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*The Golden Paw Saloon & Gambling Hall Welcoming Committee:
“Miss Kitty” (Deb Orwig), “Matt Dillon” (John Carreiro) and
Saloon Girls Teri (Guilbault), Kathi (Youhas), Liz (Tataseo), Debbe (Begley) and
Katie (Donahue) in front with guard dog Cowpoke Jimmy; see article on pages 25 - 27*



14 Dogs rescued from out-of-state! Please read *From the Front of the Bus(es)* on pages 15 - 18



Left to Right
Top Row: Buddy Boy,
Dixie now Daisy;



Middle Row: Dukie now
Duke, Goldie, Joe, Kamie
now Nala, Major, Nakita
now Molly;



Bottom Row: Nick, Roxy
now Lucy, Sandy now
Maggie, Scooby, Vanna,
Wendy now Izzie



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Editor's Assistant's Note



Hi Everyone,

Rocky here again. My mom, the Editor, wanted to be sure that you all get the message that Arizona Golden Rescue has a new US mail address. When you are sending in your fabulous donations and your membership renewals, please be sure to use our new address. It is:

Arizona Golden Rescue
5350 W. Bell Rd., Ste. C122-158
Glendale, AZ 85308

Thank you for making note of our new address. We don't want to miss a single mailing!

We don't want you to miss any communications from **AGR** either, so be sure to notify us if you move or change your e-mail address.

Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President
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The cost of caring now can't wait for donations later. If it seems as if **AGR** is always asking you for money, you are correct – we do often send out a plea for donations or ask you to participate in one of our fundraisers. Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, especially to event chairman Debbe Begley, who did an absolutely spectacular job organizing this first-time event, we made a tidy profit on our recent *Golden Paw Saloon & Gambling Hall* Casino Nite, \$9,950! But over \$9,000 of that went to *American Express* when we had to pay our May-June vet bills from *AMSC*, *Kennel Care*, and *Integrative Veterinary Oncology* and \$2800 more went to pay the bills from *Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital*. So, you see, it's difficult to stay even, let alone bank any for a "rainy day" or, more likely, for a rescued dog that needs some extensive and expensive care.

We try to provide opportunities at which you can give to Rescue, have fun, feel good about it, and want to do it again.

The Meet-and-Greets are one venue we offer for member

socialization and camaraderie. In the small groups that attend these "minor events," we have a chance to get to know each other and to build friendships, as well as to socialize our dogs. The larger events where dogs are welcome, such as the **PACC 911** Adopt-a-thons at Anthem and at the Franciscan Renewal Center, the Parada del Sol, Glendale Firemen's Parade (coming up on October 2) and the recent Phoenix Pet Expo also offer similar opportunities. We encourage all our members, especially those of you who have adopted a dog from our organization, to come to these events. The benefit to you will be as great as the benefit to **AGR** from having you and your dog(s) there as our ambassadors. Please check our website Calendar of Events frequently (www.arizonagoldenrescue.org), as new opportunities are added as they are offered to us.

Then there are the fundraisers, which we hope are also **FUN**-raisers for those of you who attend. **PetSmart Charities PetWalk** in February, our *Golden Paw Saloon & Gambling Hall* Casino Nite in June, the **Phoenix Mercury Dog Days of Summer** game on July 29th, **PACC 911's Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue** on August 7th and our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* coming up on August 28th – all of us who participate in these "big events" have a grand time and feel good about the fact that the money raised goes to help the dogs **AGR** rescues.

We realize that some of you live outside of the Greater Phoenix area and that it is difficult, if not impossible, for you to attend our events. You can still contribute to their success, though, by sending in a donation that will help us stage the event. It doesn't have to be a large donation (although those are always welcome) – even \$10, or \$15, or \$25 will help. There are always administrative costs that are attached to the production of a major event – signage, decorations, advertising, facility rental, and programs, just as examples. We do try to set the admission fee so that it will pay for the facility and food costs for those who attend, but sometimes it barely covers these, i.e., we make little or no profit on the admissions. We want people to attend, so we do not overprice the admission.

Our costs to help the dogs we rescue continue to rise. The economy has not, unfortunately, followed suit. We know it's a tough time financially for many of you, but even \$5 per month allocated to **AGR** would be beneficial. Please consider making a regular donation – a little will go a long way if it comes from a lot of people.

A few of our members deserve special recognition and thanks. Debbe Begley, our Director of Operations, has chaired all of our major events and many of the minor ones. She does an exemplary job keeping all the details straight and everybody working on their part of each production – she is the best fundraising manager I have ever met! Our thanks, too, to Louise Carreiro, who contacted **Camelback VW/Subaru/Mazda** and arranged to have our group do a Meet-and-Greet in their showrooms over Memorial Day

weekend, earning us a \$2,000 donation! Liz Tataseo, our Director of Dog Care, and Michele Wehry, our Intake and Placement Manager, spent many, many hours communicating with personnel from **Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue** in Oklahoma and **Gold Ribbon Rescue** in Texas to coordinate bringing in a total of fourteen dogs, nine from Texas and five from Oklahoma. They did a fabulous job, and we are very grateful for their efforts. We also very much appreciate the contribution of each and every one of you who serves on our various teams and who do other individual jobs for **Arizona Golden Rescue**. Each of you (see the inside front cover for a list) has played and continues to play a vital part in the success we have enjoyed with our rescue of 56 dogs so far this year. Thank you all!

Who Let the Dogs Out?

By Debbe Begley, Director of Operations
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We welcome new members, adopters and fosters into our organization almost daily. As our organization continues to grow, so does the long list of tasks and jobs that need to be done. I do not have the opportunity to meet and get to know each and every one of you on a personal basis, so I am asking you to introduce yourselves to me. Who are you? What are your talents? What knowledge and experience do you have that can be a valuable resource to our organization?

Are you a creative person who would like to show off your talents by helping to make one of our major events even more memorable? Do you possess decorating, floral arrangement, culinary, seamstress or construction skills? Are you a sales or management type person who can assist in gathering donations or chairing an event? How are your computer skills? We could use your experience, and would welcome the fresh new ideas. Are you good at creative writing? Maybe grant writing would interest you. Do you like to make new friends, both two-legged and four-legged? Our Intake, Transport and Placement Teams would love to hear from you. Being a part of **Arizona Golden Rescue** is not only an opportunity to have a wonderful dog join your family, it is also an opportunity for you to give back by sharing yourself with the organization.

Who do you know? We all have friends, families, coworkers and acquaintances who also have special talents and experience. Speak up and you will be pleasantly surprised at the response. When we first formed our organization, we needed someone to design and create our website. None of the Board members were capable of taking on that endeavor. I happened to mention in passing to my supervisor at my job, Ryan Englin, that we were looking for a

webmaster and knowing he is very computer savvy, did he know anyone we could contact. He replied, "I create websites for non-profits all the time. I would be happy to help you." That's all it takes.

Talk to the people who are a part of your daily routine. Do you get your hair cut regularly, visit your doctor or dentist often, or shop frequently at a favorite store? Brag about your dog(s) and see how many of these people offer to help. Everything we need, all of the knowledge, talent and expertise required for our organization to continue to grow and improve is at our fingertips. All we need to do is ask.

Every day we all interact with the people in our lives. All it takes is the mention of a need and people will offer their services and talents. This is not a request that all of you add an additional 20 hours to your already busy work weeks. This is a reminder that the mention of "I have a Golden Retriever" seems to bring out the best in people. I guess that is because the Golden Retrievers attract the best people.

Don't be shy. Let me know what talents and knowledge you have and I will give you the opportunity to be a superstar. Tell everyone you know that you are a part of an organization that can use all of the assistance and expertise available and their reward will be the great feeling of knowing they have shared part of themselves for a great cause. No job is too small and no amount of volunteer time is too little to be overlooked.

A couple of hours from a lot of people can really make a huge difference to the success and efficiency of our organization. Be a part of it. Share yourself and encourage your friends and acquaintances to do the same, just as your dog has chosen to share his life with you.

I welcome all responses to offer your services. Send me an e-mail and let me know who you are and how talented you are. I am looking forward to getting to know you better and making you the "New Hero" in the lives of our dogs.

Health Tip

Apples, in general, are good for dogs, as are other fruits and vegetables. However, apple seeds are NOT good for any animals. The seeds of members of the apple family contain cyanogenic glycosides. If the seed hull is broken, such as by chewing on the seed, a cyanide compound will be released. If consumed in large enough quantity, such seeds can be fatal. If you want to give your dog apples, great! But take the seeds out first!

Second Time Around

By Liz Tataseo, Director of Dog Care
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Home Again Forever

On the Road to Rescue, Transporters and Vet Team members have played a major role in getting the dogs in and making sure they receive the care they need. But how does the road start, and how did that great dog end up in your home? Intake, Placement and Home Evaluation Team members all play a big part in the answer to that question.

Our Intake and Placement Manager, Michele Wehry, says: *Every turn-in owner loves their pet. Some don't love them as we do, but they do love them and are attempting to place their baby with those that 'can' love them like we do. Every single dog I pick up from any location – be it the shelter, the street, or a surrendering owner – is in my taxi for the ride of a lifetime into a brand new future. I have rarely felt despair from the turn-in family, and only when it's a tearful event does it break my heart. Those (owners being ill or with financial hardship) prove to be the most important to me. I spend as long as the owner needs sitting on the back of my truck with hugs and reassurance that their baby will be treated like our own. To me, these are the BEST because we do exactly that. We continue on the road to a home just like ours. A home I'd leave any one of my dogs in. A home where most of the time I'd let them adopt me. ... We always know what our babies coming in will find at the end of our road to their entry ... "A Brand New Life."*

Dogs come in from surrendering owners, lost dog finders, **The Humane Society**, or **Maricopa County Animal Care and Control**. Sometimes they are found on *craigslist*. When it is a surrendering owner or lost dog finder, an Intake member (Michele Wehry, Kathy Blue or Judy Petitto) spends hours getting all the information she can about the dog and advising owners and finders. Assuming the owner really has to turn in the dog (and sometimes they discover they can't part with their companion), the Intake volunteer sends out an Intake Information Form to the volunteers who will eventually help get the dog in and to the **AGR** Board.

At the same time, the Home Evaluation Team is taking in adoption applications and doing home visits. All potential adopters have to complete the application and have a home evaluation to become an approved-to-adopt family and then join as members if they are not already when they receive a dog. Sheila Joyce, our Home Evaluation Coordinator, receives all applications and assigns home evaluations all over the state. We are fortunate to have volunteers not only in the Greater Phoenix area but also in Tucson, Yuma,

Prescott and Flagstaff. Home Evaluators make a recommendation for approval when they send the Home Evaluation Form to Sheila, but the Coordinator makes the final determination. Some families are given conditional approval because of the need to fix areas in the yard or home; a few are actually not approved. The majority who apply do get approval and are placed on a waiting list for their wanted Golden.

Now is the big challenge: to match dog to family. Michele Wehry is our Placement Manager and, at this time, does all the placements. She has had years of experience and has a special feeling for making a family and a dog or dogs very happy. Once she has made a choice, then comes the phone call, phone-tag messages and waiting. A contacted family must say yes, or sometimes no, before Michele can make the placement official or move on to a second choice. This could take a lot of time and many phone calls. Sometimes, it seems the family is waiting by the phone for the call and a placement happens fast. Other times, it could take hours or even days. Once the placement is official, a transport request is issued, and the dog is on its way!

This year we have also brought in dogs from our sister Rescues in Texas, **Golden Retriever Rescue of El Paso** and **Gold Ribbon Rescue** in Austin, as well as from the puppy mills in the Midwest via **Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue** in Oklahoma. Once again, Intake and Placement worked together to get the information on these dogs and find forever homes for them. Families on the approved list were more than happy to adopt one of these great dogs and give them the good life in Arizona. Thanks to **AGR** transporters Nick Dodson, Teryl Hall, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig and Bob Youhas (who traveled east in their vans and SUVs) and Greg Korycki from Austin and the folks from El Paso, Austin and Oklahoma – these volunteers really went the distance for our wonderful Golden retrievers (please read article on pages 15-18).

Comments from one of our great families: *We are totally in love with Emma, our beautiful Golden Retriever. Emma came to us from the El Paso Rescue and stole our hearts the very first second we met her. Emma just turned one. She is curious as a puppy can be but has the gentleness of a more mature dog. It is amazing to see Emma's transformation from shy and frightened to a happy, willing-to-learn and trusting girl. She loves to play with her Golden sister Sandy and enjoys daily walks around the neighborhood. It is hard to believe that anyone would give her up, but we sure are lucky and grateful to have her in our lives. And from another great family who has adopted one of our puppy mill refugees... What a blessing Izzie is. We wanted a little light blond feminine female, and we could not be happier. She is gorgeous, and more importantly she has a great spirit. It took her about five minutes to meet and irritate her four feline housemates, as well as to endear herself to our 11-year-old Golden male, Harley. Her coming to the family has caused him to act like a puppy for the first time in years. In 24 hours she went from being too afraid*

to venture up the stairs, to being the first one up, and onto the bed (they both think they're people). She is still wary of the pool but follows **Harley** onto the first step and barks at him until he swims back to her. **Izzie** is great and brings us a joy that can only be had from a Golden Baby.

The Road to Rescue involves many steps and lots of volunteers, but none are more intense than Intake and Placement and the loving families who embrace their new dog with love and joy.

The Information Highway

Do you like to travel with your dog(s)? You can now find out which motels/hotels accept pets by just going to the www.bringfido.com link on our website. Look under the Our Sponsors category under AGR Links. **AGR** is now a recognized pet charity partner with BringFido and will receive a \$5 donation every time one of our members books a pet-friendly hotel room on BringFido by accessing their website from ours.

