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My sincere thanks to Denise Padavano who researched and wrote up preliminary stories for eight of the finalized adoptions in *Magic Moments*. Denise is very busy as Director of Activities, so is there a writer in the *AGR* membership who would be willing to take over writing the *Magic Moments* section or at least a part of it? Instruction will be given, as well as access to the *AGR* database. Please contact Deb at dorwigaz@cox.net.

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Wags and Woofs

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Wow, so much happens in Arizona Golden Rescue in a 5-month period! Since I have always “tuned in” to everything multiple times a day, but was not able to when I was hospitalized in mid-October for back surgery, I have felt at times like I was living on another planet and just occasionally observing from afar. I did not like not being involved! Thanks to all of you who sent get-well wishes after my surgery – I appreciated all of them, plus visits in the hospital or rehab facility from Connie McCabe, Debbie Ball, Denise Padavano and Larry Orwig.

The newsletter I would have produced for November did not get done, so the most recent issue is the August/September issue. If you did not get it and would like a copy, please let me know – we have extras I can send. Thanks to efforts by Cliff Valenti, this issue, among others, is also available on our website: <https://arizogoldenrescue.rescuegroups.org/info/file?file=30415.pdf>

In October, the essential duties I have as President were parceled out to several different members, all of whom rose to the challenge of the extra work, and it really was business as usual. I especially want to thank my husband, Larry, who took over handling the finances – kept the financial spreadsheet current, communicated with Debbie Ball, who keeps track of dog expenses, and Cindy Tigges, who handles our Quickbooks account, visited our mail box at the UPS store a couple times a week, and made bank deposits. Connie McCabe (with help from Nick Dodson) prepared for mailing and sent out over 100 calendars in addition to doing a lot of home evaluations and transports. Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener coordinated all the fall activities without much help from me. And Debbie Ball made sure everything else got done in a timely manner. It was also standard operating procedure for all the Teams – Home Evaluations, Intake, Health Care and Placement – and for our Membership and Social Media Managers. What a terrific group we have!

We have some new Team Members, too. Darlene Kaminski has joined Connie McCabe as one of our regular transporters. Darlene is now concentrating on Eastside transports and Connie on the West side. Occasionally, Darlene's husband, Rick Stephens, "goes along for the ride." Cindy Tigges and Robin Mish help with transports occasionally, too. With 104 dogs coming in last year, there were more transports needed than usual, and we thank all transporters for their help! Speaking of transports... Connie McCabe, Fred Prose and Christine Spiel drove to California to pick up 6 purebred Golden Retrievers from a breeder who was downsizing her business. The trip took two days: out to CA on Sunday, October

15; stayed overnight in a motel; drove back to AZ on Monday, October 16. Connie drove Nick Dodson's Expedition and Fred drove the Orwigs' mini-van. Our thanks to all for donating their expenses for the entire trip.

The Placement Team said goodbye to Joni Cipollone, who had served as that Team's manager for over 3 years. She is still helping, though, by making follow-up calls to adopters to find out how their new family members are doing. These calls, with notes entered into our database, were extremely helpful when it came to writing up the adoption stories for the *Magic Moments* section of this newsletter. Keri Marchant, our current Placement Manager, now has help from Peggy Andrews and Sharon Briggs. Thank you all for your service to **AGR**! Please read about Peggy and Sharon on page 8 in Connie McCabe's *Human Connections* column.

Debbie Ball and Sharon Flores are currently training new member Jamie Deppey for the Intake Team. Thanks for taking on the challenge of this important function, Jamie! Jamie joined us at one of the gift wrapping events at the Prasada (among other events); she must have liked the other volunteers who came and decided she wanted to get more involved. Wonderful!

At our Board of Directors meeting in early October, the Board accepted Adam Cardinal's resignation as Director of Information Management. Since March 2017, we have enjoyed Adam's expertise in this area and we appreciated his contributions very much. He has agreed to continue to provide input on matters of information management, not as a Board member, but as a Team Manager. We eliminated the position from the Board and replaced it with Director of Health Care – we welcome Liz Tataseo as our new Director on the Board. Her duties (as Health Care Manager) have not changed except that she will now be attending a quarterly Board meeting. We look forward to working with her directly.

