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Editor's Assistant's Note



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Three months ago in the last newsletter, I told you that my mom, the Editor, had a goal to teach me to pick up my toys and put them away. Guess what? I can do it! She walks over to one of my toys with me following her and says, "Fasa, pick it up!" I pick up the toy. Then she walks over to the toy bin making sure I am standing next to her and says, "Fasa, put it away," and I drop the toy in the bin! She got so excited the first time I did it – and the second and the third and, and, and...

Her excitement over this simple little thing plus the praise and loves I get make the effort worth it! She says now her goal is to be able to sit on the sofa and tell me to pick up my toys and put them away and have me do it. That may take a while longer, although I suppose it's possible for me to learn that. After all, *AGR* member Peter Wong's Border Collie **Billie** can do it, so I should be able to also. If you don't believe a dog can be taught to do this, you should watch a YouTube video that has been circulating on the Internet recently. The Golden Retriever owner filming the video says (only once), "Clean the house." The Golden runs around the room picking up her toys, and putting them in her toy box; when she's finished in the front room, she runs into other rooms (out of the picture of the video) and comes back with toys to put into the toy box. It can be done! Have a look: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AW_N-dujGXw

To see a most astonishingly well trained Golden, look at this video, but please have tissues handy: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9LyQbChk2k&feature=related> (It's worth typing all this into your browser!)

In training your dog, you should have goals, but have simple ones – little steps, not big ones. You want to set your dog up for success, not failure. And practice reaching that goal every single day. A ballroom dance teacher my mom had when she was in 5th grade (don't ask her how long ago that was) used to say, "Practice makes permanent." That can and should be said for dog training, too. Practice, practice, practice. But just like dancing, practicing dog training should be fun. Short training sessions are best, as my fur friends and I don't usually have very long attention spans. Try to ignore the mistakes – or correct them gently – and praise, praise, praise the dog (excitement in your voice and body language helps) when he does what you want him to do. And be sure to end a training session with something your dog can already do, even if that is just "sit" or "shake", so that you end on a positive note. A small treat at the end of a training session doesn't hurt, either!



Wags and Woofs

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A few months ago, I opened a fortune cookie and found this statement: *A goal is a dream with a deadline* (I have since learned that the original quote, *Goals are dreams with deadlines*, is attributed to Diana Scharf Hunt) – how apropos to our Rescue and to life! I decided right then that "goals" had to be the theme of this newsletter. In 2009, when Debbie Begley and I cofounded *Arizona Golden Rescue*, our goal was to get a Rescue organization for Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes set up and operating in the shortest possible time. Our bandwagon has been on the fast track ever since. Including filing with the *Arizona Corporation Commission* for corporation status, applying to the *IRS* for 501 (c) (3) status, creating a name (thanks to Nick Dodson), getting a mailing address and phone number, designing a logo (thanks to Connie McCabe) and writing by-laws, we did it in 9 days. Four days later, we held our first membership meeting in my garage. Thirty people attended and paid membership dues. Within two more weeks, we had 130 members and a week later we rescued our first dog. We have now 491 members and have rescued 303 dogs and we're only about half-way through 2012!

The organization's goal is and always has been to keep the dog as our #1 priority. We try to do the best job we can possibly do to help the dog become the healthiest and best family companion it can be. And we do all that we do as volunteers – volunteers who have a passion for Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes – not one of us gets paid for anything we do. Our by-laws forbid compensation.

Such passion does not come without a price, though. Many, many hours of time and often much emotional distress are involved. In the Rescue business, aggravation and frustration are constant companions, but so are joy and pride when things work out. The only payment any of us ever receives is the smile on the face of a dog or a new adopter, and that is payment enough. It is why I take the time to do an occasional home evaluation. It is why I like to do transports of a dog to a new family. When I can take an unwanted dog to a family whose home evaluation I have done, it's even better, as I know I'm going to be viewed as a Guardian Angel or Santa Claus. It's a great feeling!

We have goals other than to find the best possible home for every dog that comes into our care. One is to always have enough money available to do whatever veterinary work is necessary to make a dog as healthy as possible. Hosting occasional – or even weekly – Meet-and-Greets at some pet supply store is not going to be nearly

enough. We must plan and support several fundraisers during the year. Some people have commented that it seems like we're always asking for money. I do not deny that – we have to have financial support from our members beyond membership dues. What we hope is that our members will attend our fundraisers and get their friends to do so, too, to bring in some “outside money”.

We try to plan “something for everyone” to stimulate the widest possible interest. Sometimes, though, we are disappointed with the lack of support. For example, during the holiday season when I was helping with the gift wrapping fundraiser at the Tempe Marketplace *Barnes & Noble*, I was approached by the manager of *California Pizza Kitchen* with a fundraising idea. It sounded good – 20% of the restaurant's tab would be donated to *AGR* on a specific date of our choosing. I told the manager that we could do it only if all the *CPK* locations in Arizona would host us on that date because our members are scattered all over the state. *CPK* does not normally do this – usually such a fundraiser is hosted at just one location – but he agreed and arranged it for us because he loves Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes! *CPK* dedicated lunch and dinner to *AGR* on Wednesday, April 11th. We advertised it on our website and in the February issue of this newsletter – we even included a hard copy of the flyer that had to be presented to *CPK*. With one restaurant in Tucson, one at the airport, 5 other locations around the Valley and over 450 members in *AGR*, you'd think we'd have raised more than \$135.30 (total tab was \$676.50). By my guesstimate at an average of \$12 per diner, 50-60 people ate at a *CPK* for *AGR* on April 11th. Where were the rest of the 400 or so members? This was an easy fundraiser – no work on our part, not much in the way of advance preparation, no set-up time, no clean-up involved, no schlepping of equipment, supplies or merchandise. Just go, have a good meal (maybe with some friends), leave when you're finished, and the organization gets a check a month later. We thank those of you who participated, but we could have done much better!

Coming up we have the *Bowl-a-Rama*, for which you have all received a packet by mail. We also will have our 4th annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, our annual *Paws & Pasta* dinner, the holiday season gift wrapping at *Barnes & Noble* stores and *Photos with Santa* at *PetSmart*. Please help by volunteering your time and making whatever donation you can afford. The continued success of *Arizona Golden Rescue* depends on you.

I would like to thank all of you who are already actively involved in our organization. In particular, I would like to recognize Linda Taylor for her creative approach to fundraising. Linda is a flight attendant with *Southwest Airlines*. We don't see much of her, as she usually has to work on weekends. Earlier this year at one of our Meet-and-Greets that she was able to attend, she heard about a chip-and-cookie bag recycling program we wanted to start. Right away she began collecting the empty snack bags from passengers on her flights. All she did was ask them to have the bags ready for her to pick up rather than stuffing them into the seatback pocket

in front of them. On every flight, she explains that she turns the empty bags over to *Arizona Golden Rescue* for recycling. Not only does that keep the bags from becoming part of a landfill somewhere, but *AGR* gets money for recycling them. So, *AGR* is now getting some publicity on *Southwest Airlines* flights as a do-good organization that cares for the environment as well as for Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes! Since Linda started doing these collections a couple months ago, she has also been given several monetary contributions by passengers even though she is careful not to ever ask for donations. When she brought over the money, she told me a funny story about one passenger who rather vocally griped about her request to have the bags ready for her to pick up – he said, “Ah, that's just so you don't have to work so hard to clean up.” She suggested that he access *AGR*'s website on his laptop computer to see what a great organization it is. He did, then later he came back to the galley area and apologized to her for giving her a hard time and handed her \$40! She has a supply of *AGR* business cards and has distributed several to interested people. Thank you for your efforts, Linda!

With Paw Extended

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“With Paw Extended” can mean many things: *pet me, pay attention to me, I need you, feed me*. In the context of this column, it means *please can we have some more of your time, your expertise and your donations?* We understand that time is limited in everyone's busy life, but giving your time and expertise is one goal we all wish everyone could reach – we always need volunteers. If you cannot volunteer, then your goal could be to be a sponsor of *AGR* through your donations.

A major goal of *AGR* is to make sure that all our rescued dogs are as healthy as they can be when they go to their new home. In order to do that, we must raise enough money to pay all the vet costs such as vaccinations, spay and neuter, tests or surgery. That is our largest expense for the Rescue (check out the financial report in this issue on page 9). In order to raise money, we often have to spend some money up front to carry out major events, do Meet-and-Greets and have merchandise available for sale. Those costs are recovered from the merchandise sold and donations that we receive from the general public and members. A way to reduce those upfront costs is with Special Sponsors for those initial costs.

Putting together a quarterly newsletter (like this one you are reading) that provides information, news and highlights to members costs money. The preparation is done in-house – no outside or paid writers, editors or photographers. Our Editor has researched the

least expensive way to get the newsletter printed (by the inmates of the AZ State Prison in Perryville). Yet, there are still costs. Some of the merchandise is made by members on their own time and at their own expense and it is a profitable enterprise for **AGR**, but some items must be purchased, such as shirts, magnets (our best sellers) and toys (also good sellers), and our vendors give us a great rate or donate their work to keep costs down. When you think of purchasing a birthday, anniversary or holiday gifts, think "I need to look at **AGR's e-Mall**" first or go through **AGR's GoodShop** to make online purchases. You will pay no more than going directly to a business's website, and **AGR** will get a percentage of the sale.

A sponsorship can be a one-time donation or an ongoing monthly donation that is earmarked for a specific area or in honor or memory of a specific dog. For example, you can be a sponsor for *The Golden Paw*, for the Golf Tournament (Registration, Dinner, Auction and Raffle Items), Adopt-a-thons, Meet-and-Greets or for any specific event. How about donating some wrapping paper or wire-edged ribbon for one of our gift wrapping fundraisers? You can be a Special Sponsor for merchandise, printing costs, vaccinations, spays or neuters or for a specific dog (Diamond Donor). Be creative! Just put a notation on the Memo line of your check.

We know you want to help all the Golden and Golden mixes who need a new home and need care and love. Can you set a goal to become a sponsor for **AGR**? We already have members who donate monthly or specifically for our *Diamonds in the Ruff* dogs and we are so grateful for their gifts. You can see their names in this issue on page 39 – we hope to add yours!

Upcoming Events that you can donate to or volunteer for:

August 4: *Bowl-A-Rama* – Donation information was sent out

August 25: *Phoenix Mercury Dog Days of Summer*

September 22: *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*

October 6: *Glendale Firemen's Parade and Muster* with merchandise sales booth in Murphy Park after the Parade

October 20-21: *PACC 911 Blessing of the Animals and Adopt-a-thon at Franciscan Renewal Center*, Scottsdale

Also, if you have any new items or gift cards that you would like to donate to **AGR** for use in our golf tournament raffle or silent auction, please contact me and I will make arrangements to get them.



Shelter Walking Team

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Forever Home

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Arizona Golden Rescue is like an onion – we definitely have many "layers". Each of our layers has one ultimate goal in mind – to find wonderful, forever homes for each and every one of the Golden and Golden mixes that come into our organization. Everyone on our Board has various areas that we handle and concentrate on, and ultimately each area works together like a finely oiled machine to make sure our rescues get the best possible homes and best possible health care.

As the Director of Dog Care, I oversee all of the aspects of our rescued Golden – from the minute we say yes we can take this dog in, until the adoption process is finalized, and then even after if any of our dogs have health issues that will extend past that time. We also have several teams and individual members who help out in various capacities in order to ensure that everything that happens during that process goes well. Those of you who have adopted a Golden fur buddy from **AGR** already know a few of us. Behind the scenes, however, we have several wonderful volunteers who do a lot of extra work for our dogs.

We have been working hard and have expanded various areas or teams that were previously manned by only one or two volunteers. Until now, our Intake Team consisted of Michele Wehry and Judy Petitto (and also Kathy Blue until last year) who handled this daunting task. Joining them are De De Smith, Ben and April Fischer, and Debbie Mikol. We now also have a Shelter Team. Joining Michele Wehry, who was originally doing this job on her own, will be Cherri Beuke, Cristi Erickson, Rusty Haller, Kristie Rogers, Keri Schultz and Kathi Youhas. In addition, we have created a Photography Team. Connie McCabe, our fabulous photographer, will now have help from Joy Slagowski, Pam Spicer and Linda Updike, with taking those wonderful pictures of our dogs that just can't help but make you smile! Last, but certainly not least, we are in the process of creating a Placement Team and have several wonderful members who have expressed an interest in helping us in this area. In our next issue, I will introduce them to you. We truly appreciate each and every one of these people who will be giving their time and energy to our organization.

I'll bet you weren't aware that we have lots of paperwork that needs to be handled when we rescue a dog. Working in these areas is our wonderful President, Deb Orwig, who takes care of keeping all the forms that we use up to date, including **AGR's Your New Dog** manual; she also makes sure that we have a constant supply of leashes, collars and collar tags for our dogs. In addition to her position as Director of Operations, Liz Tataseo is also our Vet Records Manager; she keeps track of all of our dog records, from the sur-

render paperwork to medical records to microchip information. She also makes sure that each of our vets has enough microchips and Heartgard® to be able to chip each dog and provide that important heartworm medication to our foster and adopting families. Karin Forsythe, our Organization Secretary, is also much more – Karin takes care of applying for grant money so that we are able to receive additional funding from various sources to keep our dogs healthy. She also recycles used cell phones, which help to generate additional funds, and she will be managing the snack bag recycling that Deb mentioned in her column. Finally, Karen Davis contacts every adopting family to follow up on each of our dogs to be sure everything is going well prior to finalizing their adoptions. She also sends out wonderful cards designed by Connie McCabe to our members who have lost a dog.

Maybe in reading this article you're saying, "Hey, I can do that!" Well, we can always use volunteers – the more the merrier! If you're interested in helping us out at any time, don't hesitate to let any of us know. We'd love to have you.

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars. ~ Les Brown

The Information Highway

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AGR is having a very successful year in that we have taken in 86 dogs in just over 7 months. Compare that to the 98 dogs that we took in in 2011 and the 77 dogs that we rescued in 2010, you can see that **AGR** is growing dramatically. What I find interesting is that we continue to grow even though there are now three other Golden rescue groups in Arizona. The growth in the number of intakes has also necessitated change in the way that we manage our everyday operations.

Until this time, we have had a couple of members doing Intake, but only one person handling Placement. When we were a small organization, this was not as daunting a task as it is now. Recently, we have added four Intake people and four Placement people to handle these important jobs. These additions have had an effect on Information Management, as now we need to have an efficient way for all the Intake and Placement members to have access to all the necessary information required to do their jobs. This growth also affects the way that our Home Evaluators do their jobs, as we now ask them to electronically enter their information into our database rather than send a written report to the Home Evaluation Coordinator, Sheila Joyce. We are also training all our Intake and Placement team members with our Home Evaluation Coordinator to have ac-

cess to our online database for data entry and to work with the database on a daily basis to do their duties.

Before I go much further, I want to welcome all the new members of the Intake and Shelter Teams. Thank you for your time to help **AGR** keep giving the level of service that we have been giving the Golden rescue community for over 3 years.

As I was thinking about what I was going to write for this issue and how to incorporate the theme of "goals," I started with what my goals were for this organization. We now have a long-awaited database that is getting closer and closer to completion. We keep finding ways to change and improve it, and it is becoming something much more than what we had first conceived. One of my goals was to find a way that our website could interface more with the database to share information rather than needing separate entries for each entity in certain areas, thus causing more time in data processing. We are now preparing to see that goal realized, as we are building a new website on the same server that our database is on. The website and database will then be able to share data, a much more efficient way of handling our data needs.

With all this growth always comes the need for more money for operating the organization. To aid in this, another goal is to continue to improve our online shopping area, **AGR-eMall**. We are in the process of working out a relationship with our *Golden Paws Wine* provider to offer scented candles with our customized labels on them, with profits going directly to our organization. We are currently evaluating six scents.

