and the steering wheel even if the dog is secured with a seat belt harness. If you had to stop suddenly and the air bag deployed, it would probably kill the dog.

Water on trips. On any length trip, carry water and a water bowl in your vehicle to make sure your dog stays hydrated. There are no-spill water bowls available from pet supply stores, or you can order one online. A good idea is to fill a large water bottle half full (an empty half-gallon or gallon juice bottle with a screw-on lid works well) and freeze it overnight, then top it off with cold water. Such water should stay cold for most of a day-long trip.

Windows up, please! When you are on a trip, your car windshield acts as a bug collector, doesn't it? Has your car windshield ever needed to be replaced because it was dinged or cracked by debris thrown back by vehicles traveling in front of you? Have you ever driven through a dust storm? In Arizona, it is common to have blown stuff damage your windshield. Can you imagine what would happen to your dog's eyes if the same stuff hit them as what hits your windshield and causes it to crack? As much as he/she might enjoy it, **please do not allow your dog to ride with his/her head hanging out the window!** His/her eyes could be damaged by just about anything in the air, including dust, rocks and bugs.



18-074 Riley, 19-083 Bowie and 19-053 Jackson were just posing for the 2021 AGR calendar cover photo; Connie and Nick would not allow them to ride with their heads out of the window like this!

Also, with open car windows... If you have an impact or slam on the brakes, the dog can fly out the open window even if the dog is just sitting in the seat. This happened to Connie McCabe. She had to slam on the brakes and her Golden **Honey** literally flew out the window and rolled down the street. Fortunately, drivers managed to avoid her and she only had mild abrasions, but Connie said the incident gave her quite a scare. I, too, had a dog fall out of an open car window years ago (before I knew better). I was going only about 5 mph in a parking lot when the dog, who was balanced on



A photo op with 09-014 Orion and 15-098 Dakota

the window ledge, went over, landed wrong and broke a leg.

More about vehicle safety... Do not ever let your dog ride in the open back of a pick-up truck, not even if the dog is in a crate, or not even if its leash is tied down to something in the truck bed. Also, even though they may enjoy

tootling around town in a convertible, please allow them to sit in it only for photos!

Outdoor Safety

Pool Safety. Always be present by your pool and paying attention (no talking or texting on a cell phone or reading a book) when your dog is swimming. I have known a Golden who was a good swimmer but lost her balance and fell into her pool at an angle from which she could not recover. Fortunately, her owner knew CPR, but though the dog did not drown, she ended up with brain damage.

Be careful not to allow your dog to over-do in the length of time they play/swim in the pool – many of them don't know when to quit, so you must make them before they exhaust themselves. If your pool is not fenced, it is imperative that you teach your dogs not to go into the water unless they are invited. The first time they go in without your permission, haul them out as quickly as possible and admonish them with a stern, "NO POOL!" You may have to do this more than once to get the message across. Have some toys that are only for pool use. Bring out these toys and throw them into the pool when you are available to watch the dog in the water. Whenever the dog sees those toys, he/she will know it is OK to go swimming.



16-009 Vin was introduced to the Orwigs' pool when he was only 5 months old; he learned to swim wearing a life jacket; notice he is carrying a bumper in his mouth – carrying a pool toy in the mouth helps the dog level out in the water and helps prevent trying to "swim up into the sky"

Not all Golden retrievers are natural-born swimmers. When you introduce your dog to the pool, it is not a bad idea to put a life jacket on the dog, especially if it is a puppy, and get into the pool with the dog. Support the dog under the belly with your arm, gradually lowering your arm until the dog seems to be able to stay afloat and paddle around without assistance. A life jacket for your dog is imperative if you are riding in a boat or on a surfboard or jet ski (not recommending this type of water sports equipment with a dog!)

Exposure and Heat Stroke. Limit your dog's exposure to the outdoors during the summer. If you have to leave the house, close your dog door. Do not leave your dog outside even if there is shade in your yard and you have a mister system on your patio – these are not enough to keep your dog from developing a heat-related condition. The *Humane Society of the United States* cautions dog owners to respect the heat. Dogs do not sweat as humans do. They lose heat only through their paw pads and by panting. Dogs can get heat stroke and/or become dehydrated. Always keep fresh, cool water available for your dog and limit outdoor activity

during the hottest part of the day. A dog can even get overheated swimming in a pool if the pool water is quite warm, so be careful with the duration of pool play, also.

Extreme temperatures can cause heatstroke. Some signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness. Dogs that are very old, very young, overweight, not conditioned to prolonged exercise, or have heart or respiratory disease are more prone to developing heat stroke. If your dog does develop any of these symptoms, move the dog into an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to head, neck, and chest or run cool (not cold) water over

If Golden retrievers were meant to be shaved, they would have short fur to begin with!
~ Anonymous

him/her. Encourage the dog to drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Visit a veterinarian as soon as possible.

To shave or not to shave? Sometimes a new intake has a coat

loaded with ticks or has horrible mats and has to be shaved for treatment or for its own comfort like our Goldendoodle, **23-100 Leonardo**, in the photos here. **Leo's** coat is like his poodle parent – he has hair instead of fur, and at intake he looked like a "rastafarian sheep dog," so we had the vet's groomer shave him down to get rid of all the unsightly, and most likely uncomfortable, mats. Goldendoodles that favor the poodle parent must have their hair trimmed on a regular basis, about every 6-8 weeks. If you could see the "shaved" photo of **Leo** in color, you would notice that his skin is very pink, so to prevent the development of skin cancer, it is extremely impor-



23-100 Leonardo before and after hair cut



13-006 Sammy McCabe / Dodson had a very thick coat and he loved to swim, so he was given a "summer cut"

tant to limit his exposure to the sun until his hair grows out some.

Arizona Golden Rescue does not recommend shaving a Golden, especially in the summer. A Golden's coat actually insulates it from the heat as well as from cold – if you have your Golden shaved, he may get even hotter than if you had left the coat alone. If your dog is constantly in the pool and has a thick

coat that never seems to dry out, that is not good either, as the dog can develop fungal infections of the skin. If your dog is an avid swimmer, consider having a reputable groomer give your dog a “summer cut” which will just shorten the fur, not take it down to the skin. In addition to possibly getting overheated, shaved Golden Retrievers are susceptible to sunburn and, therefore, to skin cancer.

Insects and Related Critters. Bugs can be a problem in the summer. Biting flies, mosquitoes, bees, ticks and fleas are all more abundant at this time of year and can be more than just a nuisance. Good protection against ticks and fleas will be provided by Frontline Plus®; if you’re hiking in the woods with your dog, you might consider using a tick collar as an extra protection.

Mosquitoes and ticks may carry diseases, in particular heartworm or West Nile virus, and tick fever, respectively. Be sure there are no areas on your property where water can collect and stagnate – that is the type of place in which mosquitoes will breed. If you have a lawn, keep the grass cut short to minimize the possibility of ticks and other insects. Do not use fertilizer or pesticides unless these specifically state on the label that they are safe for pets, and then allow your pets on the grass only after the spray has dried.

Thunder and Other Loud Noises. In Arizona, our dogs may be exposed to the loud noises of fireworks or occasional thunder-and-lightning storms, especially during the summer monsoon season. Many dogs are fearful of thunder, lightning cracks and other loud noises. When she first detected the rumbling of thunder, my Golden Dolly would climb into the bathtub behind the shower curtain or burrow under some blankets that were on the floor in the back of my closet. I had a *Thundershirt*® which I put on her, too. It fit her snugly and helped her feel secure. As was recommended to me at one time, I tried desensitizing her to the noise of thunder and lightning by playing a CD with nature sounds on it, but that did not help her very much. D.A.P.® (Dog Appeasing Pheromone) diffusers have a reputation of working well to help some dogs calm down. However, unless you have a small room in which you can enclose both the diffuser and the dog, the concentration of the calming chemical in the air will be so low that it most likely won’t have much effect on the dog. If the dog’s behavior is truly terrible during a storm, please speak with your vet about getting some sedative medication. There is one that goes by the common name *Clomicalm*, and it usually works. However, the effect takes a while to develop, so the dog must be started on this drug a month before storm season and then kept on it every day until the season is over. Using a short-acting sedative, such as benedryl, acepromazine or valium might work better for your dog, but be sure to consult with your vet before starting any medication. Just about the worst thing you could do is to cuddle, hug and pet your dog and talk soothingly when he/she acts up during a storm, because those behaviors by you act as positive reinforcement for the undesirable behaviors your dog exhibits, thus encouraging them to continue. Good intentions – trying your best to help the dog calm down – may backfire

and actually cause the dog to get worse.

If your dog experiences noise anxiety of any kind, please keep him/her indoors during storms and when fireworks are being used, and please do not take the dog with you to view any outdoor fireworks spectacles.

If you go out, try turning on the TV or a nice CD to provide soothing music or background noise as a buffer to outside noise. If you have a dog door, be sure it is closed when you leave. Dogs who normally don’t jump have been known to clear a 6-foot block wall if they get outside and get scared.

Pet Fire Safety Day is July 15

Why not resolve now to have all the fire safety tips described here in place by this date?

Fire Safety

In the event of fire, do you have an evacuation plan and an escape route for yourself and your dogs? The

more important question is, *Have you practiced it?* Does your dog have a favorite or safe spot in your home? That is where he/she is likely to go in case of fire.

Do you have smoke detectors? If not, get some. When Daylight Saving Time ends (first Sunday in November), be sure to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms. Have a leash in the vicinity of your escape route, so you can grab it to ensure your dog cannot bolt, because the alarms and firetruck sirens can scare him/her. Also, it would be a good idea to put a Pet Safety Alert decal on ground-floor windows at the front and back of the house alerting first responders to look for a dog or other pet in the house. You can purchase static-cling decals for \$5.99 on amazon.com; you should place one in every window on the ground floor of your house.



Your dog could inadvertently start a fire if left alone in your home. Don’t allow the dog to be unattended even for one minute around open flames (BBQ or fireplace), range burners that are on, ovens, or even candles. If you want to use candles, get the kind where the wax and wick are enclosed in a glass container and keep the container high up where the dog cannot accidentally knock it over. Consider covering or removing stove knobs, as the dog could jump up on the stove and knock them into the ON position. Have you seen the commercial on TV where a pizza box containing a slice of pizza is pulled off the stove by a dog, the box catches fire, then the house catches fire? It could happen. Fortunately, the dog in the commercial gets out of the house safely, but your dog might not.

Be sure electrical cords are covered or otherwise secured so your

dog cannot chew on them. Also, get plug covers to put in outlets that are not in use.

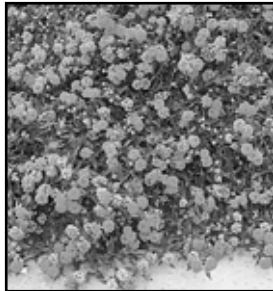
The **National Fire Prevention Association** has some great information and advice about fire safety on their website: <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/>

Toxics and Other Dangerous Stuff

Plants. Many are toxic if eaten by dogs – the worst offenders that are commonly planted in Arizona yards are Oleanders, Lantana and Sago Palm. The **ASPCA** has a great website (<https://www.aspcare.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/dogs-plant-list>) for information about toxic plants; they show all the plants in color. Educate yourself and remove or cordon off dangerous plants that are in your yard.



All parts of Sago Palms, which are cycads not palms, are toxic and if ingested could be fatal to dogs; dogs aren't likely to eat the tough, leathery fronds, but if the dog is a digger, she could get a fatal dose of root matter on their claws when they lick to clean off the claws



Lantana (a.k.a. Shrub Verbena, Yellow Sage and Red Sage) is very commonly used for decorative landscape in Arizona; there are several color varieties including white, pink, lavender, gold, red and orange. Lantana contains pentacyclic triterpenoids, which can cause vomiting, diarrhea, labored breathing and weakness. Adult dogs usually will not chew on or eat Lantana, but puppies might, so if you want to adopt a young dog, be sure to fence off or remove any Lantana.

Antifreeze is extremely toxic to pets, and its sweet odor is tempting to dogs and cats. In the summer, if your car overheats, antifreeze may leak out of the radiator and form puddles on the floor of the garage. Check your garage floor often, clean up any spills and get your radiator repaired. When you are walking your dog, pay attention to your neighbors' cars and potential puddles of antifreeze on their driveways or in the street and avoid these at all costs. Dogs will most likely die if they ingest antifreeze.

Toilet-cleaning chemicals. Even if you just use ordinary bleach, these are extremely toxic to dogs. Most Golden Retrievers and Goldendoodles are the right height to drink out of a toilet. Close the bathroom door when there are cleaning chemicals in the toilet, and please keep your toilet lids down so the dog does not have the opportunity to ever drink from the toilet. Would you drink out of a toilet even right after it's been cleaned?

Other toxic substances. You should take care to put away behind closed doors pool chemicals, citronella, insect repellents that con-

tain DEET, charcoal-lighter fluid, glow jewelry (in use especially on the 4th of July), and avoid such pests as scorpions, spiders and rattlesnakes.

Venomous snakes. If you live in an area where rattlesnakes are prevalent, please consider getting your dog "snake proofed." Three companies that offer snake avoidance training are **Partners Dog Training School** in Cave Creek (<http://snake-proofing.com/>), **Viper Avoidance** (www.vipervoidance.com) in New River, and **Southwest Snake Avoidance Experts** (<http://snake-avoidance.com/>).