For many years, Rebecca Mackerman has been writing grants to try to get some outside funding for **AGR**. As we are basically a small single-breed Rescue, there are not a lot of grants available to us, but Rebecca found a few and worked with me to submit them. She now has a new job, is also studying for another Master's degree, and really has no time to do grant research. Anyone out there who would like to take over for Rebecca? We'll get you started, and maybe you'll be as successful as Rebecca has been. Thanks, Rebecca, for your hard work and support.

If any of you would like to get more involved with **AGR**, we can fit you in somewhere. Please contact me or Debbie Ball.

Arizona Gives Day is April 2, 2024. Early-giving starts on March 18. Please donate early and often!

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What's Up DOC?

By Debbie Ball
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As most of you know, we live in a highly technical world. While the ready access to information and communication can be a blessing, it also can be a nightmare when things go awry. Unfortunately, **AGR** is not immune to this. If you haven't already heard, our public Facebook page was seemingly hacked in late November. No, the hack did NOT affect the private group Facebook page – I know many of you are members of that group. It is controlled by our Admins, especially our Social Media moderator Kathy Blue, who personally reviews and checks any person applying to the group before admitting them. The public page is the one that is displayed to any Facebook user that searches on "Arizona Golden Rescue". As she has in the past, in late November, Kathy Blue posted a typical ad seeking donations to **AGR** for Giving Tuesday. The original ad specified we were seeking up to \$5,000; however, after our page was hacked, that amount was falsely increased to \$50,000, then a second ad (with a different photo) was listed seeking another \$50,000, and finally a THIRD ad was posted seeking \$60,000!

To make a very long story short, Kathy Blue and I spent countless hours on the phone discussing possibilities, along with calls to PayPal Giving Fund (Facebook/Meta outsourced all non-profit donations administration to PPGF in late 2023), trying to find who the donations were coming from and possibly identify the hackers...to no avail. The hackers immediately removed Kathy Blue as an Admin and severely restricted my personal Admin capabilities. Attempts to contact Facebook about this were fruitless, as there is no phone number nor real person available. Rather, all we could do was submit complaints/requests which did nothing more than give us canned artificial intelligence responses telling us we were not authorized to get such information as we were not the Financial Admins. I also contacted ABC15 "Let Joe Know", and I have also already submitted fraud reports to both the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) and the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) Internet Crime Complaint Center. So far, no resolution has come from any of these contacts.

We are aware of some of the actual legitimate donations to this Giving Tuesday fundraiser. However, I have spoken with at least two people whose bank accounts were fraudulently debited for various increasing amounts for this supposed fundraiser for **AGR**. In those cases, any false debits must be reported to the donor's personal bank so they can dispute and reverse the charges. As of this writing, **AGR** has received the suspicious amount of \$30,000+ in donations to this Giving Tuesday fundraiser, but we believe much of this is likely fraudulent. We have made the decision to

set aside these funds in a protected bank account for potential reversal. PayPal Giving Fund has not yet fully reconciled the funds and supposed donations, nor have I received any responses from the FTC or the FBI, so this story is not over yet. If you made a legitimate PayPal donation on Facebook to **AGR** on November 28, 2024 in honor of Giving Tuesday, please contact me or Deb Orwig and let us know how much so that we know that at least that money was real. If you did not intend to make a donation on Facebook that day, but one shows up on your bank statement, please contact your bank and report it as fraud.

With all the above in mind, I believe it prudent to mention some best practices regarding financial cybersecurity in general. Many of the tips below were gleaned from my former career in Finance & Credit with a major Fortune 200 corporation. Hackers and those desiring to scam money out of the general public have increased multifold in recent years. I URGE you to take the time to examine these below and put them into practice to avoid being scammed yourself.