If you have not checked out our website shopping page, please take time to look at it. Online shopping for almost anything you could want is available through **GoodShop**, which in turn creates income to **AGR** from donations of a percentage of sales. There is **GoodDining** that generates a donation when you eat out at participating establishments. And there is also the simple use of **GoodSearch**, an Internet search engine that earns **AGR** up to one penny per Internet search. That may not sound like a lot, but when you combine all the searches that members do on the Internet it can add up. You can also purchase your **AGR** clothing with embroidered **AGR** logo via the link to **Anchor Embroidery & Silkscreen** in **AGR's e-Mall**. There are many colors and styles of clothing to pick from, and all purchases help support **AGR**.

Another goal I have is to encourage members to help out in simple ways. Make sure when your membership renewal time comes up that you renew on time. Be sure you renew your membership if you already have a dog from **AGR**; **AGR** goes through a lot to make sure we get you the right dog and that the dog is a healthy animal, and the membership fees sure help the cause. Another way to help through membership fees is if you are a family and signed up only as a Single membership, consider increasing your membership to a Household membership which is only \$15 more per year. That

small additional fee will help **AGR** help our dogs.

One final goal is to try to get more members actively involved. It can be as simple as taking a couple of hours once a month to join us at a Meet-and-Greet or taking a volunteer position on a team. It can be as simple as wearing a shirt with an **AGR** logo on it and having a business card to give to someone who asks about us (we will send you some if you ask for them). You might be surprised how many times I have been stopped because of either the shirt I wear or the **AGR** logo decal on our van.

With your help, **Arizona Golden Rescue** will continue to grow and save many more of these precious animals that we all love.



Here it is, the middle of the summer, and chances are that many of us haven't lost much weight, gotten more fit, quit smoking, learned much, improved our diets, gotten out of debt or saved much money, spent more time with our families, traveled to new places, reduced our stress, volunteered more or learned to drink less. According to *Time Magazine*, these are the top resolutions that people break every year. An article in *Positive Psychology News* states that within two weeks after the New Year 30 percent of people have scaled back their resolution efforts. By June most people have given up all together; in fact, only 12 percent of people achieve their resolutions.

Why is that? There are lots of theories, of course. I think it's because most of what people resolve to do requires a lot of motivation to be successful. I remember when many years ago Nick and I attended a mass hypnosis session to quit smoking. He threw away his cigarettes that night and never had another urge to smoke after just one session. I threw away my cigarettes that night and bought another pack the very next day. We both attended the same session but reacted very differently. It was all about motivation. He was ready, but it took me another five years to achieve that same drive to quit.

The New Year's resolutions that many people make end up being unattainable simply because they try to do too much at one time, and set their goals too high or expect to achieve them too soon, and give up when success isn't immediate. We've made these resolutions because we feel like we have to, not because we have any real motivation to follow through. They actually become chores, and no one likes that. I truly hope that everyone who has set these goals for themselves eventually is able to succeed (especially the one about quitting smoking), but for now, please consider a very

easy, pleasant goal (it has a more positive sound than resolution) of attending just one event for the Golden this year if you have never done so. Or, better yet, volunteer to help set up or work at one of the upcoming events. Just one. See how much fun it is to meet new people and let your dogs socialize with their peers, too. And if you do that anyway, thank you. Now set an attainable goal of bringing someone else with you. I think a lot of new people are uncomfortable coming to an event for the first time.

What is your motivation? It's probably lying at your feet right now, begging you to take him or her out to meet and greet the public. Need more motivation? Please read Katie's column *Magic Moments* (pages 10 - 16). The adoptions described there couldn't have happened without a lot of people who share the same goal of rescuing the dogs, no matter what it takes. And it takes volunteers, lots of them. Need even more motivation? Please read about our *Diamonds in the Ruff* dogs (pages 16 - 18) that require more resources than normal. Hopefully their stories will motivate you to call an event chairman right now and ask how you can help. Or send an email. The events are always shown on the website calendar, and the contact information is right there. Your dogs, and all of the dogs waiting for help, will thank you.

You can start with committing to just one event. This is a goal that is easy, fun and very rewarding! You can always lose weight later.

The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps – we must step up the stairs. ~ Vance Havner

Health and Safety

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Heart Murmurs in Golden

Recently, we had the privilege of taking in a very lovely young lady, **12-065 Lucy**, a two-year-old, sweet-as-pie Golden Retriever, who was surrendered to our organization as her owners were downsizing and, unfortunately, could not keep her. When she was turned over to us, we were told that she had a heart murmur. Upon examination by one of our vets, it was confirmed that there was definitely a murmur, and to conclusively determine exactly the extent of the murmur, we had additional testing done on her. A diagnosis of subaortic stenosis was confirmed, and we were told that **Lucy's** gradient is very severe at 7.7. Normally, dogs with a murmur to this degree do not live to their first birthday. However, **Lucy** is now two years old, so we are hoping that she will survive for many more years, as her body is learning to compensate for this condition.

The heart maintains circulation of blood in the body. It is a four-

chambered organ containing right and left atria (upper chambers) and ventricles (lower chambers). The right side pumps deoxygenated blood returning from the venous system in the body into the lungs. From the lungs, oxygenated blood enters the left side of the heart where it is pumped out into the tissues of the body through the arteries.

Stenosis means narrowing: subaortic stenosis (SAS) means a narrowing of the area just below the aortic valve, usually due to the presence of an abnormal fibrous band of tissue. This condition can be congenital (present at birth) or develop when the dog is a very young puppy. The narrowing causes pressure overload in the left ventricle. Other types of aortic stenosis exist, but SAS is by far the most common and represents more than 95% of the cases. In Lucy's case, it was determined that her SAS was congenital. As with other breeds of dog such as Newfoundlands, Rottweilers, Boxers, German Shepherds, Samoyed and Bulldogs, the Golden Retriever is a breed that has shown to have a high prevalence of this condition.

SAS in dogs is often discovered when a heart murmur is detected during a routine physical examination of an otherwise healthy puppy. In severe cases, the arterial pulse may be weak, but generally puppies appear bright, alert, and happy. In older animals, symptoms such as exercise intolerance, general fatigue, and fainting can occur. In the most unfortunate cases, dogs with SAS can die suddenly following development of severe ventricular arrhythmias.

A definitive diagnosis is made during an echocardiogram to measure the pressure gradient between the left ventricle and the aorta. In dogs with SAS, the pressure gradient is abnormally increased and correlates with the severity of the stenosis.

The prognosis for SAS depends on the severity of the stenosis and the presence or absence of other cardiac issues. Puppies with mild murmurs (Grade I or II) and low pressure gradients will likely plateau in severity of their SAS by one year of age and often lead normal lives. In general, the louder the murmur, the more severe the condition, but exceptions do exist. Puppies diagnosed with SAS should be reevaluated at one year of age to assess any changes in their cardiovascular status.

Dogs with moderate pressure gradients may remain asymptomatic or rarely progress to congestive heart failure. If congestive heart failure does occur, then the dog would be prescribed medication in order to help prolong the quality and length of life. SAS dogs are also prone to developing ventricular arrhythmias, which can result in sudden death, and the dogs should be watched for any of the symptoms as mentioned above including loss of energy and fainting. Their life expectancies will usually be shortened as well. Surgery is also an option, but this procedure is rarely performed on animals, as there are no studies that prove any prolonged life expectancy. Inserting a balloon to dilate the affected area can also sometimes be done, but any positive effects are not long lasting.

Lucy has found her forever home with a wonderful family. They love her dearly and plan to spend whatever years of life she has spoiling her rotten and getting **Lucy's** unconditional love in return.

Ed. Note: Some of the information above was taken from a pamphlet published by Penn Veterinary Medicine, Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital Section of Cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania

Life's problems wouldn't be called "hurdles" if there weren't a way to get over them. ~ Author Unknown



Service Paws

By Wendy Enos
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Shoes on a Dog!

"Oh, mommy, look... that doggie has shoes on!" How many times do I hear it every time we're out and about with **Sophie**?

Yes, my dog wears shoes in the summer. Phoenix blacktop can exceed 160 degrees, more than enough heat to burn, even blister, a dog's feet. Unfortunately, summertime is the time of year when I most need my service dog, so I can't leave her at home just because it's bubbling hot outside.



Photo originally published in *American Dog Magazine* by Kathy Chiodo Holbert; photo used with permission

I'll be honest... **Sophie** hates wearing her shoes as much as I hate having to put them on her, but we both change our tune quickly enough when her feet hit the pavement.

Google "dog shoes" and you'll end up with more than 270 million hits. Most pet suppliers carry a large number of them as the word gets around how essential they are in both hot and cold climates. Dog shoes range from cute and fashionable from 10 to 20 dollars for a set of 4, to rough-n-tough and durable from 50 to 75 dollars.

A few caveats regarding dog shoes... When dressing your dog in shoes with Velcro straps, be sure you don't pull the straps too tight. Your pinky finger should fit between the tightest part of the strap and your dog's foot. Pay attention to your dog's stride to pick up on any discomfort s/he may be experiencing, also to make sure the shoes aren't twisted upside down, or that one or more shoes haven't been cast off and lost. And the most important caution of all is to remember that dogs sweat through their feet, so the shoes shouldn't be left on for extended periods of time.

One final tip... The first time your dog attempts to walk in shoes, make sure you have a video camera handy. It's hilarious!

Here's to a great summer, keeping yourselves and your dogs hydrated and as cool as you can. And of course it goes without saying that, hot or not, never leave your dog alone in a car.

Editor's Note: Locally, you can purchase sets of dog booties at Choice Pet Markets, Ryan's Pet Supplies and Trendy Pet & Rescue.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Goal: Keeping Pets Safe An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Be mindful of exposing your furry relatives to substances and other items that may prove harmful to them. Every year thousands of animals are hurt and sometimes seriously injured by poisonous items, many as seemingly innocent as a plant. To help pet owners identify potentially dangerous objects, the *ASPCA* has the following tips:

1) Be aware of the plants you have in your home and yard: Some plants such as Sago Palm, Oleander and Rhododendron can be toxic to pets if ingested. Lilies can be especially toxic to cats.

2) Do not allow your pets to have access to the areas in which cleaning agents are being used or stored. Cleaning agents have a variety of properties; some may only cause mild stomach upset, but others can cause severe burns of the tongue, mouth and stomach.

3) Be careful when using rat and mouse baits. The most common active ingredients found in rat and mouse baits are anticoagulants, which interfere with blood clotting processes. Ingredients of this type include warfarin, brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difacinone and difethialone. Other formulations can contain bromethalin, cholecalciferol, zinc phosphide or strychnine, which are designed to kill rodents by affecting various other critical body systems. Some baits also contain inactive ingredients meant to attract rodents, and these ingredients can sometimes be attractive to pets as well.

4) Read the label first: Always read the label before using flea products on or around your pets. Some flea products for dogs can be deadly if given to cats.

5) Keep all prescription and over-the-counter drugs out of your pet's reach, preferably in closed cabinets. Pain killers, cold medicines, anti-cancer drugs, antidepressants, vitamins and diet pills are human medications that can be lethal to animals even in small doses.

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Reporting period: January 1, 2012 - June 30, 2012

Total Assets as of July 15, 2012: \$97,777.71

	Income	Expense
Adoptions	\$22,639.00	\$ 1,000.00
Bank & Credit Card Processing		516.55
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	800.00	
Celebration Party Silent Auction	400.00	
Donations	23,427.59	
Dues and Subscriptions	125.00	111.80
Event Expense		650.56
Garage Sale	3,534.97	
Gift Wrap Events ¹	2,032.40	
Golf Tournament		129.65
Grants ²		500.00
Insurance		252.00
Interest	32.98	
Memberships	9,065.00	40.00
Merchandise	3,019.50	1,418.04
Office Expense		500.45
<i>Paws At The Park Picnic 2012</i> ³	1,411.06	773.35
<i>PetSmart Charities PetWalk</i>	1,866.00	50.00
Postage		498.77
Promotional		166.96
Rent or Lease		600.00
Santa Claws Photos taken in 2011	1,375.00	
Stationery & Printing		2,258.06
Tickets, Raffle ⁴	1,280.00	
Telephone		95.49
Utilities		228.52
Vet and Dog-related Expenses:		
Boarding		338.95
Collars, Leashes, Tags		1,176.66
Microchip & Heartgard® expenses		1,250.91
Transport Expense ⁵		133.35
Veterinary services		67,516.39
TOTAL	\$ 71,008.50	80,206.46

NET INCOME: -\$9,197.96

Checking Account on 7-15-12: \$30,454.89

Savings Account on 7-15-12: \$61,892.06

The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 7-15-12: \$5,430.76

Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 7-15-12: \$10,275.78

¹ Deposited in the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*

² Grant to *Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue* to help with expenses of a 20-dog puppy mill rescue

³ Income does not include raffle ticket sales – that income is shown separately

⁴ Includes *Celebration Party* raffle and *Paws At The Park* raffle

⁵ Gas for transport of six dogs from *El Paso Golden Retriever Rescue*

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Katie Donahue, D.O.

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 11, 2012 through July 6, 2012. All adoptions finalized after July 6th will be in the next issue.



12-021 Maddie Lynn is the fifth of the Golden Retriever-Lab mixes **Arizona Golden Rescue** brought in from Tucson in early February. She is two years old and has finally found her forever home with Stephanie and Jeff in Scottsdale. She did need some instructions on how to interact with people and how to walk properly on a leash. When she's not cuddling with

her family or enjoying a dip in a pool, she's strutting her stuff on regular walks. She has also brought her new mom and her human brother, Dash, to our Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greets.

12-026 Odi, now known as **Buddy**, came in to **AGR** as a rescue from the shelter. When we found out about him, we only had pictures of him lying down. Imagine our surprise when we went to collect him and realized he had short little Basset Hound legs! **Buddy's** face may look like a Golden's, but his legs and body are all Basset. This sweet old man, who's about



11 years old, had a myriad of skin infections and several masses that needed to be removed. Fortunately, the masses were all benign. **Buddy** has had lots of love and affection and several medications, so his skin is starting to heal and his fur grow out. He's moved in with new parents Cristi and Steve, their human boys Blake and Chad, and their other Golden, **AGR's 10-035 Brother**, whom they've had for two years. After a shaky start because **Brother** and **Buddy** couldn't decide who was going to be in charge, everyone is doing well. The dogs enjoy playing with the boys then napping together in the sun. Mom Cristi writes: *To all who helped Odi/Buddy find his new home: I have attached some pics of Buddy. I hope you all find him as cute as we do. Now that he has no allergy or skin problems, you will see in some of the pics that he is growing a soft fine new coat of hair on his legs and tummy. The skin before was hard and scabby and had no hair on it. Buddy has learned*

to use a doggy door. He was too short for the doggy door, so his new daddy built him a little step stool. His new mommy (me) made him many little beds so he can sleep in every room that I am in, as he follows me everywhere. Buddy loves his new brother, Brother. They play tug-of-war and have just started to snuggle when napping. Buddy's favorite thing is food. He is taking steroids so he is very hungry all the time. Here is a pic of him barking, or actually baying, as his vocal cords are 100% Basset, not Golden. We tell Buddy that he is Basset on the outside, but a Golden on the inside. He is the



kindest old guy. He has made many friends. He takes a walk every morning with his Schnauzer friend Max and he has a girlfriend named Carlie. She is my mom's dog. Thank you to everyone who spent time with him, cared for him and gave him a second chance at life. You had more vision than I did. Buddy enjoys every minute of his day. From the moment our alarm goes off, he cries with joy as he greets us in the morning. He cries as he goes down our steps. He greets and plays with Brother in our living room. He then has his breakfast and goes for a long walk. He is a very happy boy, and we are all very grateful to everyone that helped him. Keep up the good work!



12-029 Tinkerbell, now known as **Tasha**, is a tiny little Golden mix. She is about 10 months old and full of puppy energy. You can see in the photo at left that her eyes look unusual. We had her evaluated and found that she is actually blind in her right eye – she was diagnosed with congenital microphthalmia – but can see just fine out of the left even though her pupil looks enlarged. She

needed lots of socialization to ensure she behaved appropriately in public. Ginny and Win in Scottsdale, who have trained service dogs, felt up to the task of tackling this whirlwind. They did enlist

the aid of **AGR's** behaviorist Teryl to help with **Tasha's** issues with recall, leash walking, and jumping on people to greet them. **Tasha's** now doing well with her instructions and is making new friends going to **AGR** Meet-and-Greets on the east side of the Valley.