Nick Dodson, Director of Information Management, reports: *We now have the domain name "arizonagoldenrescue.com". The website uses "arizonagoldenrescue.org" but pointers are in place so that anyone using the ".com" address to access the site will be directed (transparently) to the proper ".org" site. We can thank Connie McCabe and Ryan Englin for making this happen.*

The Human Connection

*Ed. Note: Our thanks to Membership Manager Kathy Blue for providing the following statistics. Please remember, **AGR** has been in existence for only 14 months!*

Arizona Golden Rescue membership recap as of 7/5/10

4 Copper with 1 member	4
6 Copper	12
2 Amber with 1 member	2
1 Topaz	2
1 Topaz with 1 member	1
1 Pearl	2
1 Gold with 1 member	1
82 Single	82
88 Household	176
2 Household with 1 member	2

193 Active memberships 294 total individual members

7 Inactive Single & 6 Inactive Household memberships = 19 inactive members

Founding membership renewal recap (expiration 3/31/10)
Total Founding memberships 77 121 individual members

3 Copper with 1 member	3
4 Copper	8
2 Amber with 1 member	2
3 Amber	6
1 Topaz with 1 member	1
1 Topaz	2
1 Pearl	2
1 Gold	1
20 Single	20
35 Household	70

71 renewed in March = 92% total individual members renewed (18 upgrades & 1 downgrade)

3 Inactive Single & 3 Inactive Household = 9 inactive members

9 April renewals due; 7 renewed, 78%
5 Single & 2 Household
(1 downgrade)

1 Inactive Single & 1 Inactive Household = 3 inactive members

3 May renewals due 3 renewed, 100% 1 Single & 2 Household

6 June renewals due 2 renewed, 33% 1 Single & 1 Household
3 Inactive Single & 1 inactive Household = 5 Inactive members

7 July renewals due 2 renewed 1 Copper upgrade & 1 Single
1 Inactive Household = 2 Inactive members
1 Single & 3 Household pending = 7 pending members

Special thanks to those of you who have upgraded your memberships during the past quarter:

Diane & Jim Henkel: Copper Level Membership
Lynne & Warren Heyne: Copper Level Membership
Beverly & Kevin Host: Copper Level Membership
Michele Meyer: Copper Level Membership

Sandy & Gary Fullington: Amber Level Membership
Betsy & Fred Brown: Amber Level Membership

Candy & Jerry Caldwell upgraded from Single to Household
Jodi & Jay Koblick upgraded from Single to Household

Is yours one of the Inactive Memberships? Please consider re-joining and helping us save more Golden.

Health and Safety

By Teri Guilbault,
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Dental Care for Dogs

We all go to the dentist for our regular checkups (or at least we should), because we all know the facts about good dental hygiene. But are you aware that good teeth are just as important to the four-legged members of your family as well? All too often, when we bring a Golden into our organization, we find that there are issues with that dog's teeth and/or gums because there was previously either no one there to take care of them or the surrendering family didn't have the time, the knowledge, or the funds to make sure their dog had good dental care. When our rescues are brought in for their initial vet appointment, their mouths are examined for any issues such as gum disease, cracks in their teeth, potential infections, abscesses, or anything that might be causing them pain or lead to health issues. When something is discovered, we make sure those issues are taken care of. We have had several Golden retrievers that have had to have their teeth cleaned, broken teeth pulled, and, on occasion, even the recommendation of a root canal – yes, dogs can get them, too! We opted to have the tooth extracted.

Dogs can also get cavities. Feeding your dog dry dog food and giving him toys that are made for dogs to chew on like Nylabones®, Kongs®, or Plaque Attacker®, will help keep his/her teeth clean. Certain treats like Dentastix® help fight tartar buildup.

Dental issues in animals can cause other, more serious health issues down the road, as bacteria, infection and decay get into their blood system. Stomach and intestinal issues, kidney issues, and even heart problems can surface because a dog's teeth are neglected.

Does your dog have bad breath? One website, www.dogbreed-info.com/teeth.htm, says that 98% of dogs with bad breath have periodontal disease due to plaque buildup!

If you haven't brushed your dog's teeth, now is the time to start. It only takes a few minutes, is inexpensive, and it's a good way to discover on your own potential issues that can be easily corrected. Plus, brushing will help prevent the decay, calcification and infection that could be potentially harmful to your dog down the road, and the gentle massage of the toothbrush will stimulate your dog's gums as well. Tooth brushing kits can be purchased at any of your local pet supply stores for a nominal amount. These have toothbrushes with small heads and very soft bristles. If your dog resists the toothbrush, you can try putting the doggie toothpaste

(available in a variety of flavors that will appeal to your dog) on some gauze wrapped around your index finger. Daily brushing is ideal but even twice a week is better than not at all.

CAUTION: Please do not use human toothpaste when brushing your dog's teeth! Dogs do not spit, and human toothpaste is not edible. Ingestion of human toothpaste can lead to digestive upsets.

BOOK REVIEW

By Jude Fulghum

*Scent of the Missing: Love and Partnership with
A Search-and-Rescue Dog* by Susannah Charleson
ISBN: 978-0-547-15244-8

This is a terrific book. A. Terrific. Book. The author expertly weaves the stories of canine search-and-rescue operations with the training of a search-and-rescue dog (in this case, a Golden Retriever named Puzzle). The stories of actual rescues are riveting – both from the human interest side, and from the standpoint of what exactly a search and rescue dog does when performing a search.

It is a fascinating look into the search-and-rescue world. Unless you are extremely familiar with its operation and requirements, you will be astounded at the type of training required, both for person and dog.

The selection of a potential search-and-rescue dog is time consuming and very carefully done, yet only 20% of dogs beginning the training will succeed in certification. What these dogs (and their handlers) must learn and the conditions under which they learn them will amaze you and cannot help but give you extreme respect for the people and dogs involved in this very crucial aspect of rescue. No wannabes need apply.

Charleson has spent years in the field and explains search-and-rescue in beautiful prose, while describing technical details so clearly that anyone can understand them. Here you will learn about the tedious and meticulous search involved in the aftermath of the crash of the space shuttle Columbia. You will also read about missing children, wandering Alzheimer's patients, searches for drowning victims, and other occasions begging for canine search-and-rescue.

This book left me with a much-heightened awareness of just what these folks and their dogs do, mostly as volunteers. Once you read this book, you may (like me) add canine search-and-rescue to your charitable donation list. Read it.

The Financial Picture

Reporting period: January 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010

Total Assets as of January 1, 2010: \$47,799.78

	Income	Expense
Adoptions	\$13,632.00	2,100.00
Bank, Legal & Professional Fees		5.23
Calendar Sales	360.00	
Calendar Sponsorships	600.00	
Casino Night	17,318.75	7,759.49
Credit Card Processing		261.73
Donations	16,688.88	
Dues and Subscriptions (Quickbooks Online)		64.80
Event Expense (2011 Phoenix Pet Expo)		375.00
Golf Tournament	600.00	
Insurance		240.00
Interest	2.71	
Memberships	7,265.00	
Merchandise	3,081.50	2425.84
Newsletter Subscriptions	12.00	
Office Expenses		343.64
Paws At The Park Picnic ¹	904.42	372.00
PetSmart Charities PetWalk	4,287.00	
Phoenix Mercury Tickets	300.00	150.00
Postage		462.44
Printing and Stationery		1,620.17
Promotional		25.00
Raffle	719.00	
Santa Claws Photos	605.00	
Supplies		206.20
Telephone		323.25
Vet and dog-related expenses:		
Collars, leashes, collar tags		762.35
Microchip expenses		646.01
Veterinary services		30,033.39
TOTAL	\$66,656.26	48,176.54

NET INCOME: \$18,479.72

Checking Account on 7-7-10: \$42,036.87

Savings Account on 7-7-10: \$10,002.71

¹ Income from merchandise sales and the raffle at the event are included in the Merchandise Income and Raffle categories.

One for One

As rescuers, we save one dog at a time. We do what we can to ensure that the dog is as healthy as possible, so that he or she can live as long and happy a life as possible. Sometimes we have to do very little, like a heartworm test, a valley fever test and a microchip. Sometimes we have to do a lot – read the *Diamonds In The Ruff* section on pages 14-15 – but dogs with serious medical issues almost always also need the little things.

The standard “little things” we do for rescued dogs add up. These are average costs among our participating vets:

Rabies vaccine:	\$10
DHPP vaccine:	\$20
Heartworm test:	\$20
Valley fever test:	\$58
Microchip:	\$10

To the health of our rescued dogs, though, little things mean a lot. We would like to invite you to help us with these little things by becoming a *One for One Sponsor* – one person sponsoring one small medical procedure for one dog. Make a difference in a dog’s life *One for One*. Your contribution will, of course, be tax deductible.

What is Normal?

If you know what normal body temperature, heart rate and respiratory rate are for a dog, you will more likely be able to tell when your dog is in distress and know that it is time to call your vet.

Body temperature should be taken rectally. Normal body temperature for a dog is 100° - 102.5° F. Call your vet if your dog has a body temperature of more than 104° or less than 99°.

The larger the dog, the slower the normal **heart rate**. You can check your dog’s “resting” heart rate by rolling the dog onto his right side and placing your hand over the left side of his chest where a raised elbow will touch the chest. You can also try to find the pulse of the femoral artery high on the inside of your dog’s thigh. Count the number of heartbeats in 15 seconds and multiply by 4. The normal rate for a dog over 30 pounds is 60-120 beats per minute.

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MAGIC MOMENTS

By Dr. Katie Donahue

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from April 6, 2010 through July 4, 2010.



10-007: Toward the end of January, I collected **Max**, a very nice 1-year-old red Golden, from his former owner in Yuma. On our way up to the Valley, we stopped at my house where he met my canine gang. After about five minutes of being petrified by them, he decided Jake and Ginger weren't too bad and he enjoyed playing with them. Even my cantankerous Conrad got in on the action

after he realized **Max** was no threat to his authority. **Max** was so tired from his adventures, he slept the whole way up to Gila Bend, where he met Connie for the rest of his trip to his new home. Connie took him to his new parents, Kyran and John in Phoenix. Normally, I would say that's the end, they all lived happily ever after. Unfortunately, **Max** started losing weight even though he was eating a lot of very high quality food. **Max** made many trips to the vet for numerous work-ups to investigate possible causes of his weight loss. After exhaustive testing, **Max's** vet feels he has a malabsorption problem, possibly inflammatory bowel disease. **Max** now takes several medications and supplements with his meals and eats much more than a normal dog his size, but he seems to be improving. He enjoys his nightly walks with his mom and dad and Chihuahua brother Tex and likes to wake his parents up with his big smile at 5 AM. **Max** will continue to be monitored closely, but as long as he stays happy, we just won't tell Tex about all the tasty doggy food **Max** gets to eat.

10-009 Sailor, a 1-year-old blonde, is another one of *Arizona Golden Rescue's* special needs intakes. She came to us because her family could no longer afford her escalating medical costs. **Sailor** has some difficulty swallowing her food and water – she yaks things back up again. She appears to do OK with dry food in a special slow-feeder bowl. She'll eat slowly, pause to clear her throat, then continue eating. Water gives her far



more trouble. She loves to stick her head in a big bowl of water and drink as if she were a normal dog, but that just doesn't work for her. If she tries to drink that way, most of the water, and whatever else was in her stomach, ends up back on the floor next to the bowl. Like **Max**, **Sailor** had extensive testing to see if we could figure out what was going on with her. After ruling out everything else, it appears as if her vagus nerve does not work properly. This nerve provides a great deal of the innervation to the gut; since **Sailor's** doesn't work right, she doesn't swallow properly and things tend to back up in her throat. Her fantastic foster, Teryl, worked out a system for her where she was able to eat her dry kibble and drink out of a raised automatic feeder. She uses a lickable drip water system as well, which looks like a giant hamster water bottle. This system helps her get the water down her throat and not out her nose. **Sailor Sue**, as she's now known, lives with Cherri and Jim in Phoenix and a doggy sibling, Wrigley (at right in photo at right). She is eating well, gaining weight, and having a great time playing with her brother Wrigley. Mom and Dad couldn't be happier with their messy little girl.



10-014 Angel came to *Arizona Golden Rescue* with some "baggage" from her previous home. At 5 years old, she had never been on a leash or in a car, was extremely shy, and was very afraid of men. Her new mom, Sarah, is working on those issues. Sarah has also changed her name to **Bunny**. Sarah says **Bunny** is doing very well, and she and her new sister Molly are now

good friends. **Bunny** is still learning what a leash is for but she loves to play and get lots of pets. Sarah writes: *Although we had a rocky start, as most of you know can happen when introducing*

dogs to each other; **Bunny** has settled into a comfortable groove here with Molly and me. "Lovey" should be her middle name, as she is full of love and adores to be petted and brushed. All she has to do is put her head on my lap and look up at me with those adorable eyes and I can't help but give her a good scratch behind the ears and rub on the belly. Instead of one shadow I now have two, and cannot imagine it being any other way.



10-015 Zuzu, an adorable little five-month-old, came to us from an elderly couple who weren't able to manage a puppy's needs. **Zuzu** went to Carla and Jeff for puppy boot camp and she never left. Now known as **Astra**, she lives quite happily in Chandler with her new parents and three doggy siblings: a Pug, another Golden (**Orion**, that they adopted from **AGR** last year), and

a Great Pyrenees. She is happy and smiley wherever she goes and loves playing with her big brother **Orion**. She even had a special trip to the beach in early April. Happy new life, **Astra**!