Financial Cybersecurity Best Practices

E-Mail:

- Do **NOT** click links within e-mails if you do not recognize the sender!
- Do **NOT** open file attachments from any unknown sender!
- DO click on the e-mail sender's name to display the sender's actual email address; if it is from something like a Gmail or Hotmail or Yahoo account, it is likely to be JUNK and not from the actual company they claim to be.
- DO watch for e-mails where the institution name is slightly misspelled (such as Ammazon, ChaceBank, etc.) Misspelled names are a tip-off that this is a fraudulent entity.
- Do **NOT** click on links within e-mails from supposed businesses claiming there was a suspicious purchase or your account is being suspended; instead go directly to their website and verify your status or call them.
- DO sign up for "informed delivery" via USPS.com to get a daily e-mail of what is coming in your regular postal delivery.

Internet & Websites:

- Do **NOT** use any public Wi-Fi for any financial transactions, such as checking your bank account, making payments, transmitting credit card info, etc. Public Wi-Fi is easily hacked; instead, use your private home Wi-Fi, or cellular, or a VPN virtual private network.
- DO utilize 2-step verification (2SV) for extra security for financial website access, aka "2FA" – 2-factor authentication – makes it difficult for crooks to break into your private stuff
- DO make passwords unique! Do **NOT** use the same password for various websites. Use a combination of letters-numbers-special characters.

- d. Do **NOT** give out your bank account number for any automatic debits (you would be exposing your banking to multiple institutions' potential hacking theft). It IS okay to pay bills online, but YOU push the money out by triggering the payment; do NOT let others debit your account.
- e. DO make use of Malwarebytes FREE anti-malware software; run it periodically on your computer.
- f. Do **NOT** panic if you get a "computer virus alert"; this could be a "ransom-ware attack". Do **NOT** call the listed phone number or click on any link. Microsoft never pops up "warnings" like this. If such a box appears on a Windows screen, the safest defense is usually to reboot the computer, but **NOT** by mouse-selecting "shut down" or "restart", and **NOT** by holding the power switch in. Either method initiates a standard Windows shut-down sequence that can finalize installation of pending malware and put it in your Startup list. Instead, cut power to the computer at its source (power plug or surge protector). Then when you power back up, Windows may complain about the improper shutdown, but typically at this point allowing Windows to restart in Safe mode. Then, running your virus scanner will resolve the matter. If it does not, contact a reputable computer tech support service.

Credit Cards:

- a. Do **NOT** use debit cards (less fraud protection, no benefits, does not allow dispute of any false transaction)
- b. DO use a separate unique credit card for gas stations (gas stations are notorious for having the most stolen credit card transactions)
- c. Do **NOT** use the same credit card you use at any gas station for any automatic "autopayment" subscriptions (such as insurance, monthly charges for services, etc)
- d. DO shop around for the best credit card deals (websites such as Nerdwallet, Bankrate, CompareCards are all good for evaluating various credit cards and what best may suit your needs)
- e. DO check your credit reports every 4 months minimum (with different entity each time) using ONLY the website annualcreditreport.com. DO use an Apple or Google calendar for reminders to check these.
- f. DO initiate a credit "freeze" at all three credit reporting institutions (will need to setup a PIN code to temporarily lift the credit freeze, such as when applying for a new loan)
 - i. Experian – 888-397-3742
 - ii. Transunion – 888-909-8872
 - iii. Equifax – 800-685-1111
- g. Do **NOT** sign credit cards; instead, write on back of card "Verify ID" which instructs seller to verify your driver's license or other ID
- h. DO check your credit card transactions at least weekly; report/dispute any unrecognized charges (if reported promptly, you are only liable for first \$50 if card is stolen)

Social Media:

- a. DO make your Facebook "friends list" completely private, not even visible to your other friends; this will generally stop hackers from targeting you, as what they're after is perpetuating their malware through your connected friends.
- b. Do **NOT** click on any "Look who died!" message or link anywhere. This is a common method of pushing malware onto your computer.
- c. Do **NOT** answer or partake in any popular "nametest" posts in your Facebook feed asking for your 1st grade teacher's name, or your old address, phone number, family names, etc. These are notorious for being used by hacker data-miners to "phish" for personal information on YOU for future hacking attempts.