12-031 Abbey is a stunning 3-year-old girl with a lovely golden coat. Her original owners were not able to care for her so **AGR** placed her with Elaine and Martin in Fountain Hills. Elaine cares for her grandchildren during the week, so **Abbey** has some two-legged playmates whom she loves. Teryl was able to help out

with a few "teenage Golden" behavior issues such as counter surfing and jumping in the pool without asking permission, and **Abbey** is quickly learning how to behave like a lady. Elaine writes: *Abbey, or Abigail when she's in trouble, has been a wonderful addition to our family. She loves my husband and likes to "help" work with him in the backyard. I take care of my grandchildren, a 5-year-old and a 1-year-old, five days a week and Abbey loves them. She is very protective of the 1-year-old and doesn't mind a bit when he wants to poke her nose with his chubby little finger. Abbey also enjoys our pool. This summer will be a blast with her. Thank you AGR for placing this beautiful, loving dog in our family.*

12-033 Preston, now known as **Buddy**, is a wonderful 10-year-old gentleman who was released to us from the shelter. He had some tummy trouble early on but is now doing very well and is getting reacquainted with a sleeker physique. His new parents, Mark and Linda in Peoria, have him on the green bean diet and he's enjoying frequent walks. He's also interacting with the other dogs in his new family, which is helping him stay active and lose weight. **Buddy** and his favorite blue bunny toy love to practice the Golden lean for petting and soak up all the attention. Like many of our rescues, particularly those that come in from the shelter, **Buddy** tested positive for valley fever. He's doing well and is not on any medication right now, but he will require a recheck of his titer to ensure it does not increase and we don't need to start medication. His new family fell in love with his Teddy bear face in his photo on our website and asked to adopt him. We wish **Buddy**, his bunny, and his new family a long and happy life together!



*Though no one can go back and make a brand new start,
anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.*

~ Attributed to Carl Bard

12-034 Rosco is a very mellow 2-year-old male who came to us needing just a little bit of vet work before placement. Once **Rosco** had his neuter surgery, Dana transported him to his new family in Chandler. Dad Brad was there to greet him. **Rosco** wandered through his new house, seemed to know how to use a doggy door and the great outdoors, and settled in very well after just a few minutes. Dana had to return later in the afternoon to drop off additional items for **Rosco** and he was greeted by a big Golden smile and wagging tail. Per Brad and his wife Caroline, that same Golden grin and wagging tail had greeted several others who had come to meet the new addition to their family. **Rosco** has settled in to the family's routine though he remains a bit reserved. He's not a barker, but he does enjoy the Olympic sport of counter surfing. Mom and Dad are working on getting him to take up other pastimes. We're pretty sure he'll find another sport in which to medal.



12-036 Sadie is a 7 1/2-year-old Golden girl who needed to find a new home, as one of the children in her original home had developed severe allergies to her. She had no bad behaviors and a very mellow disposition, so **AGR** had no problems finding a new home for this lady. She's now living in Scottsdale with Vern and Margie and their resident canine, **Boomer**. **Sadie** has made herself at home and on her first day there introduced herself to the family's swimming pool. After initially being rather cool towards each other, **Sadie** and **Boomer** have warmed to the idea of being siblings and enjoy spending time together and sharing toys. We're sure **Sadie** will have a fantastic life with her new family.



12-037 Casey is a handsome 2-year-old red Golden male who was initially adopted from the Humane Society. Unfortunately, his owner was unable to continue to care for him and requested **AGR** to rehome him. We were happy to place this loving boy with Donna and her family in Scottsdale. He is being treated for erlichia (tick fever) and will need a recheck after a

month's worth of antibiotics. He is taking medication for some mild allergies but has no other significant medical problems. He is settling in well with his new family and making himself at home. We wish him a happy new life with his family! Several of us have enjoyed seeing **Casey** and his family at our Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greets.



12-039 Natasha is a very sweet senior citizen who was in need of a new home when her previous owners were moving out of the country for a new job opportunity. They did not think deaf, 14-year-old **Natasha** would adjust well to their new living environment on St. Martin.

Prior to moving to her new home, she stayed with foster mom Joyce for about a month to bring her up to date on all of her vet issues. After slimming down a few pounds and brightening up her step, she was ready for her big move. Denny transported her to her new family with Kristie and Wayne and their three resident dogs in Cave Creek. There were no problems with introductions to the resident dogs, and **Natasha** was quite happy to have new friends. She settled in quickly and started taking cues from the other dogs on appropriate house behavior. Mom Kristie wrote: *I wanted to tell you how much we love **Natasha**. From the moment she walked into our house, we could tell she was going to fit right in. I have to admit, the first time we visited the website, we weren't considering a dog as old as **Natasha**, but we are believers now that things happen for a reason. Seniors have so much love to give, and I believe she is grateful for our love for her. She is like a little shadow and as hard as it is sometimes for her to move around, she always wants to be in the same room as the rest of the gang and is always by our side. She has quickly learned when the pantry door opens up, doggie treats usually come out. She has a little spurt of energy at night especially with **Maynard** our 4-year-old Lab whom I think she secretly has a crush on because they are usually by each other's side. They play a light game of tug-of-war and then go have a nap. She really has opened our eyes and hearts to senior adoption and we will definitely do it again. I highly recommend it.*



12-041 Achilles, who is now **Jake**, had several medical issues when he came into our rescue program. He had a greenish discharge from his nose and eyes, which was suspected to be from kennel cough, so he was given antibiotics to ward off any secondary infection. His fecal showed he had *Giardia*, an intestinal parasite, so Panacur was

ordered to treat that. He had ear infections. A valley fever titer test came back positive at 1:32, so he was put on daily fluconazole. If all that weren't enough for this handsome blond 9-month-old, he was also exhibiting some lameness in his right forelimb. He tended to lift his leg often and did not want to lie on his right side. X-rays showed that he had osteochondrosis, a condition that occurs not uncommonly in the shoulders of many immature large breed dogs. He has now just about recuperated from all his ills. His adopters, Wendy and John in Paradise Valley, wrote: ***Jake** is*

*already the king of our family. My sweet **Jake** came to us almost by accident, so it had to be fate (or magic). I happened to look at the adoptable dogs on the **AGR** website one day and there he was waiting for us. When I emailed Michele Wehry, she said I'd put in for an older dog, not a younger one like **Jake**. But we started the adoption process. We picked him up at Dr. Pullen's the day of his shoulder surgery and it was love all around, even with our T-shirt on him. You'd never know he'd just had major surgery and had valley fever. After a couple of previous homes sent him away, it's taken a while for him to feel loved forever. He must really cry when I have to go out, because my African Gray parrot now makes that exact whining sound. Like any Golden, he loves his toys, chewing, pulling and fetching. And imagine my surprise the first time I saw his head looking up over the edge of the pool. His favorite place is just lying on the big top step surveying his new kingdom. We love him like crazy!*



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Kayla (left)
and **12-043**
Jax (right)
are two
tall Gold-
endoodles
who needed
to find new



homes. **Kayla** is a 6-year-old tan Doodle and **Jax** is her 2-year-old black Doodle brother. While **Jax** is happy-go-lucky and goofy, **Kayla** is more reserved and makes people earn her affection. The dogs are now living with Susan and Tyler and their children in Chandler. Interestingly, Jax made fast friends with the family's twin 6-year-old boys and **Kayla** settled herself with the boys' older sister. By the evening, **Kayla** had followed her new best friend to bed and **Jax** bunked in with the boys in their bedroom. **Jax** has adjusted well to family life but **Kayla** has needed a little encouragement. Teryl, **AGR's** resident behaviorist, has visited and encouraged frequent socialization of both dogs with adults and children alike. A side benefit of socialization is that the dogs got the chance to improve their leash manners. They are now doing quite well and we hope to see them at many of our events. Susan wrote: *Our family would like to thank **Arizona Golden Rescue** for bringing two new family members to us. We've fallen in love with our Goldendoodles! We were told that they came as a pair and we can see why. They are absolutely adorable with each other with **Jax** being the annoying "little" brother always bugging her to wrestle first thing in the morning. **Kayla** is more reserved and likes to observe before jumping into a new situation. She's still amazed at the doggie door and watches incredulously as **Jax** trots in and out. Our kids are over the moon with them and enjoy everything about them from walking, playing, feeding, and just hanging out. They've started referring to them as **KK** and **Jaxy** and they throw in our last name when they've been naughty. We are very happy with our new extended family and share our experience gladly with others.*



12-044 Puppy, now **Summer**, is a wriggly handful of Golden puppy that came to **AGR** because her breeder was unable to sell her. She developed puppy strangles, more properly termed juvenile cellulitis, which is a syndrome of lethargy, facial dermatitis, external ear infections, and significant swelling of the lymph nodes around the head and neck. Pus-

tules and nodules on the skin can drain a sterile purulent fluid which many may confuse for pus. Early treatment with steroids to decrease inflammation and manage the overactive immune system can help decrease the risk of scarring around the nose, eyes, and ears. **Summer** is now living with her new parents Mark and Jennifer and their children in Glendale. She has continued her prednisone treatment and is recovered from her strangles. Teryl has visited to help with some puppy training, and the family is doing very well managing an energetic Golden puppy. We anticipate seeing the whole family at future **AGR** events, and we wish **Summer** and her family a happy, healthy life together!



12-046 Jake is a very handsome 9-month-old Golden puppy. He has found a new home with Wendy in Tempe. He's been a wonderful houseguest and has settled in very well. Wendy's grandchildren visit on a regular basis, and **Jake** has made friends with all of them. One of Wendy's grandsons is also named Jake, so they refer to them as "boy Jake" and "**Dog Jake**". "**Dog**

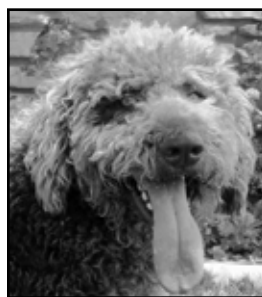
Jake" enjoys walks with his new mom and incessantly attempts to see what's going on with the dogs next door. Fortunately, or unfortunately for **Jake**, he can't see over the block wall in the backyard. Once he's tired of trying to meet the neighbors, he settles down to dip his toes in the pool. Mom Wendy writes: *Just wanted to let you know that **Jake** is doing wonderfully and send some pictures. He is now really enjoying his food, I think partly because he's feeling better and because I added some Wellness canned. He loves to play, but seems to chew on everything, just like the baby he still is (10 months). His favorite thing to do right now is to just lie in the water on the wide top step of our pool. Many times a day, many times being dried. But he's such a love. Of course. I can't imagine life without him. Thank you all so much.*

12-049 Buddy is an adorable, goofy, black Golden puppy. On his first trip to the vet after coming into **AGR** the vet techs were unable to get a weight or a temperature on him as he was just too excited and wiggly. He had a short stay with Deb before going to meet his new family – Joan, Andrew and their terrier **Betty**. Joan and Andrew had recently lost their previous Golden and felt the need to bring Golden love and energy back into their house. Though they had not considered a black Golden, it was love at first sight when

Joan and Andrew met **Buddy**. **Betty** could have lived the rest of her life as an only dog, but she has decided she'd let **Buddy** stay. They've now become close friends and all four enjoy spending time together. **Buddy's** parents write: ***Buddy** came into our lives on Saturday May 18th, 2012. It was such a happy day for all of us! Exactly two months before on Sunday*



*March 18th we had to kiss our sweet **Sam** (also a Golden) goodbye. As anyone knows, that is so very difficult! Our family had been a "two dog family" for MANY years. It felt so empty without **Sam**. **Betty** seemed sad too. Although no dog can replace another, there are so many others waiting and wanting to be loved. We knew that not just any dog would work in our home. **Betty** may be small but she had always been the boss (even though **Sam** weighed about 80 pounds). NEVER had we imagined we'd adopt a black dog from a Golden Retriever rescue! **Buddy's** profile picture just really struck me! He had such a darling expression on his face! We also had originally thought a dog around 2 years old would be perfect. **Buddy** was just 7 months old. Long story short, **Buddy** has filled our home and hearts with MUCH joy! **Betty** has a new lease on life! We hadn't seen her run and play so hard for a couple of years! She loves her **Buddy**! **Buddy** is going to obedience classes. He hasn't mastered walking nicely on a leash yet but we are working on that. We have faith! We must brag a little about all the good things he does. He's more than just good looking. Although he had previously lived in a backyard, **Buddy** has NEVER done his business in our house! NOT EVEN ONCE! We showed him the dog door when we brought him home. **Betty** demonstrated. He followed her lead and seemed to just know that he was to use the yard as his toilet. He is also NOT destructive. He is happy and content playing with us and **Betty** and toys rather than going after furniture etc. **Buddy** is a big lover and enjoys cuddling. He was also very easy to crate train so when we must be gone he goes in his crate without any problem whatsoever. **AGR** was absolutely WONDERFUL to work with! We've told everyone of our satisfaction not just with **Buddy** but with **AGR** as well. It's hard to believe that we've had our **Buddy** not quite a full month! He is such a great fit in our family! We LOVE our **Buddy**! Thank you **AGR**!*



12-050 Bear, now known as **Midas**, is a very tall, redheaded Goldendoodle who was turned in to **AGR** with a few personality quirks. We suspect someone was not very nice to him somewhere along the way, which is a huge shame as he's only 1 year old. He had some difficulties with introductions to other dogs, often barking before being able to be introduced. **Midas** initially

was rather fearful of anyone reaching for things behind him. If

he saw movement behind his head he would turn quickly in that direction – we think he may have been hit from behind. He also had the rather interesting trait of submissive urination. When he was scared or nervous, he tended to make a puddle on the ground. Michele was initially a bit worried about how he would react to moving in with his new family in Mesa. She needn't have been. New dad Kevin, his wife, and their son Kevin were just the family **Midas** needed to help him adjust to regular life. **Midas** had no problems with introductions and no issues with his puddle making problems. He is doing very well with his new family and is just working on not jumping on every person who comes to meet him. We're sure he'll get over this quickly as well. We wish him a long happy life with his new family.

12-051 Leah is a sweet and happy 1-year-old black Golden Retriever – a Golden and Border Collie mix – who has lots of love to give. Michele rescued her from the shelter, and she's now living with her new family in Anthem. Mom Jan and Dad Jack couldn't be happier. **Nick**, the 11-year-old resident Lab, is sort of happy, but most days he's not sure what to do with this bundle of energy. At their first meeting, **Leah** had some respect for **Nick's** size and age, but we have a feeling she'll have him up and moving in short order. We hope **Leah** and all the members of her new family enjoy their life together.



12-052 Kelly is a 6-year-old red girl who came to us from the Eastside **MCACCS** shelter; she had been turned in there by the brother of her deceased owner. Supposedly she was good with other dogs, but we found that not to be the case in her first potential forever home. She got into a scrap over a toy which resulted in injuries to the resident dog. In our second try with a foster, she

went after the cats. In her third foster home, one of the children quickly developed allergies to her. She was moved to a foster-only home and was OK there, but we knew she couldn't stay. In-between all these fosters, she stayed at **Arizona Pet Resort** and then at **Kenel Care**. We finally moved her to a no-other-dog home with Sherry in Yuma, where it looks like she has landed for good. Although we have finalized her adoption, we will still be doing allergy testing and management with her. Both Sherry and **Kelly** have recently lost someone dear to them; it appears that each of them is going to fill the void in the other's life. We wish them much happiness together.