10-016: This **Beast** of a dog is one of our special black Golden. He is a Golden/Aussie mix, full of energy and spunk. His former owners did not have enough time to devote to him, so he has made a new home with Warren and Lynne in Marana. He has also made a new friend in their resident Dachshund. By the time Connie left after dropping off **Beast**, now called



Buddy, he and his new Doxie sister were having a fabulous time playing together. New dad Warren writes: **Buddy** is doing good. He keeps me hopping with all his energy. We've gone through a variety of toys trying to find ones he can play with but not tear up. He's got strong jaws. He has a few bad manners (demanding to be petted, whining, and jumping on us) that we are working on, but over time and with some maturity these should be resolved. **Buddy** and I begin Top Dog training [to become a service dog] this coming Saturday. This is an 18-month-to-2-year commitment, but I have done it once and feel confident I can do it again. **Buddy** has great potential, so be waiting to hear news of his great strides. He's a very sweet dog and has settled into our home very nicely. Thank you for bringing him to us.

10-017 Riley is a 2-year-old gold Golden who was relinquished to an animal hospital. One of the employees took him home and asked **Arizona Golden Rescue** if we could find this sweet boy a forever home. Teri and Michelle drove him to meet his new parents, Kathleen and Rich in Fountain Hills, and **Riley** knew he was home before Teri and Michelle even left. There was a toy left on a lower ledge from the previous dog. **Riley** caught sight of it,

gently took it, and settled down with it as his own. New mom Kathleen writes: **Thank you so much for bringing Riley into our lives. He is an absolute love. I believe that someone spent a lot of time teaching him manners in his early life, and he also seems to have been crate trained. We are having a great time playing fetch, which he'll do for hours. And we're using his favorite game to reinforce "sit", "wait", "drop it", and "leave it", and he's doing so well that I'm thinking this isn't the first time he's been trained. As for the crate, he was a little apprehensive at first, but within a very short time he was lying down in it as happy as can be – peace of mind for when I need to be out of the house, as he does love to sleep on the bed if you're not looking. His walking manners are greatly improved since his arrival. I'm convinced that he just needs to know who's in charge and what is expected – he responds so well to verbal commands and positive reinforcement, and yes, even small training treats. After only a few days, both Rich and I feel like Riley has become part of our family. Thank you and all of those at Arizona Golden Rescue.**



10-020 Scooby is a first for **Arizona Golden Rescue** – he's a Goldendoodle. This "designer breed" is a cross between a Golden Retriever and a Standard Poodle. They are often highly sought, as they're touted as "hypoallergenic" and carrying the best qualities of both breeds. Often this is true – many puppies inherit the non-shedding hair coat of the Poodle parent as opposed to the heavily shedding

fur coat of the Golden parent. Also, as these dogs are a cross between two breeds, they may not inherit the frequently inbred genetic diseases common among purebred lines. This being said, there is no real way to guarantee a puppy's genetics. **Scooby** is a mellow 5-year-old who couldn't stay with his original owner because of a divorce. He had several transfers on his way from the East Side out to his new home in Wickenburg. Kathi and Bob took him to meet his new parents, Mort and Marilyn. After a short time adjusting to his new home, he settled down and started to relax into his new lifestyle. He has 3 horse brothers that he gets to spend his days with, and his parents are so pleased with him they are planning to adopt another **AGR** dog.

10-021 Goldie and **10-022 Nick:** Frequently rescues will work together to ensure as many dogs as possible are rescued and find their forever homes. Sometimes that means dogs travel from Phoenix to Tucson or Prescott or Yuma. Sometimes that means dogs come in from out of state. In May, **Gold Ribbon Rescue** of Austin, TX had more dogs than adoptive homes and **Arizona Golden Rescue** had more approved adopters than available dogs. Connie, Nick,



Goldie

Deb and Bob loaded up their vans with crates and headed east to Las Cruces, NM where they met a delegation



from **Gold Ribbon Rescue**, their vans, and nine smiling Golden Retrievers (see article on pages 15-18). **Goldie** and her brother **Nick** were part of Operation Gold Dust. They are 4 1/2-year-old siblings and totally bonded to each other. If one leaves, the other will howl until they are reunited. **Goldie** and **Nick** were backyard dogs, covered in dirt, with neglected ear infections. They are now living the good life in Tucson with new dad Tom. We wish them both a happy new life!



10-023 Diego: When we need to have a home visit done in Yuma, Sheila, our Home Evaluation Coordinator, calls on me. Not too long ago she sent me an e-mail about a husband and wife who were looking for a companion for their current dog. I replied to Sheila's e-mail asking if I really had to visit this family, as I had spent six months living in a tent

in Afghanistan with potential adopter Carol – she and I are in the same Marine Corps squadron. We deployed together about a year ago and, over the course of the deployment, I learned a lot about their current dog Patches, how her husband Sam had grown up with Goldens, and how they'd like to have one eventually. (She probably heard more than she ever wanted to about my crazy dogs.) Sheila told me I really did have to do the home visit, so I finally got to meet her husband Sam and their dog Patches. Shortly thereafter, I brought them **Diego**, a rather shy 5-year-old. After an adjustment period, **Diego** warmed to Patches's exuberance and began to interact with her. He also started coming to her for love and affection. It was just Sam he was not sure about, even if he had treats. After much work and even more patience, **Diego** will now spontaneously come up to Sam for pets. He also enjoys chasing Patches around the yard and playing hide-and-seek with Carol.

10-024 Roxy, now known as **Lucy**, is another of the Operation Gold Dust dogs from **Gold Ribbon Rescue**. She is a 16-month-old gold Golden whose original owner could no longer care for her. Upon her arrival in the Valley, she went to live with new mom



and dad Kristie and Chris and their resident Golden Sophie in Phoenix. Mom Kristie says she is an extremely messy drinker so they keep beach towels under all the water bowls



to prevent small ponds from forming. **Lucy** is quickly learning her obedience commands and enjoys playing with sister Sophie during training breaks.



10-025 Dukie, now **Duke**, is a handsome 3-year-old Texan with a Fourth of July birthday. His owners were moving and couldn't take him with them. **Gold Ribbon Rescue** brought him to us, and we placed him with Randy and his son **Michael**



in Chandler. Randy says he is doing wonderfully and has no bad behaviors. At his new house, **Duke** has a room all to himself and knows the command "go to your room" when he or a family member needs some down time. He has not tried swimming, but he's thinking about it. Happy new life, **Duke!**



10-026 Sandy, now **Maggie**, is a beautiful ball-obsessed Golden Retriever. On her first night with Connie after arriving from Texas, she carried her ball everywhere and then repeatedly threw it over or under the baby gate Connie had set up to keep her separated from the other 6 dogs in the house (three more from our collaboration with **Gold Ribbon**

Rescue's Operation Gold Dust, three of Connie's own). When Connie placed a folded dog bed in the space between the gate and the floor, **Sandy** would pass the ball between the slats on the gate and howl until Connie retrieved the ball for her – maybe she's a little confused about the retriever part of her genetics, or maybe she's just really smart! She's also a little confused about her age; she may be six or she may be nine. Since she's a lady, she's not telling us. One thing she's not confused about is that she just loves to play ball and she loves her new dad Tom. Tom is also thrilled to pieces with **Maggie**. He writes: *I would like to thank AZ Golden Rescue for their dedication and love that is given*

for all the dogs you rescue. I feel so very lucky to be able to adopt such a wonderful dog. **Maggie** has brought so much joy to my home, she is truly a gift. Once again I would like to thank the staff at AGR... Great job, keep up the good work!



10-031 Tessa (left) and **10-032 Augie**: In late April, we received a call from an owner who could no longer provide for two six-week-old Golden puppies. Deb collected these two little fluff balls and



off they went to Liz's house. After play time, a photo opportunity, and a few days at Liz's, **Tessa** was picked up by Sheila and taken home. The male, now called **Augie**, never left Liz's. **Augie** joins Golden brothers Gonzo and Cooper, Golden sister Sweetie, and Finnish Spitz sister Brandi. The girls and Cooper still aren't quite sure what to do with this new little boy, but Gonzo is thrilled to pieces with him. **Augie** and Gonzo (right) love to play wrestlemania, and when **Augie's** done he curls up under Liz's kitchen caddy for a little puppy nap. **Tessa** joined Golden sisters Holly and



McKenna at Sheila's house. **Tessa** says McKenna is her favorite sister, she's super smart, and **Tessa** is very happy McKenna likes to play tug with her. When **Tessa** needs a snuggle she curls up with Holly who's a great snuggle partner. Pretty soon **Tessa** will be joining her sisters as a therapy dog and

bringing her puppy smiles to the residents of the assisted living home Sheila visits weekly.



10-033 Jazzy is a beautiful 8-year-old Golden/Black Lab mix. Her previous owner had had her since she was a puppy but had taken on a new job and was no longer home enough to properly care for her. **AGR** brought **Jazzy** to Lisa, Kevin and their children in Maricopa. They say **Jazzy** is the perfect dog – she is well mannered and well behaved. When she first arrived she was

not particularly interested in toys or playing, but after a consult with our behaviorist Teryl, the children have been working with **Jazzy** and she now enjoys chasing them around in the back yard. **Jazzy** has developed a special relationship with her middle human brother Jeremy and she snuggles on his bed before they go to sleep at night. Mom Lisa adds that **Jazzy** is a great calming influence on the household. When **Jazzy** senses a fight breaking out among her human siblings she goes to sit by the door and Lisa is able to redirect the kids' attention to **Jazzy**. She also makes car rides much less stressful with her presence. **Jazzy's** family couldn't be happier with her.



10-034 Whiskey and **10-035 Brother** are 9-year-old littermates who have spent their entire lives together. Their original owner was facing challenging medical treatments and made the heartbreaking decision to place them in a new home. **Arizona Golden Rescue** brought these two very bonded boys to Cristi and Steve and their two teenaged sons in Peoria. Both dogs are very affectionate and enjoy snuggling. **Brother**

is the more laid back of the pair, but he enjoys his daily walks and occasionally chasing after **Whiskey** in a game of fetch. The word "treat" will earn the boys' undivided attention. **Whiskey** is more boisterous and will always get the stick while fetching. He thinks **Brother** is a good sport for chasing him even though he doesn't share his prize. Shortly after settling in at their new home **Whiskey** had a seizure. He has had some other strange behaviors which may be related to seizures but his vet isn't quite sure. Cristi and her family are committed to these boys and they're continuing to work with their vet to figure out what's going on with **Whiskey**. Other than a few episodes, **Whiskey's** doing just fine and **Brother's** very healthy. In May, the boys enjoyed a special trip to Rocky Point with their family. Cristi had this to say about their vacation: *We just got home. These guys were fun! They did not enjoy the car ride like I had hoped, but they were very good. They just snuggled and slept both ways. The beach was a different story. We just removed their leashes and let them run to the water's edge. Whiskey ran straight into the ocean and chased the waves as they hit the beach. It was low tide and very shallow with a lot of sand bars, so Brother also ran and ran. By the next day Whiskey was swimming in the ocean with my boys as they rode wave boards. He just rode the waves in. Brother enjoyed getting to chase the ball on the beach and actually get it. Whiskey is a ball hog and Brother never gets to retrieve it. They played for hours and hours and never wore down. It was good I had Brother's ear infection medicine. I put it in both guys' ears every evening, as I know Whiskey had to get water in his. They hung with the people on the patio during the evenings, slept with the boys and enjoyed their bathroom walks, but they loved that ocean! We can't wait to take them back. We have a planned trip over 4th of July, but will try to get them down once more before that. It will be fun to see if they*

get more excited the next time they see our luggage and coolers.



10-036 Buddy is an extremely handsome 16-month-old red Golden who needed a new home when his original owners' marriage dissolved. **Arizona Golden Rescue** was quite happy to take this exuberant puppy to Todd, Julie and their children in Peoria. **Buddy** is now called **Bentley** and is expending all of his crazy puppy

energy playing fetch, chewing on his Kong®, chasing the kids, and taking long walks on his new Gentle Leader. Dad Todd sent us a note telling us about **Bentley**: ***Buddy** is doing very well. His first week was spent getting to know us, just checking everything out over and over. By week two, **Buddy** was starting to show his true personality and his puppy goofiness. He is such a mellow dog and loves attention. Our children just love him, and Julie and I are also enjoying getting to know him. **Buddy** is already settling into our routines and training us as well! He enjoys his daily walks around the neighborhood and getting to meet a lot of new people. He even went to a soccer game at Rio Vista Park. **Buddy's** current favorite pastimes include running around the yard, tearing apart squeaky balls, and playing keep away with the kids. We are so glad he has come to stay! By the way, **Buddy** is going by a new name, **Bentley**, which is fitting. **Bentley** means the bent grass in a meadow. We live on Meadow Drive and **Bentley's** tail has a crook in it. No other name fits him as well.*

10-037 Wendy: As you'll read in this issue (see pages 15-18), **Arizona Golden Rescue** has worked with other rescues to rehome dogs kept in the deplorable conditions of puppy mills. In May, **AGR** received several puppy mill dogs via **Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue** in OK. **Wendy**, now known as **Izzie**, was one of those dogs. Often puppy mill rescues are scared, shy dogs, not used to anything but spending their entire day in a cage.



Fortunately, all of the dogs **AGR** received, including **Izzie**, were remarkably well adjusted, friendly toward people, and eager to meet their new families. This 6-month-old blonde went with Dave (photo at left) and Denita to their home in Scottsdale. New dad Dave writes: *I would like to thank you all again for bringing **Wendy** (we now call her **Izzie**) into our lives. My wife loves this little dog to death, and so*



do I. She moved right in, made friends with 4 cats and Harley, my 11-year-old male, in about 5 minutes and is just a little lover. She is

a little shy and acts as if someone raised a hand to her, but she gets better every day and we are hopelessly in love. She has not learned to swim yet, but she keeps threatening to put her paw in. It's just a matter of time until she dives in after Harley. Thank you all again for bringing this little baby to us. We are blessed.



10-038 Kamie is another Golden who was part of the May Day Gang puppy mill rescue. She is a pretty little 6-month-old blonde who is starting her new life with a new name: **Nala**. Samantha and Felix are her new parents and at their house in Phoenix she has a Golden brother Simba to play with.