General:

- a. DO ignore any unsolicited phone calls, e-mails, or texts from unfamiliar phone numbers, especially if text messages link to an unfamiliar website or any request for money
- b. DO slow down and be cautious of urgent or unusual requests
- c. Do **NOT** share confidential information (login IDs, passwords, verification codes)
- d. DO ignore the habitual "car warranty offers" or pop-up ads offering free items.
- e. DO utilize alerts on all bank accounts and credit cards for notification of when transactions occur over some designated \$ amount.
- f. DO consider a security freeze via ChexSystems, which is the service most banks and financial institutions use to verify identity. This security freeze is designed to prevent approval of checking, savings, credit accounts, loans, or other services from being approved in your name without your consent (although this might delay timely approval of such, as you would need to temporarily "lift" the freeze if needed.)



Golden Adventures!

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I recall when I retired from teaching and a new teacher was taking my place. As I introduced her to the staff she would be working with, we heard many teachers comment: "You have big shoes to fill!" Although I only take a size 8, I knew she was feeling apprehensive about fitting into a new position, especially as a first-year teacher! I also felt letting go of my position was difficult. I had established long-standing relationships with the staff and letting go and moving on was a challenge.

Now, Jeanne Wegener and I have also had the challenge of filling some big shoes! Carolyn Brown, *AGR's* previous Director of Activities, had to step back due to health reasons. Carolyn has been very supportive as Jeanne and I figure out what the heck we are doing and how we got into such a big job that only one person had done before! As Co-Directors*, we are also figuring out which part each of us plays in the whole picture. Jeanne is very savvy with dealing with Facebook and technology challenges. On the other hand, I am good at communicating with the volunteers. We are working together to provide our members with events that are fun and family-oriented, while promoting awareness to the public and raising funds for our Golden and Golden mixes. Carolyn will continue to attend events and support us with future events. Jeanne and I appreciate all the help and guidance you have given us during this transition! Thank you, Carolyn!

We would also like to thank all the Board members for their guidance and direction: Deb Orwig, for her countless hours of encouragement and wealth of information; Debbie Ball, for her technology expertise; Connie McCabe, for her encouragement and confidence you have expressed to us. Thank you, ladies, for your support and welcoming us to the team!

There are many events coming up this spring, so check your calendars and come join us for the fun! Attending the events, meeting other *AGR* members and, very important, giving and getting love from all the dogs that join us! We hope to see new faces in the future, along with all the wonderful members who have attended events in the past!

All events are on the *AGR* Calendar on the *AGR* website (arizogoldenrescue.org). Volunteering your time to our Rescue is so important and can be life changing! We appreciate any amount of help you can provide, whether it is for an hour or two or more. Meeting new people and making new friends both human and furry is always rewarding! Bring a lint roller... you'll never walk away from an event without dog hair on your clothes!

Thank you to all our current volunteers! We need you, so please keep coming back! Welcome aboard to our new members and inactive members that now have the time to volunteer... please consider attending some of this year's events! My senior Golden **Honey's** perspective: being around old and new friends can be exhilarating, especially if there's a treat involved!

* Ed. note: Denise is retired; Jeanne still works full time. Although the Board tried to debunk Jeanne of the notion that she is not doing as much as Denise does, she did request that we remove her title of Co-Director of Activities. She said she would continue doing what she has been doing to help Denise, so we gave her a new title of Assistant to the Director of Activities. April Crow also has this title and we've given it to Jean Klink, as well, since Jean has helped at every event, so we now have an Activities Team. Anyone else want to join? Let Denise know!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

PACC911 Adopt-a-thon at Toyota of Surprise

13543 N Autoshow Ave, Surprise

Saturday, March 2, 10 AM - 2:30 PM

Set-up at 8 AM – help needed and for pack-up!