12-055 Shadow is a 9-year-old male who came to us because his human parents were getting a divorce. Our transporter, Dana, commented: *As we arrived, the surrendering owner was loading a*

trailer with her belongings and went inside to get Shadow for us when we introduced ourselves. She brought Shadow out and handed him to me, distancing herself from him after that. She was fighting to hold back the tears the whole time she was filling out the Surrender Form and the Vet Records Release. She also gave us his medical records and his pedigree. After she



handed us all the paperwork she went back to loading her trailer and never said goodbye to Shadow. I do believe she cared so much for him that if she had actually tried to say goodbye she would have broken down completely in tears as it would have been too much for her. Shadow spent a few days at Kennel Care to get neutered and have a skin tag removed. Then Dana brought Shadow to our Meet-and-Greet at Trendy Pet & Rescue, so he could pass him along to Teryl, who was going to take him to his new home with Valerie and John in Peoria. Teryl said Shadow has a great personality. He is very affectionate and did extremely well with the other dogs, people, kids and toddlers. His new owners sent us this message from Shadow: I'm doing great. I'm moving better and my coat has filled out with my new owners' care. (They used to think I'd get sunburned through my thin hair!) They call me beautiful but I call it hot. We have a boat and go to Lake Pleasant. My bio said I didn't swim,

but I love swimming. OK, I splashed at first, but I caught on. Now I swim out to retrieve sticks and my water Frisbee. Going to the lake is one of my favorite things. It's as fun as mauling (gently, of course) the cat. He's cool. He's fourteen and was raised with a Gold-



Shadow and his best friend Kipling, who is almost the same color as Shadow

en. It's been awhile but I think he remembers. My owners aren't sure they like his ears and neck left wet but the cat doesn't mind. He makes a cool sound. They call it a purr. I like when my owners sit out on the swing with their morning coffee with the misters on. I sit as close as I can until they tire of petting me, which takes awhile. Then I lie at their feet and look out at my great yard with grass and trees and I give thanks for my new home. I'm a happy dog!

12-056 Shadow and **12-057 Sassy**, now known as **Buddy** and **Elsie**, respectively, were housemates that were relegated to the outdoors for the last year. We were able to keep them together at their new home with Ben and April in Scottsdale. **Buddy** is a 5-year-old red Golden and **Elsie** is a 4-year-old blond Golden girl. For living outside for the past year, both dogs were actually quite healthy. **Elsie** had an ear infection, common for Golden Retrievers, and **Buddy** needed to lose about 30 pounds. Some medications and the green bean diet later, both dogs are doing well and adjusting to life indoors.



Buddy

Ben wrote: *We are pleased to report that **Buddy** and **Elsie** are enjoying the good life in [our] household. Both are settled in to our routine and seem very happy – April and I sure are, and the cats have even started to warm up. **Buddy** weighed 102 pounds when we picked him up, and in only 6 weeks has already lost 10 pounds. He loves to exercise and*

*wakes me up exactly at 5:30 AM for our daily walks. He also has learned to love the pool and occasional visits to our local fenced park to run free. He is a lover and we are so happy to have him. His funniest characteristic is he LOVES TV! Sports, news, animal shows of course – he could probably sit and watch all day. **Elsie** is the baby girl.*



Elsie

*So sweet and very submissive and nervous at first, but every day she shows us something new about her personality. Initially she would only lie in two places – outside on the lawn, or on a comfy dog bed inside. And she would army-crawl along the floor to get to either. In only 6 weeks she has really started to open up and now is competing with **Buddy** for love and attention. She is extremely fast and can jump more than a foot off the ground. April takes her for short runs a few times a week and she loves to open it up at our local fenced park. I have been trying to get her to fetch a Frisbee in the air, as she is very athletic. She is not quite comfortable enough to get in the pool, but we are working on it. Both are a joy and we are so happy we made the decision to go with the pair. They are very bonded and we couldn't imagine them separated. We are so very pleased when we are able to place a pair together! After the adoption, Ben and April wanted to get more involved with **AGR**. They are now serving on our expanded Intake Team!*



12-062 Holly is a lovely 4-year-old girl who gets along with everybody. Her owner lost his house and was very upset at having to give her up, but he knew he had no choice. She had some thick, tight mats behind her ears. When those were removed, we saw she had some sores underneath, so she had to spend some time in one of our foster-only homes until the

sores healed. She is now in her permanent home with Barbara in Surprise, where she has three doggy housemates, one of whom is Barbara's first **AGR** adoptee **11-054 Buddy**, and a parrot, whom **Holly** has had to learn to ignore. Barbara has discovered that **Holly** loves to swim. Barbara thought that the combination of **Buddy** and **Holly** was cute (for those of you young folks, Buddy Holly

was a famous rock-and-roll singer/songwriter in the late 1950s) but has renamed **Holly Holiday**. Happy new life to all of you!



12-063 Jaxon, now known as **Tucker**, is an 11-month-old redheaded puppy who was given up because his original family realized they did not have time to give him the attention this young dog needed. He was first placed in a home with another dog, but the resident dog was ill and **Jaxon's** play was just too rough. He has now found a fantastic new home

with Dan in Mesa. Dan's resident 7-year-old Golden/Aussie mix, **Abby**, was thrilled to have a new playmate. Dan says that while **Abby** loves to swim, **Tucker** is more of a shower fan. He'll frequently hop in the shower in the morning and wait for Dan to turn on the water. **Abby** must think this puppy's a little silly but she loves him all the same, and they frequently play and cuddle together. We wish them all many years of happiness.

12-064 Cody, now **Bodie**, is an 8-month-old stunner of a white Golden. Tall for his age, he may continue to grow! Diane and Jim were more than happy to bring him to his new family, Teresa and Charles in Chandler. He made himself at home as soon as he got there and enjoyed exploring his backyard and playing with all his new toys. He's now getting lots of snuggles and walks with his new parents. Over the summer he'll get to enjoy the family pool. Mom Teresa sent us a letter from him: *Hi, my new name is **Bodie**. My adoptive parents named me after Mikkel Boedker from the*



Phoenix Coyotes, not because I look like a Coyote but because he is such a star on the team. I came to my furever home after a few "misses" early on in my life. I am **HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY** with my new furever home because I have lots of toys to play with and an extra-large crate to sleep in at night. My back yard has a pool, but I'm not ready to go in just yet. I am a big boy for my age and I have had a few growing pains but with lots of TLC and rest, I will be just fine. I love to snuggle with my new mom; she and I play together and she takes real good care of me. My new dad works during the day but gives me lots of love when he comes home. I even have an older "sister" now who is a cat named Gonzo. She chases me around the dining room table but has yet to catch me! I have learned how to shake hands, sit, lie down and walk on a leash. I am so smart! I can't wait to learn many other new tricks. I am so thankful for **Arizona Golden Rescue** for finding such a loving home for me to grow up in. I hope to meet everyone at the **AGR Meet-and-Greets** and tell you more about my new home.

12-065 Lucy is a lovely little 2-year-old Golden female. Her origi-



nal owners were no longer able to care for her and requested that **AGR** find her a new forever home. We were more than happy to, as **Lucy** is the lovable, happy, playful 2-year-old female that so many potential Golden owners hope for. One thing's just a little different about **Lucy**: she has subaortic stenosis. Most dogs with this condition

don't make it past their first birthday; **Lucy** is an exuberant 2-year-old. Unfortunately, there's no corrective procedure for her condition. If she develops symptoms of congestive heart failure, where her heart is working too hard to pump blood and the heart muscle itself starts to fail, she can be treated with a medication that helps control her heart rate and prevent it from pumping too fast. Just like with any dog, there are no guarantees on **Lucy's** health. She may live for many years or she may develop symptoms while she's still young. Her new parents, Melody and Joe in Glendale, welcomed her into their hearts and home being fully aware of her condition and its implications. We are certain they will take excellent care of her and ensure she's happy and playful as long as she's with them. After meeting with the canine cardiologist and hearing **Lucy's** uncertain prognosis, Joe said, *There was no way we would give Lucy up upon hearing this. We have exchanged so much love between us and feel we are the fortunate ones for having her come into our lives. You never know what the future may bring and we will cherish the time we have together.* We hope she has a happy, healthy and long life with her new family – she will certainly know she is loved every minute of every day!



12-066 Tempe is a 4-year-old girl whose original family felt she was no longer getting the attention she deserved. We had no problems placing this beautiful redhead with Marti and her feline kids in Phoenix. Marti had recently lost her 9-year-old Golden and felt it was time to bring another dog into her life. **Tempe** was just the girl to help heal Marti's heart. **Tempe** did need some vet

work when she first joined us, as she suffered from chronic ear infections, something that's all too common for Golden Retrievers. With the right antibiotics and ear ointments and lots of love from her new mom, she's now coming out of her shell and showing off her lovely Golden personality. Mom Marti writes: *Tempe arrived at our home the weekend of June 2nd. She was friendly, mellow, and made herself at home right away. My 10-month-old orange tabby cat "Leonard" bonded immediately but my 7-year-old black cat "Jazz" wasn't so sure – they are doing fine now. Tempe had no problems crawling up on my bed to sleep the first night. We have been hiking every day since she arrived and she loves it. Thanks, Arizona Golden Rescue, for finding her for me.*

*I believe that my **Hanah**, my 9-year-old Golden who passed away recently, also helped find her for me.*



12-068 Abigail/Abbi is the seventh Goldendoodle we have rescued in our three years of operation. She is a gorgeous midsize 7-year-old with a wonderfully calm temperament. Her owner had lost his house and was moving to California. He was taking his other dog, a Lab, whom he said cost less to maintain than the Doodle, but he was very upset at having to give up this

lovely girl. Although **Abbi** was up to date on all her vaccines and had already been spayed and microchipped, her owner gave **AGR** a generous donation to help with any other medical expenses we might have. **Abbi** met several of us when Dana brought her to our Meet-and-Greet at **Trendy Pet & Rescue** where we transferred her to her new owners, Dan and Kathy, who live in Prescott Valley and came down to pick her up from us at the store. Ironically, the Golden they recently lost was also named **Abby**. They all stayed for about 2 hours. **Abbi** wore one of our donation vests and did very well with everyone who came into the store and with the other dogs we had there, too. Only a few days after taking her home, Dan reported that **Abbi** had already passed her Canine Good Citizen test and is well on her way to becoming therapycertified with Delta Society. She will make a terrific therapy dog! We are so happy for all that **Abbi** has found such a wonderful niche!



Abbi had a "poodle cut" when we rescued her, but her new family has "let her go natural" – she's adorable either way, isn't she?

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Deb Orwig

It is a rare dog that **AGR** takes in that costs us less than the adoption fee to get vetted. But there are some whose vet expenses really set us back financially. During this past quarter, **AGR** has had several dogs come into our rescue program that have needed extraordinary medical intervention and have, therefore, cost us a lot for their vet bills. If you can make a donation towards the vet expenses of any one of them, you will be listed as a Diamond Donor in the November issue.

12-024 Puppet, now called **Ciara**, was reported to have seizures when she was surrendered to **AGR**. We thought the cause of the seizures might be distemper, as she had never had any vaccines, or valley fever, but tests for both diseases proved negative. Her



foster family reported that she also exhibited some other symptoms which might indicate some kind of neurological issue – some facial distortion and a drooping tail that she seemed not to be able to lift more than about 20 degrees. So, we had an MRI done, the results of which did not indicate anything unusual – no tumors, swelling, abscesses, valley fever lesions or trauma scars. The

vet diagnosed **Ciara** with idiopathic epilepsy and felt that her other symptoms were probably due to birth trauma which caused permanent nerve damage. **Ciara** was started on phenobarbital to control the seizures and was transitioned to potassium bromide, a slower-acting seizure-control medication which does not have the long-term adverse effects seen with phenobarb. **Ciara's** neurological workup and diagnosis cost **AGR** over **\$3770**.

We first saw **12-032 Rayce**, who now answers to **Luke**, at the end of March on the second day of our garage sale after Dana and Gail had picked him up from the Westside **MCACCS** shelter. We all noticed right away that he “walked funny.” Indeed he did, as he had little in the way of hip structure – the left hip was not in a socket at all and the right was in only about 2 mm. Surgery, of course, was necessary, the procedure of choice being a femoral head ostectomy (FHO). Since the left side was the worst, that one was done first; **Luke** is now recovering and getting stronger every day thanks to daily rehab walks by his adopter. The evaluation and first surgery amounted to over **\$2700**. He had his other hip done just before we went to press with this newsletter; the bill for the second surgery was **\$2200**.



12-041 Achilles, now called **Jake**, had multiple medical issues when he was rescued (see his paragraph on page 12). Among those was a lameness caused by what was eventually diagnosed as osteochondrosis. This condition, which is not uncommon in large breed dogs, results from a cartilage flap forming on the humeral head. In some cases, the resulting defect occu-

pies half of the area of the humeral head. The cartilage flap may completely detach from the underlying bone and become lodged in the back of the joint pouch. **Jake** needed surgery to remove this flap. He received six weekly injections of Adequan to aid the healing of his shoulder; these injections will continue (at \$52 each) once a month for six months. **Jake** now has much greater mobility and no more pain. His vet work cost **AGR** over **\$4500**.



12-065 Lucy has a heart murmur, a very serious one. Her condition is called subaortic stenosis. This condition is described in our Health and Safety column on pages 7-8. If she develops symptoms of congestive heart failure, where her heart is working too hard to pump blood and the heart muscle itself starts to fail, she can be treated for awhile

with a medication that helps control her heart rate and prevent it from pumping too fast, but there is no real “fix” for beautiful little **Lucy**. **Lucy's** vet costs so far have been just about **\$1000**, but she is worth every penny, no matter how long she lives.

12-074 Coral Cove is a beautiful but overweight 5-year-old girl who had been a puppy mill breeder dog. After having a couple of unhealthy litters she was spayed and then sold to an owner who kept her for about 1 ½ years. She was surrendered because, we were told, she had severe separation anxiety and had eaten a hole in their couch. As soon as we saw her, we knew there was another reason: her eyes looked terrible. We had her eyes evaluated at **Eye Care for Animals**. The vet determined that **Coral** had entropion in both eyes. This condition, which is caused by the eyelid turning inward thus causing the eyelashes to rub on the corneas, should have been repaired when **Coral** was a puppy, but it was not, so we had to have the repair done. **Coral's** vet work cost us almost **\$1950**, but she can now see well and is no longer in pain. It may be the eye pain that had caused her to eat the couch.



12-074 Suzie Q is a gorgeous 1-year-old girl who has severe hip dysplasia. Just like **12-032 Luke**, she will need a femoral head ostectomy on both hips – the femoral heads are ½ cm out of the sockets and the dorsal rims are worn down; fortunately she is young enough that no arthritis has developed in any of her joints. She will have her

first hip done soon. We estimate the cost to be about **\$2500** per hip.

After lovely **12-076 Jacky** was spayed and had been at her foster home for a couple of days, we were contacted by the fosters, who were in a panic because **Jacky** was bleeding profusely from her vaginal area. Connie McCabe drove from Glendale to Tempe to pick her up and took her to **Sonora Veterinary Specialists** in Phoenix where there is 24-hour service. **Jacky** was evaluated by



one of the emergency vets there. She was thought to have thrown a blood clot which may or may not have had anything to do with the spay. A chem panel came back totally normal and **Jacky** was acting fine, so she was discharged with instructions to Connie to apply warm compresses on the area and administer oral antibiotics. She was

checked again three days later, and the vet was pleased with her progress. She will have another follow-up visit on July 30th. This necessary overnight visit to a veterinary emergency facility cost **AGR \$1171**, which brought Jacky's total vet bill to about **\$1664**.

Goal: Keeping Pets Safe – continued from page 9

6) Be aware of foods that are inappropriate for pets. Food items that potentially could be dangerous to pets include onions, onion powder, chocolate (bakers, semi-sweet, milk, dark), products sweetened with xylitol (such as chewing gum), raisins and grapes, alcoholic beverages, yeast dough, coffee (grounds, beans, chocolate covered espresso beans), tea (caffeine), salt, macadamia nuts, hops (used in home beer brewing), tomato leaves and stems (green parts), rhubarb leaves, avocados (toxic to birds, mice, rabbits, horses, cattle, and dairy goats), moldy or spoiled foods.

7) Common household items can be lethal to animals: Many liquid potpourri formulations contain ingredients such as essential oils and detergents that could be quite hazardous to pets. Due to the risk for serious illness, pet owners should place potpourri simmer pots and unused liquid in rooms where pets cannot gain access. Also consider using relatively safer alternatives, such as plug-in or solid air fresheners used in out-of-reach locations, not in close proximity to pets with sensitive respiratory tracts such as birds. Other items potentially dangerous to pets include mothballs, pennies, tobacco products, homemade play dough, fabric softener sheets, dishwashing detergent, and batteries.