T h e y e n j o y chasing each other around the house and love going for walks together. **Nala** is still not quite sure what the whole leash thing is about, but when she walks with Simba she sticks close to him and they walk along together. We're sure Simba and **Nala** will enjoy their new life together.



Sam and Felix with Simba and Nala (and also Ladybird Orwig) at the recent Phoenix Pet Expo



10-041 Buddy Boy is one of the two male dogs from the May Day Gang. He's about 6 years old and a lovely shade of red. He did require some vet work for the bane of all Golden Retrievers, nasty ear funk, and an injury to his lower lip that didn't heal quite right, but otherwise he was fairly healthy. After a brief stay with fosters Raeann and Mike,

he went to his forever home in Fountain Hills with new mom and dad Candy and Jerry and their resident Golden Jenny. **Buddy** and Jenny will have the opportunity to get to know each other better in the cool weather in Show Low at their parents' cabin.



Jenny teaching Buddy Boy how to swim

10-042 Daizy, now called **Cali**, is a 13-month-old bundle of energy. She is a gorgeous blond Golden Retriever/Border Collie mix and has apparently inherited the intelligence that comes with both breeds. She spent some time with foster mom Cricket where she worked on her leash skills, basic obedience, and crate training. She's now enjoying her new life and new name with mom Cathy in Mesa. Cathy writes: *Big thanks to **AGR** for*



rescuing this beautiful dog! We have had **Daizy** for 2 weeks and she has adjusted to her new forever home very smoothly. We are renaming her **Cali**. She and my 3-year-old Australian Heeler are best of friends and play constantly. They are both high energy pups! **Cali** loves the pool and going on long walks. We are working on leash training and other

commands. She is such a sweetheart.

10-043 School Dog: This 7-month-old little man, now called **Jackson**, was found as a stray. The family who rescued him already had an older dog that was content being an only child so, after a diligent search for his original family turned up nothing, they requested **Arizona Golden Rescue** to find him a new home. One of the best things about being a foster home is the foster parents get first say on where their foster baby goes. Well, when **Jackson** arrived at Teri and Jeff's house as a foster to recover from his vetting, he decided he really liked the other dogs and cats living there. Teri, Jeff and their family decided they really liked having **Jackson** living there too, so there he stayed. **Jackson** is the typical Golden puppy, full of energy and mischief, and loves chasing the youngest cat around the house. We look forward to seeing **Jackson** and his Golden siblings, Blossom, Jesse, Goldie and Fresno, as ambassadogs at many **AGR** events.



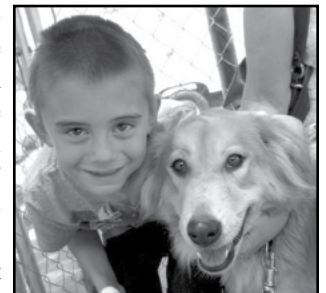
food and medication regime that will, hopefully, help him start gaining some weight. **Sailor's** adoptive family is not fazed in the least by her sloppy eating and drinking habits caused by regurgitative episodes due to her vagus nerve malfunction. They don't care that they will just have to keep towels down on the floor by the food and water feeders.



Three-year-old **10-030 Scooby** is one of nine dogs we obtained from **Gold Ribbon Rescue** in Austin, TX. In early May when we picked up the dogs in Las Cruces, NM, he was overweight at 88 lbs and had severe hip dysplasia. Our vet determined he needed surgery on both hips.

He had his first femoral head osteotomy in mid May and is now running circles around his fosters' other dogs. The second hip will be done in September. He has already lost 10 pounds and has 8 more to shed before the vet will be happy. When all is said and done, he will be able to walk, run and swim normally – no one should be able to tell there was ever anything wrong with his rear end, but **Scooby's** medical costs will amount to over \$6,000.

10-044 Mia is a lovely little 3-year-old Golden mix rescued from the Maricopa County shelter. As with many dogs that come from the shelter, **Mia** had a touch of kennel cough. Unfortunately, the "touch" escalated rather quickly into full-blown pneumonia. For several days, **Mia** had to be kept in isolation at the vet's and had to have special breathing treatments as well as heavy-duty antibiotics. She pulled through, though, and is now with her adoring adoptive family. Her treatments cost **AGR** over \$4,100.



Diamonds in the Ruff

Diamonds in the Ruff are rescued dogs that require **AGR** to spend at least \$1000 on their health care. In our May issue, we featured **09-023 Jimmy**, **09-040 Bella**, **10-006 Penny**, **10-007 Young Max** and **10-009 Sailor**. To follow up... As those of you who saw him at our Casino Nite know, **Jimmy** is doing great and is well on his way to becoming an absolutely awesome Golden! He is well behaved as long as soft toys are kept away from him and counters are kept clean of food. **Bella** has had surgery on her foot, and we hope that it will render her pain free and mobile for the rest of her life. **Penny** still has a couple of chemo treatments to endure, but these don't cause her distress and they will ensure that the transmissible venereal tumor will not recur. **Young Max** was finally diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome and has been given a



10-043 School Dog, now **Jackson**, a 7-month-old fluffy bundle of energy, needed all the basics: all vaccines, heartworm, valley fever and fecal tests, plus neutering, and he also came in with a large, jutting lump on the side of his face. Turned out he had a foxtail embedded in his back gums and needed surgery to clean out all the infection, and a tooth had to be extracted. **Jackson** also had a congenital physical anomaly: double dewclaws were hanging off his rear legs. Since the dewclaws protruded almost 90° out from his feet, they would have caused him problems, so we had them removed. The

infection on his face caused by the imbedded foxtail needed further antibiotic treatment and may require surgery again if the powerful antibiotic he is now taking isn't effective. At this point, **AGR's** costs are \$1,892 for **Jackson**.

10-045 Ricky, a 9-year-old in obvious poor health, had a hard-to-diagnose problem. After many tests, x-rays, ultrasound and a barium upper GI study, **Ricky** was diagnosed with megacolon. He is now on meds and high fiber diet and seems to be progressing well, although more treatment may be needed. Thus far, **Ricky's** diagnosis and treatment have totaled \$1,722.



10-046 Lucy, a 9-year-old who came in with **Ricky**, initially appeared to be in good health. After her routine vetting, her teeth and gums were deemed really bad, so a dental procedure was completed with a tooth extraction. At that time a heart murmur was detected and in checking that out the vet found a tumor on her lungs. It is slow growing at this time and will be rechecked.

Lucy's costs so far are about \$1,000.

Won't you consider becoming a Diamond Donor for one of these dogs? We would be grateful for any contributions any of you would like to make to help **AGR** with the medical bills of any of these *Diamonds in the Ruff*.

From the Front of the Bus(es)

By Deb Orwig and Connie McCabe

During this past quarter, we participated in two out-of-state cooperative rescue efforts, one with **Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue (SGRR)** of Oklahoma and the other with **Gold Ribbon Rescue (GRR)** of Austin, TX. The OK rescue involved getting Golden Retrievers from a puppy mill auction, which took place on May 1st, so we called the dogs that came to us from this auction the "May Day Gang." However, we did not manage to do the actual transport of the dogs from OK to Phoenix until May 14th.

The other cooperative effort started with a message from Connie Jimenez, President of **El Paso Golden Retriever Rescue**, asking us if we could take some dogs from **GRR**. Liz Tataseo and Michele

Wehry worked with Jackie Mulkey, **GRR's** Intake Coordinator, from April 21st until we were able to arrange transport of the dogs on May 1st. We called the Texas dog rescue "Operation Gold Dust."

Both the May Day Gang rescue and Operation Gold Dust required a great deal of coordination and volunteer participation. Tremendous thanks to all who helped make these rescues possible: Bob Bornstein, President of **SGRR** who coordinated the May Day Gang puppy mill rescue; the rescuers from **SGRR** who attended the puppy mill auction and managed to get 11 of the 17 Golden Retrievers that were on the auction block; Cheryl Barlow and Pam Denny from **SGRR**, who helped coordinate the distribution and vetting of these puppy mill dogs; **Woodland West Vet Clinic** in Tulsa for doing the vetting and **Woodland West Boarding Facility**



for boarding the dogs until we could do the transport; Teryl Hall, Greg Korycki, Deb Orwig and Bob Youhas from **AGR** and Diane Jackson from **SGRR** (photo at left), who participated in the transport from Oklahoma to Phoenix; Jackie Mulkey (photo below), **GRR's** supremely well-organized Intake Coordinator, who worked closely with

our Director of Dog Care Liz Tataseo and Placement Manager Michele Wehry; Pat Capin, Darcy Larocshe, Kathy Simmons, and Emily Tuczowski, who drove with Jackie to Las Cruces, NM, to transfer nine dogs to our drivers Nick Dodson, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig and Bob Youhas. For both rescue operations, Teryl Hall graciously lent her large back yard for the Meet-and-Greets with prospective adoptive families and fosters. Also, I can't forget Debbe Begley, who came to Teryl's early on May 15th to help groom and bathe all the puppy mill dogs. It was nice to have some help from someone who wasn't exhausted from the 18-hour straight-through drive to and from OK! Thanks, too, to all the **AGR** members who came to Teryl's home during one or both Meet-and-Greets to welcome the dogs, to the families that came to get them, and to those who contributed food and beverages: Debbe Begley, Kathy Blue, Dan Bultman, Tony Cotner, Louise Carreiro, Cricket Forstrom, Teri & Michelle Guilbault, Sandra Hansen, Sheila Joyce, Rae Pellegatti, Casey and Jane Pulis, Joy and Todd Slagowski with out-of-state friend-of-Rescue Susan Carlucci, Liz Tataseo, Michele Wehry, and Kathi Youhas. We were happy to meet some of our new families, too: Candy and Jerry Caldwell, Dave Kaiser, Kristie Rogers, Randy and Michael Schellenbaum, Charles Scholer, and Tom Sullivan.



Operation Gold Dust – the Texas Niners

The trip to Las Cruces was uneventful and the weather was good. Connie and Nick drove to Lordsburg, NM Friday



evening, April 30th and stayed overnight. The next day, after a leisurely drive during which they stopped to see a giant roadrunner made entirely out of recycled materials (the breast “feathers” were old shoes), they arrived in Las Cruces long before any of the rest of us. They reconnoitered the area and found a great



park relatively close to the I-10 freeway where we could meet and do the actual dog transfer. Bob and I left Glendale around 7:30 on

Saturday morning, May 1st, arriving in Las Cruces about 3:30 PM, a half hour before the group from TX got there. We all helped get the 9 dogs out and exercised, took a few minutes for photos, then headed toward Phoenix, getting in around 11:30 PM. Connie and Nick had 4 dogs in their car, and Bob and I had five. We were



Bob Youhas with Dukie, Jackie Mulkey with Nick, Deb Orwig, Pat Capin with Goldie, Nick Dodson, Darcy Larocshe with Daisy & Roxy, Kathy Simmons with Vanna, Scooby & Sandy, Emily Tuczowski with Major

not scheduled to be at Teryl’s for the Meet-and-Greet until 2 PM on Sunday, so we had some time to sleep in a little and feed and exercise the dogs before going there.

Connie had an interesting night at her house, though. She wrote: *We took the*

*dogs out of their crates and played with them awhile to get some of that cooped-up energy released and tried to go to bed about 1AM. We let **Sandy** (the ball fanatic) have the kitchen to herself. I foolishly thought that might allow me to get some sleep. I opened up my trusty flip chair to sleep on the floor with **Roxy**, **Scooby** and **Daisy**. Didn’t realize how*



Nick with Daisy, Scooby, Roxy and Sandy

*insecure poor **Roxy** was. She spent a good hour trying to sit on me and pacing around and then trying to sit on me. Then she would see her reflection in the patio doors so I had to get up to close the curtains. Eventually, around 3 AM she settled on my knees and the next thing I knew it was 5:30 and I couldn’t move my legs. **Daisy** and **Scooby** were happy to be on either side of the chair and did not have to actually lie on me. We took everyone out after breakfast and meds and they had a grand time. They all got along well, and **Roxy** had a 6 AM swim. **Sandy** is a real personality. She would roll her ball under the kitchen gate and then bark at it, so that I would have to get up and fetch it*



for her. So I pushed some blankets under the gate to stop the ball from rolling.



*Ha! **Sandy** then stood up on the gate and threw the ball over! She alternated that with pushing the ball through the slats. She really had me trained! Foster mom Sandra is really going to keep in shape fetching for **Sandy**.*

Bob and I had an interesting time at my house, too. Just before midnight, we got the dogs out of the van one at a time to potty in the back yard. Made the mistake of letting **Goldie** and her brother **Nick** off leash – **Goldie** promptly jumped into the pool! We got her to swim over to the stairs to get out, towed her off, and put both back in their crate in my car. **Major** was terrified of being in a crate, so before we left Las Cruces we had collapsed the 4th one I brought, put it underneath one of the others and gave him an uncrated space in the



way back of the van. So the dogs wouldn't get too hot being in the crates in the van in the garage overnight, I opened the side doors and both front windows of the van. We turned off the garage light and Bob crashed in my downstairs front bedroom. Just as he was falling asleep at 1 AM, he was awakened by scratching on the bedroom door that leads into the garage. **Major** had jumped on top of the smaller crates and gotten himself out of the van! So, he spent the night in the bedroom with Bob and was happy as a clam.



When we arrived at Teryl's house in the afternoon, Liz had all the adoption contracts and vet information ready to give to all the families. The prospective adopters of a couple of the dogs were out of town and were not able to pick up their new family members that day, so these

dogs went home with short-term fosters, but all the families that did come seemed to be quite happy with their new family member.