Paws At The Park

Arizona Golden Rescue Annual Meeting

East Ramada, Eldorado Park

McDowell Rd to N 77th Street, Scottsdale, AZ

Sunday, March 17, 11AM - 3 PM

Children and Dogs Welcome

BBQ Lunch: \$16 for Adults;
\$8 for children under 10; free for children under 3

Recognition of Adoptions

Rainbow Bridge Ceremony

Parade of Rescue

AGR Merchandise Sales

Raffle and Silent Auction

Must pre-register – deadline March 13

Registration form included with this newsletter

Walk, Wag, Run

Sunday, April 21, 6:30AM-12:00

ASU West Campus

4701 W Thunderbird Rd Glendale, AZ

Student/Community Event

Table provided to set-up ***AGR*** literature

5K – Awards & Prizes

Dogs welcome to participate in walk
or to greet the public

NO GOLF TOURNAMENT IN 2024

Due to various reasons, the decision has been made to NOT host a golf tournament this year. The tournament brought in an average of about \$26,000 per year. We need one or more activities that will generate a significant amount of income. If you have any ideas, or would be willing to serve on a committee to develop some, please contact Denise Padavano.



Health and Safety

By Liz Tataseo
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Health Care for all Incoming Dogs

When we are out in public collecting donations, or doing major fundraising, we always say it is for the dogs! That money goes directly to vet costs to make sure each dog is as healthy as possible so they are ready to be happy and healthy in their forever homes. We are able to work with several great animal vet clinics/hospitals that give us discounts, so we are able to pursue needed vetting for each dog.

Our veterinarians include **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix that has worked with us since the beginning; **Kennel Care** in Chandler that has cared for many of our dogs for 14 years; **Crosswinds Animal Clinic** in Gilbert that has serviced many of our dogs in the past few years; **Phoenix Mountain Animal Hospital** in Scottsdale; **Scottsdale Veterinary Clinic** and 24-hour ER in South Scottsdale; **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital** in North Glendale; **Complete Pet Animal Hospital** in Litchfield Park; and **Academy West Animal Hospital** that has given us the security of both boarding and vetting for emergency intakes. New to our list is **DC Ranch Animal Hospital** in Northeast Scottsdale.

We also have partnerships with many specialists: **EyeCare for Animals**; **Arizona Oncology**; **Arizona Dental Specialists**; **Dermatology for Animals**; **VetMed** ER and specialty center; **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale, now open 24/7, and is a state-of-the-art ER and specialty hospital; **Desert Veterinary Medical Specialists** in Peoria; **Integrative Veterinary Oncology** in Phoenix; **Pet Cancer Care Consulting**; **VCA Animal Referral and Emergency Center** in Mesa; and **VEG (Veterinary Emergency Group)** in Chandler.

We also work with other specialists and ERs as needed, as well as many veterinary clinics around the state.

The basic vetting we do for each dog during the initial three-week foster period includes:

- health exam
- valley fever test (normally not done on a puppy under 3 months of age)
- flex4 tests for heart worm and tick fevers (normally not done on a puppy under 3 months of age); heartworm prevention provided for two months.
- rabies and distemper/parvo vaccinations if needed
- leptospirosis vaccination if needed (two-shot vaccine)

- bordetella vaccine
- spay or neuter (normally we recommend neutering and spaying at about 12 months)
- implantation of an AVID microchip
- fecal if indicated by history (we always test strays), by appearance of stool, or if dog is a puppy
- senior panel if 8 years of age or older
- ear infections, lumps, bumps, physical issues, and pre-existing conditions will also be addressed

If warranted by the exam, dogs may be referred to a specialist for follow-up and treated for the condition. Follow-up exams and treatments needed for any ongoing illness and condition will be included for three months post-finalization of the adoption with a medical addendum.

In order to get the basic vetting done for each dog, two different avenues exist. If the dog comes from a shelter or is an emergency intake, or is not up to date on their vaccinations/vetting, the dog will, in the majority of those cases, go to one of our veterinarians first before being placed in their forever home or to a foster who will get the dog vetted. If the dog is already well-vetted on intake from a surrendering home, the dog will most likely be placed in their new home first and the new family will take the dog to one of our veterinarians through a regular appointment, at their convenience, within the first few days the dog is in their home.

Each animal hospital has a dedicated **AGR** volunteer who coordinates vetting between the family and the veterinarian and is available for follow-up and any questions the family may have about the health of their dog. As Director of Health Care, I am also available to do follow-up or answer questions regardless of the veterinarian being seen.