8) Automotive products such as gasoline, oil and antifreeze should be stored in areas that are inaccessible to your pets: As little as one teaspoon of antifreeze can be deadly to a cat; less than one tablespoon can be lethal to a 20-pound dog.

9) Be sure your pets do not go on lawns or in gardens treated with fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides until they have dried completely. Always store such products in areas that are inaccessible to your pets. If you are uncertain about the usage of any product, contact the manufacturer for clarification before using it.

The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try-angle. ~ Author Unknown

Book Review
By Jude Fulghum

A Big Little Life- A Memoir of a Joyful Dog
By Dean Koontz, 2009, ISBN: 978 0 00 7336821

After thirty years together, writer Dean Koontz and his wife Gerda decided the time was right to adopt their very first dog. Being major supporters of *Canine Companions for Independence (CCI)*, they asked to adopt one of the dogs that, for one reason or another, did not make it completely through the training. They were matched with a “mooshy” (a Velcro, stick-by-your-side cuddle dog) three-year-old Golden Retriever named **Trixie** that had recently gone through major elbow surgery.

From the day she entered their lives, it was quite apparent that **Trixie** was adored, as she was quite openly referred to as their daughter and several aspects of the Koontzes' lives were changed to accommodate her. She was extremely well trained with impeccable manners (I believe Koontz said she only barked a handful of times in the nearly nine years she was with them) and was a very intuitive dog. In descriptions of her time with the Koontzes, there are several quite remarkable examples of just how different and special **Trixie** was. In one of the more moving passages of the book, an elderly Native American who observed Dean with **Trixie**, explains to Dean exactly what kind of dog **Trixie** is (other than, obviously, a Golden Retriever).

It was also interesting to learn that **Trixie** had a profound effect on the direction of Dean's writing style, which he explains quite thoroughly. This is a great book for Koontz fans who would like to learn more about him personally, as obviously when writing about time with a well-loved dog, much personal history also comes through. True fans may even be able to look back at the types of stories written before and after **Trixie** entered his life and understand her impact on his writing.

Trixie was the “author” of several Koontz books, still has her own Facebook page, and part of his website is devoted to her. It is quite obvious that she meant everything to the Koontzes. Even those of you who have never heard of Dean Koontz (are there really any?) will enjoy reading about a man's love and devotion for this most perfect Golden Retriever. However, I must say that after reading about **Trixie**, I found myself reflecting on my need for the goofball rescued Golden in my house that, for absolutely no apparent reason, will leap up from the floor and give me his snarly face grin while barking at absolutely nothing. Golden truly are the best, and ten months after **Trixie's** passing the Koontzes once again adopted a *CCI* dog. Although there is no Golden like your first one, perhaps the antics of “**Anna**” will become known to us through Koontz's future writings.

OVER THE RAINBOW

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

Nancy Reed

Beloved mother of AGR member Cindy Tigges



12-015 Abby Beceiro



Ginger Donahue



Napoleon Hall



11-053 Tatum Hansen



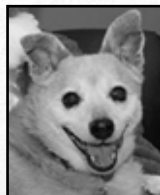
09-042 Ben Johnston



Sally Kowalski



Roxy Leavitt



Chili Slagowski

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.

*It came to me
that every time
I lose a dog
they take a piece
of my heart
with them, and
every new dog
who comes into
my life gifts me
with a piece of
their heart.*

*If I live long enough,
all the components
of my heart will
be dog, and I
will become as
generous and loving
as they are.*

~ Anonymous ~



Happy Slagowski



Toby and Bailey Williamson

Editor's Note: Recently Dana Haywood, our Director of Information Management, was in his car stopped at a red light when he was rear-ended by a truck that pushed him into the back of an SUV. Fortunately, Dana was not seriously injured, but he could have been. It is because any of us could have been in such an accident – or any other kind of accident – that I am reprinting this excellent article from the Golden Retriever Club of America's National Rescue Committee in hopes that you will heed the advice given. It is one of our goals to do right by the dogs that do so much for us.

If Something Happens to You: Providing for Your Golden

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In this day and age, we need to prepare for eventualities that could impact the care of our beloved Golden.

Suppose you were in an automobile accident en route home from shopping.

Suppose your sudden accident was fatal.

Have you made emergency or long-term provisions for the care of your Golden?

Your Golden deserves your careful thought and planning.

There are both short-term and long-term provisions to be considered. The following is a "quality care checklist" of steps to be taken to care for those four-footed furry love bugs with which you share your home.

Short-term Emergency Care

1. Put a notice on your door alerting emergency personnel that you have dog(s) in the house so that firemen or other emergency personnel will be alerted to look for an animal cowering under the bed or somewhere else out of sight.

2. Put a Pet Alert Card in your wallet, adjacent to the "Emergency Information Card" in most wallets, alerting emergency personnel to the fact that you have dogs at home that need care. Include at least two phone numbers of family, friends or neighbors who can be called to provide short-term care for your pets should you be unconscious or so injured you are unable to address this need. Alert these temporary caregivers to the fact that you are doing this and instruct them where your pets are to be boarded should you be hospitalized and they are unable to provide daily care. Alert your boarding kennel to the fact that you are doing this and assure them that you have made appropriate financial provisions to cover boarding costs.

3. Alert your executor to your pet provision concerns and include

financial provisions in your will for temporary boarding of your pets. In the event of your demise, your family's primary concern will be your funeral arrangements, not pet care. You may also wish to make use of a Letter of Instruction or a trust (see below). Make it easy for everyone by reviewing your wishes with those concerned and making the proper provisions.

4. In the event of your death, leave specific instructions as to the ultimate care of your Golden. A Letter of Instruction is not a legal document, but if it includes your wishes for your funeral arrangements, it will most likely be read! In this document you can specify how you wish the care of your pet(s) to be handled. BUT, as a letter of instruction is not legally binding, you might include the phrase, "As I have indicated in my will, I wish the following provisions to be carried out on behalf of my pets." This alerts people to the fact that there is also a LEGAL document addressing the subject! Then spell them out exactly as you have it in your will. This is especially important if you are leaving money to someone.

To be absolutely certain your wishes will be followed, you need to include provisions in your will and let all concerned – family, friends and executor – know that you are very serious about this! Designate a person you can trust to be sure your wishes are carried out in this regard. Unfortunately, pets sometimes get disposed of before anyone bothers to read the will! In other instances, interim care may be required until the will has been admitted to probate and the executor receives the authority to proceed. By the way, it is not necessary to rewrite a will every time you lose a pet or add another one if the will simply states that the provisions you are making apply to "my dog or dog(s) at the time of my death or incapacity." In some states, pet trusts are permissible, but *caveat emptor*, they are subject to change and sometimes unenforceable (see below).

5. Be specific about the placement of your Golden. Leave nothing to chance.

You may have a relative or friend who has indicated they would take your dog, but suppose at the time of your demise (and you're not going to rewrite your will every year) you have more than one dog and your relative or friend doesn't want two new charges. Or perhaps, the party's circumstances have changed, a spouse doesn't want a pet, the landlord won't permit a pet, etc. Spell out a sequence of scenarios in your will, i.e. your pet(s) are to go to Person A, but if this party is unable to care for them, then to Person B or to your local Golden Retriever Rescue organization. (More about this later!) If you signed a contract with the dog's breeder specifying that the dog is to be returned to him or her, be certain to make note of this. Then talk to your breeder about this – should there be a family member who might be close to the dog and really want to care for it.

6. Including your pet in your Power of Attorney may be advisable

if you have designated someone to act in your behalf while you are still alive, but incapacitated. Provisions for pet care can be spelled out in a Power of Attorney statement. You may also draw up a separate Power of Attorney form for your chosen pet care provider. Copies of this form should be given to your pet care provider, your veterinarian, your boarding kennel and your executor.

7. Write out important information about your dog and instruct someone where this document may be found. A file folder should include medical records, licensing information, special food needs, etc. But perhaps even more important, write a personality profile of your pet – its likes and dislikes, its good and its bad habits, its favorite playtime activity, the fact that it loves to chew ice cubes! Give the new owner all the information possible to facilitate your pet's transition to a new home.

8. Euthanasia is usually not a legal option. You may think that your pet cannot survive without you or that you have no family or Rescue group to which your Golden can be left, but do not leave instructions that the dog is to be euthanized in the event of your death because most courts have invalidated such instructions. Deal with it! Make provisions! Don't leave your Golden's fate hanging in the air. There are always viable options. Be advised, however, that if you leave your Golden to a friend or relative, that person becomes the legal owner and that person has the right to euthanize your pet.

Including Your Pet in Your Will

Dogs have a different status in different states. If a dog is considered "property" in your state, you cannot leave money for its care nor can you establish a trust for its care. Property cannot inherit property. In many states, if you leave money to an individual or organization for the care of your pet, that money will be subject to inheritance taxes. Talk to your lawyer about your state laws before you write provisions for pet care into your will. Always specify that the cost of food, veterinary care, transportation or temporary boarding care for your pet, while permanent arrangements are being made, will be taken from your estate funds.

1. Providing funds for pet care through cash or a trust must be done in accordance with state law. Most states do not permit any part of an estate to be left directly to an animal. Money can be left to a caretaker for your pet's care, but the caretaker is under no legal obligation to use the money for that purpose. If a large amount of money is left to someone for this purpose, others may challenge the will unless an *in terrorem* clause is included in the will. Such a clause insures that if someone unsuccessfully challenges the will, said person cannot then receive property under any provision of the will.

2. Pet Trusts or Honorary Trusts can be another vehicle of care, however, they are expensive to administer. A trust that is separate

from a will has certain advantages. It can be written to exclude the probate process and to provide for your pet in the event of your long-term illness. A Revocable Living Trust can be cancelled or changed while you are still alive. But you will have to pay a trustee to administer it. And, once again, you must ascertain if your state will recognize the validity of such a document when an animal is the beneficiary. As of January, 2005, there are State Pet Trust Statutes of one form or another on the books in 26 states: (AK, AZ, CA, CO, DC, FL, IL, IA, KS, ME, MI, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OR, TN, UT, WA, WI, WY.) When writing your legal documents, you will need to verify these statutes to determine if they have been amended or repealed, or if they are classified as "unenforceable."

In May, 2001 an effort was made by Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Oregon) to create federal legislation (HR 1796) that would permit pets to be named as income recipients of charitable remainder trusts. It was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, however, as of March, 2005, no action had been taken on this bill.

Designating a Rescue Organization to Care for Your Golden

1. A Rescue Organization can provide the best care for your Golden if you do not have a close relative or family member who truly cares for your dog. There are nearly 100 such organizations in the United States and a full roster of these Rescue groups can be found on the website of the *National Rescue Committee*. But not all Rescue groups are equal. Some are new and some have long track records. Research your local Rescue group thoroughly. Ask questions. Ask to see their financial statements. Ask for references from their participating veterinarians. You want to feel reasonably certain that the group is going to be around when you need it! You may find that you need to go out of state to find a Rescue organization with which you are comfortable. Talk to the group's officers in advance, let them know of your wishes, and plan ahead as to how your dog will be transported to them when the time comes. And once again, remember to provide the finances for this transportation.

There are many advantages to stipulating that your Golden go to a Rescue group, because most Rescue groups do home visits to carefully screen would-be adopters. Ask about their adoption procedures. Ask about their placement record for senior Golden as your dog may be a senior when the need for placement arises. Rescue groups are run by volunteers who truly care about the breed and about securing "forever homes" for their charges. A Golden is not just any dog to a Rescue volunteer – it is a unique animal to which they are committing many volunteer hours in an effort to find loving homes for Golden in need.

2. You should provide a bequest in your will if you elect to specify that your Golden go to a Rescue organization. Be sure that the organization you elect has 501 (c) (3) charitable organization status

to avoid the payment of inheritance taxes. Don't leave money to the organization "for the care of Rusty" because it creates problems the organization cannot manage. They can't adopt out a dog "with a dowry" because they would have no means of monitoring expenditures. The new owners can't be expected to go to the Rescue organization for payment of every vet bill – nor should they. Here is where faith and good will have to come into play. Leave your bequest to the Rescue organization for the care of Golden retrievers in need. If YOUR Golden subsequently requires major medical care, you have to trust that the organization will provide it if the new owners are unable to do so. Your bequest is a statement of faith that you trust the organization to do right by your dog, if needed, and if not, to help other Golden retrievers in need.

Your dog has given you its full trust and unconditional love. You must reward that faith by taking the necessary steps to provide for its well being should you be unable to do so.

The National Rescue Committee is a committee of the Golden Retriever Club of America. For more information about the GRCA please visit their website: www.grca.org

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Having or Anticipating Financial Difficulties

Author Unknown

Editor's Note: A somewhat lofty goal for each of us is to be comfortable enough financially not to have to worry about money. However, in these trying economic times, that is, perhaps, not a realistic goal for a lot of us. The following article may provide some helpful suggestions if you experience some financial difficulties. The goal of the article is to help you be able to adequately take care of your pets should you experience a financial crisis.

The following resources may be helpful solutions for financial difficulties:

1. **Ask your veterinarian about setting up a payment plan for the needed medical treatment.**
2. **Register with a local temporary agency** to obtain employment on a "temp" basis, or to pick up a part-time or second job to generate additional income.

3. **Exchange services with family, friends or neighbors** – for example, doing home repair, babysitting, or cleaning in exchange for payment for needed veterinary care.
4. **Hold a garage sale** to get rid of unused or unwanted appliances, furniture, equipment, etc.
5. **Ask your credit card companies for an increase in your available credit.**
6. **Consider meeting with a credit counseling service** if your credit rating is poor, or you have too much credit debt, to reduce your debt and arrange an affordable payment plan.
7. **Consider consolidating your credit debt** into a single loan, or refinancing your home to lower your total debt/monthly payment amount.
8. **Apply to your bank or credit union for a short-term loan.**
9. **Inquire about your retirement account or other tax-sheltered account**, to find out about penalties for early withdrawal of funds or increase in monthly dividends.
10. **Temporarily reduce the amount of your paycheck going to employer contribution/retirement accounts** if you are currently employed.
11. **Evaluating your monthly budget can be useful** – cutting "extras" like cable television fees, eating out, etc. can add up quickly. Make a list of essential needs; then temporarily cancel all extra expenditures.
12. **Sell unwanted items of value on an Internet auction site.**
13. **If you are employed, consider using a cash-advance service.** Please be aware that some of these agencies charge outrageous interest rates, so be cautious using these types of services.
14. **If you are unemployed, contact your local Employment Development Department to see if you qualify for benefits**, including unemployment insurance, disability benefits, and employment assistance. Many EDD offices also offer paid training in a variety of fields which may help you to find both training and employment in a new field.
15. **Check online employment sites for new job openings and opportunities.** Updating your résumé and gathering letters of recommendation from previous employers and associates will help you in your job search.
16. **Call businesses in your area to inquire about any positions which may be open.** Networking with your friends and family may also help you to find out about employment opportunities.

Finally, the following are resources which may be helpful both to deal with financial crises and to plan for the future. Consider meeting with a financial planning firm, credit counseling agency, insurance broker, or retirement planning service to design realistic budgets and goals for the future which will enable you to become financially independent.

1. **Set up a savings account to plan for all future emergencies, including veterinary care.** Ideally you should be able

- to save at least 10% of your monthly budget for this account.
2. **Purchase veterinary insurance** – there are several pet insurance programs available nationally. Many of these plans are very affordable and will enable you to avoid future financial
 3. **Budget a monthly allowance for preventative veterinary care.** Regular “well-pet” checkups and good preventative care practices will help avoid medical crises for your pet in future.



Vet Help Organizations

from <http://www.scribd.com/doc/12767191/Pet-Vet-Help-Organizations>

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Here is a list of organizations that can help owners who cannot afford vet care. A couple are for rescue organizations and homeless pets.