Some very happy dogs: Daisy with Charles (above left), Duke with Randy (above), Sandy with Sandra (left), Scooby with Casey & Jane Pulis



Vanna spent about a week as a foster at Joyce

Pence's before her forever family met her and immediately applied to adopt her. With **Major**, the initial placement didn't work out

well, so he was transferred to the foster home of Casey and Jane Pulis, where he still resides.

Connie's comment admirably summed up this rescue effort: *It was a real treat to see so many excellent dogs get new homes and to see how our two Rescues worked together to make it so.*

The May Day Gang

Those of us who have been in the Rescue business for years have participated in puppy mill dog rescues in the past and were expecting dogs in terrible condition both physically and emotionally (especially the latter). We were pleasantly surprised to find that all the May Day Gang dogs were very nice, congenial, personable and in good shape physically, except for **Joe**, who

was considerably overweight. The few males at puppy mills have often been kept as "house dogs", treated well and pampered, as they are used for stud with many females. So, we were expecting



the boys to be OK. **Joe** (photo at left) has some issues with noises (he is spooked by cars and trucks that pass by when he's on a walk), but **Buddy Boy** (right) is just a happy-go-lucky normal guy. The



females, who are kept as breeding dogs, are the ones that generally have the psychological problems. But our three are young enough (oldest was 11 months) that none had been bred yet, and they had not been kenneled in a too-small space long enough to develop emotional problems. Fortunately,



Kamie now Nala



Nakita now Molly



Wendy now Izzie

all are healthy, beautiful dogs. We are happy to have been able to offer these 5 dogs a new and wonderful life.

The transport of the puppy mill dogs was a long, tiring one. On the way east on May 13th, Teryl, Bob and I stopped in Albuquerque overnight. **AGR** member Greg Korycki, who lives in Austin, TX, flew to Oklahoma City on May 13th, helped Diane Jackson from **SGRR** pick up crates that afternoon, then helped her drive from OKC to Tulsa and back to Amarillo, TX on the 14th, where the



three of us driving east met them at about 3 PM (we left Albuquerque at 6:30 AM). Since it was raining rather heavily when we arrived at the transfer location (rain spots on the photo in front of Greg and Bob as they were unloading the TX van), we didn't take much time for

pleasantries, just transferred the dogs to our two vehicles, used the restroom and then headed back west; Diane drove back to OKC by herself. We drove straight through back to Teryl's house, making 3 pit stops and a dinner stop, switching drivers around at each one, taking the dogs out at the **Flying J Truck Stop** in Albuquerque, where we finally got out of the rain. It was



Wet Greg transferring Kamie



in Albuquerque that we first noticed **Joe's** reaction to car/truck noises. Every time a vehicle would pass by on the road below the grass area, he would hunker down and freeze; he never would do his business. We arrived at Teryl's around 12:30 AM on Saturday, having driven for 18 hours on Friday with a round-trip total of 1517 miles! Got the girls out of the crates first and let them run around Teryl's back yard

for about 20 minutes, recreated them in Teryl's garage, then brought the boys out one at a time and let each stretch his legs and do his business before returning each to his crate for the night.



Later in the morning around 9 AM, Greg, Bob and I went back to Teryl's to help her and Debbe Begley bathe the dogs and make them presentable for their new families – they were very stinky and full of badly matted fur!

We also fed them – first time they'd eaten anything for 36 hours, and they all chowed down just fine. Liz came by to deliver all the foster/FWITA paperwork, dog beds, food, and goodie bags that had been put together for each of the dogs with three toys and a can of tennis balls (puppy mill dogs have never had a bed or any toys to call their own). The Meet-and-Greet scheduled



Liz and Teryl removing Joe's mats before his bath



for 10 AM went well. **Nakita** went home with Sandra Hansen as a short-term foster, since her prospective adoptive family was out of town; same with **Kamie**, who went home with Cricket Forstrom. The **Caldwells** (photos

next column top), who were going to adopt **Buddy Boy**, came to meet him but had a week-long vacation scheduled for the next day, so **Buddy Boy** went home with foster Rae Pellegatti.



Six-year-old **Joe** stayed at Teryl's, as we did not have a placement for him then, and Teryl offered to work on his behavior issues. He is still at Teryl's as a foster, but he

is ready to go to a permanent home. Hopefully, we will have found a family for him by the time you read this.

We are grateful that we were



in a position both financially and with families waiting to adopt that we were able to rescue these fourteen out-of-state Golden Retrievers.

Thank you, again, to all who helped bring in these dogs and to all of you who made donations to aid us with the costs.

- 1) Susan Carlucci meeting Nakita & Kamie;
- 2) Teri Guilbault & Rae Pellegatti;
- 3) Michele with Nakita & Kamie;
- 4) Todd Slagowski with Kamie;
- 5) Sheila Joyce with Wendy;
- 6) Dan Bultman, experienced in microchipping, came to give Wendy hers, as that was the only vet work she still needed;
- 7) Michele with Joe



Happy New Life!



OVER THE RAINBOW

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

Daisy Blean



Duke Hansen



Charlie Hubler



Daisy Kraus



Emma Sue Thompson



Bob Weber, beloved husband of
AGR member Joyce Weber

Josephine Milani, beloved 104 1/2-year-
old grandmother of AGR members
Jeff and Carla Sager

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.

Charlie Hubler: On July 21, 2006 I was reading the problems RAGofAZ was having, as they were out of foster homes. I had just lost my beloved rescue boy **Wrangler** on June 22 and while I still had **Lucy**, **Copper**, and the resident Chi, there was a hole in my heart from missing **Wrangler**. I decided to foster **Megan**, a 13-year-old tripod whose cancer had returned and whom no one wanted to adopt. I picked **Megan** up from a boarding kennel. **Megan** was lying out in the dirt, filthy and tick infested. As I loaded her into my car the kennel person asked me if I was taking **Charlie** too. I asked who **Charlie** was and was told he was the Golden that was **Megan's** constant companion and that they had come in together. Both were said by the turn-in owners to be 13 years old. I was also told he fought other dogs that pushed **Megan** around. How could I separate them? I told her to get him and load him in my car with **Megan**. I was shocked speechless as she led **Charlie** to my car. He was HUGE, white and filthy dirty with ticks crawling all over his fur. He also had a couple of scars on his face from doing battle. I was afraid I was in way over my head and that **Charlie** would harm my little **Copper Devil Dawg** or my **Princess Lucy**. This was all unfounded. **Charlie** was the sweetest, happiest

dog that ever walked on Earth. And yes, he loved **Megan** truly. **Megan** passed away about 18 months later and **Charlie** grieved as dogs do, but he knew he was where he was loved and that someday he would see **Megan** once again. This morning, 6-8-10, at 8:15, my sweet **Charlie Brown** boy joined **Megan, Lucy, Wrangler** and **Komon** at the Rainbow Bridge. He only ever wanted to give love and be a best friend.

~ Joyce Hubler

Emma Sue Thompson: I received **The Golden Paw** [May] issue today, read it and cried. It is with a heavy heart that we inform those few of you who knew her that our dearest **Emma Sue** has gone to the Bridge. Her loss has left our house empty, Goldenless, for the first time in many years. No more welcoming of a wagging tail as we unlock the door. No more fur under the chair legs in the kitchen (Golden slippers, as we called them). No more quick retrieval of fallen food during meal preparations or quick clean-up as a grandchild dropped food. No more warm and fuzzy kisses and goodnight hugs as she shared the bed, her in her corner, since 8 weeks old, for 13 years and 9 months. **Emma** means nurse. We did not know that when we named her. It was prophetic because she nursed us through the loss of our first two Golden, **Jessica** and **Buffy**, that we lost three months apart. She brought joy back into our lives. Over the years, she saw many Golden come and go. She also greeted fosters with her sweet charm. A friend once told us that **Emma** was the "quintessential Golden." She got along with all dogs and had patience for children of all ages. Not an aggressive bone in her body. In our 43 years of marriage, during 41 of those years we have had at least two dogs at all times. At one point we enjoyed five wonderful Golden. Now the house is too empty. Too quiet. Too clean. We have been so consumed in our grief that we have been unable to tell anyone that **Emma** is gone. For now, all we have are our memories. But what great ones they are. I can look out back and in my mind I see Golden of various colors and sizes in the yard, running in circles in pure glee, rolling in the grass and chasing each other, or chasing a tennis ball. The yard seems such a waste now, without a Golden to appreciate it. It has been 10 weeks and yet we still expect her to come around the corner or peek over the hill at the back of the yard. The hardest is at the end of the day, when I can't hug her goodnight and tell her what a good girl she is. We tell ourselves that we won't get another Golden right now because we want to travel. The real reason is because we are unable to think of another dog right now. Our hearts are too broken, our emotions too raw. However, we are the lucky ones. We have been loved by Golden. We have been loved by **Emma Sue**, especially me. Oh, yes, she loved Don, but she simply adored me. I was the "chosen one." We grew old together. We grew gray together. Godspeed, **Emma Sue**. Greet the others for us, and let them know they are remembered: **Stephanie, Dolly, Daisey, and Jessica, Buffy, Kit, Sadie Lou, Nugget, Darlin', Chance, Bauer Bodine and Annabelle Lee**.

Our hearts may never recover from the loss of this precious Golden girl.

~ Carol Thompson

March Crew Chief a Founding Member of Dog Rescue Organization

By Staff Sgt. Megan Crusher
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Staff Sgt. Patrick Doyle, a crew chief with the 752nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, drives a sports utility vehicle that is curiously decorated with dozens of paw print decals and Golden Retriever stickers. But the vehicle's extra flair isn't just an

expression of Sergeant Doyle's enthusiasm for dogs; it is to spread awareness about a Golden Retriever Rescue organization that Sergeant Doyle helped to create.

Arizona Golden Rescue is a 236-member, non-profit organization that fosters Golden Retrievers until they are able to find permanent homes. The organization has found homes for 49 dogs since it began last year. In addition to being a founding member of the organization, Sergeant Doyle is an adoptive parent to two rescued Golden Retrievers.

Arizona Golden Rescue members take each new rescued dog to the veterinarian to be medically cleared, a process which includes a check-up, being spayed or neutered and tests for heartworm and valley fever. The veterinarian also implants an electronic chip that will eventually carry the new owner's contact information in case the dog becomes lost.

"You can adopt a Golden from us and if it's got any medical issues, we will take care of the medical issues for you," said Sergeant Doyle. "You're pretty much getting a brand new dog."

Dogs normally come to **Arizona Golden Rescue** after being given up by their previous owner. In other cases, the dogs have come from local animal shelters, no-kill organizations,



veterinary clinics or they are found wandering neighborhoods.

Sergeant Doyle said the *Arizona Humane Society* recently found a four-month-old Golden Retriever puppy alone on the streets. They determined the puppy had parvovirus. Thanks to the immediate intervention of *Arizona Golden Rescue*, who picked up the puppy from the *AHS* only 20 minutes before he was to be euthanized and took him to a local veterinarian with an isolation room [the puppy's life was saved]. The puppy, named **Duncan**, is now healthy and has been welcomed into a permanent home.

Although *Arizona Golden Rescue* is a breed-specific organization, members will help any dog in need, often coordinating with similar rescue organizations for other breeds of dogs. Two year ago, Sergeant Doyle rescued a Border Collie and was able to find him a home through a Border Collie Rescue organization.

"If it's not a Golden Retriever we don't just walk away," said Sergeant Doyle.

Arizona Golden Rescue is based in Phoenix, but doesn't consider themselves confined to that area. In one extraordinary case, an *Arizona Golden Rescue* member was serving in the military in Kosovo and while volunteering at a local animal shelter there, she discovered two Golden Retrievers.

Sergeant Doyle said she accompanied them to Arizona at her own expense and surrendered them to a Golden Retriever Rescue. The dogs were adopted as a pair and are now doing well. When the woman returned to Arizona the following year, she brought with her a third rescued Golden Retriever that she ended up adopting.

In the past, members of *Arizona Golden Rescue* have driven all the way to El Paso, Texas, to pick up homeless Golden Retrievers and transport them back to Arizona for adoption. "In El Paso, there are more dogs than potential adopters and in Arizona, there are more approved-to-adopt families than there are dogs to adopt," Sergeant Doyle said.

Currently, *Arizona Golden Rescue* has approximately 40 people on the adoption waiting list with only one rescued dog needing a home. Before any dog is adopted, *Arizona Golden Rescue* screens potential new owners and conducts home visits.

"We are extremely particular about where our dogs go," said Sergeant Doyle.

In fact, *Arizona Golden Rescue* never completely transfers ownership of the dogs they have rescued. The organization keeps in contact with the adoptive families and stipulates in a contract that the dogs cannot be euthanized or given away without permission.

The cost for adoption varies year to year, based on the expenses of the organization in caring for the rescued dogs. This year, the cost for adoption is between \$250 and \$350 based on the age of the dog.

Last year, two dogs had treatment costs that were as high as \$8,000, and the cost for several others was in the thousands. One dog came to *Arizona Golden Rescue* with a transmissible

venereal tumor, a ruptured cruciate ligament and was found to have three bullets in her. Her vet bill was over \$5,000. All of these dogs are now recovered and have been placed in permanent homes. The average amount *Arizona Golden Rescue* spent on medical treatment for the dogs they rescued last year was over \$900, said Deb Orwig, President of *Arizona Golden Rescue*.

Sergeant Doyle, who is currently at March AFB for seasonal training with the 752nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, has been rescuing Golden Retrievers for six years and is the facilities manager for *Arizona Golden Rescue*. Sergeant Doyle is also responsible for setting up fundraising events, which are crucial to meet the organization's expenses not covered by the adoption fees.

Past fundraising events included: Meet-and-Greets at *PetSmart* and *Petco* and gift wrapping at *Barnes & Noble*. During the holidays, Sergeant Doyle dresses up as Santa and pet owners can give a donation in exchange for a portrait of their pet with Santa.