Sonoran Desert

Toad, also known as the Colorado River toad, is the largest toad in the United States apart from the non-native Cane Toad. It can grow up to 7.5 inches in length, has a smooth, leathery



skin and is olive green or mottled brown in color. They are active foragers and feed on invertebrates, lizards, small mammals, and amphibians. Just behind the large golden eye with a horizontal pupil is a bulging kidney-shaped parotoid gland. Below this is a large circular pale green area which is the tympanum or ear drum. By the corner of the mouth there is a white wart and there are white glands on the legs. All these glands produce secretions which are highly toxic to dogs and cats. Neurotoxins containing 5-MeO-DMT and bufotenin seep from the toad's pores and head. Both of these chemicals belong to the family of hallucinogenic tryptamines. These substances cause dogs and cats to foam at the mouth after licking the frog, suffer seizures, and experience high fever, dilated pupils, and a rapid heartbeat. Sonoran Desert Toads are active from late May to September, though principally during the summer rainy season. They are nocturnal during the hot summer months. Toad toxicity may cause any or all of the following:

- Crying or other vocalization
- Pawing at the mouth and/or eyes
- Profuse drooling of saliva from the mouth
- Change in the color of membranes of the mouth – may be inflamed or pale
- Difficulty in breathing
- Unsteady movements
- Seizures
- High temperature
- Collapse

Dogs that have attacked toads have suffered paralysis or even death. Symptoms usually appear within a few seconds of an encounter with the Sonoran Desert Toad. A pet owner's quick response is a dog's best chance at survival. If you suspect your dog or cat has come in contact with the Sonoran Desert Toad and is suffering from toad toxicity, use a garden hose to flush your pet's mouth running the water from one side of the mouth to the other to allow the toxic rinse water to run out of the mouth and not down your dog's throat. Try to get as much of the poison out as possible. **Seek veterinary care immediately.** If you live in an area of Arizona where such toads could occur, please check your yard before letting your dogs out in it. You do not want your dog to have a close encounter of the toad kind! While these toads are not a threat to people, you should wash your hands, nose, eyes and mouth with antibacterial soap and warm water as soon as possible, if you touch one. It is not recommended that the legs of these frogs be cooked and served as food for humans.

Toxic Foods. Some foods should never be given to dogs. At the very least the dog will get sick and could die from ingesting even a little. Allow your dog to eat turkey only in small amounts, as their systems do not fare well with the tryptophan.

DO NOT GIVE THESE FOODS/MEDS TO YOUR DOG

Chocolate, grapes, macadamia nuts, onions, or raisins, and do not allow your dog to have any product containing xylitol (like sugarless gum and some peanut butters) – these all have toxic effects. Also, do not give your dog aspirin, acetaminophen or ibuprofen. These drugs can cause gastrointestinal problems, respiratory difficulties, neurological problems, bleeding disorders and kidney failure. Always check with your vet regarding medications.

Speaking of Meds... Some prescription medications for dogs can be purchased from Internet sites. You may think you are saving money by using such sites, but the Internet sale of such drugs is not regulated by the FDA. The FDA has found companies that sell unapproved pet drugs and counterfeit pet products, make fraudulent claims, dispense prescription drugs without requiring a prescription, and sell expired drugs. Even if there is an expiration date on the product, you cannot tell if the medication has been stored properly and is still effective. If you want to order from an Internet pharmacy, check to see that the company is a *Vet-VIPPS* accredited pharmacy, which has strict licensing standards and inspection requirements.

Ice cubes. Many dogs like to eat ice cubes, especially on hot summer days. Limit your dog's intake to only one or two, though, as eating too many can cause harm. Connie McCabe related to me that she once saw a dog start to have tremors after eating too much ice. Also, watch your dog very carefully if he/she is trying to eat

an ice cube. I had to do the Heimlich maneuver on a Golden once because he swallowed a piece of ice that was too big to go down his throat – he choked on it and couldn't breathe. Fortunately, I had recently completed a human first aid and CPR course, so I knew how to do perform the Heimlich maneuver, but it scared the living daylights out of me!

Miscellaneous Safety Considerations

Food and Water Dishes Need to be Kept Clean. Do you wash your dog's food and water bowls by hand with soap or put them in the dishwasher? You should do this on a regular basis, preferably every day. Minute food particles that can grow bacteria will remain in bowls that look like they are licked clean; bacteria can develop in water bowls, even if the water is replaced several times a day. Would you eat off a plate or out of a bowl that had been used, or drink out of a used glass? Probably not. So, keep your dog safe and healthy by taking care to wash your dog's food and water bowls.

Keep your yard clean, too!

Please "poop patrol" your yard every day. Either pick up the dog feces using the "Five Finger Pickup" method (put your hand in a plastic bag that has been turned inside out, grab the poop, then turn the bag right side out) or use a poop scooper and deposit the poop into a garbage can lined with a plastic bag, so that you can lift the bag out every week to put out for your household trash collection. If you use a poop scooper, it is a good idea to wash it off with the hose after use; consider rinsing it in a bucket of diluted bleach (but don't leave the bleach solution where the dog can get



Wood cockroaches can be up to twice the size shown here; the adults can fly; both immatures and adults can move very fast!



Adult dung beetle about life size

at it!). Dog poop left on the ground in your yard is not only unsightly, it is unsanitary. Some insects, like cockroaches and dung beetles, like to eat or live in dog feces, and flies of many species will lay their eggs in feces, so you would be encouraging populations of all these critters if you leave the poop on the ground. Also, feces harbor bacteria. It is especially important to clean up the feces if your dog is coprophagic like my **Dolly** was – she would eat poop if I didn't pick it up as soon as one of the dogs deposited some, and sometimes it was a challenge to beat her to a pile! Yuck!

Trash Cans. Keep household trash cans in a cabinet or closet behind a closed door or get the kind with lids that lock on. A smart dog can get into trash cans with lids that are just set on top and have



a movable flap like the one shown here with **11-087 Winnie McCabe / Dodson**. Connie and Nick got an unpleasant surprise one day when they left Winnie



loose in the house and came home to find trash strewn from one end of the house to the other! There may have been something enticingly smelly in the can, or maybe **Winnie** was just bored and decided she wanted to see what was in there!

I made a similar mistake years ago. My own Golden Retrievers never disturbed the trash in the kitchen trash can. However, I had a boarder once who did. We had BBQ ribs and corn on the cob for dinner. I wrapped all the bones and cobs in aluminum foil and without thinking dropped the package into the open kitchen garbage can. The boarder got into it and ate everything, foil and all. He passed blood in his stool for three days! We were lucky – he could have died.

We once rescued a Golden who had gotten into a bathroom garbage can like the small ones that people often keep by the toilet. When the dog started throwing up blood, the owner, not knowing what the dog had ingested, called the Rescue to surrender the dog, because he had a suspicion it would cost him a bundle if he took the dog to a vet. So, the rescue had to do it. The vet did a barium series and detected a blockage. The dog needed surgery to open up his gut; the vet removed a large wad of adhesive tape wrapped around gauze. Once he was adopted, the dog had to have gut-opening surgery two more times because he ate some other things he shouldn't have (once it was a *TV Guide*). The adopter appropriately named him **Hoover**.

Please take our trash mistakes to heart and purchase some dog-proof trash cans, or put your kitchen and bathroom trash cans in a closed cabinet!

Foot Gear. Should you and your dog do without the beneficial effects of walking during the summer? No! Very early in the morning is the best time to walk. Even after dark, asphalt pavement and concrete sidewalks will retain heat for hours. The rule of



11-055 Mylee happily wearing booties

paw is if you, yourself, find the ground uncomfortably warm to walk on with bare feet, you should not allow your dog to walk without some foot protection – booties. We suggest that you go into your back yard in the middle of the day, take off your shoes and walk on the area that the dogs use, whether that be rock, artificial turf, patio pavers, or even pool “cool” decking. If it's too hot or rocks are too sharp for you to walk on comfortably, it's too hot and/or sharp for a dog. Please buy some good quality booties for your pooch!

The best booties are available online from any number of websites. Search on “dog booties”. Amazon.com carries an assortment of canine footgear, as does Chewy.com. The Muttluks Official Site, <https://muttluks.com/pages/dog-boots-size-chart>, gives instructions on how to measure your dog's feet. Some dogs have much larger front paws than back paws (or vice versa) and need a different size bootie for front feet than for back ones. *Aussie Boots, Kurgo Step & Strobe Dog Shoes, Muttluks, Summit Trex or Grip Trex Ruffwear*, or other brands with leather or rubber soles are most desirable. Do not buy fleece booties or booties with plastic soles – these will not offer adequate protection.

Most Golden Retrievers will wear size large. If you buy booties, label each one of the four with the foot that will wear it: RF for right front, LR for left rear, etc. Get your dog used to wearing booties by putting them on in the house and only on the front or back feet at first. Make the dog walk around by attaching the leash to the dog's collar. The dog will probably balk, so have some treats handy, but don't give in to the balk, just walk. Once the dog has gotten used to the feel of the booties on two feet, then put the other pair on the dog. At first, the dog may walk like he has a spastic disease, but usually he will settle down fairly quickly and walk properly. If you hike with your dog, booties can be useful for protecting your dog's feet from rocks and cactus spines. Booties can also be used in winter if you visit snow country.

Head Gear – Box Muzzle and Field Guard. If your dog is a rock-eater (pica) or a poop-eater (coprophagia), you might want to invest in either a box muzzle and/or an OutFox Field Guard®. Connie has purchased both for **20-033 Danny Boy** to keep him safe



when he is outside. While wearing the OutFox Field Guard®, your dog can pant, sniff, drink and play as usual! This mesh headgear was developed to help keep foxtails from getting into the ears of hunting or field dogs. Connie said that the Field Guard

mesh can get easily torn or the whole thing can be pulled off of **Danny's** head if the other dogs are out in the yard trying to play with **Danny**. If you want to purchase one, go to <https://outfoxfordogs.com/> The disadvantage of the box muzzle is that if you're out walking in public, people will think you have a vicious dog.

Head Gear – Cones. Many of you have had – or will have – a dog that has had to have surgery of one sort or another. The dog comes back from the vet wearing a cone (technically called an Elizabethan collar). The cone is supposed to keep the dog from licking or chewing on the surgical site so the site can heal. These devices are only effective if (1) the dog wears one day and night for the length of time specified (one to two weeks), and (2) the cone is fitted properly. If the cone is too short, the dog can still get at the incision, whether that is on the belly or a leg; a smart dog can also paw it off. If your dog needs to wear a cone, be sure the cone is the right size and make the dog wear it until the dog's incision is healed. Make it fun – the dog can still play with the cone on,



as shown in the photo above of **Bowie** and **Danny Boy** after **Danny's** surgery to remove some rocks from his stomach. Dogs usually have no trouble sleeping or even eating/drinking with the cone on, either! The best kind of cone to get is one the dog can see through.



23-070 Dora sleeping with a cone on after her spay surgery

Be Prepared for a Poison Emergency

Keep the telephone numbers for the **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** (888-426-4435), and a local emergency veterinary service in a convenient location.

Poison Safety Kit

Keep a pet safety kit on hand for emergencies. Such a kit should contain at least:

- ◆ A fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide 3% (USP)
- ◆ Can of soft dog or cat food, as appropriate
- ◆ Turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medical syringe
- ◆ Saline eye solution to flush out eye contaminants
- ◆ Artificial tear gel to lubricate eyes after flushing
- ◆ Mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid to wash animal after skin contamination
- ◆ Rubber gloves
- ◆ Forceps to remove stingers or plant thorns/spines
- ◆ Muzzle – an animal that is excited or in pain may unintentionally (or intentionally) try to harm you even if you are trying to help it
- ◆ Pet carrier or crate

K-9 VIAL OF LIFE

Dog's Name
Dog's Birth Date or Approx. Age
License No.
Microchip No.

Brief instructions for disposition of dog in case of owner's incapacity or death

Veterinarian's Name and Contact Information

Practice Name
Veterinarian's Name
Address
Phone
Hours Open

Vaccination Expiration Dates (include vet certificates)

Rabies
DHPP
Bordatella

Food, Supplements and Medications

Location(s)
Brand(s)
Quantity and Frequency of Feeding
Supplements – type, quantity and frequency

Medications -- name, dosage and frequency

Supplies with specific location

Medical Records
Food and Water Dishes
Crate or kennel
Dog Bed
Leash
Collar if not already on dog
Grooming tools and shampoo
Toys -- favorite one?

Habits

Potty breaks
How often?
On leash or off?
Uses a dog door?
Prefers grass, gravel, other?
Feeding Time(s)
Walks -- how many and what time of day?
Likes to swim?
Other forms of exercise?

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Deb Orwig

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for; perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from January 16, 2024 through April 18, 2024. All adoptions finalized after April 18th will be in the next issue.