American Animal Hospital Association

<http://www.aahahelpingpets.org/home/> “The heartbreak happens all too often: a pet owner is unable to afford treatment and their sick or injured companion animal pays the price. If the owner is elderly, disabled or on a fixed income, the cost of care may be too much of a stretch for their pocketbook. Perhaps they have been victimized by crime, property loss or a job layoff and are experiencing a temporary financial hardship making it too difficult to afford pet care. And some animals, brought to clinics by Good Samaritans, don’t have an owner to pay for treatment. Whatever the situation, the fact remains the same: when sick or injured animals are unable to receive veterinary care, they suffer. Through the **AAHA Helping Pets Fund**, veterinary care is possible for sick or injured pets even if they have been abandoned or if their owner is experiencing financial hardship.” **AAHA**, 12575 W Bayaud Ave, Lakewood, CO 80228; phone 800-883-6301; fax 303-986-1700

Angels 4 Animals, www.Angels4Animals.org is “a non-profit organization and a program of Inner Voice Community Services, has a mission to serve as the Guardian Angel of animals whose caretakers find themselves in difficult financial situations. **Angels4Animals** believe that animal owners should not have to say goodbye to the animals that they love. Their work is accomplished in conjunction with veterinary clinics across the country, eager to assist as many animals, and their owners, as possible. Services range from financial aid to complete treatment to those pets and pet owners in need.” Angels4Animals, 3941 Park Dr, Ste 20-135, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; 916-941-9119; fax 916-290-0598

Care Credit, www.carecredit.com “A credit card company for health care, including veterinary care. Care Credit, the leader in patient/client financing, has helped more than 3 million patients/clients get the treatment or procedures they needed and wanted. With a comprehensive range of plan options, for treatment or procedure fees from \$1 to over \$25,000, we offer a plan and a low monthly payment to fit comfortably into almost every budget.”

Help-A-Pet, <http://www.help-a-pet.org/home.html> “Our efforts

focus on serving the elderly, the disabled, and the working poor. For lonely seniors, physically/mentally challenged individuals and children of working parents, pets represent much more than a diversion.” Help-A-Pet P. O. Box 244 Hinsdale, Illinois 60521; phone: 630-986-9504; fax: 630-986-9141.

In Memory of Magic, IMOM, <http://www.imom.org> “Mission Statement: Helping people help pets. To better the lives of sick, injured and abused companion animals. We are dedicated to ensure that no companion animal has to be euthanized simply because their caretaker is financially challenged.” IMOM, Inc PO Box 282 Cheltenham, MD 20623; phone: 866-230-2164; fax: 301-599-1852.

The Pet Fund, <http://thepetfund.com/> “The Pet Fund is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals who need urgent veterinary care. Often animals are put down or suffer needlessly because their owners cannot afford expensive surgery or emergency vet visits. Companion animal owners must often make the difficult decision to put an animal down or neglect urgent medical needs because of the costs involved. The purpose of **The Pet Fund** is to work towards a future where decisions about companion animal medical care need never be made on the basis of cost.” Phone: 916-443-6007; <http://thepetfund.com/>

United Animal Nations UAN VET SUPPORT, <http://uan.org/lifeline/index.html> “The mission of Life Line is to help homeless or recently rescued animals suffering from life-threatening conditions that require specific and immediate emergency veterinary care. We strive to serve Good Samaritans and rescue groups who take in sick or injured animals. In certain cases, Life Line can also assist senior citizens and low-income families pay for immediate emergency veterinary care.” United Animal Nations P.O. Box 188890 Sacramento, California 95818; phone: 916-429-2457; fax: 916-429-2456.

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.

~ Henry Ford

HERE and THERE

Events from April 1, 2012
through June 30, 2012

Your membership in our organization will be more fulfilling for you if you get involved and join us at our events, especially if you are one of our adopters. Our Meet-and-Greets are a great way to socialize both for you and for your dog. Our fundraisers are FUN raisers! Please regularly check the events calendar on our website – www.arizonagoldenrescue.org – for dates and times of upcoming events. We'd like to include your picture in this section in future issues.



Phoenix Pet Expo

By Liz Tataseo



Jodi and Jay worked in the booth for half the day

The *Phoenix Pet Expo* was held on April 28, 2012 at the *University of Phoenix Stadium* from 10 AM – 6 PM. This year, our booth was a corner booth on the aisle across from Shorty Ross (signing a book in photo at right) and **Hercules** from the *Animal Planet Show*, "Pit Boss" and next to the stadium side wall. We also had an adjacent booth for *Hug 'N Pups Grooming Salon* to be



Gavin and Linda

right next to us, thus forming a double booth. There would have been plenty of room for our dogs to be strung out along the wall except for the large crowds wanting to see Shorty and **Hercules**. We did have a lot of people lining up to get free nail trims courtesy of *Hug 'N Pups*, who gave all

their donations to *AGR*. Thank you to Linda Den Beste and Gavin Easton for their time and the contributions to *AGR*. They also later donated the \$100 cost for the electricity we had to pay for for their electric nail trimmers.

We set up the booth on Friday, April 27th. Bringing over all the equipment and materials were Tony Cotner, Linda Den Beste, Patrick Doyle, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Bob Youhas. On Saturday, either in the main booth or the Mega-Adoption area were Mary Lynn Ament; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**;



Mary Lynn with Hayden, Trip in front, Sarah with Bunny, Teryl with Marti, Gonzo in front and Gail with Riley

Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Teryl Hall with foster **Marti**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Rusty and Don Krause with **Stormy** and **Sunshine**; Sarah Martin with **Bunny**; Deb Orwig with **Hayden**, **Ladybird**, and **Troy**; Beverly Ruth; Liz Tataseo with **Trip** and **Gonzo**; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Cartier**. Leah and Kelly Wietrzykowski worked in



the booth for a while and then spent some time holding the dogs in the Mega-Adoption area. Peter Wong stopped by with **Billie**, as did Sue Vallie with **Penny** (photo at left), Sandra Hansen and Barb Miller. *AGR* members Eileen Proctor (*PACC 911*) and Joyce Weber (*Happy Tails Service Dogs*) had their own booths at the show, so we saw them as well. And we made contact with *Trendy Pet & Rescue* and now do meet and greets at their store in *Scottsdale Fashion Square*. Deb, Tony, Dana, Gail, Patrick, Liz and Bob all stayed to the end to help pack up the cars, and Tony drove Deb's dogs home to her house, because there was no room to squeeze even one of them into her vehicle!

The show was very large, with many vendors filling up almost the entire 128,000 square feet of floor space in the stadium. This year they again had a Splash Dogs competition and Agility competition, as well as a large area cordoned off as the Mega-Adoption area.



Large crowds congregated in the Mega-Adoption area all day

We set up a tent in that area, too. Liz with **Gonzo** and **Trip**, and Gail and Dana with **Riley** stayed there all day along with Teryl Hall with **Marti** and Sarah Martin and **Bunny** in the morning. Tony also spent most of the day there with **Daisy**. Many people were able to get information

about adoption, and numerous others took our brochure and business card. The Exhibitors' Lounge was again available this year. The vendors could go into a quiet room and get a better choice of food at lower prices than out in the main venue.

All our dogs wore Donation Vests and collected lots of cash while walking around the event. Donations amounted to \$508.70 which included \$294.60 from **Hug 'N Pups** for nail trims. Merchandise sales totaled \$583.78 in cash and credit card sales. Our raffle basket brought in another \$95. Total for the day was \$1187.48. We paid for next year's booth that day and also had a \$99.82 bill for electricity for the nail trimming equipment. which was later generously covered by **Hug 'N Pups**. Our profit was \$837.66, which equaled more than the total of the past two years combined!

The 2013 *Phoenix Pet Expo* will again be held at the **University of Phoenix Stadium**. The date is Saturday, April 20th. Please put it on your 2013 calendar as soon as you get one – this is not an event you'll want to miss!

Christmas in May and June!
By Liz Tataseo



This year, as last year, we did gift wrapping before Father's Day at **Barnes & Noble Booksellers** at the **Happy Valley Towne Center** in north Phoenix the Friday and Saturday prior to Father's Day, and this year we added **Barnes &**

Noble at Arrowhead on Saturday. We also added the day before Mother's Day at the **Happy Valley Towne Center** store on May 12th. Both additions were excellent! We were there from 11 AM to 8 PM for all Happy Valley dates and from 10 AM to 6 PM at Arrowhead. We set up the gift wrap table outside in the shade and despite the temperature, which hovered around 105° in the late afternoon, we didn't get overly hot at either location. We had ice and cold water there for the dogs, neck coolers for the humans and a terrific group of volunteers on each day.

Present on May 12th at Happy Valley for pre-Mother's Day gift wrapping were Mary Lynn Ament with foster



We had large crowds at Happy Valley on the day before Mother's Day

Lucky (whom she has now adopted); Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Teri Guilbault with **Blossom**; Teryl Hall and daughter Trystan Schuff with foster **Marti**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Rusty and Don Krause with **Sunshine** and **Stormy**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Martha McDowell; Deb Orwig with **Mufasa**, **Ladybird**, **Hayden**, **Troy** and houseguest **Shiloh Ball**; Jackie Sigafoose with **Colby**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; Sharon and Philip Wieser and their sons Marcus and



We had a big group of dogs at Happy Valley



Mufasa with Happy Valley store manager Debbie Switzek



Ilan with **Nala**; and Kathi Youhas with **Carter**. Jodi and Deb wrapped and Martha and Deb did bows along with Teri. Martha (photo at left) is a spectacular bow-maker and taught all of us a new and much simpler way than we were using to make gorgeous bows. We thank her for sharing her expertise!

On June 15th at Happy Valley were Mary Lynn Ament with **Hoogie** and **Winslow**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, **Goldie** and **Rocky**; Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Teri Guilbault with **Blossom**; Dana and Gail Haywood



Denny with Jake, Jodi, Patrick, Martha, Ladybird under table, Tony, Mufasa, Daisy, Troy and Dana



Beverly and Liz with Goldie

with **Riley**; Beverly Host; Jodi Koblick; Martha McDowell; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Deb Orwig with **Mufasa**, **Ladybird**, **Hayden** and **Troy** and foster boy **Moses**; Liz Tataseo; and Sharon Wieser and her sons with **Nala**.

On June 16th at Happy Valley working hard all day were Deb Orwig with **Mufasa**, **Ladybird**, **Hayden** and **Troy** with foster boy **Moses**. Larry Orwig (photo at right) helped set up in the morning. Coming at different times





during the day were Mary Lynn Ament with **Hoagie** and **Winslow**; Debbie and Rick Ball with **Shiloh**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Andrew Giddings with **Baylee** (photo at left); Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**;



This boy had spent all of his allowance to buy a mug for his dad; Martha did an extra-special wrap job for him – you should have seen his proud face when he walked away with his gift!

Marti Joyce with **Tempe** (photo above); Martha McDowell; and Cynthia Wenström with **Bailey**.

June 16th at Arrowhead setting up and spending the day were Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**; Liz Tataseo with **Trip** and **Gonzo**; and Kathi

and Bob Youhas with **Krissie** and **Carter**. Our main wrappers for the day were Jodi Koblick, who was there most of the day, and Kathi. Also joining us were Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Teri Guilbault with **Jackson**; Sarah Martin with **Bunny**; and Connie McCabe with **Winnie** and **Grizzly**. Pat



Kathi Youhas chaired the Arrowhead store gift wrap



Liz with Gonzo and Trip; Karen with Connie's Grizzly and her Caesar and Star; Krissie in front

Morgan was driving by and stopped in to say hello. Also Teri's daughter Michelle, son-in-law Jared and grand-



Patrick and Annabelle came up from Tucson for the pre-Father's Day gift wrapping, driving directly to the Happy Valley store on Friday then spending Saturday at Arrowhead

son Lucas came by and stayed awhile.

We had great volunteer coverage all three days at both locations, got to know some new volunteers and talked to a lot of people about Rescue. The dogs were incredibly popular as always. Thanks to everyone who came we made a terrific amount of money, \$2017.40! We will definitely




Gonzo at left, Sarah with Bunny, Kathi with Krissie and Bob with Carter

do gift wrapping before Mother's Day and Father's Day again if we're invited in the future!



Connie with Winnie, Jackson in front



*Community Clubhouse
at Chase Field*
By Liz Tataseo



Dave with Sage, Jackie with Rex, Sheila with McKenna, and Kim with Indy

On July 8th and July 22nd, **AGR** participated in the *Arizona Diamondbacks Community Clubhouse*. The *D'backs* and *University of Phoenix* collaborate on this program that allows community groups, nonprofit and civic groups to dis-

play and promote program and service information during games. Several members brought their Golden to the D'back games and provided information about our group and how someone might adopt a great Golden. Many fans donated money, as they could not resist those beautiful dogs, a grand total of \$587.52, a good amount considering we could not actually ask for donations! Going both dates were Jackie and Dave Engelhardt with **Rex** and **Sage**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Sarah Martin with **Bunny**, who is a big attraction due to her small size; and Deb Orwig with **Troy** and **Mufasa** on the 8th and **Mufasa** and **Ladybird** on the 22nd. On the 22nd, the dogs were decked out in their brand new red vests made by Deb. On the 8th, Sheila Joyce with **McKenna** did the early shift along with Kim Lindenmeyer and **Indy**. On the 22nd, Marti Joyce, with newly-adopted **Tempe**, did the early shift and Kathi Youhas filled in on the second shift with **Carter**.



7-22-12: back – Kathi, Marti, Gail & Dana; front – Jackie, Dave and Sarah



*Meet-and-Greets
at Choice Pet Market*

By Deb Orwig and Dana Haywood

During the past quarter, we had Meet-and-Greets at two **Choice Pet Market** locations on the same day each month, one on the Westside at 20028 N 67th Ave, Glendale, and one on the Eastside at 2915 W Ray Rd, Chandler. Deb chairs the Glendale store and Dana chairs the Chandler store. Our appearance dates in the spring were on April 22nd, May 13th and June 24th at both stores. We have put the Chandler store on hold until the weather cools down enough for us to set up outside again, as we lack any appreciable visibility when inside the store.



Eddie and Janet talking with Gail while petting Trina and Riley

net Amig also showed up and stayed for most of our Meet-and-Greet time there. We collected \$57 in donations along with the \$50 gift card. In May, Dana, Gail and Riley and the Haywoods' grandson Dakota were joined by Mag-

In April at the Chandler location, Dana said, *It was a quiet day at Chandler Choice Pet Market with two other rescues there besides AGR. We were inside right at the entrance with our table on the outside. Joining Gail and me with Riley and Trina (Kearney) was Judy Pettito with Sandi Joy. Eddie and Ja-*



Judy with Sandi, Gail with Riley and Jim

gie Muller with **Elsa**, Judy Pettito with **Sandi Joy**, and the Amigs, who were still waiting to adopt a dog from **AGR**. They took in \$43 and got a \$50 gift card. June's group was small, just Dana, Gail and Judy with their dogs **Riley** and **Sandi Joy**. Jim Henkel also dropped by without a dog and stayed for a while. Donations were down, as well, with only \$40 being collected, but of course, we got another \$50 gift card.

At the Glendale **Choice Pet Market**, we have good visibility even when we have to be inside. On April 22nd, we were invited to set up inside. It wasn't because it was too hot to be outside, but because the mall owner was going to do an inspection and the store could not have anything outside on the front patio. Deb had a nice



Don with Sunshine, Billie and Peter behind, Rusty with Stormy, Teryl with Marti, Tony with Daisy, Jay and Jodi with Mufasa, Troy, Hayden and Ladybird

group of volunteers join her with **Hayden, Ladybird, Troy** and **Mufasa**: Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Teryl Hall with foster girl **Marti**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Rusty and Don Krause with **Sunshine** and **Stormy**; and Peter Wong with **Billie**. Mike Newman also stopped by to get a "Golden fix" on

his way from Sun City to Scottsdale. The store manager had cleared out the entire front corner of the store, so we had plenty of room. Peter and **Billie** even put on an impressive trick show. Unfortunately, we were just about the only ones there to enjoy it, as it was a really slow customer



Shiloh with an adorable little friend



Ladybird (lying down at left), Daisy and Shiloh getting attention

day. Even so, we still collected \$101, and appreciate everyone's attendance. In May, Tony and Deb set up on the patio outside the front entrance. The dogs – **Hayden, Ladybird, Troy,**

Mufasa, Shiloh Ball (an Orwig houseguest), **Daisy** and **Rocky** – always draw people from the parking lot, so they got a lot of attention. Peter Wong also joined us for awhile with **Billie**, who demonstrated some of her new tricks for us. We collected \$108. In June, it was too hot to be outside even with the overhead mister going over the patio area, so Tony and Deb set up **AGR's** sandwich board sign out by the curb and that brought a few people into the store. One generous person gave us a \$100 donation "because I just love these dogs so much!" Nice! Tony, Deb, **Hayden, Ladybird, Troy, Mufasa, Daisy** and **Rocky** were in attendance. There was steady traffic while



we were there. In addition to the single \$100 donation, we collected another \$147. Each time we go to **Choice Pet Market**, they give us a \$50 gift card. We use these gift cards to purchase items for raffles and specialty food for some of the dogs in foster care. It is very generous of **Choice Pet Market** to support us in this way!



Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

We now do Meet-and-Greets at four different **PetSmart** stores. Connie McCabe, our overall **PetSmart** chairman and liaison, chairs the store at 5707 W Northern Ave, Glendale; Teri Guilbault chairs the Arrowhead store at 7290 W Bell Rd in Glendale; Denny Myrick chairs the store at 7077 E Mayo Blvd in Scottsdale; and Angela Palumbo chairs the store at Tempe Marketplace on Rio Salado Parkway. The regularly scheduled dates for all **PetSmart** store appearances are shown on our website's events calendar. Occasionally, we will change the date to accommodate **PetSmart Charities'** request to be at the store during their National Adoption Weekends held four times a year. Usually, we meet in the afternoon on the second Sunday of every month at the Northern Ave store, on the third Sunday at the Bell Rd store and on the third Saturday from noon to 4 PM at Tempe Marketplace. Denny's dates for the Mayo Blvd store are on the website calendar – he tries to fit them in around other events we have scheduled. Activities at the Northern Ave store have been suspended until the weather cools down in the fall and we can set up outside.

Bell Rd (Arrowhead) – Teri Guilbault



Canopy being put up – its presence makes us very visible from the parking lot

The weather at the Arrowhead **PetSmart** on April 15th was gorgeous, so we put up a tent canopy and set up outside. We met lots of people while we collected \$105 in donations. Joining me and **Fresno** were Mary Lynn Ament with

Hoagie and **Winslow**; Janet and Eddie Amig; first-time volunteers Kierie and Mackenzie Brown with **Lucky**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Teryl Hall with foster girl **Marti**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Deb Orwig with **Hayden**, **Ladybird**, **Troy** and **Mufasa**; and Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie**. Michelle Miller and baby Lucas also stopped by to say hi, as did **AGR** members Sandy Fullington, Donna Hoffman and Nancy Wolf.



Liz, Tony, Gail, Dana, Janet, Teryl, Teri, Mackenzie (hugging Lucky) and Kierie



Teri meeting Lucky as Mackenzie and Kierie watch



Rusty and Don at right sharing their beautiful AGR Golden Sunshine and Stormy



Mary Lynn, Tony, Teri with Lucas, and Teryl

The May 6th Meet-and-Greet at the Arrowhead location proved to be a really great day for our organization. It was very warm, but we were under one of our canopies and there was a nice breeze, so everyone stayed comfortable. We spoke with lots of great people, gave out several of our brochures, and collected a whopping

\$245.78! Joining me and **Jackson** were Mary Lynn Ament with **Hoagie** and **Winslow**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Teryl Hall with foster girl **Marti**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Don and Rusty Krause with **Stormy** and **Sunshine**; Michelle, Jared and baby Lucas Miller; Deb Orwig with **Hayden**, **Troy**, **Ladybird** and **Mufasa** and her furry houseguest, **Shiloh Ball**; and Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie**. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful Sunday afternoon!



Tony in his favorite spot amidst a pile of Golden Retrievers



We had a small group on June 10th. Amazingly enough, it wasn't too hot to be

outside. So, under the canopy with me and **Jackson** were Gail and Dana with **Riley** and Deb Orwig with **Ladybird**, **Hayden**, **Troy**, **Mufasa** and foster boy **Moses**. Jodi and Jay Koblick also joined us for a couple hours. We collected \$141 in donations and had a pleasant day. Sometimes we see some rather unusual pets going in and out of **PetSmart**.



Today it was a beautiful orange and yellow lovebird that was clinging to the front of a lady's shirt. Too bad you can't see the gorgeous colors of this bird in the photo! The lady had found the bird inside a fast-food bag by a dumpster!

Mayo Blvd – Denny Myrick



A familiar sight at the Mayo Blvd PetSmart is Denny Myrick with his boy Jake and Pam Spicer's Lexi; Pam is our photographer there

On an unseasonably cool April 14th, we showed our wonderful Golden Retrievers (oft repeated phrase: *Sample dogs... not up for adoption!*) and collected \$221. We were most fortunate to have three recently-placed **AGR** Golden Retrievers and their new families. The following participated: new members Ginny and Win Copeland with their new **AGR** dog, adorable little (literally!) **Tasha**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Deb Orwig with **Ladybird**, **Troy**, **Hayden**, and **Mufasa**; new **AGR** members Donna, Maloy, and Maddy Sells with new **AGR** dog **Casey**; Pam Spicer with **Lexi**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; and new **AGR** member Diane Traxler with new **AGR** dog **Amika**.



Ginny, Win, Dana, Tony, Deb (sitting with the dogs), Donna, Maddy, Maloy, Liz, Diane, Denny and Gail; dogs are Tasha, Troy, Daisy, Mufasa, Hayden, Casey, Gonzo, Amika, Jake, Lexi and Riley, who does not like cameras!

On a warm late-spring day, May 12th, our wonderful Golden Retrievers charmed the **PetSmart** shoppers and collected \$182. ("No sir, you can't adopt this dog, he belongs to me, but he is representative of those we place!") The following participated



(listed left to right in above photo): Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Cynthia Wenström with **Tag**; Denny Myrick with **Lexi Spicer** and Denny's boy **Jake**; and Debra Rothwell with **Chloe** and **Sassi**. Pam Spicer was our photographer.



Debra with **Chloe** and **Sassi**, Michael with **Amika**, Diane, Denny with **Jake** and **Lexi**, Tom with **Rocky** and Sally with **Molly**

to set up outside: Mary Lynn Ament; Sally and Tom Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Debra Rothwell with **Chloe** and **Sassi**; Pam Spicer (photographer) with **Lexi**; and Diane and Mike Traxler with **Amika**. A large boost was made to our donations when one of our members returned a lost wallet to its rightful owner who, in turn, made a reward of \$50 payable to **AGR**. We collected a total of \$192 for the day.

On Saturday, June 9th, the following intrepid **Arizona Golden Rescue** volunteers and their wonderful Golden Retrievers braved the 103° day



Denny finally got Pam Spicer to hand over her camera so he could get a photo of her, as she is the one who is always behind the lens! We thank her tremendously for lending her professional photographic expertise to **AGR**!

Northern Ave – Connie McCabe



Some of our regulars could not attend today, April 15th, so Pat Morgan and I were very lucky to have new volunteer Leah Wietrzykowski, with her mother, Kelly, and brother, Greg. Also stopping by were Mark and Marilyn Flynn with **Keegan** from Flagstaff. This was his first Meet-and-Greet and he did very well! Despite the small group, we had a nice steady



Above: Pat, Kelly, Greg and Leah with Sunny, Grizzly and Winnie; Right: Kelly, Leah, and Marilyn with Grizzly and Keegan

flow of traffic, and collected \$119 plus a new membership of \$25. Thank you everyone!

We had a terrific day on May 6th,



as did all of the **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greets. Thank you to Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**; Susan Parker



Karen with Winnie, Star and Caesar; Kelly; Susan with Ricky; Leah with Grizzly

with **Ricky**; and Leah and Kelly Wietrzykowski, who both helped with **Winnie** and **Grizzly**. And, of course, thanks to Nick Dodson for helping me set up and break down. Pat Morgan, who usually joins us with **Sunny**, could not attend, as she had hurt her back. We missed you, Pat! We collected



One of the benefits of attending a Meet-and-Greet is the opportunity for the dogs to socialize; here is Tessa with Sheila meeting a new playmate named Lily

sad that he had already found a FWITA, but they submitted their application so they can be sure to be considered for another dog.

Thanks to Karen Davis with **Caesar** and Star, Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**, Pat Morgan with **Sunny**, and myself with



Connie is usually behind the camera, so Sheila offered to take the group shot in June; Sheila's girl McKenna is hugging Connie and next to her is Caesar; Karen with Star; and Pat with Sunny, Grizzly and Winnie

Grizzly and **Winnie** we had a really nice day on June 10th. The weather cooperated and we were able to set up outside. We met lots of nice people and dogs and collected \$102.70 to boot. Once again, thanks to Nick for helping set up and pack up!



Tempe Marketplace – Angela Palumbo

What a day on April 21st! Temperatures were hot, but it was an awesome day thanks to the following volunteers (left to right in photo): Gail, Dana and **Riley** Haywood; Tony, **Daisy** and **Rocky**



Dana, Gail with Riley (Oh, do you HAVE to take my picture?) and Leah

\$134.50 in donations and gave out all of our brochures and calendars. Also, a family drove up from Avondale hoping to meet Bear 2. They were

Cotner; and Darrell and **Shadow** Marshall. Maggie and **Benzo** Muller and Angela and **Belle** Palumbo were also there. Robbie Fox from **Robbie Fox's Public House** (Irish Pub on Mill Avenue) came by and gave us \$300 because we do what we do! Wow... so the full take from the day was \$405! Woo hoo! Thanks to all who helped!



Maggie with Daisy and Benzo, talking with woman



Tempe Marketplace *PetSmart* manager Don Tatarelli always comes out to welcome us and pet our dogs

Kearney with **Trina**; Maggie Muller with **Benzo**; Deb Orwig with **Hayden**, **Mufasa**, and houseguest **Shiloh Ball**; and DeDe Smith with her girl **Nala** and foster boy **Archie**. It was hot, but so was the cash flow: \$222 collected! Great job!

Saturday, May 4th, was during *PetSmart's* spring National Adoption Weekend. Joining me and **Belle** were Ginny and Win Copeland with cute little **Tasha**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Gail, Dana and **Riley** Haywood; Teryl Hall, who gave **Tasha** some brush-up on her leash o b e d i e n c e skills; Pauline



First-time volunteer DeDe Smith brought Nala and her foster boy Archie – she has since adopted him; DeDe is now serving on our Intake Team



Tempe Marketplace *PetSmart* Meet-and-Greet chairman Angela Palumbo and Belle

Maggie Muller with **Benzo**; and my little **Belle**. The heat didn't seem to keep the customers away – we managed to collect \$214! Thanks to everyone!

The weather wasn't the only thing hot in Tempe on Saturday, June 16th! We were, too! Thanks to Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Dave Engelhardt with **Jack**; Darrell Marshall with **Shadow**;



Shadow and Belle with friend

Editor's Note: Every three months, hundreds of photos are taken at our events by our various photographers and event chairmen. Space is limited in this newsletter, so I try to pick representative pictures, and I especially concentrate on selecting pictures of new volunteers and their dogs. If you notice that there are always photos of the same volunteers, specifically at our Meet-and-Greets, it is because those are the folks who always come. How about joining us in the future so I can feature some new faces?



By Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo



Tony with Daisy, Jackie with Colby and Denny with Jake greeting customers – we always have 2 or 3 greeters, and they send people to the back of the store to see more Golden

Trendy Pet & Rescue in Scottsdale Fashion Square has been a wonderful new site for many Meet-and-Greets this past quarter. The company representative and store overseer, Vicki Mineo, approached Deb Orwig at the Phoenix Pet Expo at the end of April and asked if AGR would be interested in becoming an adoption partner with Trendy Pet & Rescue. She was trying to find some rescue groups to do adoptions in the store. Deb told her that we do not do on-the-spot adoptions, but she has been OK with that. She also promised that any AGR members who come to the store will get a 20% discount on any purchase.



Liz talking with store owner Vicki Mineo – they are sitting on the “puppy playpen” – photo shows store layout

Trendy Pet & Rescue has established partnerships with rescues so the public can adopt rather than buy, a concept we support 100%! Deb and Liz met with Vicki near the end of May and drew up a schedule of appearances. In addition to Arizona Golden Rescue, they host Arizona Animal Welfare League and Lost Our Home Pet Foundation. The latter two organizations do in-store adoptions. We were able to



Tony and Daisy like to be out front



Riley and Dana

go on Saturdays from noon to 4 PM from the end of May through June 23rd when AAWL was contracted to have adoptable animals



Gail and Kathi with (back to front) Carter, Troy, Mufasa, and Sweetie

in the store from Thursdays through Saturdays at 5 PM. LOHPF representatives bring adoptable animals on Sundays.

When we are there, we take advantage of the opportunity to discuss



Liz with Trip and Gonzo

our Rescue’s operation and explain how to adopt a Golden;

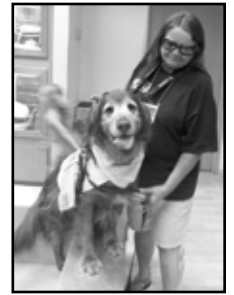
There have been some great crowds there! For the fore-



Deb with Mufasa and Grizzly



Gail with Hayden and Mufasa; Michele with Shasta



Grizzly and Connie



Teri with Blossom



Beverly with Mufasa



Sheila (left) with Hayden, Ladybird and McKenna

seeable future, we will be at Trendy Pet & Rescue, which is on the second floor on the north side of the mall at the west end near Dillard’s, every Monday from noon to 4 PM. We have two dogs stationed at the front entrance of the store, and they are a great attraction for mall walkers. As soon as they see the Golden



Melissa and Mufasa



Michele with Shasta, Kim with Indy, and Dan and Kathy with Abbi

in they come and then explore the store and meet more Golden in the back.



Rusty with Steve and Kevin;
Rosy and Hugh with Diego

Appearance dates have included May 19th, 26th, 28th, June 2nd, 7th, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and July 2nd and 9th.

Members who came with their dogs at various times have included: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Rosy Duarte and Hugh Wolf with

Diego; Dave Engelhardt with **Sage** or **Rex**; Kathy and Dan Farkas with **Abbi**, the Goldendoodle (who went home with her new family that day); Teri Guilbault with **Blossom**; Teryl Hall with foster **Marti**; Rusty Haller and Cherri



Dash, Maddie Lynn and Stephanie

Beuke with fosters **Kevin** and **Steve**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna** or **Holly**; Kim Lindenmeyer with **Indy**; Connie McCabe with **Grizzly**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Deb Orwig with **Mufasa** and **Hayden**, **Ladybird** or **Troy** depending on the day (it is a one-dog-per-person location, but Deb or Liz brings an



Ladybird with friend

extra dog, since the Haywoods have only **Riley**); Stephanie Rice and son Dash with **Maddie Lynn**; Jackie Sigafoose with **Colby**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** or **Trip** or **Sweetie**; Michele Wehry with **Shasta** (who loves Meet-and-Greets and can go because it is inside); and Kathi Youhas with **Carter**. Also coming to help tend dogs were Beverly Host and Melissa Beceiro.



Holly decorated by
a little friend



Dave pointing out a cat to Sage, who wasn't interested

Our "regulars" include Tony, Gail, Dana, Deb and Liz with their dogs. Dave has also joined us frequently. Once we started on Monday afternoons, Dana usually could not be there, but Beverly joined us as a regular and Dave has, too. Michele chaired the appearance on Saturday, June 16th when all of these folks except Dana and Gail



Teryl and Marti

had other commitments. She managed to convince several others to join her: Rosy and Hugh; Rusty and Cherri; Stephanie and son Dash; and Kim, all with dogs, of course.



Trendy Pet & Rescue does not sell pets, just accessories for them. They carry some really yummy-looking gourmet dog treats made by *Amigo's Kitchen*, a great selection of bulk treats and chewies, and their own brand of high-end dog food, *Earthblend Super Premium Natural*.



In addition, they have some great doormats, nice art



prints, pillows and totes with dog head pictures by artist Robert McClintock, car magnets, lovely jewelry, a large selection of greeting cards, and some really fancy collars, leashes and bowls, as well as a terrific selection of dog toys, among other things. They also carry some very sturdy and well-made dog shoes called *Aussie Boots*. In addition, they have an extensive Pet Video Library.