Last year, *Arizona Golden Rescue* participated in a bowl-a-rama and hosted a golf tournament. This year in addition to these events, *AGR* will be sponsoring a casino night with a large raffle and a silent auction.

Two of Sergeant Doyle's three dogs are rescued. The latest addition to his canine family is a 14-year-old dog named Sandy who had three previous homes, is a cancer survivor and had severe thunder phobia. She is now a happy, well-adjusted dog.

Sergeant Doyle is still amazed at all the acts of generosity he's witnessed during his years volunteering with animal rescue.

Arizona Golden Rescue President Orwig, for example, holds meetings in her home and feeds all the members herself. She also houses dogs before they've been medically screened and currently has a 14-month-old puppy that she's giving additional training to before she will release him for adoption.

"Every time you turn around somebody's doing something extremely cool to help out," said Sergeant Doyle.



Health Tip

You may be tempted to let your dog hang her head out of an open car window when your vehicle is moving. Please don't allow this, unless you want to risk ending up with a dog that is blind in one or both eyes. The dog's eyeballs may dry out to the point of damaging the eye. The third eyelid can get very inflamed and require weeks of treatment. An object like dust, a rock, or an insect could hit the dog's eye, causing permanent injury. And, horror upon horrors, your dog could fall out the window and break her leg or neck, or get hit by another car.

HERE and THERE

Events from mid April through July 10, 2010

We had a very busy and fun spring quarter with something going on somewhere virtually every weekend and sometimes on both weekend days or in two different places on the same weekend day. Your membership in our organization will be more fulfilling for you if you get involved and join us, especially if you are one of our adopters. Our Meet-and-Greets are a great way to socialize both you and your dog. Our fundraisers are FUN raisers! Please regularly check our website calendar – www.arizonagoldenrescue.org – for dates and times of upcoming events. We'd like to include your picture in this section in future issues.

Family Fun Expo in El Mirage

By Debbe Begley



On Saturday April 24th, the Luke West Valley Recreational Center hosted a Family Fun Expo day. The day included Wiener Dog and Chihuahua races; Police K9 demonstrations from Avondale and Tolleson; skateboard, softball and basketball competitions; fun booths for the kids; and pet adoptions from various rescues. Bob Youhas helped us set up our booth, and we enjoyed the day meeting and greeting with the families. Our volunteers for the day included Deb Orwig with **Hayden, Rocky, Troy, Ladybird** and **Jimmy**; Kathi Youhas with **Bennie**; and Tony Cotner with **Daisy**. Teryl Hall stopped by to take **Jimmy** around the park for awhile, and Julie Hall also stopped by to say hello. Patrick and I brought **Annabelle, Khakidawg** and **Sandy**. The event was nicely attended. We made a few good contacts and collected \$29.50 in donations and sold \$99.00 in merchandise. Toward the end of the day, the event coordinator approached us and asked if we could join the "Stupid Pet Trick" contest. Since I do not



consider anything our dogs do as "stupid", I did not say anything until everyone else announced that my dogs sing. So, **Khaki** and **Sandy**, with the Orwig Gang as backup howlers, trotted over to the stage to do their own version of "I'm An Arizona Golden" to the tune of "Yankee Doodle Dandy". Their efforts were not in vain. We won first place and were awarded a \$25.00 **Petco** gift card and a little engraved dog tag. Not bad for an unrehearsed performance.

Silverado Senior Living Center

By Debbe Begley

We were invited to participate in the Adopt-A-Pet event held at **Silverado Senior Living Center** in Scottsdale on May 1st. **Silverado** is a residential care center for persons with Alzheimer's and dementia. Pet therapy is very



Tony and Kathi behind table; Sandy, Khakidawg and Bennie out front

beneficial to them, and we were delighted to be there. We set up our booth in one of the alcoves and spent the day interacting with the residents and guests. They all seemed to enjoy having the dogs there. One lady sat in a chair and had a lengthy conversation with



Annabelle for about an hour. **Annabelle** sat and listened attentively to her every word. That did not surprise me because **Annabelle** loves to be the center of attention. There were a lot of other rescue groups there including one with a llama that strolled around the halls

delighting the residents and guests. Helping me and **Khakidawg** at this event were Patrick Doyle with **Sandy** and **Annabelle**, Kathi Youhas with **Bennie** and Tony Cotner with **Daisy**. We didn't make any money except for the toys purchased by Tony for **Daisy**, but we did meet a lot of nice people and had a new member family join our organization, Candy and Jerry Caldwell. They have since adopted **Buddy Boy**, who was one of the dogs that came to us from Oklahoma. The money we collect at these Meet-and-Greets is not as important to us as the visibility and contacts that we make by attending. Attracting new members, fosters and adopters is how we find new homes for incoming dogs.

Camelback VW/Subaru/Mazda

By Debbe Begley



Louise and Lilly

During a Board discussion about asking for sponsorships for Casino Nite and our golf tournament, Louise Carter Carreiro offered to approach **Camelback VW/Subaru/Mazda**. She and her husband, John, have purchased several cars from this dealership over the years and felt that they might be willing to sponsor our events. The general manager, Mark Exposito, offered to allow us to set up our Meet-and-Greet tables in both VW and Mazda showrooms for a weekend, and said

he would make a donation based on how many cars were sold while we were there. That turned out to be far more lucrative for us than a sponsorship!

Upon Mark's suggestion, we chose Memorial Day weekend, as he told us their sales are generally higher on holiday weekends. In attendance during one or both of the two days were Louise Carter Carreiro with **Big** one day and **Lilly** the other day; Bob and Kathi Youhas had **Bennie** and **Krissie** with them on Saturday and **Miki** and **Leo** on Sunday. **NinAnnie** was there with Michele Wehry; Katie Dona-



Louise with Lilly, Dana with Daisy & Rocky Jr., Gail with Riley, Sandra with Sasha (Connie's girl) and Duke



Rick with Shiloh, Kathi with Leo, Katie with her 3, Debbie holding Troy & Ladybird, Tony with Sandy, Rocky & Jimmy

brought **Bailey**, and Sheila Joyce came with therapy dogs **McKenna** and **Holly**. Tony Cotner was escorted by **Daisy** and little **Rocky Jr.** He looked so cute in a grown-up-size donation vest! He reminds



Jimmy, Troy, Ladybird, Hayden and Rocky

me of a little orphan wearing hand-me-down clothes. Deb Orwig brought the whole Orwig pack: foster **Jimmy, Troy, Ladybird, Hayden and Rocky**. Sandra Hansen was there with **Duke**, and Rick and Debbie Ball had **Shiloh** with them. Larry

Jessup brought **Honeybear** and delivered some donations for Casino Nite. Julie Hall stopped by with more donations as well. Ter-yl Hall and Trystan Schuff joined the group and so did Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**. I brought my two singing seniors, **Khakidawg** and **Sandy**. They entertained us with a couple of bark-a-longs. We didn't really work very hard. Mostly we just sat around with the dogs and greeted the car shoppers. Connie McCabe stopped by to get photos of



Khakidawg says, "I'm ready to go for a ride!"



Sandy singing for her Casino

Nite Wanted Poster.

We had fun getting the dogs crowded around the shiny new showroom cars without leaving too much hair and nose prints on them. The weekend turnout was great for us, as **Camelback Mazda/VW** sold 20 cars and we received a check for \$2000.00 plus the \$242 the dogs collected in their donation vests. Mark was very

pleased and has invited us back. We will enjoy being there again!

Phoenix Pet Expo

By Debbe Begley

A new event came to Phoenix this year. *The Amazing Pet Expo* was held at the **University of Phoenix Stadium** on June 12th. When we were first invited to participate in this event way back in December, we were informed that the **Pet Expo** held in New Orleans attracted over 10,000 people. Deb and I decided this would be a better summer event for us than **Big Boys & Their Toys** (which, as it turns out, was not held this year), so we booked a space. Right before the scheduled date, I was contacted by the event organizer



Julie Hall, and Jodi & Jay Koblick in booth; aisle to left of banner led to food concessions

to select our booth location. We had paid extra for a corner booth, and I selected one right inside the entrance, not knowing at the time that the aisle down the side led to the food concessions. Wow, what a prime piece of real estate that turned out to be! Everyone

who came in the door had to walk by us; everyone wanting something to eat had to walk by us. We had plenty of room to display all of our merchandise and more room against the



Crowd as seen from the wall looking towards the booth



Debbe Begley taking a break from selling merchandise to talk with Dana & Gail Haywood

wall opposite the booth for our dogs to meet and greet the crowd. We were right next to Gabriel's Angels, which was also a crowd



Jan Newland with Daisy, Amy Ottesen with Kara

magnet. All of the dogs worked hard all day, and were wonderful ambassadors.

Our staff of volunteers for the day included Deb Orwig with **Ladybird**, **Troy** and foster **Jimmy**; Rick and Debbie Ball showing off **Shiloh**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley** and their Guard Poodle **Gonzo**. Bob and Kathi Youhas brought **Miki** with them. Sandra Hansen had **Duke** at her side and Sheila Joyce brought **McKenna**



Sam & Felix Takach with Simba, Nala, Ladybird and Jimmy

and **Holly**. Fred and Betsy Brown also attended with **Sassy**. We had some new faces in the group: Samantha and Felix Takach brought



Rick & Debbie Ball with Troy and Shiloh

Simba and **Nala** and Amy Otteson attended with **Kara**. They seemed to be enjoying themselves and I hope they continue to volunteer! Dan Bultman stopped by for awhile with **Mandeeshine**, as did Jan and Joe Baselice with **Cody** and Jason Cullen with **Presley**. Tony Cotner's sister, Jan Newland, brought **Daisy**, as Tony was out of town. Julie Hall, Teryl Hall, Trystan Schuff and her friend Kassey Cameron were there



Bob & Kathi Youhas with Miki and Sassy with Fred & Betsy Brown



Duke was always a favorite with the kids

dogless to help out, as were Jodi and Jay Koblick. I also chose to go dogless as I knew we were going to be very busy and that there would be too much noise for my senior girls. David and Jeannette Morrocco have moved back to Phoenix from New York and came by for awhile. It is nice to have them back! We picked up two new membership applications, one adoption application and talked to so many people interested in our organization that our voices were fading by the end of the

day. About 3:45 PM, the event coordinator came to our booth to "remind" us that someone from our group was scheduled to speak on stage at 4:15 PM. The topic was "Cat-to-Dog Introductions." We have yet to discover who signed us up for this presentation, but after both our behaviorist, Teryl Hall, and I declined to speak in front of the crowd, Deb Orwig got up there and ad libbed on the topic, as well as on dog-dog introductions, for 15 minutes.

We sold \$671.00 in merchandise and the donation dogs collected \$277.64 in their vests. That brought our total for the one-day event to \$948.64 – this revenue paid for this year's booth and next year's booth with over \$125 extra profit. The last report that I received said that the **Phoenix Pet Expo** attracted over 12,000 attendees. WOW! We have already booked the same space for next year.



Our new 2011 calendar, **A Touch of Gold**, will be ready soon. Connie's stunning photo of our adorable puppies, **Tessa** and **Augie**, with a background of colorful flowers will make you want to give copies to everyone you know! Use the enclosed Order Form to order before September 1st, and you will not have to pay for postage, only the \$10 per calendar fee.



By Debbe Begley



The Golden Paw Saloon and Gambling Hall opened its doors for the first time on Saturday June 19th at the *El Zaribah Shrine* Auditorium. The room was set in an authentic-looking “Gunsmoke” theme complete with a rickety “Bad Dog Territorial Jail,” red-checked tablecloths, mason jars filled with beans and flowers and a couple of bales of hay to sit on. The walls were adorned with Wanted Posters of dogs

that have become notorious for various different behaviors, and folks were lining up at the *Golden Paw National Bank* to purchase more gambling chips. Our guests were greeted by our very own version of “Miss Kitty” and the dance hall girls.



The Board and “The Law”



Her saloon girls, also dressed in flashy dresses, were me, Liz Tataseo, Kathi Youhas, Katie Donahue and Teri Guilbault. We all sashayed around the room all evening keeping the cowboys and cowgirls smiling. “Matt Dillon” (John Carreiro) was looking quite dapper in his black coattails and big cowboy hat.



The saloon offered blackjack, craps, roulette, poker and a few slot machines that were



the dealers conspired together to send the two pit bosses to jail. Sheriff Eileen Proctor and her

brought in by *A Casino Nite Arizona*. Our bank tellers, Katie Donahue and Merissa Orwig (left), were kept busy all evening. Just to make sure there was no hanky panky going on at the tables,



deputy Jeanne Hopkins tossed them both into the Territorial Jail that had been constructed by Bob Youhas. It really looked as

if it had been standing there since 1880 with its crooked bars and squeaky cell door. As the evening progressed, other “outlaws” found themselves



in the pokey, hoping to get bailed out. Our banker, Kevin Enriquez from *Chase Bank* (above right) where we keep our accounts, even spent some time in jail due to “keeping all of *AGR’s* money.” We just wanted to make sure he knows we have an eye on him and our money! Sheriff Eileen had to remind him there were no cell phones in the 1880s!



Dinner consisted of a nice country buffet of Bar-B-Que chicken sandwiches with beans, coleslaw and chips, with chocolate-cherry cake for dessert. The food was very good, and I don’t think anyone went home hungry. The cash bar was open all evening, but the thirsty trail riders all behaved themselves.

Shawn Jessup, an *AGR* member



and a professional DJ (*Music in Motion*), played some nice country-dance music throughout the evening and he and his guests from *Music in Motion* scooted their boots across the dance floor.

Anne Kowalski was the big winner of the evening at the gaming tables. She played a little blackjack, won some extra chips, then took all her chips to the roulette table. Against the advice of the dealer, she placed them all on number 5. The marble landed in



number 5 and paid off 10 to 1, so Anne cashed in all her 4000 or so chips for raffle tickets and hustled off to the raffle area with a boatload of raffle tickets which she

spent on items she thought her grandchildren, who will be visiting in July, would like. She ended up winning eight fabulous raffles, one of which was the Phoenix Zoo raffle shown above!