22-089 Nela came in at the end of 2022, the last rescue of that year. At that time, she was just 11½ months old and was already spayed. The owner had gotten this pretty Golden as a private adoption. They noticed right away that the dog's hind legs did not seem to be working well. They tried unsuccessfully to return her but were unable to make contact. They

could not afford any medical care for the dog, so they surrendered this lovely girl to **AGR**. After some initial vetting, she was evaluated by an orthopedic vet, who determined that **Nela** needed both hips replaced – arthritis was already developing in both joints and the hip sockets were rough. Ow! Poor girl had to have been in pain, so it was our job to put her right. Teri wrote: *Nela came into our home as a foster since we had previous hip replacement experience and she needed both hips replaced. We knew from the first day she was meant to stay and have loved every moment with her.* Teri and Jeff both observed relatively quickly that they should never foster, as the dog never leaves. They changed **Nela's** name to **Mila** (pronounced MEE-lah) and did end up adopting her after her first hip replacement, which was done on February 17, 2023 at **VetMed**. After 12 weeks of relative inactivity (just try to keep a 1-year-old Golden quiet and calm in a household of 5 other Golden!), **Mila** was healing well and her surgery was pronounced a success. Her second hip replacement was done on September 6, 2023, followed by 12 weeks of confinement and only brief leash-walking. She is now fully healed and as boisterous as the other Golden in the household. Teri said: *We call her "Ms. Mouth" since she never hesitates to let us know when she wants something. For a relatively little girl, she has the deepest voice of all our Golden pack. We love her dearly, as do all her fur siblings, and are so happy to have her as a part of our family.*

23-037 Canelo originally came into Rescue in May 2022 at age 6 – the husband had become disabled and the wife, with work and kids to care for, did not have time for the dog. We adopted him out to a single man, who had the dog just over a year – he returned **Canelo** to us because he was moving to Costa Rica. During that



year, **Canelo** developed some separation anxiety and other behavior issues – he became hard to handle, especially around other dogs and humans he didn't know. We boarded him at **Academy West Animal Hospital (AW)** for over 6 months, as we had no approved families interested in him, despite featuring him in our August-September 2023 newsletter

and on our Facebook page. We asked the vet at **AW** to start him on fluoxetine to help reduce his anxiety. This drug has been extremely effective with several other dogs we have had that had serious anxiety issues and was instrumental in helping **Canelo** become more receptive to training and behavior modification. We finally placed him in a board-and-train program with a professional trainer, Sharon in Phoenix. She had done some training with **Canelo** when he was with his adopter, so the dog was familiar with her. Sharon knew just how to manage this boy, who quickly found a place in her home (with her other three dogs) and her heart. She has adopted him! Sharon commented: *He loves to lie on his side and do the full Monty the entire time... he lifts his rear leg and just keeps it up in the air for the longest time while he relaxes. He loves being in the back yard most of the day, he is so "dog"... He loves a great camp fire and is an extremely affectionate and wonderful dog!* We are so happy **Canelo** and Sharon found each other!

23-068 Angel, a Golden/Husky mix, was only 11 months old when she was surrendered by her owner who had been evicted from his apartment and was living in his car. She was reportedly really friendly but also very energetic. We had our standard vet work-up done with vaccination updates and tests for valley fever and heartworm. We then placed her with Matt and Brittany and their young daughter in Phoenix. At their home, **Angel** would have a large yard to run in, another dog for a companion and a 5-year-old human to play with. They changed her name to **Mochi**. Her spay



was scheduled, but she went into heat, so the surgery had to be delayed. The family recently wrote: *We've loved having Mochi as part of our family. She is kind, sweet, and smart! She loves to play with her "big" fur-brother, Twix. He might be 1/3 of her size and 9 years older, but he does a great job keeping up with her. Mochi's part-Husky comes out on our daily runs when she pulls Mom on a scooter around the neighborhood! We look a little silly, but it's a great way to burn off some energy! Mochi also loves cuddling with her 5-year-old human-sister. She follows her around the house from room to room, and I often find Mochi decorated with bows and bracelets from their play. So glad to have her as part of our family!*



23-072 Sparky was a 3-year-old not-neutered male Golden Retriever when he was surrendered in September 2023. The owner had a new grandchild that was allergic to dogs. **Sparky** reportedly loved to swim. He had lots of energy – he needed a home with a yard and a pool so he could have an outlet for that energy. He knew "sit," "shake," and when he was told NO he

would go to his bed. However, he needed leash training. He was very strong and pulled on the leash. Sherry in Glendale fit the bill for our Placement Team. She is a retired single lady who has 25 years' experience of owning and training Golden Retrievers. She has a nice yard with a pool – good for **Sparky**. After he was surrendered, he needed our standard vetting and to be neutered. He also appeared to have some issues with allergies, both with food ingredients and probably various other things, so we had him evaluated at *Dermatology for Animals*. They changed his food to a rabbit-based food and started him on Apoquel. One of the vets thought **Sparky** might have perforated eardrums, a result of scratching too much from his allergies. After he was treated for ear canal inflammation, they found the eardrums were okay. Sherry changed his name to **Rusty** and is just delighted with him. She related: *He is the best dog. He gets along with the cat and any other dogs that visit. Rusty does have allergies, but I keep them under control with special food and Apoquel. Liz [Health Care Director] has been incredibly helpful. I am grateful to the Rescue for all that they do. Another comment from Sherry: Rusty loves to cuddle and the only other thing I can say, as corny as it sounds, is that we rescued each other. I just love him!* Sherry has brought **Rusty** to a couple of our events, and we hope to see both of them more in the future.



23-076 Cooper, a neutered male Goldendoodle, was only 9 months old when he was surrendered because he had too much energy – the owners lived in an apartment, and

they did not have the time to exercise him enough. He was described as loving life and loving people – he was hyper and always ready to play. He needed a yard to run off some of his energy. You might think that since Goldendoodles have become a popular type of dog they would be easy to place. Not. They are considered to be "hypoallergenic" dogs, meaning they are not supposed to cause allergic reactions to humans. This is often not the case, however. In the first two families with whom we tried to place **Cooper**, someone had an allergic reaction to him. Three times' the charm, though, as we were finally successful placing him with Patti and Mike in Glendale. They are both home most of the time and sometimes keep their son's two older dogs – all the dogs get along fine. They walk **Cooper** a lot and take him to the local canal, which he loves. The family is very happy with **Cooper** and he with them. Mike commented: *Cooper has truly been a spark in our lives. He has become fairly good at catching a frisbee but is still working on the release portion of the game. His evening game is hide-and-seek. I would ask Cooper "Would you like to play Hide-and-Seek?" You see the excitement in his eyes and he runs to find a tennis ball and bring it to us. I say, "Stay", go hide the ball, and then say, "Go find the ball!". He has become great at sniffing out the ball in places like under the bed covers. He is good at this! He reminds me of one of those Police canines sniffing out illegal things. Cooper has become one of the family. We are very thankful to Arizona Golden Rescue for giving us the opportunity to adopt him.*



23-085 Travis (left) and **23-086 Taylor (below right)** came to *AGR* as a pair that were found together as strays. They were estimated to be about 2 years of age. That's all we knew about them, so we took them to *Academy West Animal Hospital*. The vets and staff at this hospital not only do medical updates (vaccinations, heartworm and valley fever tests), but

they also do some behavior analysis for us. The dogs were judged to be sweet with no handling issues. Neither was altered, so we got them just in time to avoid mixed-breed puppies, as **Taylor** was licking herself a lot and her hind end was quite matted. **Taylor** seemed to be very frightened and shy; **Travis** had a friendly disposition. Both were quite dirty, so we had them groomed. Since they were found together, we wanted to keep them together, but at first that was not possible. Christina and Matt in Scottsdale agreed to foster-with-intent-to-adopt (FWITA) **Travis**; **Taylor** was fostered by Cindy and Gary also in Scottsdale. When **Taylor** was first with her foster, Cindy noticed that her ears were always down and she looked morose. After just a few days, **Taylor** was romping with the resident dogs,





Travis, now Jake, and Taylor, now Maddie, are happy now that they are together again

walking beautifully, chasing bunnies running full out and jumping up on the couch. Christina reported that **Travis**, who is very sweet but needy, exhibited signs of separation anxiety: When they had left the house, he went through several crates, ripped up and peed on carpets. They tried a couple of medications that didn't work, but they eventually got him on trazadone, which seemed to help calm him. Health Care Director Liz Tataseo had suggested leaving the TV on and giving him a frozen Kong® with peanut butter. **Travis**, whose name was changed to **Jake**, had a live-in sitter while the family was away on vacation, but he apparently didn't trust that they would return because there was some "acting out" even with the sitter there. Once the family returned, they decided that **Jake** really needed his former canine companion. So, they contacted Placement and requested that they be considered for adoption of **Taylor** also. We all thought that was a good idea, and so did the dogs. **Taylor**, whose name is now **Maddie**, was fine being with **Jake** again, but she established right away that she is a "passive alpha" by letting him know that humping her was not acceptable. He is now neutered, so presumably the humping will stop. Neither dog had an adverse reaction to the resident cats. By rolling over on her back **Maddie** let the family know that she loves belly rubs and, of course, they comply. Christina and Matt love their redheaded dogs. They've said: *Maddie is the perfect girl. We can let her roam free in the house when we leave, unlike Jake who must be confined. Thanks to AGR, we now have the perfect pair, the perfect vet (Four-Legged Friends) and the perfect resource in Liz [Tataseo], who has been incredibly helpful with her wealth of knowledge. Our thanks to AGR for all you do with and for the dogs.*

23-091 Patrick is a 10-month-old intact Goldendoodle. He is playful, friendly, and smart. After having him since he was 8 weeks of age, the family surrendered him because they had become too busy to give him the attention, time and consistent training he needs. Yes, most puppies need all that! **Patrick** was already up to date with his vaccinations, but we had him tested for valley fever and heartworm – both were negative. He was placed with Jessica and Ed in Goodyear, and their young son Jacob immediately became **Patrick's** best friend. **Patrick** needed to be neutered but his pre-op bloodwork indicated that he had a urinary tract infection (UTI) with crystals in his urine. He was treated with antibiotics but the conclusion was he needed to be fed a special prescription kidney food.



When we finalized his adoption, we provided an addendum for 3 months' of prescription food plus further bloodwork. **Patrick** will also be routinely taking Benadryl and artificial tears for his allergies and chronic dry eye. Jessica recently wrote: *We enjoy his loveable nature, his constant nuzzles and his "side eye" when he wants to flash a little bit of attitude. We enrolled him in a 3-week board-and-train program, and he made drastic improvements. He enjoys going on outings with us, his 2-3 daily walks, the occasional little league game, and his weekly play session at doggie day care to burn off that extra bit of puppy energy. When he is not playing, he is more than content to curl up on his bed and snooze away. Happy new life, Patrick!*



23-096 Klair is an almost 8-year-old spayed Golden-Labrador mix. She likes walking, hiking, and camping, the outdoor kind of life. Due to a divorce situation the owner was living in a town house with close neighbors, a lot of sounds and no yard. **Klair** was barking a lot and some neighbors complained. The owner felt **Klair** needed

a home where she could have a yard to run in and some space. The owner described her as the perfect family dog, goofy, sweet and affectionate. She just felt **Klair** deserved better than she could give her. As recommended by the owner, we placed her in a home with two kids and a large yard. However, after having her for two months, the potential adopter called and asked to return the dog, as her youngest child (age 4) was not bonding with the dog and was acting out from jealousy of the attention the dog was getting. So, Placement tried again and found a great home with a single woman, Paula in Sun Lakes. After **Klair's** initial vetting, **AGR** has had to provide further treatment for allergies with Cytopoint injections and suggestions for food changes. **Klair** also had an undesirable behavior issue of barking at strangers. This barking was the last straw for her original owner, so it was of concern that a way to curtail the barking could be found. We finally suggested a visit by a behaviorist, who assured Paula that the dog was not aggressive, but just acting out because that behavior had never been corrected. Corrective methods were offered. With finalization, **Klair** has a 3-month addendum for treatment of her allergy issues (Cytopoint). Paula commented: *Klair came to me a perfect lady, well trained and well-mannered except for the barking. Immediately I was concerned how aggressive-sounding her barking was with strangers at the front door, which scared a few workmen who claimed I had a very aggressive dog. So, I hired a behaviorist in how to handle the arrival of family and friends. Worked. Klair loves company, as well as playing with other dogs. I think doggie day care will be something I'm going to look into. Then, again, the idea of should-I-get-another-dog keeps rolling around in my head. I'm wondering if she had in the past another dog to keep her company [as far as AGR knows, Klair had been an only dog]. I have a lot of windows facing the front yard and Klair has full view*

of walkers and neighbors in their garage. I also have large Rosemary bushes where rabbits live, and they drive **Klair** nuts. Let's say there is a lot to see and lot of loud barking. I'm beginning to think her barking is her asking for company. Behaviorist gave me a few pointers to control this problem but they didn't work well with a determined barker. What I'm finding is a citronella collar has helped me, as well as my "continual reinforcement" to correct and control. Never-ending problem. Next idea how to get the rabbits to move to another location!