Lots of kids have been in the mall during the summer

The Golden have been very popular and draw a lot of people into the store. Because of limited space, we can only have 6-7 dogs at one time, but they work their magic and bring customers in and receive lots of attention and petting. We have

discovered that there is an international clientele that visits *Scottsdale Fashion Square*, at least in the summer. At **Trendy Pet & Rescue**, we have met people from many states in the US, as well as folks from Canada, Sweden, England, Brazil, and Costa Rica, among other places. We have had some very interesting conversations, and the dogs have gotten much loving from many people, especially



Angela Cortez (above left with Mufasa) was store manager when we started in May; Millie Lopez (at right with Hayden, Troy and Mufasa) took over in July

from those who have come to Arizona on vacation and are missing their dogs. We have also gotten quite a few adoption applications and a couple of new members as a



If you were walking through a mall and saw any of these sweet faces (Riley, Sage, Carter, Daisy) smiling at you from the front entrance of a store, wouldn't you just have to go and pet them and then go into the store to see if there were more?

result of being at *Trendy Pet & Rescue*. We sincerely thank them for their sponsorship and encourage you all to visit the store whether you can come when we are there or not. If you'd like to join us on a Monday during the day, please contact Liz Tataseo at five.goldens@yahoo.com or call her at 602-938-5927.



A gorgeous picture of **Luke Blue** graces the cover of our 2013 calendar. Be sure to order yours today with the enclosed Order Form!



Upcoming Events By Liz Tataseo

Fore! Paws Golf Tournament



By now, you have all received the fabulous postcard showing *AGR's* awesome fourpawssome of **Colby Sigafoose, Grizzly McCabe/Dodson, Mufasa Orwig and Sunny Morgan** that Connie McCabe designed to advertise our 4th annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd at Camelback Golf Club. We will have a 1 PM shotgun start with 4-person scramble format. The tournament will be followed by a fabulous dinner, which is available to non-golfers, too, so plan to join us for the day or just for dinner. If you are a golfer and register by September 1st, the cost will be \$110; after that, the cost to golf will be \$135. A foursome before September 1st is \$440; after that, a foursome is \$540. Several levels of sponsorship are available – check them out on the golf registration website. You can register to play, to sponsor, or just to have dinner at www.golfinvite.com/agr. Dinner is included in the golfing fee, but for non-golfers who want to join us for the meal, it will cost only \$35 inclusive (\$45 after September 1st). During dinner you will have a chance to win some spectacular raffle items and bid on some incredible silent auction items, including a timeshare based in Florida! We will have our merchandise there for sale, as well, and Connie is making a great effort to have the 2013 calendars back from the printer by then, too. All profits go to help our dogs, of course. We will need volunteers to help with set-up on Friday afternoon, as well as volunteers to help finish the set-up on Saturday morning, help with registration, and help with raffle ticket sales, merchandise sales and with the silent auction check-out. Please plan to join us and contact Liz Tataseo at five.goldens@yahoo.com or call 602-938-5927 to let her know when you can help. Please contact Liz if you have questions about the tournament or to pay with a credit card.



Glendale Firemen's Parade and Muster

The 2012 *Glendale Firemen's Parade* will be a major event – it is the 30th year for this event, as well as the Arizona state centennial. So, we hope to have a much larger group than the large one we had walk with us last year (photo above). We will have an information booth with merchandise sales in Murphy Park following the parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th. We will have the booth set up by 8 AM; the event goes until 2 PM. Please plan to join us and bring your Golden. The crowd loves our dogs, and we usually do quite well with sales and donations! The parade starts at 10 AM, but we must be in the staging area by 8:30. So that you can park near Murphy Park, we will provide shuttle service for volunteers and their dogs between 7:30 and 8:15 from the booth location at the corner of 58th Ave. and Glenn Dr.

Franciscan Renewal Center Blessing of the Animals



This annual **PACC 911** fall event spans the weekend of October 20th-21st. We hope to have a booth at the **Franciscan Renewal Center** on Lincoln Dr in Scottsdale both days, but that will not be confirmed until the beginning of September. Check our website to see when we will be there and volunteer to help.

Paws & Pasta Dinner

Our annual spaghetti dinner at **Little Bite of Italy** in Sun City is scheduled for Sunday, November 4, 2012. Owners Bryan Foley and Nancy Wheeler very generously donate the entire cost of each dinner that is sold – \$10 – to **Arizona Golden Rescue**. For that very reasonable price (tax and gratuity included!) you get salad, garlic bread, spaghetti with or without meatballs, luscious cake for dessert and a beverage (coffee, iced tea or soda; beer and wine are also available for purchase from the bar). Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend. We have a regular raffle, a 50/50 cash raffle, a small silent auction, and **AGR's** merchandise there to sell. Peter Wong will be bringing his Border Collie **Billie** and will do a trick demonstration.

PAWS & PASTA
 A Spaghetti Dinner for Arizona Golden Rescue
 Dinner includes: Spaghetti buffet with salad, bread, dessert & beverage (coffee, tea, soda, water)
 Hosted by Bryan Foley & Nancy Wheeler of
Little Bite of Italy
 15456 N 99th Ave • Sun City, AZ (corner of 99th Ave & Greenway)
 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
 Sunday November 4, 2012
Only \$10.00 per person
 All proceeds go to Arizona Golden Rescue to help the dogs.
 No host bar will be open
 Item raffle and 50/50 raffle
 AGR Merchandise available for sale
 Performances by various trained guest dogs
 RSVP appreciated.
 Call Liz Tataseo at 692.938.5925 or email five.goldens@yahoo.com
 Walk-ins also welcome.
 No advance tickets, pay at the door.

*The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers.
 But above all, the world needs dreamers who do.*
 ~ Sarah Ban Breathnach in
Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy, 1996

Motivation is where your dreams put on work clothes.
 ~ Author Unknown



JOIN US!
September 22, 2012

Fore! Paws Golf Tournament
will benefit
Arizona Golden Rescue

**GOLF! DINNER! PRIZES!
SILENT AUCTION! RAFFLE!**

4-Person Scramble Event

Registration: 11:30 am - 12:45 pm | Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm
Individual Entry Fee: \$135 • Foursome \$540

Register before **September 1** for
special early bird rates!
Individual Entry Fee: \$110 • Foursome \$440

Fee includes range balls, greens fees, cart and dinner catered by Camelback Inn. Silent Auction and Raffles during dinner following tournament.
Limited entries accepted
For more details and to register online:
www.golfinvite.com/AGR
Tournament contact:
Tournament contact: Liz Tataseo 623-297-4613
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**Saturday,
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**Donations for Golf Tournament
Raffle and Silent Auction**

Do you have any new items (gifts or impulse buys?) which you do not use or have decided you don't want that you could donate for our golf tournament raffle or silent auction?

Do you work for or own a company that provides a service that the public might want, such as pest control, yard maintenance, pool cleaning, house cleaning, dry cleaning, car wash, furniture store, salon or spa, hotel/motel, airline, dinner theatre, art museum, restaurant, etc.? If so, would you or your company be willing to make a donation for our golf tournament raffle or silent auction?

Do you think your company would purchase a hole sponsorship for the tournament? Why not ask? New sponsorships are only \$200; repeats are \$150. How about purchasing a hole sponsorship yourself in honor of your rescued dog(s) or in memory of a beloved pet you've lost? We will provide a beautiful hole sign designed by Connie McCabe and approved by you.

Do you have reward points accumulated on a credit card that you would be willing to use to purchase gift cards for **AGR**? Gas (any brand), **Walmart, Target, Home Depot, Lowe's, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Staples, Amazon.com**, any restaurant – anything like these would be wonderful, as we can use them either as is, or to purchase items at the appropriate store.

Would you be willing to approach your neighborhood **Fry's Grocery Store, Safeway, Albertson's, Basha's**, or **AJ's** and ask for a gift card for **AGR**? We can use these to "fill in the holes" of raffle baskets that are not quite complete. We will provide a donation letter and, if you need it, a copy of our 501 (c) (3) determination letter.

Do you spend a lot of time in a commercial airplane for business or pleasure? How about using some of your accumulated miles to purchase airline tickets for **AGR**?

All donations are tax deductible for their full retail value. It doesn't matter whether you purchased the item or it was a gift. We will provide a Donation Receipt and a letter of acknowledgment for every donation.

Cash donations are, of course, also very welcome!

Please contact Liz Tataseo if you have anything you can donate or if you're willing to help solicit or to pick up items that are being donated by others.

Save the Date!



**The Golden Paw
SALOON
&
Gambling Hall**

The **Golden Paw Saloon and Gambling Hall** will reopen on **Sunday, January 27, 2013** for an afternoon of fun and games! Please plan to dress in your Western duds and join us from 1:30

to 6 PM at **Villa LaPaws Training Center**, 10630 N 32nd St, Phoenix.

Sassy, Our Hero Dog

By Deb Orwig



Sassy, a Golden Retriever, has lived with **AGR** members Fred and Betsy Brown since 2005 when she was a 7-week-old puppy. Fred had originally purchased **Sassy** as a birthday gift for Betsy. Fred used to work for the New York Police Department as a detective and bodyguard until he became partially paralyzed on the left side of his body. When someone suggested he consider getting a service dog to help him in his everyday life,

Fred thought it made more sense to train **Sassy** to do the work than to spend the money on an already-trained dog, which can cost up to \$20,000.

Fred and **Sassy** spent 13 months training locally with the help of **Happy Tails Service Dogs, Inc.** Now, Fred says, *Any time I need her, she knows. I don't have to tell her to do it, she does it automatically.* **Sassy** makes Fred's life easier by picking up things he has dropped,



Sassy and Fred helping at one of AGR's PetSmart Meet-and-Greets



Above: Fred and **Sassy** waiting for the Glendale Firemen's Parade to start; Fred proudly displays an AGR banner on the back of his electric wheelchair. At right, **Sassy** and Fred in the parade.



putting things in the trash for him or helping him get up if he falls, among other things. *The best thing about it, Fred says, is that **Sassy** doesn't see me as a disabled person, only as a person who needs her to do a job for him. She does it well!*

Fred's wife, Betsy, wrote: *It was just past midnight and **Sassy** and I were asleep. My husband Fred, who is disabled, was in another room. He fell and hit his head. He was unable to call out. **Sassy** heard him fall and went to check on him. She saw he needed help and ran back into the bedroom, jumped on the bed pouncing on me to get me up. When I saw him unconscious on the floor, I called 911 immediately. **Sassy** ran back to Fred and sat with him until paramedics arrived. Once they walked into the room, she went and sat in the hallway, watching them take*

*care of "her daddy." Fred was transported to the hospital where he was diagnosed with bleeding on the brain and spent the next week in the ICU. All the doctors treating him stated that if he had not gotten help immediately he would have died. **SASSY SAVED HIS LIFE.** She will always be my hero, no matter what!*

We are so thankful that Fred is now doing well.

Recently, **Sassy** was nominated for an *American Humane Association Hero Award* for saving Fred's life last November. Ranking number 7 in national voting, she did not quite make the final five. She is still a hero in our book!

Starfish Award Winners for 2011

By Carol Allen, Chairman GRCA NRC

Speaking for the *National Rescue Committee*, it is our pleasure to consider the nominations and announce the winners on behalf of the *Golden Retriever Club of America, Inc.*

Program category: *Adopt a Golden Atlanta*
Individual category: Heather McDonald, *Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue*

About the Starfish Award winners:

Adopt a Golden Atlanta is recognized for its creative and generous effort in assisting a group of their adopters in Tennessee in forming a Golden Retriever Rescue organization. Moral support and day-by-day advice were provided, in addition to policy/procedure manual, job descriptions and forms, sharing of the licensing rights to the professionally designed logo, website design, a custom database, seed money and the training of all board members and team leaders by **Adopt a Golden Atlanta** volunteers. As a result, **Adopt a Golden Knoxville** began operation in 2011. Additionally, because of the same generous sharing, **Adopt a Golden Birmingham** began operation early in 2012. **Adopt a Golden Atlanta** also contributed significantly to the development of **Great Pyrenees Rescue of Atlanta**.

Heather McDonald, **Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue**, was challenged by Executive Director Robin Adams three years ago with the responsibility of implementing Project Home Life. This project's goal is to transition puppy mill breeder dogs from the frightening and neglectful life they have known to typical home and family environments. Since the program's inception in 2009, Heather has overseen the adjustments of 144 puppy mill breeder dogs. In 2011, 53 dogs moved successfully through the program. All of these dogs have been adopted and are now in the care of loving families. Project Home Life training materials have been made available to other programs and found to be very useful

in working with not only puppy mill breeder dogs but other fearful and under-socialized dogs. Heather also developed creative ways of using volunteers, particularly the senior volunteers, in Project Home Life and the contributions of these volunteers have been very significant.

Mind Games Dogs Play w/Humans

After your humans give you a bath, don't let them towel you dry! Instead, run to their bed, jump up and dry yourself off on the sheets. This is especially good if it's right before your humans' bedtime.

Act like a convicted criminal. When the humans come home, put your ears back, tail between your legs, chin down and act as if you have done something really bad. Then, watch as the humans frantically search the house for the damage they think you have caused. (Note: This only works when you have done nothing wrong.)

Let the humans teach you a brand new trick. Learn it perfectly. Then, when the humans try to demonstrate it to someone else, stare blankly back at the humans. Pretend you have no idea what they're talking about.

Make your humans be patient. When you go outside to go "pee", sniff around the entire yard as your humans wait. Act as if the spot you choose to go pee will ultimately decide the fate of the earth.

Draw attention to the human. When out for a walk always pick the busiest, most visible spot to go "poo". Take your time and make sure everyone watches. This works particularly well if your humans have forgotten to bring a plastic bag or scooper. Bonus points for well manicured lawns, double points if the property owner is sitting on his porch.

When out for a walk, alternate between choking and coughing every time a strange human walks by. Look as if you're being mistreated, search the stranger's eyes seeking pity.

Don't always bring back the stick when playing fetch with the humans. Make them go and chase it once in a while.

When your humans come home, don't greet them at the door. Instead, hide from them, and make them think something terrible has happened to you. (Don't reappear until one of your humans is panic-stricken and close to tears).

When your human calls you to come back in, always take your time. Walk as slowly as possible back to the door, look around frequently as if danger is lurking and you just want to protect your human.

Wake up twenty minutes before the alarm clock is set to go off and make the humans take you out for your morning pee. As soon as you get back inside, fall asleep. (Humans can rarely fall back asleep after going outside, this will drive them nuts !)



Golden Hearts

Since we formed **AGR** in March 2009, many members as well as nonmembers



have been extremely generous in helping us financially. There are lots of costs associated with animal rescue in caring for the dogs that we take in. We are so grateful to everyone who 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 17, 2012 and July 10, 2012. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

General Donations from the Heart

Stephanie Beard & Greg Konishi
 Andrea Carter
 Joan & Paul Cieslak
 Tom Compise
 April & Ben Fischer
 Jackie & Dave Engelhardt
 Mary Engstrom – Donation made through **United Health Group's** Employee Giving Campaign
 Marilyn & Mark Flynn
 Robbie Fox of **Robbie Fox's Public House**, Tempe
 Stephanie Graham
 Judy Gruntorad
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 Beverly Host
 Andrew Jones
 Marti Joyce
 Agnes & George Keyasko
 Ellen & Philip Leavitt
 Joseph Livesay
 Pat Morgan
 Jackie Sigafoose
 Cindy & Gary Tigges

Honorary Donations

In Honor of 11-017 Bela Selznick – monthly donation
 Hannah and Mitch Selznick

In Honor of Rocky and Friends Reading Program at the Desert Foothills Children's Library in Cave Creek
 Martha McDowell
 Christine & Thomas O'Mara

In Honor of an anonymous AGR member who found his wallet at Mayo Blvd PetSmart and made the effort to return it
 Jeffrey Harris

*In Honor of Deb and Larry Orwig for caring for our dogs
while we were out of town*
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~ Natash Jasefowitz

From the Editor's Desk

By Deb Orwig

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