Our raffle and silent auction offered a spectacular array of items to tempt our guests. Some of the items were a *Louis Vuitton* handbag, western art wall hangings, a lighted John Wayne wall plaque, beautiful theme baskets, several golf course gift certificates, exquisite jewelry, lots of popular electronics



and some beautiful dog paintings. Each raffle and silent auction item had a poker-hand-of-cards tag which described everything in the basket or collection of items. There were three baskets dedicated to the memory of dogs that had gone to the Bridge.



Each of these had a pair-of-dice tag with the dog's photo and a description of the basket's contents. All of these donated items that are won or sold at our events help us support our incoming dogs. *AGR* member Pat Morgan won the grand prize for the evening, a 2-night stay in Las Vegas for two, including airfare and \$250.00 spending cash.



There was a lot of laughter and hoopla going on all evening. It

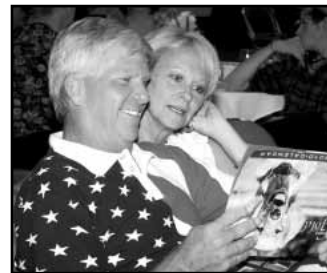
looked like everyone had a great time.

The evening ended with Deb up on the stage with our Guest of Honor Dog **Jimmy**. **Jimmy** has been Deb's



foster for quite some time. He came to us as a young backyard dog who had no training and no manners. He was really wild and unruly, certainly not ready to be adopted. **Jimmy** made the rounds all night meeting, greeting, sitting for photos and reminding everyone why these events are so important. It is "For The Dogs." All of the daily training and interaction he has received at "Camp Orwig" have certainly turned him into a truly good dog, ready to be a wonderful addition to someone's family.

It took a lot of work and a lot of volunteers to plan and create our first annual *Golden Paw Saloon and Gambling Hall Casino Nite*.



John Gunby & Diana Rittenhouse looking at *AGR's* fabulous 2010 calendar

Deb Orwig and I spent countless hours tracking and sorting donations, assembling baskets (with a great deal of help from Liz Tataseo), preparing the program and performing many other tasks that are required to stage an event of this nature. I would like to thank everyone who helped bring this event together. Shirley Howard from *El Zaribah Shrine*, who

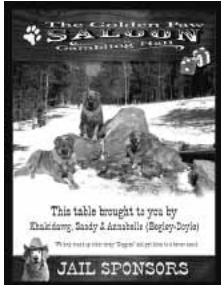
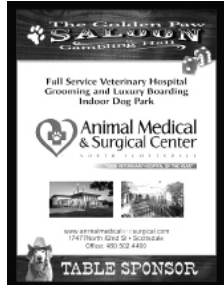
made possible for us the use of the beautiful facility, Jan Schreiner from *A Casino Nite Arizona* for sending over the great gambling tables and dealers, Shawn Jessup for providing the music all evening, Eileen Proctor (our Sheriff) and Deputy Jeanne Hopkins for arresting all of the "Outlaws," Bob Youhas for building the "Bad Dog Territorial Jail," Teri and Michelle Guilbault for all of the beautiful table decorations, Jack Begley for helping construct the sign posts that displayed all of our table sponsorships, Connie McCabe for all of her amazing graphics and photography, Debbie Easley from *Bert Easley's Fun Shop* for donating the use of the saloon dresses, Julie Hall for all of the great items she collected for the raffle and auction, John Gunby for acquiring all of the golf certificates from courses all over Arizona, and all of the other volunteers who helped with set-up



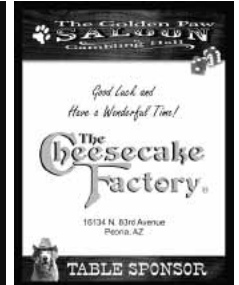
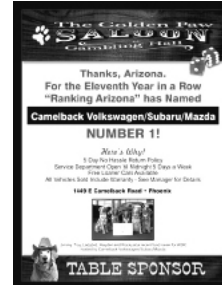
Erin Orwig & Ruth Pulliam handled guest check-in

during the event and with clean-up. These included Jessie Apolar, Kasey Cameron, Louise Carter Carreiro, Tony Cotner, Nick Dodson, Katie Donahue, Patrick Doyle, Karin Forsythe, Julie Hall, Teryl Hall, Larry Jessup, Joyce Johnston, Sheila Joyce, Tracy Keen, Jodi Koblick, Jan Newland, Erin Orwig, Merissa Orwig, Brian Pulliam, Ruth Pulliam, Beverly Ruth, Trystan Schuff, Liz Tataseo, Joyce Weber, Michele Wehry and Bob and Kathi Youhas. With the help and generosity of all of those involved, our first Casino Nite fundraiser netted us a profit of \$9,950! I can hardly wait until next year – it will be even bigger and better! I hope to see everyone there!

Casino Nite Sponsors and Donors

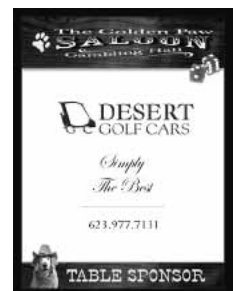


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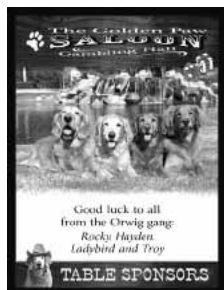
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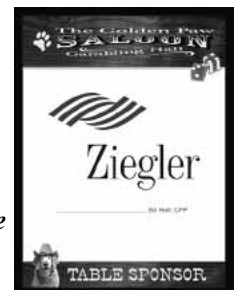
In the above list of Item Donors, names of contributing businesses are italicized and in boldface type. Your patronage of our supporting businesses will help ensure their willingness to contribute to *AGR* for future events. Thank you for your consideration.



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Special Thanks to our terrific Gaming Table Sponsors

Their table signs, arranged around the edge of this page, were created by Connie McCabe and produced by Christina Kotylak at Fairway Recognition



Meet-and-Greets at Choice Pet Market

By Deb Orwig



Jay, Jodi, Tony, Amy, Deb & Blake with Hayden, Daisy, Gonzo, Bruce, Sweetie, Jimmy & Kara

lies who met us at this store and received numerous applications from others. The donations that come from **Choice Pet Market** customers, as well as from people



just strolling by the attractive storefront, have been great.

gift cards to purchase items for our Casino Nite raffle and will use more to do the same for our upcoming golf tourna-



"Rise up, Joey!", a new trick - Peter has taught Joey to walk on his hind legs

Choice Pet Market also gives **AGR** a \$50 gift card every time we set up there and a 20% discount on anything we buy. I used most of these



ment. I used others to purchase good-quality food for the puppy mill dogs that arrived in May. All **AGR** members also get a perpetual discount on **Choice Pet Market** merchandise; once your name is in their computer, you will get the discount at either the Glendale store or the one at 72nd St and Shea Blvd in Scottsdale, where we will begin having appearances in July. We thank

Choice Pet Market at 67th Ave and Beardsley Rd in Glendale has been a wonderful venue for regular Meet-and-Greets. This past quarter, we were there on April 25th, May 22nd and 29th, June 5th, July 3rd and July 10th. We have adopted two dogs to fami-



Jimmy and Troy know that store manager Adam Avigdor always has goodies for them behind the counter



Choice Pet Market for their terrific support! We encourage you to shop there if you are anywhere within a reasonable distance of either store.



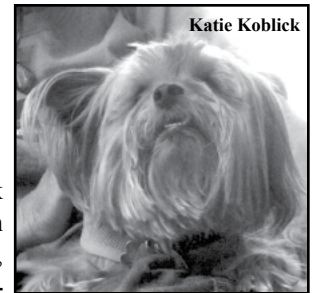
This lady had just lost a Golden, so she came by to get some Golden hugs

Helping me and my canine gang of **Rocky, Hayden, Lady-**



Liz, Jodi & Tony with Rocky, Gonzo, Daisy, Hayden, Troy, Jimmy & Ladybird

bird, Troy and foster boy **Jimmy** at some or all of this past quarter's Meet-and-Greets were: Debbe Begley



Katie Koblick



The Haywoods came from Apache Junction to Glendale to help out

and Patrick Doyle with **Sandy, K h a k i - dawg** and **Annabelle**, Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky Jr.** or **Goldie**; Karin Forsythe with **Bailey**; Teri and Michelle Guilbault with **Fresno** and



Karin and Bailey



Bruce Ottesen

Jackson; Sandra Hansen with **Duke**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**;

Jodi and Jay Koblick, who brought their very mellow Shih-Tsu **Katie** once; Amy Ottesen and nephew Blake with **Bruce** and **Kara**; Liz Tatasco with **Gonzo** or **Sweetie**; Ingrid and Karie Wilson with **Jazzy** and **Bailey** (photo at right "doing their job"); and Peter Wong with **Joey** and **Sandy**. Thanks to all of you!



Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart Stores

By Connie McCabe, Debbe Begley & Teri Guilbault

We now do Meet-and-Greets at three different **PetSmart** stores on the West Side – 57th Ave/Northern Ave, 91st Ave between Olive and Peoria Aves, and Lake Pleasant Pkwy/Happy Valley Rd – and are about to add a fourth in the East Valley at **Tempe Marketplace** (1900 E Rio Salado Pkwy) in Tempe. All stores are good venues at which we can spread the word about our organization’s existence and meet potential adoptive families. We thank Connie McCabe for chairing the 57th Ave store, Debbe Begley for chairing the 91st Ave store and Teri Guilbault for chairing the Happy Valley Rd store. Angela Palumbo will be chairing the **Tempe Marketplace** store. Please offer to help when and where you can – the schedule of appearances is on our website calendar.

57th Ave/Northern Ave, Glendale

Many thanks to Karen, **Caesar** and **Star** Davis, who joined **Yoshi** and **Zoie** with me at **PetSmart** today, April 11th. Also, thank you to my hubby, Nick Dodson, who took time from his very busy day to help me set up and pack up. We made a lot of friends and gave out several applications. We had good donations and it was a GORGEOUS day in the shade.



We had a very busy Mother’s Day, May 9th, made a lot of friends and over \$82.

Sasha and I were joined by Pat Morgan with **Dixie**, Denise Padavano, Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**, Sandra Hansen with **Duke** and **Sandy** (photo above), and Susan Parker with **Jo Jo** and **Jack** (at right). There were some really cute kids today! Many thanks to all the great folks who came out.



Duke was always a favorite with the kids. Since he has crossed the Rainbow Bridge (see page 19), we will miss his smiling face at our events.

91st Ave, Peoria



April 11th was the scheduled Sunday for our regular **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet at 91st Avenue between Olive and Peoria Aves in Peoria. In attendance were Bob and Kathi Youhas with **Miki** and Tony Cotner with **Daisy**. I (Debbe) brought **Khakidawg** and **Sandy** with me.

Peter Wong came by with **Joey** and **Sandy** and entertained us and the shoppers with a delightful afternoon performance. I never get tired of watching Peter’s dogs do their tricks. Their trained behaviors include mailing a letter, picking up all of the toys and putting them in the toy box and rolling on a large tube. They can even add and subtract. I have watched Peter work with his dogs for several years, and I still cannot figure out how they always get the right answers to the math questions. I guess they are smarter than 5th graders. We had a nice afternoon meeting and greeting and came away with \$64.35.



On Sunday, May 9th, we were at the 91st Ave **PetSmart** once again for our regular Meet-and-Greet. The weather was getting a bit warmer so the traffic was light. I had **Khakidawg** and **Sandy** with me; we were joined by Bob and Kathi Youhas

with **Bennie** and Tony Cotner with **Daisy**. We chatted with the shoppers and handed out some literature. Generally while we are there, I take advantage of the convenience and take my girls into the grooming salon to get their nails trimmed. **Khaki** went first without any incident. When the groomer brought her back outside, I handed her **Sandy’s** leash. Sweet old **Sandy** stopped cold in her paw prints and refused to go. The look on her face said

“Mom, HELP! She is stealing me!” What is it about a simple nail trim that creates such drama? Oh well, we had a nice afternoon and the dogs collected \$50.00 in donations.

On June 13th, Pat Morgan with **Dixie** and Sheila Joyce with **Holly** and **McKenna** (no **Tessa** yet) joined me (Connie) and **Zoie** at the **PetSmart** on 91st Ave – thanks to all of you and also to Nick, who managed to help



me set up before he went to the shelter to rescue **Murphy**. We had a slow but nice day. You will see in the photo at right **McKenna** with one of the cutest little girls I have ever seen. I was so impressed with her dad’s gentleness with **McKenna**, too.



Lake Pleasant Pkwy/Happy Valley Rd, Peoria



Teri and Fresno

On Saturday, April 17th, we had a Meet-and-Greet at the **PetSmart** location at Lake Pleasant Pkwy and Happy Valley Rd in Peoria. Joining my daughter, Michelle, and me (Teri) with our babies, **Blossom**, **Goldie**, **Jesse** and **Fresno** were Deb Orwig and her crew, **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird** and **Troy**,



Tony and Daisy

along with foster boy, **Jimmy**, Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**, Tony Cotner with his girl **Daisy**, and Jodi Koblick. For our first time out, we did reasonably well, receiving about \$57 in donations. My camera battery died, but Deb got a couple of photos.

Our Meet-and-Greet at the **PetSmart** store at Lake Pleasant Pkwy and Happy Valley Rd in Peoria on Saturday, May 8th, started out slow but ended up pretty well. Joining me and my fur kids, **Blossom**, **Goldie**, **Fresno** and **Jesse** were my daughter, Michelle, my husband, Jeff, Liz Tataseo and **Gonzo**, Tony Cotner and **Daisy**, Liz



Sawtschenko and her daughter, Christina, with **Gus** and **Sunny**, and Ingrid Wilson with **Jazzy** and **Bailey**. We collected \$61.36, gave out our information to a couple of interested folks, talked to a lot of people and had a really nice day. Thanks, everyone, for coming out!