23-097 Molly is a 5-month-old Goldendoodle. Her owner, who is in her 80s, had her for only 10 days when she realized this little girl, who was going to get a lot bigger, was too much for her to handle. **AGR** had to provide all of **Molly's** vetting: all vaccines and tests for valley fever, tick fever and heartworm. She will be spayed at **AGR's** expense when she is about a year old. In the meantime, we

have counseled the family about what to expect when **Molly** goes into heat, which she will do once (generally sometime between 6 and 10 months of age) before she is spayed. She was placed with Kristi and Josh in Tucson. **Molly's** only bad habit has been submissive peeing, but the family has been advised how to handle that: take her outside often, praise when she pees out there, don't scold if she pees indoors but take her out immediately, and don't stand over her – with a human in this posture, **Molly** would be even more submissive with a peeing response. Handled properly, **Molly** should grow out of the submissive peeing. Wisely, the family took **Molly** through basic obedience training. She now knows "sit," "stay," "lay down" and, most of the time, "leave it!" **Molly** loves car rides and is very energetic! Kristi responded to my request for comments: *Molly hasn't grown out of the submissive peeing yet. It's not as frequent with us, but she does get very excited when visitors come over to our house. She enjoys going to my son's basketball practices, which are held outdoors. She is the team's unofficial mascot – the players love to greet her, and their siblings know Molly by name now. She also recently had a grooming appointment with a mobile grooming service and loved her spa day. Happy new life, Molly!*



23-098 Torrey, a spayed purebred Golden, was 3½ years old when she was surrendered to **AGR** in the **VEG** ER in Chandler. For the second time in her young life, she needed surgery to remove an obstruction in her intestine, and the family could not afford the surgery this time. The vets removed pieces of plastic and hair from several different places in the intestine. Recovery was

complicated by an abscess that developed at one incision site. The

vets had to remove two feet of intestine, install drains and start her on a special antibiotic (chloramphenicol), which was effective against the infection that had developed but which is hard on the digestive system. Sharon in Sun Lakes fostered **Torrey** just after the first surgery but had to return her to the ER for the abdominal clean-out and intestinal repair. **Torrey** stayed as a medical foster with Sharon until she was cleared for adoption, about 6 weeks. **Torrey** was finally placed with Shelly and Donny in Peoria. They had had previous experience with a dog that ate things it shouldn't so were well versed in the extraordinary measures they needed to take to be sure nothing was in their household that **Torrey** would be tempted to ingest. Sharon said their house was pristine. Shelly wrote: *Torrey was exactly what we didn't realize we needed in our life. We lost our two babies last year at the ages of 15 and 16 and we swore we were not going to have another dog for a long time. We saw a post about Torrey on the Arizona Golden Rescue website and something about her story and needing a special home struck our hearts. From the moment we met Torrey, we knew that she was special and was the perfect fit for our family. Torrey settled in very quickly and has been the center of attention and loves every minute of it. Torrey has a special attachment to her father-pronounced "fauder" a.k.a. Donny. Every time she hears his truck pull into the garage, she jumps and spins in the air with excitement. She loves to greet us at the door with her "babies" in her mouth and also loves to hog the bed. She loves all kinds of snacks, but her favorite snack is cucumbers. Thank you for entrusting her care to us! We adore her and are blessed to have her in our family. Since her placement, we have received several photos of Torrey in a very relaxed posture on the sofa – upside down with legs spread out. Appears that she is very comfortable in her new home!*

23-099 Dexter, age 20 months, is a neutered Goldendoodle who was too strong for his original owner, who had just had a baby. The original owner gave him to the person who surrendered him to **AGR** – the dog was too strong for this person, too. Apparently, he chewed on furniture, too, if not crated when the family had to leave the house. He was placed with Rebecca and John in East Mesa. **Dexter**



needed our standard vetting. He had already been given the Pro-heart injection, which provides year-long protection against heartworm, so we did not have to give two months of Heartgard® to the adopters as we normally do. Rebecca said: *Dexter has been a true joy! He's a total goofball and makes us laugh all the time. When he runs, he doesn't just "run", he gallops, almost bounces. It's fun to watch! We love him. He's a wonderful dog and a big love bug. Fits in great with the family and gets along well with our other dog, Emmy. Thanks for giving him to us.*

23-102 Chloe (left in group photo and **23-103 Annie** (right in group photo) came into Rescue as a bonded pair of purebred

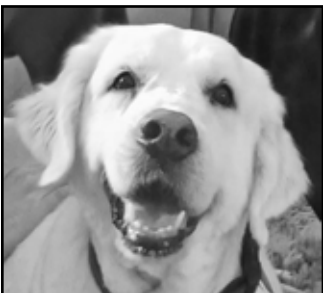


Goldens in December 2023. **Chloe**, **Annie's** mother, was 7½ and **Annie** was just 3. Both had been used as breeding dogs and neither was spayed. Their owner, who wanted to travel in a small trailer, was retiring from the breeding business. She had been unable to find anyone to pay for this pair, so she surrendered them

to us in hopes that we could keep them together. We did. Both girls needed our standard vetting with vaccination updates and tests for valley fever and heartworm – everything was good, except that **Chloe** (at left) needed treatment for ear issues, which are caused by allergies. Both were spayed in January after they were placed together with Lynn and Kevin in



Sun City. **Annie** (at right) needed some leash training, so the family purchased a Sidekick leash from us – it is definitely helping. We sell these leashes for the same price as the online company (their request) but you will not have to pay extra for shipping or tax. The family has told us the girls are getting along well and are playful and loving. Kevin and Lynn sent us these notes: *Both girls 'prance' when I get them their food, very excited but never jump up on me. Both love to be combed, rolling over on command to comb the other side. Chloe always has a ball or bone in her mouth to offer to play, sometimes a sock is found in her mouth as well; she retrieves a ball more consistently. Annie is definitely the more 'Velcro girl'. Annie will charge the ball, as well, even throwing a body block to Chloe, but will allow Chloe to get the ball in the end. They are adjusting very well.*



23-104 Harley was almost 8 years old when he was surrendered to us in December 2023. The owner had adopted **Harley** when he was 6 weeks old, but she now had health issues and could no longer give him the care he needed. At 115 pounds, he was seriously overweight. He had not been to a vet for 18 months so was not up

to date on any of his vaccinations. He had never been on heartworm medication (fortunately he tested negative for heartworm). He had had some experience with obedience training and often

accompanied his owner to a senior center where he loved the attention from the clientele. **Harley** liked to cuddle and being petted on the back of his head. We placed him with Daisy and Blake in Tempe. Some years ago Daisy's mom and dad had adopted an old dog (**18-048 Hugs**) from **AGR** – Daisy saw the dog frequently and grew very fond of old Goldens. Daisy and Blake were looking forward to having their own almost-senior. They started **Harley** on the green bean diet right away and have been walking him twice a day – as of now **Harley** is down to 97 lbs and still losing weight (very gradually, as it should be)! Daisy related: *We love Harley! He is so sweet and funny. He loves his squeaky balls but does not play with any plush toys, which is so different from other dogs we've had, but it's OK. Harley loves to go on walks, and he will go up to his leash by the front door and boop it when he wants to go for a walk whether it's time or not. He is never leaving! We are so happy to have Harley in our family!*

24-001 Belle is a one-year-old intact female Goldendoodle. She was surrendered because the family did not have time to exercise or train her. The kids were supposed to take care of her, and they did not. It really is amazing what our Placement Team goes through sometimes when they try to find the right family for one of our dogs. With **Belle**, they contacted



several families. One had a daughter with allergies – she reacted adversely to **Belle**; one wanted a non-shedding dog (we cannot guarantee that a Doodle will not shed); one had gotten a dog from elsewhere; one wanted a Doodle with more of a poodle coat; one wanted a more straight-haired Doodle. Finally, they contacted Mark in Phoenix and he agreed to take **Belle**. When she was transported, she seemed calm for a young dog, but when Mark brought out a ball she started to play and had the zoomies. He has renamed her **Zoe**. **Zoe** needed our standard vetting with all vaccinations and a spay. Mark replied to our request for an update: *I recently went through a major life change and needed to fill the gap that came with that. My adult daughters pointed me to AGR and I immediately fell in love with the organization and the wonderful dogs you care for. Zoe was originally named Belle, but I have a niece named Bella and wanted something different. Zoe means "new life" and she has brought me that. Mark acknowledged that **AGR** representatives warned him about watching for her puppy habits. He understood about counter surfing but didn't think it applied to the bathroom. He said: *I am not used to having a bigger dog, and Zoe's curiosity has led her to chewing up a couple of hairbrushes and a toothpaste tube (but she had minty fresh breath after that). Fortunately, I caught her before she could make herself sick. [Note: human toothpaste, especially if it contains fluoride, is not good for dogs.] Zoe loves walks and hikes. She thinks all the birds, rabbits, and coyotes could be her new best friends. We rely on her leash to constrain her excitement. Thank you for**

your outstanding service to your dogs! The adoption was finalized after **Zoe** had recovered from her spay surgery.



24-003 Bella is a 3-year-old spayed female Golden Retriever. The owner said they were moving and could not take her. Although she had never been around cats, **Bella** was reportedly good with children and other dogs. She was described as happy, excited, affectionate, self-disciplined, and can read people's emotions. Both **AGR** members who assisted in **Bella's** transports

thought she is adorable. **Bella** was current on her vaccinations, but we tested her for valley fever and heartworm – both were negative. She had a problem with ear infections, but treatment for a month cleared those up. She was placed with Jerryl and Fred in Phoenix. They recently commented: *Bella is a sweetheart of a dog. She quickly learned our routines and we hers, although she still gets a little impatient waiting for the dinner bell and kindly reminds us with a nudge of her snout. She is a bundle of energy and enjoys playing in the yard with her soccer balls – she's on her second one since January. She came to us with a good understanding of basic commands – we enrolled her in a six-week training class and she learned some new ones easily. Of course, she was REALLY enthusiastic to see everyone at class! We are working on that. She's ever-so-gentle with our 18-month-old grand-nephew even when her fur or tail gets pulled. She has brought so much joy to our house with her antics, and we feel so blessed to have her. We look forward to growing old together. Thank you so much, AGR.*



24-004 Waylon, a Golden/Lab mix, has had an unsettled young life. First known as **23-066 Johnny**, he was surrendered at age 5 months with his littermate, **June**, in August of 2023. **June** was placed right away (her adoption story was published in our February 2024 issue). **Johnny** was accepted as a foster dog, but the family could keep him for only a couple

weeks. While they had him, they observed that he did not know what to do with toys or balls (sad). He was then transported to Katie and Justin in Phoenix. They renamed him **Waylon**, and everything was reported to be wonderful. However, after about 3 months, they contacted us with worries about **Waylon's** behavior. He seemed to be very anxious and would whine and pace all night – they were not getting much sleep. They couldn't crate him because he broke out of the crate, damaging both the crate and his nose. They saw him through his neuter surgery in February, then asked that he be rehomed. Since their adoption had been finalized, we gave him a new intake number when he came

back to Rescue. **Waylon** then spent some time as a foster again, and for a couple weeks was happy playing with the foster's resident dogs. The foster, Cindy, gave us some valuable observations: *Waylon has ZERO respect for personal space. He will jump when he wants and move to where he wants on top of anything. Since I knew he didn't like the crate, when I had to go out, I put him in the bathroom. He did a lot of howling and scratching, but by the time I came back 1½ hours later, he was quiet. I think he just doesn't want to be alone. I had him in the pool to learn the steps. It is a bit cool yet but I think he liked it. We will try more each day – a tired puppy is a good puppy. He has a Lab's webbed feet and is like a torpedo when he swims. He looks mostly Lab. He is about 65 lbs and very strong, also strong willed. He needs much more basic obedience, although he will sit nicely to take treats – he is very food-motivated! As long as he is either on the bed or next to another dog, he sleeps soundly. Maybe he was taken away from his mama too soon or misses his sister – who knows, it's only a guess. Cindy transported **Waylon** to his new family, Maria and Robbie in Peoria, their three children, and two other dogs. That was the ticket! They renamed him **Tars** after a TV character and reported that he has calmed down some and loves playing with the younger of his new canine friends, **Kaitos**. Maria commented: *My husband and I have always had 3 dogs and, coincidentally, we have 3 kids. After losing two dogs to old age, we decided to adopt our dog **Kaitos** to keep our lone dog company. Little did we know that he was higher energy and needed a pup companion that could match his wild-child behavior. Then we met **Tars**...and **Tars** can hang! In the first couple of weeks of having him with us we realized he was the perfect fit for our family. He plays so well with our dogs that we even call him and **Kaitos** two peas in a pod, because everywhere one goes the other follows. **Tars** is very food motivated, smart and affectionate. One of my favorite things about him is how he insists on sleeping with us on the bed with his little head on my pillow. **Tars** and **Kaitos** are having lots of fun playing. After play, **Tars** gets on the couch and just snoozes, belly up. The dogs love go for walks together. We are so lucky to have found him! They are obviously very happy with **Tars**, formerly **Waylon** and **Johnny**. Three times is the charm – what's one man's trash is another man's treasure!**



24-005 Miranda, a spayed Golden mix, was estimated to be 1½ years old in January 2024. She came to **AGR** from a Rescue in Guadalajara, Mexico; she had been found as a stray. She was described as very sweet, friendly, and got along with dogs of all sizes. **Miranda** was vetted in Mexico, and then received the standard vaccines and tests for valley

fever and heartworm from **AGR**. After less than a week, a home was found for **Miranda** in Scottsdale, which seemed to be a lovely placement. After settling in for a little over a month, **Mi-**

randa started to have seizures and had to be taken to the emergency room in the middle of the night. Once placed on seizure medication at **Blue Pearl**, **Miranda** was then taken to **AMSC** where they have in-house neurologists. They kept her there for 24-hour observation and bloodwork. Lab tests showed no anomalies. A follow-up appointment with a neurologist was recommended. The first night back home, the owner described her as “beyond agitated with an array of odd sporadic behaviors.” **Miranda** would not calm down unless the owner had her hand on her. She also became incontinent and had diarrhea, which we later discovered may have been caused by Giardia. Her new owner found the seizures very difficult to deal with and made the painful decision to return **Miranda** to **AGR**. **Miranda** was then fostered by Kevin and Denna who had experience with seizures. **Miranda** did much better after an appointment at **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital** where she was given medication and special dog food for the diarrhea. The vet also diagnosed her with Giardia and gave her medication to treat that parasite. The next day **Miranda** had a follow-up appointment with a neurologist at **AMSC**, where she was diagnosed with idiopathic epilepsy. Medication for her seizures was changed, with another follow-up visit scheduled in 6 months to review her progress. **Miranda** soon found her forever home with Heather, Paul and new buddy, **Chester**, in Scottsdale. After transport to her new home, **Miranda** and **Chester** had great fun running and playing outside. While Connie, **AGR**'s transporter, went over information with her new family, **Miranda** and her new friend **Chester** came inside and start to run around the dining room table again and again! They were having so much fun! Heather and Paul describe life with **Miranda** as follows: *Miranda is doing great with our family! Our dog Chester just loves her! They play for a good portion of the day, then sit on their bed or favorite chair for a nap. She's very smart, chill, and wants to please. Loves food and can hear amazingly well. Miranda is still learning, and Chester loves showing her how to play "good dog", both on walks and at home. She is uncertain of the purpose of a hike, and certainly didn't think her princess paws should touch the river when we went out for a picnic. Perhaps she will grow to love the outdoors with our family. Or perhaps she will prefer to stay on the couch with Grandpa when we go play in the outdoors. Either way... we just love her, and she seems very happy!* Although **Miranda** has had no seizures up to now, we issued an addendum for meds and a follow-up neuro appointment.



24-006 Slayer, whose name we immediately changed to **Slater**, was 16 months old when surrendered in January 2024. The family had 5 children with another on the way, and the wife was overwhelmed. **Slater** is very active – they did not realize a Doodle would have so much energy. They sent him to a 3-week boot camp, but he still jumps and could knock over

small kids or the elderly. He loves to swim and to play with any toy that bounces. He will chew anything including his dog bed – they think he is bored but just do not have time to play or exercise him. He is happy-go-lucky and is sweet. Transporter Connie said he was actually quite fearful and very skinny. Basic vaccinations and neuter were done right before he was surrendered, but we still had to have him tested for heartworm and valley fever and give him the leptospirosis and influenza vaccinations. He was placed with **Dori** and **Scott** in Peoria. It took a while for the resident dog, **Remy**, to come to terms with the new boy, but he finally decided it was OK for **Slater** to be there. **Dori** sent us these comments: *Slater is a great addition to our family. We already have a 3-year-old Goldendoodle, Remy, and the two of them get along so great together. Slater has such a loving personality – when we get home, he is happy to see us and gives us lots of affection. His smile is priceless! He loves to play with his toys. He and Remy have fun sharing them even though there are more than enough toys. The other one always wants to play with what the other one has, which is so cute. He loves going for walks with us throughout the day as much as we do. We are so happy and grateful to have him in our lives. Thank You for bringing him to us – we are thrilled to have him!*

24-009 Güera is a 3-year-old female Golden Retriever/Lab mix. She was already spayed and up to date on the basic vaccinations when she came to **AGR** from Guadalajara, Mexico. She had been picked up as a stray. The description that accompanied her was: *Güera is the epitome of a good-natured canine, with a medium energy level that fits perfectly into most family dynamics. Her social-butterfly nature makes her the ideal addition to a loving household that values the joyful essence of dog companionship. Güera's leash manners are impeccable, making her the perfect walking buddy, whether you're exploring city streets or country trails. Her intelligence shines through her amber eyes, eager to learn and please, which makes further training an enjoyable journey for both of you. After a day full of exploration and play, Güera is happy to settle down, share some quiet moments, and recharge for the next day's activities.*

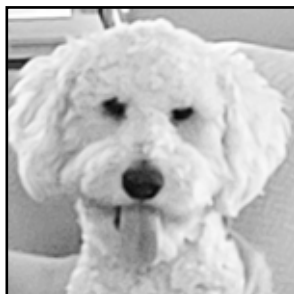


We had **Güera** tested for valley fever and heartworm and she was given the Leptospirosis vaccination. We were surprised when she tested positive for Lyme disease, which does not occur in Arizona, but obviously does in Mexico. Since Lyme disease can adversely affect the kidneys, we had a urinalysis done – result: no damage done. She was started on doxycycline and was kept on it for 6 weeks, then tested negative, so the treatment was successful.

Sometimes a stray tells us part of their story (we never get it all) by their behavior. Connie and Nick and their pack fostered **Güera**

for about three weeks. Connie noted: *She does not play with any toys – had no interest in them* [which indicated that she probably had never had any]. *She is very keen on Nick and walks right by his side* [may have had a male owner]. *Likes me when I have food* [is food-motivated]. *Nice dog but pretty skinny* [most likely had been a stray for a while]. *She is very sweet and very unsure of everything right now. She will be a wonderful family dog, I am sure.* Before **Güera** was transported to her new family, Connie remarked: *We love this dog – she is absolutely perfect!* We placed **Güera** with Laurie and Gary in Peoria, Her new family, which included an old Dachshund and a young Black Lab, seemed to love her, too, especially the Lab, **Bella**. They changed **Güera's** name to **Callie**. **AGR's** follow-up person, Joni Cipollone, spoke with Gary. His comments: *We love Güera/Callie. We changed her name, which fits her nicely and she already responds to it. Callie has adapted well with the family. She is very happy. Callie loves our Lab and the two play all the time. Our 14-year-old Dachshund, Abby, is blind and doesn't interact much, but that is OK. Callie has gained two pounds and the vet told us she could gain four more. We love her so much!* The right dog at the right time, for sure, as Deb had done their home evaluation only a week earlier.

24-010 Murphy, a neutered Golden-doodle, was one year old in February 2024. He was surrendered because the wife, who currently worked at home and took care of **Murphy**, took a job outside of the home. They did not want to crate him for long periods of time and would no longer be able to spend sufficient and quality time with him. He was described as happy, lovable, and eager to please, good with children and other dogs. When **Murphy** arrived at his new home, it was love at first sight! Cathy from Sun City opened the front door and said, *You have no idea how excited I am to be getting a dog again!* Cathy works from home and can give **Murphy** the time and attention he needs. She says he is perfect and a cuddle bug. While Cathy was handling a 3-hour conference call, **Murphy** lay at her feet. **Murphy** now lives with a cat and enjoys exploring the backyard where he can watch the quail and bunnies roam. Cathy described life with **Murphy**: *Murphy has fit right in since day one, as if he'd always lived here. He loves to play but has totally dismantled almost every toy in the basket. He immediately made friends with the neighbors' retriever, as well as my daughter's Doodle. In addition to actual dog food, he loves broccoli, cauliflower, and of course, bully sticks. He is a total joy, and I have no idea what I did without him.*



24-011 Bailey (left in group photo) and **24-012 Gabe** (right in group photo). **24-011 Bailey** is an 8-year-old spayed female Golden Retriever. She was surrendered with **24-012 Gabe**, a 6-year-



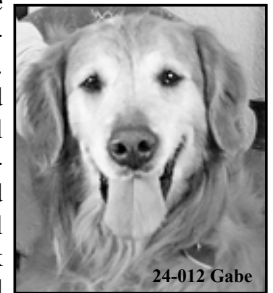
old neutered male Golden Retriever. Unfortunately, the owner passed away unexpectedly, and his mother flew from Florida to California with her sister-in-law to pick up the dogs and drive them home. While driving back to Florida, she realized she wouldn't be able to keep the dogs. Making a difficult and emotional decision, she decided to surrender them to a rescue and called **AGR**. They are very bonded and needed to stay together. **Bailey and Gabe**

were described as very affectionate and like to be with humans. They had never been around other dogs, cats, or children. Both received the standard vetting with vaccinations and tests for valley fever and heartworm. After being boarded for a little over two weeks, **Bailey and Gabe** found their forever home together! **Gabe** had some bad teeth and needed dental



24-011 Bailey

work (see pages 10-11). They both traveled beautifully during the long ride to their new home in Bullhead City to live with Dave and June, their resident Golden Retriever **Chloe** and an 18-year-old cat. After introductions with **Chloe** in the driveway, they went into the backyard and the dogs became instant friends. **Chloe** is a gorgeous, friendly pup and welcomed **Bailey and Gabe**. They all ran around, and **Gabe** immediately gathered the soft toys that were out there and was in heaven. It was going great until suddenly **Gabe** grabbed a nice big rock to carry around. Dave took it away and put it in his pocket, but **Gabe** did it twice more. He did not touch the small ones, just the 6–8-inch size ones. We know what was suspected – he chews rocks, and that is likely why his teeth are so worn and broken. Transporter Connie discussed different options on how to deal with **Gabe's** habit of chewing rocks. Life with June and Dave was reported as follows: ***Bailey and Gabe** were a perfect fit for us and **Chloe**! Transition was instant and seamless. Seems like they have always been ours – even our 18-year-old cat took to them right away. **Bailey**: she has brought us much joy and laughter. Doing well on her diet. She loves to carry as many toys in her mouth as she can. She enjoys sleeping with Daddy and likes being a couch potato but also enjoys walks along the river. She LOVES her pool; her favorite thing is to lie down in it with her head on the edge and take a nap! **Gabe**: he was a perfect addition for us, and our 11-month-old Golden Retriever. **Gabe** is the perfect playmate and big brother. He loves chasing toys and wrestling with his "sister" **Chloe**. He also loves walking along the river. He is just a happy and mellow guy.* We are so glad that we were able to find a family that was able and willing to take both **Bailey and Gabe**.



24-012 Gabe

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



12-060 Lilo Bender



13-102 Rosie Hunkler



14-015 Max Emanuele



19-017 Meg Gibbs



19-018 Shea Gibbs



19-043 Gabby Sanner



19-077 Lola Noel Bartoli-Paul



20-007 Honey Padavano



24-021 Bentley Flores

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.



24-022 Charlie Flores



Emma Catalano

And

Mac McKenzie
Beloved father of
AGR Member Sharon McKenzie

Paul O'Neil
Beloved father of AGR Member Joan Mast

Dr. Harry Abair, DVM
One of our very valued veterinarians

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Nothing currently scheduled in
May, June, July, August or September**

However, please check the website calendar at least once a month to see if we have added any activities.

Dine Out With The Dogs

TENTATIVE DATE:

Sunday, October 27th, Noon - 7:30 PM

Paulie's Little Bite of Italy

15456 N 99th Ave, Sun City

PACC911's

Glimmer of Hope Fundraiser

at ***JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn
Resort & Spa***

5402 E Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85253

Sunday, November 3rd, 11 AM - 2 PM

TENTATIVE ATTENDANCE:

PACC911 Adopt-a-thon at
Pinnacle Peak General Store

Village at Pinnacle Peak
8711 E Pinnacle Peak Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Sunday, November 10th, 10 AM - 3 PM

Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade
Downtown Glendale

Saturday, December 7th or 14th
Parade starts at 11 AM

Need to be in the staging area by 10 AM
More details will

follow in the August and November newsletters
Please plan to join us with or without your dog!

TENTATIVE ATTENDANCE:

PACC911 at ***Pet Supplies Plus*** North Scottsdale
31319 N Scottsdale Road

Scottsdale, AZ 85266

Sunday, December 8th, 10 AM - 3 PM



***PACC911 Adopt-a-thon
at Anthem Community Center***

By Denise Padavano



Mid-day group: Dean Mortimore with Sugar, Duffy Orwig lying in front of Peggy Andrews, Ella Williams with Loki, Andrea Williams, Jolene Schlichter, Trishia Murphy with Rosie, Denise Padavano with Vin Orwig, Jim Padavano, Jeanne Wegener, Deb Orwig sitting in front with Asher, Sue Padavano, Liz Tataseo with TK, Chris Spiel with Lucy, Patrick Doyle with Connie's Reggie, Debbie Ball with Tyler and Simone Vaduva with CaliGirl Orwig



Set-up crew: Jeanne Wegener, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy with Rosie, Peter Brown and Patrick Doyle

Our first ***PACC911*** Adopt-a-thon of the New Year took place at the Anthem Community Center on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, and Jeanne Wegener brought their vehicles to Deb and Larry Orwigs' house Friday evening to load up equipment and merchandise for the event. Also helping were Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jane Triplett.

The early-riser crew arrived at 8:00 AM for set-up and included: Peter Brown, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, new member Simone Vaduva, and Jeanne Wegener. They were greeted by a group of eager ***PACC911*** volunteers who helped move merchandise and arrange tables into our designated spot! Since everything was so organized, set-up was completed by 9 AM!