We were at the Peoria **PetSmart** location at Lake Pleasant Pkwy and Happy Valley Rd on Sunday, June 6th. We had a great day meeting people, handing out information on our organization and collecting donations of over \$70.



Rob & Ingrid Wilson with Jazzy, Bailey and Izzy

On hand with me, my daughter, Michelle, and our girl **Blossom**, were Bob Youhas with **Bennie**, Sandra Hansen with **Duke**, and Ingrid Wilson with her son, Rob, and daughter, Karie, and three Golden kids, **Jazzy**, **Bailey** and **Izzy**. We had a great time!

Dog Day at the Library

By Deb Orwig



Deb with Rocky, Steph and Cynthia with Tag, Sheila with McKenna, Liz T with Sweetie and Liz S with Sunny

Six of us **AGR** members were welcomed by the **Desert Foothills Library** in Cave Creek to participate in their summer



Sunny

Dog Day at the Library on June 23rd. Those who joined me and **Rocky** included Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**; Stephanie Harding and Cynthia Wenström with **Tag**, who is technically Steph’s dog, but Cynthia cares for her when Steph is work-



Liz & Sweetie



McKenna, a TDI, Inc. certified Therapy Dog like Rocky, had not done a reading-with-kids program before – she seemed to enjoy it

ing in Afghanistan, which she left for the next day; Liz Sawtschenko with **Sunny**; and Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie**. The idea was for the



Rocky has been doing reading programs with elementary school kids for 4 years. Last year, he was a regular once-a-month visitor to the after-school tutoring program sponsored by Desert Foothills Library; the young lady in this photo was one of his regular once-a-week readers at Black Mountain Elementary in north Scottsdale



Tag and Steph

children to read to the dogs. However, the kids spent more time petting than reading, and we spent as much time talking to parents and other

adults about our Rescue as we did listening to stories. It was fun, though, and we got some good PR for our group. Our thanks to Jaime Hansen, Children's Librarian at **Desert Foothills Library**, for inviting us and for taking the group photo, and to all the patient canines and **AGR** members who attended.



When I Got My New Dog

I asked for strength that I might rear her perfectly;
 I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.
 I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;
 I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.
 I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;
 I was given a clown that I might laugh.
 I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;
 I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.

I got nothing I asked for,
 But everything that I needed.

~Author Unknown

Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

By Deb Orwig



Dust off those golf clubs, find a hat and a collared shirt, and get ready to participate in our second annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* on Saturday, August 28th. It is a 4-person scramble format, 7:30 AM shotgun start at the beautiful Camelback Golf Club in Paradise Valley. Spectacular raffle and silent auction items are accumulating – golf certificates, restaurant

certificates, liquor, art, dog stuff, jewelry, and many unusual items. The goodie bags are going to be fabulous this year, and of course, we will have our famous neck coolers available for everyone! The fee is \$100 per golfer, no discount per golfer for a foursome. Hole sign sponsorships are available for \$200, \$150 if a foursome is also purchased. A gourmet Italian lunch is included in the registration fee. You can register now at www.birdeasepro.com/AGR

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams, as well as for longest drive and closest-to-the-pin for both men and women. Ball stuck in the rough? No problem! We have a special gift for everyone who participates: a Big Daddy Driver, a golf club-shaped battery-powered weed whacker that actually cuts the grass!

We had 108 registered golfers last year, and this year we expect a full course, so register right away to reserve your spot.

Not a golfer but want to help? We will need volunteers on Friday, August 27th late afternoon/early evening to help with set-up; we will need volunteers at the golf club very early (6 AM) on Saturday to help with registration, goodie bag distribution and selling raffle tickets; we will need volunteers with **AGR**-adopted dogs to arrive at 6 AM to welcome the golfers as they register (to remind them why they are golfing) and to participate in a Parade of Rescue just before the golfers drive their golf cars off to the fairway. We will need volunteers to help with the raffle and silent auction after the golfers come back to the clubhouse; we will need at least one volunteer to be in charge of our merchandise sales table during the event. And, of course, we would appreciate help with clean up.

The most help needed, however, is right now. There are still a few weeks until our deadline for receiving raffle and silent auction donations, golf and lunch-only registrations, and hole sponsorships. We have rescued 56 dogs this year, several of which

have had some serious medical issues that have cost us a lot of money. Your membership fees and kind donations have all been extremely helpful and gratefully appreciated and have kept us afloat so far, but we really need the projected income from the golf tournament to feel comfortable.

If you have any business connections that might be willing to spend \$200 for a hole sponsorship and the advertising opportunities that it provides (they also will get advertising on the golf car GPS display, in the event program, and in the November issue of this newsletter), please ask them. If you have any new item that you received for some gift-giving occasion that you have never used and don't need, donate it – the retail value of the item will be tax deductible. If you have an extra \$20, \$50, or whatever, donate it as a Tail Waggin' Sponsor – any amount will help make the tournament be a success. And, join us at the event for a fabulous Tuscany lunch, an Italian buffet catered by the **J.W. Marriott Golf Grill**. It will fill you up so much you won't want dinner that evening! During and after lunch, you will be able to participate in our terrific raffle and silent auction.



Please support this event in some way – it will be our most important fundraiser of the year, and it will allow us some significant breathing room financially.

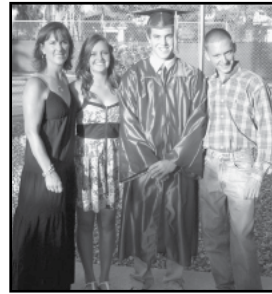
Contact Debbe Begley at 602-290-9787 or at khakidawg@cox.net if you can help as a volunteer. Contact Teri Turner at 623-628-9430 or at fore.paws@yahoo.com if you have trouble registering to play golf, to sponsor a hole, and/or to have lunch at the event; contact Deb Orwig at 623-693-0589 or at dorwigaz@cox.net if you have an item(s) to donate. Please help us make this tournament a success.

Volunteers don't get paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!

~ Anon.

Membership Matters

CONGRATULATIONS!



To John Bergquist, son of Lesley and Paul Bergquist, on his graduation from Desert Mountain High School in Scottsdale. In the fall, John will be attending the University of Arizona and majoring in engineering. Congratulations, and best of luck, John!

Lesley, Lindsey, John & Paul Bergquist

To Michelle Guilbault, daughter of Teri and Jeff Guilbault, on her graduation from Bourgade Catholic High School in Phoenix. Michelle will be attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix and majoring in nursing. Congratulations, and best of luck, Michelle!



Teri, Jeff, Michelle & Michael Guilbault



Deb, Merissa & Larry Orwig

To Merissa Orwig, daughter of Deb and Larry Orwig, on her graduation from Northern Arizona University with a major in English. Merissa spent 15 months of her undergraduate career as an international exchange student doing in-country study of Chinese (3 months) and Japanese (12 months). She hopes to find a well-enough-paying job in the States so that she can save enough money to return to Japan and live there. Congratulations, and best of luck, Merissa!

To **AGR** member Eileen Proctor (at right in photo) and Jeanne Hopkins on the occasion of their marriage on July 9, 2010 in Sudbury, MA (where, as Eileen pointed out, it is legal). Best wishes for many happy returns and a glorious life together.



National News of Note

New NRC Western Representative

Carol Allen, Chairman of the GRCA's National Rescue Committee, recently announced a new Regional Representative in the Western Region. She is Sandy Diamond of Burbank, California. E-mail address is diamondawgs@gmail.com She will be the NRC liaison with the following Western Region rescue organizations:

Alaska: Fairbanks; Arizona: AGR, AZGRC, and RAGofAZ; Colorado: GR Freedom and GRR-Rockies; Montana: Precious Gold; Nevada: GRR-S. Nevada; New Mexico: Rio Grande and GRR-N. Mex; Oregon: Golden Bond; Utah: Companion; Washington: Evergreen and Inland; Wyoming: Golden Moments and C. Madison.

While living on the East Coast, Sandy was President of GRREAT (Virginia). Upon moving to Southern California, she began volunteering with the Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles Rescue. Welcome, Sandy, we look forward to working with you!

2009 Starfish Awards

The National Rescue Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2009 Starfish Awards. The presentation of the Awards will occur at Goldstock (in PA in September) and then again at the GRCA National Specialty in Greeley, CO, late September.

Program: **SEVA GRREAT**. Early in 2009, **SEVA GRREAT** was contacted by a local sheriff and quickly became the first responders to a terrible animal cruelty situation in their area. The case was prosecuted to the fullest extent possible, for the abuse and neglect were extreme. Thirty-one dogs quickly became fifty-one dogs with the birth soon after rescue of 20 puppies. All fifty-one were near starvation, suffering severely from parasites, and some required blood transfusions to counter the effects of hookworm anemia. **SEVA GRREAT** marshaled all resources, including networking with three other Golden Retriever Rescue programs and with members of the Tarheel Golden Retriever Club. One 2-year-old female had to be euthanized because of metastatic mammary tumors, but all the other 50 were rehabilitated, eventually adopted and have become happy and safe Golden Retrievers. **SEVA GRREAT** is recognized for the quality of direct care they provided and for their satisfactory efforts in networking with the local authorities, other Golden Retriever Rescue programs and Clubs as well as the National Rescue Committee and the Golden Retriever Foundation.

Individual: **Jane Babcock** of Waukesha, Wisconsin. **Jane** is a volunteer of **Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin** and can be

relied on to foster the senior, medically-fragile Golden Retrievers. Some have moved on to adoptive homes to live out their usually short remaining life and some have remained with **Jane** to the end. **Jane** says that caring for these Golden has become her "personal ministry." **Jane** is impressed that **GRRoW** accepts these seniors and she is grateful to **GRRoW** for the "honor and the privilege to be in the presence of these old dogs, as they have much to teach us about aging gracefully and accepting the limitations life places on us all, while maintaining a gentleness and depth of spirit." She thanks each Golden for "making our lives richer and all of us better people by knowing you."

Individual: **Cil Henson** of **Golden Beginnings Golden Retriever Rescue**. For several years, **Cil Henson** has been the President of this program, but she isn't one to pull rank. **Cil** handles a great deal of the intake and takes calls night and day, 7 days a week. Her volunteers wonder when she sleeps. If transporting is the need, **Cil** will drive into Louisiana and bring back to Houston as many as will fit into her vehicle. During Katrina's aftermath, she was frequently on the road. **Cil** does not wait to be motivated by catastrophe but instead travels into Mexico and crime-ridden neighborhoods to rescue Golden Retrievers when their owners move out. Volunteers of **Golden Beginnings** say of **Cil**, "She embodies trust, integrity, sincerity, commitment and stamina" and "she leads by example... gently wrapping her arms around each intake and whispering, 'It's going to be okay.'" **Cil** is recognized for her sustained and enduring work to rescue Golden Retrievers.

AGR congratulates all the 2009 Starfish Award winners!

Golden Retriever Foundation

Jennifer Krawsczyn, Secretary of the **Golden Retriever Foundation** wrote: *We are approaching the final push for the STAND TOGETHER challenge which will end in the early fall and want to thank everyone who has so generously donated to our drive. The Golden Retriever Foundation (GRF) is continuing to approve grants for research, rescue and education. We are hoping that we can reach out beyond GRCA, its member clubs and affiliated rescue programs to other Golden lovers, as well. Thanks so much to those of you who have already contributed. Remembering a friend who has lost a beloved Golden or even a Golden person is an excellent way to contribute and very easy by simply going to the website: <http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/makedonation.asp> You can direct where your donation goes, as well, so if you select the Zeke fund, it will go toward cancer research, the April Fund toward rescue, etc. It is all on the website to review. The GRF is of great benefit to all of us who love this breed! [General information about the GRF, what it is and what it does, can be accessed at <http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/index.html>] Please feel free to contact me or any of the other GRF board members if you have any questions.*



Golden Hearts



Since we formed Arizona Golden Rescue in March 2009, many of our members, as well as some non-members, have been extremely generous in helping us financially. There are lots of costs associated with setting up a new animal rescue organization and in caring for the dogs that started coming in almost before the ink was dry on the paperwork. We are so grateful to everyone who has taken a chance on our new group and has given us their support. You all truly have hearts of gold! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between April 11 and July 4, 2010. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

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From the Editor's Desk

By Deb Orwig

Many thanks to Staff Sgt. Megan Crusher, 452 AMW Public Affairs, March Air Force Base, for allowing us to reprint her excellent article about Staff Sgt. Patrick Doyle's commitment and involvement in *Arizona Golden Rescue*.

A publication such as this does not get done by just one person. Yes, the layout does, but columns and articles were contributed by all the Board members and several others as well. Thanks to all of you!

Special thanks to Dr. Katie Donahue for compiling the *Magic Moments* section and to Liz Tataseo for helping me with the *Diamonds in the Ruff* section.

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What is Normal?

Normal gum color, i.e. mucous membrane color, is pink. If gums are pale, white, yellow, blue or bright red, call your vet. If your dog has pigmented gums, pull down the lower eyelid to check mucous membrane color.

Determine **normal breathing rate** when your pet is at rest. Count the number of breaths (one rise-and-fall) per minute, and if it is between 10 and 30, no worries; dogs can breathe up to 200 times per minute when panting. If you notice your dog using his abdominal muscles to breathe, is gasping, making loud noises, taking shallow breaths, panting excessively or exhalation seems to be difficult, consult your veterinarian immediately. If you are not sure your dog is still breathing, place a mirror by the nose and mouth; if the mirror fogs, then the dog is still breathing.



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