We were prepared this year for the cold and wind with our warm coats and sandbags holding down our tents, but we were pleasantly surprised when the day started with a temperature of 55 degrees and no wind. We were peeling our layered clothing off by 11:00 AM and enjoying the beautiful weather. Because it



Denise Padavano handling Vin Orwig, Diane Meyer and Bill Earle; Diane and Bill left their adopted boy Trooper home but they spent a lot of time at the event talking with interested people about ***AGR***



Keith and Sue Akenhead with Happi join our activities when they are in AZ visiting from their home in Canada, making our organization truly international!

was overcast most of the day, the temperature reached a comfortable 69 degrees. The dogs enjoyed the cooler day without the sun beating down on them! The event started at 10 AM with Peggy Andrews, Patrick Doyle, Bill Earle, Diane Meyer, Jolene Schlichter, and Jeanne Wegener overseeing the merchandise area. Arriving after lunch to help with merchandise were Penny Mavroudis and Denise Padavano. Denise's brother Jim Padavano and sister-in-law Sue stopped by to do a little shopping, check out the dogs and visit for a while. Also stopping by during the day to say "Hi" to everyone, was Sheryl Catalano. She came directly from

a no-dog morning event so had to leave her sweet boy **Bodie** at home this time.

A special thanks to Jeanne Wegener and Patrick Doyle who worked all day in the merchandise area.

Before the event started, showing up early with their sweet dogs were Trishia Murphy and **Rosie**, and Deb Orwig with her pack:

Asher, CaliGirl, Duffy, and Vin (Larry was out hiking somewhere, so she couldn't leave any of them home). Other **AGR** members and their lovable dogs came as the festivities started. Sue and Keith Akenhead brought **Happi**, Debbie Ball came with **Tyler**, Connie McCabe brought **Reggie**, Dean Mortimore came with **Sugar**, Chris Spiel and friend Matt brought **Lucy**, Liz Tataseo came with **TK**, and Jane Triplett and housemate Kari Carlisle stopped by with their Greyhounds **Cole and Shiner**.



Jane Triplett with Cole and Shiner; Jane fostered Goldens for **AGR** years ago and has been helping at our events ever since, even though "her breed" is now rescued Greyhounds



Denise Padavano, Penny Mavroudis and Jeanne Wegener; Penny heard "so much fun and so rewarding" from Denise and Jeanne, long-time friends, that she joined, too, and has helped at several events

There was a pretty good

crowd that came out to the event this year. An amazing fifty-two adoptions took place throughout the day! Many people stopped by to find out about **AGR** and our adoption process, while others interacted and loved on the dogs, generously filling their vests with



Ella and Andrea Williams with Loki - they live in Anthem, so it was easy for them to drop by for a while

donations!

Contributing photos of the day's activities were Connie McCabe, Dean Mortimore, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener.

Around 2 PM it became very cloudy with some light winds. Fortunately, we were spared the rain. Returning to help with pack-up was Jean Klink.



Trishia Murphy with Rosie, whom she met when helping Deb Orwig take care of the five puppies Rosie whelped in Deb's laundry room on October 4, 2022; they are regulars at our events

Others who stayed to pack up were Sue and Keith Akenhead, Linda Beard, Patrick Doyle, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, Jolene Schlichter, Simone Vaduva, Jeanne Wegener, and Julie and Garrett Wheadon. After the event, we headed over to the Orwigs' to unload our cars. Helping were Deb and Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, Jeanne Wegener and Julie and Garrett Wheadon. A special thanks to Julie and Garrett who were a tremendous help!



Chris Spiel with Lucy, a Goldendoodle that does not have the eyebrows, mustache and beard that are sported by many Goldendoodles; Chris and Lucy rarely miss an **AGR** event



Debbie Ball was only going to foster Tyler, but then he did this when first brought to her house... Tyler is a great ambassador for **AGR**!



Connie McCabe with Reggie, also a great ambassador for **AGR**

Thanks to everyone who helped for any part of this event, we brought in \$697.60 in merchandise sales, and \$160.00 in donations for a total revenue of **\$857.60!**

We had wonderful volunteers helping throughout the day and 13 dogs to greet the public! Thanks to April Crow for registering us for the event and thank you everyone for making the day enjoyable!

Please look at all the photos of this event at: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/012024-PACC911-Anthem>

PAWGARITAS -- Summer Treats for your Dog

- 1/2 cup sliced cucumbers
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 3/4 cup bone broth (no onions or garlic)
- 1 1/2 cups ice
- crushed dog treats

Blend cucumbers, yogurt, bone broth and ice in blender. Roll rim of plastic margarita glass in extra yogurt then in dog treats. Pour mixture into glass, garnish with cucumber. Give to your dog for a refreshing summer treat.



Parada Del Sol and Trail's End Festival

By Denise Padavano



Trail's End booth set-up crew: Stephanie Beard, Trishia Murphy, Patrick Doyle, Larry Orwig, Deb Orwig and Nick Dodson; dogs there early were CaliGirl, Asher, Rosie, Vin, Duffy and Reggie

Arizona Golden Rescue attended the 70th Annual Parada Del Sol Parade and Trail's End Festival in Scottsdale on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Thanks to April Crow for being the liaison with the Parade coordinator and arranging for us to be part of this wonderful event. The morning was cold at 49 degrees for set-up, but the day warmed up to a beautiful 65 degrees – a magnificent day for a parade!

Gathering the night before at the Orwigs' house to load vehicles with equipment and merchandise were Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. Vehicles were provided by Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, and Deb Orwig to transport everything to and from the event.



Connie McCabe with 22-067 Reggie – a rare moment when Connie wasn't taking photos of everyone else!



Jeanne Wegener said, "I'll bet everyone is going to want one of these sweatshirts – it's cold!"

As the hard-working morning crew continued to set up, Nick, Connie, Simone, and Denise loaded dogs into Nick's car around 8:30 AM and headed to the parade staging area. Both tasks were chal-



Brand-new member Rosemary Stralser (joined the previous day) came to help with set-up and stayed all day; Denise Padavano also helped with set-up and walked Asher Orwig in the parade

lenging to say the least! As Nick navigated through the busy traffic getting conflicting directions from different people, we finally came across someone who knew where we were supposed to go! Thank you, Nick, for your patience!



Simone Vaduva, a relatively new member (joined in January), graciously walked Vin Orwig in the parade

Since Darlene Kaminski was near the staging area, she checked us in and obtained our display number and location. Thank you, Darlene! Once we were dropped off, locating our



Darlene Kaminski and Rick Stephens (it was 45° – notice the shorts!) proudly carried the AGR banner; behind the banner: Holly Harter, Sarah Brown, Trishia Murphy and Kathy Hagen

unavoidable period of "hurry up and wait" before a parade actually begins.



Mark Hill with 23-070 Dora, Michele Wehry with Callan and Katie Donahue with Cassie; Katie was visiting the area from the East Coast with her parents and asked them if they would mind that she participated in the parade and Trail's End; Michele has never missed walking a dog in this parade

As our theme was, as always, "Goldens are all heart!," Denise had heart-themed bandanas made by Deb Orwig to distribute to anyone who didn't already have one for their dog. Before the parade began, Connie took amazing photos of our group! Arranging all thirty-nine members and thirty-two dogs into a group was a magical – and challenging – experience! Once together, Connie patiently gained the attention of all the members, then squeaked a rubber toy. As dog ears

popped up and focused on Connie, she skillfully captured a group photograph see top of page 33)! She continued snapping photos of our members and dogs walking in the parade, and individual and small group photos of almost everyone during the day's event. Thank you, Connie, for your extraordinary photographs! All Parada and Trail's End photos can be viewed at:



Holly and Jim Harter with Max and 23-019 Ty

<https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smug-mug.com/AGR-EVENTS/02032024-Parada-del-Sol>



Deb and Larry Orwig with Duffy, Vin, Asher and CaliGirl, all AGR rescues – the two old dogs did not walk in the parade

Staying at the booth during the parade were Debbie Ball (her dogs, **Levi** and **Tyler**, were walked in the parade by Chris Spiel's group), Patrick Doyle, Deb and Larry Orwig with **Duffy** and **CaliGirl**, and Jeanne Wegener. They said they got quite a few visitors while the parade was in progress, and we were mobbed once the parade group converged on our great booth space!

Our group was #14 in the line-up, a fantastic spot! With most everyone wearing red or white shirts and our beautiful dogs wearing Valentine bandannas, it was a pleasure to walk in the parade representing **AGR**! With wagging tails and smiling faces, the dogs seemed to enjoy the parade as the bystanders clapped and cheered us on. The attention we received was heartwarming and uplifting!



Debbie Ball with 22-085 Levi and 23-080 Tyler



Keith and Sue Akenhead with Happi; Denise Padavano at right – the Akenheads' primary residence is in Canada but they come to AZ in the winter and join our activities

Carrying **AGR's** logo banner up front and walking at a steady pace were Darlene Kaminski and Rick Stephens. Bringing up the rear carrying our parade theme banner,

“Goldens Are All Heart,” created by Connie McCabe and used in other parades were Sue and Keith Akenhead. Pulling the wagons in the parade to carry water and unneeded coats were Ellen France and Blake Wach. Unfortunately, we forgot water and bowls, so the dogs were very thirsty when we finished the parade. Thankfully, it wasn't a hot day!

AGR members and dogs walking in the parade included: Sue and Keith Akenhead and **Happi**; Daisy Barsetti-Nerland, Blake Wach, and Mary Jo Barsetti with **Harley**; Stephanie Beard with Connie and Nick's **Reggie**; Sarah Brown and **Hazy**; Tracy Buffington and **Lovey**; Jamie and Bill Deppey with **Theo**; Katie Donahue with Michele and Mark's **Cassie**; Ellen and Jeff France with **Rose**; Dewitt Gibson and **Buddy**; Holly and



Jill Imler with 21-050 Oakley and Michael Feight with Zoey have rarely missed the Parada Del Sol



Daisy Barsetti-Nerland, Mary Jo Barsetti, and Blake Wach with 23-104 Harley

Oakley and **Zoey**; Sheila Joyce and **Kiki**; Connie McCabe with her camera; Trishia Murphy and **Rosie**; Dean and Marlene Morti-

Jim Harter with **Tywin** and **Max**; Karina Helm and **Colbert**; Kathy Hagen with Cindy's **Natasha**; Jill Imler and Michel Feight with



New member Kathy Hagen with Cindy Tigges and Cindy's dogs: 18-021 Natasha, foster boy 23-075 Bodhi and 20-020 Lucy

more with **Sugar** and **Leia**; Denise Padavano with Deb and Larry's **Asher**; Jill and Fred Prose with **Gracie**, **Levi** and **Windy**; Chris Spiel, friend



Sarah Brown with Hazy; this pair does home evaluations for AGR

Matt, and niece Mary Spiel with **Lucy** and Debbie's **Tyler** and **Levi**; Rosemary Stralser



Jill and Fred Prose with Gracie, Windy and 22-023 Levi

(new member); Cindy Tigges with foster boy **Bodhi** and her **Lucy**; Simone Vaduva with Deb and Larry's **Vin**; Cliff Valenti and **Archer**; and Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with **Callan** and **Princess Dora**.

During the parade, Deb Orwig and Jeanne Wegener came over to join the bystanders on Scottsdale Road, and with smiling faces, cheered for our group. Nothing like fans on the sidelines! *Note from Deb: the parade group looked spectacular!*



Karina Helm with Colbert

After the parade, most members and their dogs went back to the booth to assist or visit. Many people and children stopped by to meet the dogs. We had a wonderful location for setting up our merchandise.

A double-space corner spot gave us enough room to display our goods and provided a comfortable area for our members and their dogs to stretch out. The area was favorable for the public to interact with our dogs, shower them with lots of love and attention, and fill their donation vest pockets with cash. We brought home



Deb Orwig, Katie Donahue and Jeanne Wegener handled merchandise sales

\$940.52 in donations (\$583 last year) and \$1339.42 from merchandise sales (\$818 last year), equaling a total of **\$2,291.94!**

Volunteering all day at the merchandise tables were Deb Orwig and Jeanne Wegener with help from Debbie Ball, Katie Donahue, Denise Padavano, and Simone



Sheila Joyce is AGR's Home Evaluations Coordinator; she came to the parade with Kiki, who is one of the 10 dogs we brought here from China in 2019



Cliff Valenti with 22-078 Archer

Vaduva.

Trail's End officially ends at 4 PM. Pack-up went smoothly thanks to help from Nick Dodson, Katie Donahue and her parents John Donahue and Mary Murray, Patrick Doyle, Mark Hill, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, Lee Ann Svec, Jeanne Wegener, and Michele Wehry. We were ready to go early, but vehicles were not allowed into the area until close to 5 PM. The crew managed to get the tents, tables, and most of the merchandise into Deb's Sienna, Jean's truck, Nick's Expedition, Patrick's 4-Runner, and Jeanne's Toyota. Our pack-up crew is the finest!



Jamie and Bill Deppe walking 23-092 Theo in the parade



Dean and Marlene Mortimore with Leia and 21-052 Sugar

Returning on Sunday to the Orwigs' house to unload merchandise and equipment from vehicles were Nick



Mary Spiel, Chris's niece, walked Levi Ball in the parade, while Chris walked her girl 21-025 Lucy; after the parade, Mary, among many others, delighted in being surrounded by our Golden Retrievers



Dodson, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Denise Padavano, Larry Orwig, and Jeanne and Clifton Wegener.

We really appreciate everyone who came to walk in the parade and/or help in the booth. Thank you to all the INCREDIBLE volunteers who helped make this event successful! Hope to see more of you in 2025!

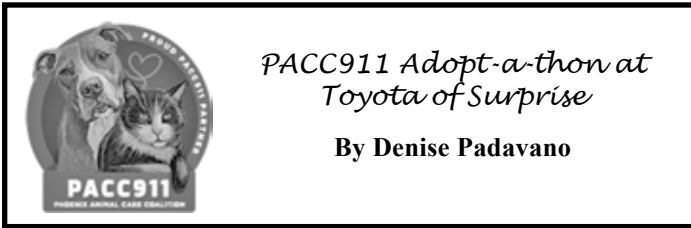


Abby Svec (left) and friends joined us in the afternoon with 23-021 Clark

A note from Deb Orwig, AGR President: *Connor McCorval, one of the people who saw us in the parade and later came to the booth to spend time petting the dogs, nominated AGR for an in-office award on Arizona Gives Day (April 2) of \$2,500 from Fiesta Bowl Charities! Thank you, Connor! One never can predict the far-reaching effects of interaction with our wonderful Golden Retrievers!*



22-067 Reggie thoroughly enjoyed attention from the many kids who visited our booth



PACC911 Adopt-a-thon at Toyota of Surprise

By Denise Padavano



Jeanne Wegener relaxing after directing the booth set-up

Another Adopt-a-thon took place on Saturday, March 2, 2024, hosted by **PACC911** at **Toyota of Surprise**. Meeting at Deb and Larry Orwig's house on Wednesday were Patrick Doyle and Denise Padavano to sort and load Patrick's vehicle with help from



Denise Padavano often helps set up, goes home to let her dogs out, then comes back to help pack up; Charlie came back with her this day; that's Sugar Mortimore behind them

Deb and Larry. Then gathering at the Orwigs' house on Friday night to load vehicles with equipment and more merchandise were Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener.

The morning of the event was cool and sunny with temperatures hovering in the 50's. Along with our members, we had help from a few **PACC911** volunteers to unload vehicles and assemble our tents and tables. Patrick Doyle, Mary and Bert Engstrom, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Jeanne Wegener, and Connie Wozniak were able to get our merchandise and materials beautifully displayed in short order. Helping with merchandise sales during the day were Peggy Andrews, Deb Orwig, Kati Montgomery, Fran Strock, and Jeanne Wegener.



Peggy Andrews, Kati Montgomery, Denise Padavano, and Connie Wozniak set up our merchandise display



Jamie Deppey with Theo

Arriving with their Golden's were Debbie Ball and **Dillon**, Jamie Deppey and **Theo**, Teri Guilbault and **Mila**, Dean Mortimore and **Sugar**, Trishia Murphy and **Rosie**, Deb Orwig with **CaliGirl** and **Asher**, Denise Padavano and **Charlie**, and Chris Spiel with **Lucy**. It was a gorgeous day for



Dean Mortimore with Deb Orwig and Asher

socializing and showing off our furry friends. However, it wasn't long before the wind started to pick up and cause some problems. At first, our sandbags were holding our booth steady, but then the tents started moving. We found ourselves holding onto the tent poles until our sandbags could be rearranged in more secure positions. Across from us in another booth, a display crashed to the ground! Just when we thought we were safe, our display of table runners and purses that was so lovely arranged, took a dive to the ground. All was not lost though, because we had enough help to remove the fallen display crate and reorganize our items on the tables.



Fran Strock with Charlie

The afternoon warmed up to the mid 70's and continued to be very windy, blowing the table runners and purses off the tables several times. Since we had difficulty keeping them on the table, we decided to pack up some of them early.

The wind continued to be forceful, so we started to pack our merchandise around 2:15 PM with the help of Debbie Ball, Jean Klink, Kati Montgomery, Dean Mortimore, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, and Fran Strock.

Later in the afternoon, Carolyn and Peter Brown stopped by to visit and donated two baskets they had won at another event earlier that day. Thank you, Carolyn and Peter, for your generosity! We planned on using the baskets for our upcoming *Paws At The Park* event.



Teri Guilbault with Mila, Debbie Ball with Dillon, Patrick Doyle with CaliGirl Orwig and Chris Spiel with Lucy

Although the day was windy and at times disruptive, many people came out for this event early in the day to check out the available dogs and visit the different Rescues in attendance. Adoptions continued throughout the event, with two at the end of the day for a total of 40 new homes for rescue dogs! **AGR** did well at this event with merchandise sales bringing in \$514.84, and donations equaling \$87 for a total revenue of **\$601.84!** Another positive outcome is when Deb Orwig checked her inbox after the event, and found one application where the person specifically stated that they found **AGR** at **Toyota of Surprise** that day! They ended up adopting a dog (**24-016 Winston**) from us soon after this event.

Photographers for the day were Debbie Ball, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener.

Thanks to April Crow for registering us for this event, and to all the amazing volunteers that helped make the day enjoyable and profitable, while enduring the unpredictability of the wind!



Paws At The Park

By Denise Padavano

Paws At The Park is *Arizona Golden Rescue's* annual members' meeting and a day of fun with family and friends, good food and uplifting music! We celebrated our members on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at *Eldorado Park* in Scottsdale from 11 AM to 3 PM. Although *AGR* has been in existence for 15 years, this was the 13th year we have held this event (had to skip 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions).



About two weeks before our event, Jeanne Wegener, Denise Padavano and Deb Orwig went to Eldorado Park to check out the East Ramada and decide where to set up tables for the raffles/silent auction and merchandise sales

to check out the location and develop a plan for arranging tables for the day's events.

A total of 122 people pre-registered, but only 107 attended, along with 6 teens and 5 children. Many of the attendees brought dogs – there was a total of 252 paws (63 dogs)! Those who didn't come were either sick, or a no-show for unknown reasons. Anyone who paid the registration fee but did not attend can consider the \$16 per person as a tax-deductible donation.



It was overcast and drizzling when our morning set-up crew started to unload everything that had been brought to the park in our trailer; it was a long haul from the trailer to the Ramada

Producing this event takes much time and many volunteers. We serve a fabulous meal, have a great raffle and silent auction, and sell our merchandise. There is a short business meeting with a vote of confidence for continuing Board members and some announcements. We also have a Rainbow Bridge ceremony to acknowledge adopted dogs that have passed away during the year previous to the event, recognize new adopters, and have a Parade of Rescues.



Unfortunately, no one got a photo of the beautiful basket Jeanne created for the mystery eggs, but Connie made a nice sign advertising what someone might win if they bought an egg for \$5; we sold all 102 eggs!

This year, a new fun activity to raise money was initiated by Jeanne Wegener. Since the event was two weeks before Easter, she suggested selling "Mystery Eggs" stuffed with tickets for a variety of prizes. During registration and throughout the day, people had a chance to purchase a "Mystery Egg" for \$5.00. We had a total of 102 eggs and sold every one of them! Our large prize winners were as follows: \$50 gift cards to *Amazon.com* went to Tracy Buffington and Blake Wach; \$50 gift cards to *PetSmart* went to Keri Marchant, Zachery Lee, and Denita Kaiser. Other prizes consisted of an *AGR* T-shirt, *AGR* hat, *AGR* visor, drill bit sets, jewelry, journal books, bandanas, water bottles, key chains, nail files, bag clips, can koozies, pens, bookmarks, tissue pack covers, poop bags, and magnets. Every egg had a prize, and everyone seemed to enjoy being a winner! Thank you, Jeanne, for a new adventure!

About a month before *Paws At The Park*, *AGR* received 14 Heartgard® gift cards worth \$15 each, totaling \$210! Deb Orwig took the time to go shopping and use all the gift cards for items to be included in the raffle and silent auction baskets! Thank you, Deb, for a fun, but time-consuming task!

A week prior to the event, Carolyn Brown, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener went to Deb Orwig's home where they organized items for 15 silent auction items and 25 raffle baskets. Once the items were selected from the stash of donated items in Deb's extra bedroom,



A few of the lovely raffle baskets put together by Carolyn Brown

Carolyn Brown spent 4 afternoons arranging, packaging, and creating beautiful bows for all the items! Deb prepared and cut paw labels for all the items, with help from Jeanne. Jeanne also prepared the prize labels for the "Mystery Eggs", and her friend Teresa Huneke from Minnesota cut out the labels and stuffed all the eggs! Ron Padavano, Denise's brother who was visiting for two weeks, helped put brochures together with new adoption inserts for distribution at the merchandise table.

Saturday evening, Nick Dodson drove the *AGR* trailer to the Orwigs' home where Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Deb and Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, Jane Triplett, and Jeanne Wegener were waiting to help load tents, tables, serveware, raffle cups, merchandise, x-pens, soda, wa-

ter, and coolers. Most of the raffle and silent auction items were packed into private vehicles for transport. Deb's van brought all the food items and four dogs on Sunday.

Members converged on Eldorado Park at the East Ramada at 8:30 AM to help unload the vehicles, organize all the tents and tables, arrange the raffle baskets, silent auction items and the merchandise display, and set up the "kitchen".

As the saying goes, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb". Weather in March can be so unpredictable, and fortunately for us, the lamb was on our side. As the morning crew arrived, the temperature was cold at 47° and we endured some light sprinkling.



After helping to set up tents and tables, Mike Wilson and Takoda grabbed a nice spot under one of the many trees

However, to everyone's relief the rain was short-lived and the day turned out to be partly cloudy and comfortable, with the temperature settling in the mid-60's, perfect for the dogs.



April Crow with Rosie, one of her four Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, and Trishia Murphy with AGR's 22-066 Rosie helped with set-up and throughout the day with other duties

The set-up crew included: April Crow, Nick Dodson, Teri Guilbault, Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Rosemary Stralser, Jeanne Wegener, Lenni Wilson, and Mike Wilson. After the tents and tables were arranged, Trishia Murphy handled setting up the merchandise area.



Lenni Wilson



Rita Koppinger

Teri Guilbault was responsible for setting up the raffles and silent auction items. The kitchen area was handled by April Crow, Rita Koppinger and Lenni Wilson.



National Honor Society members from Coronado HS with Mila Guilbault: Kailana Roberts, Valerie Santoyo, Malia Lawrence, Betzy Castenada, Manny Silva, and Angel Castenada

We were very fortunate to have six students from **Coronado High School's National Honor Society** volunteering for the morning. Angel Castenada, Betzy Castenada, Malia Lawrence, Kailana Roberts, Valerie Santoyo and Manny Silva were a tremendous help unloading and carrying tables and merchandise to the ramada!



Debbie Ball and Keri Marchant were there for the first shift of registration check-in

chandise to the ramada! Jeanne Wegener was instrumental in obtaining the help of these young people for the day. Thank you so much, Jeanne!

At the registration table, Debbie Ball, and Keri Marchant



Rich Marchant spent a good part of the day handling merchandise sales

handled the check-in, while Gary Buffington oversaw the "Mystery Egg" sales. Tracy Buffington, Sharon Flores, Ellen France, Keri Marchant, Rich Marchant, Sarah Martin, Denise



Gary and Tracy Buffington with 23-078 Lovey; Gary oversaw Mystery Egg sales and Tracy helped with merchandise sales

Pada-vano, Viki Snedden, Rosemary Stralser, and Jeanne Wegener spent time helping in the merchandise area. Dara Gibson, Holly Harter, Rita Koppinger, Trishia Murphy, Rosemary Stralser, and Jane Triplett sold raffle tickets throughout the day.

The meal we presented consisted of several kinds of salads (broccoli-and-bacon, carrot-raisin-pineapple, coleslaw, fruit mix, pasta, and potato); grilled hamburgers, and hot dogs; baked beans; chips; Danish pastries, cakes, cookies (some gluten-free) and muffins; and non-alcoholic beverages (water and a selection of soda and juice). Our grill master was Jeff Guilbault, who has done the grilling for us



Rosemary Stralser, one of our set-up helpers, gave herself the treat of petting several of the dogs we had confined in x-pens



Teri Guilbault helped with food prep and arrangement of the raffles and silent auction items

for many years and donated the charcoal and lighter fluid he used. Teri Guilbault provided the sectioned lettuce, sliced tomatoes, and onions for the burgers. April Crow brought the fruit salad; Connie McCabe made the coleslaw; Denise Padavano made the pas-



Jeff Guilbault has been cooking and serving up hamburgers and hot dogs for many years



Holly Harter sold raffle tickets and stayed til the end to help pack up

ta salad; Deb Orwig made the broccoli salad, carrot salad and her very popular potato salad [Note from Deb: thanks to Denise and Jeanne for help peeling potatoes, eggs and chopping up celery and pickles], and also donated the water, soda, and gluten-free Oreos; Liz Tataseo contributed the chips and condiments for the meat, and Jeanne Wegener made the baked beans. Our food servers for the day were April Crow, Joni Cipollone, Jeff France, Rita Koppinger, Ron Padavano, and Lenni Wilson.



Two members without whom Paws At The Park would not have been such a wonderful event: Denise Padavano (here with 23-022 Charlie) and Jeanne Wegener – thanks so much for all your efforts, ladies!



The day before the event, Deb Orwig, who keeps the **AGR** credit card, and Jeanne Wegener headed to **Costco** to shop for the picnic. They loaded two flatbeds with paper goods, hamburgers, hot dogs, cheese, condiments, chips, soda, water, Danish pastries, cakes, and cookies. While heading up to the check-out Deb saw an ice chest she wanted to purchase and using all her muscles, pulled that as well! Debbie Ball

donated money to help with food and ice expenses and the Orwigs donated all the soda. There was plenty of delicious food – basically it was an all-you-can-eat buffet for \$16 per adult. What a deal! I can't imagine anyone leaving the event hungry!



The 2024-2025 Board of Directors: Denise Padavano, Director of Activities; Liz Tataseo, Director of Health Care; Connie McCabe, Human Resources Director; Debbie Ball, Director of Operations and (seated) Deb Orwig, President



In addition to all the Board members, we were joined by Sharon Flores, Intake Co-Manager; Sheila Joyce, Home Evaluations Coordinator; and Keri Marchant, Placement Manager – see Keri's photo on page 37



M u - s i c this year was streamed by way of a smart- p h o n e using the A p p l e M u s i c app, and transmit-

ted through speakers, thanks to Jeanne Wegener. We listened to popular tunes from the 60s, which were enjoyed by most of the crowd that attended!



All colors of the spectrum, the rainbow rosettes we give Bridge Ceremony participants are really beautiful and a fitting tribute to a beloved canine that has passed away

Deb Orwig recognized **AGR** dogs and non-**AGR** dogs that had belonged to **AGR** members and had passed away between mid-March 2023 and the week before this year's **PATP**: **Riley Flores** adopted by Sharon, **Chloe France** (not from **AGR**) adopted by Ellen and Jeff, **ShadowMan Holland-Craven** adopted by Cara and Jack, **Izabel Kaiser** adopted by Denita and Dave, and **Bunny Martin** adopted by Sarah. Deb also mentioned the recent passing of Kathi Youhas, a long-time member and supporter of **AGR**. She presented to each family a beautiful rainbow rosette and then played the song "So Hard To Say Goodbye" on the CD Player. The Bridge ceremony is always a tear-jerker, so we had Kleenex available.

Then we had a happy event: recognition of new adopters. All those who had adopted an **AGR** dog during the past year were invited to join the Parade of Rescues and receive a paw-shaped gold medallion. Deb also invited everyone who had rescued a dog from ANYwhere to follow her



Adopters' group – we wish all 102 of the 2023-2024 adoptees could have attended



It was a thrilling sight to see the long line of rescued dogs following Larry Orwig holding the Parade of Rescue sign Connie McCabe had made

in a parade around the park with the songs "Who Let The Dogs Out?" and "Rescue Me" playing on the boom box. With 63 dogs in attendance, we had a



After Debbie Ball walked her three adopted Golden Retrievers with one hand using Sidekick leashes, we sold several of these leashes to other attendees

long string of paws in our Parade – a breathtaking view to all who were watching!



Zack and Rose Cheke with their three Goldendoodles (Martha, Sully and AGR's 21-013 Roger) came to help in the afternoon

Rose Cheke, Andrea Decker, Teri Guilbault, Jean Klink, Jill Prose, and Jeanne Wegener oversaw the silent auction and raffle baskets during the day. Raffles were drawn and silent auction bidding closed at 2:30 PM.

Rose Cheke, and Liz Tatasco drew the winning tickets for the raffles, and Jane Triplett closed out the silent auction forms. Teri Guilbault, and Jane Triplett were responsible for distributing and checking tickets for the winning baskets, while Sarah Martin collected money for the silent auction winners. A lot of people went home with some very nice prizes!



Jane Triplett kindly worked an extra shift selling raffle tickets when one member who was scheduled for that job got sick and couldn't come - thanks, Jane!



Connie McCabe loved seeing 23-084 Biscuit, one of her favorite fosters - he came with his adopters, Sara and Rich Pederson

Paws At The Park is truly a family-and-friends event. It also presents the opportunity for dogs that come into Rescue and are separated for adoption to reunite and for



Cindy Tigges brought her two foster dogs, 24-004 Waylon and 23-075 Bodhi - both got a lot of attention



Rebbekka and Dave Hirsch brought newly-adopted 23-065 June



24-004 Waylon (aka 23-066 Johnny) and 23-065 June were not-very-bonded littermates who had been separated for 7 months by adoption to different families, but they definitely recognized each other at PATP!

foster families to see their foster dog again. Following are photos of some others who attended. Thanks to all who participated.

Sheryl Catalano (at right in photo) brought her friend Lisa Estabrook to help her handle her two adopted dogs 23-049 Stella and 22-072 Bodie



Jim Cogan with Oliver



Kevin Hall with 23-103 Annie



Darrin Torrey with 23-062 Nava

All came singly because significant others were sick



Marlene and Barry Breton joined us before heading to their home in Canada for the summer



DeWitt, Ansley and Dara Gibson with 23-008 Buddy

Packing up began at 3 PM and continued until 4:30 with the trailer and vehicles loaded. Those who stayed to help with this labor-intensive task included Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Kevin Hall, Holly Harter, Jean Klink, Connie Mc-



Beth and Jon Chaffee with their family: the Irish Setter Torrey and the two Irish-Golden mixes, Holly and 22-077 Bodhi, were a gorgeous sight in the sunlight!



Theresa Cory (at right) brought her friend Mary Ann Lopez and her adopted dog 18-018 Molly - we had not seen Theresa and Molly in quite a few years

Cabe, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, Ron Padavano, Simone Vadura, and Jeanne Wegener. Vehicles were provided by Nick Dodson, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Deb and Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. While loading the vehicles, it became very windy and cold. Rain clouds were forming and as we were leaving, it started to sprinkle for a short time. We were very fortunate that

the weather was pleasant for the better part of the day!

Returning to the Orwigs the next day to unload the trailer and vehicles, were Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Connie



Julie and Garrett Wheadon brought Julie's brother Chris Stephens and his son Jeremy, as well as their adopted dog 23-042 Kai



Denise Padavano's sister-in-law, Sue Padavano, with her extended family of son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren with Denise's boy 23-022 Charlie

McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, Ron Padavano, Fred Prose, and Deb and Larry Orwig.

The expenses for this event amounted to \$455.33, which included, purchased food and water (\$380.33), and the Ramada rental fee of \$75 that was paid for in December 2023. Income totaled \$6,516.87 and included \$997.50 in merchandise sales, \$1,575 from the silent auction, \$510 from Mystery egg sales, \$1,095 from raffle ticket sales, \$2,024 from registration fees, and \$385.49 in donations. So, our profit from the event was **\$6,516.87**.



Holly Harter (at back on right) and the Tansey family (daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren) with Holly's boy 23-019 Tywin

Thank you to all the incredible volunteers that helped before, during and after this event! We couldn't have done this event without your outstanding dedication and assistance! Thank you to those who attended and supported this fun-filled gathering! If you did not come this year, please plan to do so in 2025. This event is definitely worth attending!

A special thank you to Connie McCabe for the exceptional job of garnering photographs of the days' events, and for creating the impressive table graphics for the raffle, and silent auction items, the "Mystery Egg" display and the Parade of Rescue sign!

ED NOTE: 107 people and 63 dogs at this event meant Connie McCabe took many photos, far too many to include with this article. If you would like to see them all, go to our AGR SmugMug album: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/031724-Paws-At-The-Park->



Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with 23-070 Dora – in all the years we've hosted PATP, Michele has never missed attending



Phoenix Legacy Foundation
Spring Pet Adoption

By Denise Padavano

The *Spring Pet Adoption* at **Park Terrace Senior Living** in Phoenix was a new location for **AGR**. We were invited by Jason Bressler, President of the *Phoenix Legacy Foundation*; 14 other animal Rescues and about 30 vendors of pet-related products participated in this event on Saturday, April 13, 2024. There was no booth fee to



Most of the Rescue groups were set up along the east side of the parking lot; our booth was the first one in as event attendees came down the driveway.

AGR, but we were asked to provide an item for the Foundation's raffle/silent auction. We gave them a nice collection including a medium-size dog bed, a Neater Feeder, and some toys and treats.

When we arrived in the morning, the temperature was already in the low 70's and was predicted to reach the high 80's by the afternoon. Fortunately for us, we were given a great location in which to set up. We were on the east side of the parking lot which was shaded by tall Oleander bushes with grass behind us. Lying on ground covers in the shade, our dogs enjoyed the steady breeze which kept them cool and comfortable!

A week prior to the event, Jean Klink, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener met at the Orwigs' house and spent time sorting through merchandise in preparation for the upcoming event.



Morning group: in back, Jeanne Wegener, Denise Padavano, Trishia Murphy with Rosie, Patrick Doyle; in front, Marti Joyce with CaliGirl and Jean Klink with Asher

Then along with Deb Orwig, we went to the storage room to organize and return items we didn't need from our previous *Paws At The Park* event.

Friday evening, meeting at Deb and Larry Orwigs' house to pack vehicles with tables and merchandise were Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener.

Our dedicated and amazing set-up crew met early at 8 AM to get ready for this new adventure. Patrick Doyle, Marti Joyce,

Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener went to work and organized our tents, tables, and merchandise. Showing up a little later at 9 AM was Deb Orwig with Asher and CaliGirl.

Helping with merchandise sales throughout the day were Peggy Andrews, Stephanie Beard, Darlene Kaminski, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener.

Members who came with dogs to greet the public included: Connie McCabe and Reggie, Trishia Murphy and Rosie, Deb Orwig with Asher and CaliGirl, Anne Pappas with Delilah and Sam, Jill Prose with Windy, Chris Spiel and Lucy, and Liz Ta-



Anne Pappas brought Delilah and Sam

taseo with Guinness. Stopping by to visit were Peter Wong with Max and Sagie and Andrea Decker with a friend. Capturing the day's activities were photographers Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig, and Denise Padavano.

Although we were located right off the I-17 and Greenway, we didn't get much foot traffic at the event. The day was slow with people meandering around, and senior residents stopping by to love on the dogs and check out our merchandise.



Patrick Doyle was there all day; Chris Spiel brought Lucy in the afternoon

Jeanne Wegener. After the event, we headed over to the Orwigs' to unload our cars. Helping were Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, Deb and Larry Orwig, and Jeanne Wegener.



Deb Orwig with Asher, Liz Tataseo with Guinness, and Darlene Kaminski



You never know who you might encounter at an AGR event! In conversation, Peggy Andrews and Marti Joyce discovered they had both worked at John C Lincoln Hospital during the same time period but on different floors



Windy came with Jill Prose

Thanks to everyone for volunteering and making the day enjoyable! Our merchandise sales brought in \$212.52 and donations from the heart were \$28, equaling a total of \$240.52. We had wonderful volunteers helping throughout the day and 9 dogs to greet the public! Patrick Doyle, Trishia Murphy, Deb Orwig, Jeanne Wegener stayed and volunteered for the entire day! Marti Joyce, Jean Klink, and Denise Padavano helped with set up, went home, and returned after lunch to help pack up! Our AGR volunteers are the greatest!



Afternoon group: in back, Jean Klink, Jeanne Wegener and Patrick Doyle; in front, Stephanie Beard with Asher, Deb Orwig with CaliGirl, Liz Tataseo with Guinness, Darlene Kaminski with Reggie, Denise Padavano, and Trishia Murphy with Rosie



Open House at ACOSM

By Deb Orwig

On April 3, 2024, Rescue group representatives were invited to attend an open house at Arizona Canine Orthopedics & Sports Medicine (ACOSM). This relatively new facility is located at 7410 E Pinnacle Peak Road in Scottsdale. Connie McCabe, Liz Tataseo and I, along with Julie and Garrett Wheadon with their adopted boy 23-042 Kai, went to the very nice reception (the hors d'oeuvres and desserts were delicious) and interesting video presentation. We were also given a tour of the entire facility. Most of the doctors, nurses and medical technicians were there. Julie and Garrett met the surgeon who will be doing Kai's hip replacement on April 30th and saw on the video we were shown exactly what the procedure will involve. We learned that surgeries can be watched in person through a view window or on TV. We were all impressed and are glad this very competent group of veterinary specialists gives discounts to Rescue groups!

2024 Calendars are still available!

This adorable picture of Sukhi (fka 22-064 Tilly), so typical of a Golden Retriever with a tennis ball in her mouth, graces the cover of our 2024 calendar. Our calendars contain an historical record of events we have had and vignettes about the dogs we rescued during the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. If you adopted a dog during this one-year period, your dog's photo was included in the calendar. Some dogs that have come into Rescue since June 2023 also have photos in this calendar. Copies are now FREE, so you just need to pay \$2.75 postage if you want one mailed.





Golden Hearts



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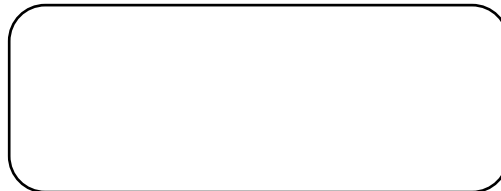


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