During our years in Rescue, we have helped bring dogs to the highest level of health that our vets and foster families who nurse a medical dog can bring them. We have, for our rescue dogs, done hip replacements, chemotherapy, intestinal/stomach surgery, epilepsy/seizure treatment, valley fever treatment, heartworm treatment, cardiology surgical/treatment, dental surgery/treatment, tumor removal, thyroid treatment and have addressed many, many other health needs.

We are well-compensated for all of this when our rescues get to their forever homes and live happy, healthy lives with their families.

Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption Health Care

About once a year, we have a dog come in that is really in bad shape. Placement finds a terrific family or individual that will care for the dog but can't afford the ongoing cost of medications or treatment. The dog is put into our **GPHA** program, whereby the adopter gets charged only \$1 for the adoption and **AGR** pays for all medical expenses going forward.



The Human Connection

By **Connie McCabe**,
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"It's all about the dogs"

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

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

Hopefully, by now you will have noticed that many of our members have stayed to be part of the organization long after their first-year membership has expired. And, many times, even after the **AGR** dog(s) they have adopted have gone to the Bridge. There are many members who have never even adopted a dog from us and some who don't even have a dog at all! We are grateful to those who have continued to renew their memberships year after year and who contribute their time, money, and hearts to the group, whether or not they are interested in adopting a Golden.

Let me introduce you to the newest members of the **AGR** Placement team - one of the most important jobs in Rescue.

First, meet Peggy Andrews, who adopted **AGR 23-020 Honey** last spring.



In Peggy's words: *I'm a native-born Arizonan, but I moved away when I was seven. I then moved back to Phoenix in 1997. I've been an RN for 50 years – 22 years as an Army nurse. I retired in 2017 after my husband passed away. I have had dogs most all my life; I rescued my first dog in Boston in 1972 and I had her for 12 years. At one point after returning to Arizona, I had three rescued dogs.*

Then we got **Fiona**, a purebred Golden Retriever from a breeder, and she was the perfect dog for 12 years 4 months – the love of my

life. She hurt herself getting into the car and several weeks later she went to the Bridge. It took me 1½ years to finally feel like I could love another dog.

Last May, Connie contacted me about **Honey**, a seven-year-old Golden mix. **Honey** was born in Mexico and was probably a stray for the first two years of her life; eventually she found her way to Arizona and was rescued by a lady who had her for five years. Sadly, her owner was suffering from dementia and was going into memory care. Unfortunately, while her owner and her daughter were on the patio of the assisted living apartment, a rattlesnake was lurking, and **Honey** drew its attention; it struck and got **Honey** over her left eye. The daughter reacted quickly and got **Honey** to a vet so she could get the antivenin. The daughter later wanted to have her put down, but the vet refused and called Arizona Golden Rescue. **AGR** came to **Honey's** rescue and Connie fostered her through her recovery. All this time they didn't know if the snake bite had compromised her vision or the eyeball. Fortunately, she can see just fine and even had surgery to help close the eye lid.

Today, **Honey's** a wild and crazy girl who loves walks and having her butt and any other part of her body scratched. She is learning some of the basic commands – come, sit, wait, and out (which means stay out of the kitchen while I'm cooking). She is a work in progress, and I see a wonderful relationship for us. I really enjoy participating in our **AGR** fundraisers; the folks that volunteer for **AGR** are fun people, and I get to meet a lot of wonderful Golden.

As part of the Placement team, I also do love finding the right homes for our dogs. It's so great when we hear that the adoptions are successful and how happy the new owners are. We know they will love their dogs and give them good homes. Sometimes it doesn't work out with the first family, but we keep trying until their forever home is a reality. Happy Times for us as well!

Next, meet Sharon Briggs, who adopted **23-053 Stella**, formerly **Storm**, this past summer.



Hi, I'm Sharon Briggs, a volunteer on the Placement team. I have lived with dogs all my life and fell in love with the Golden Retriever breed in college after spending time with a friend's family Golden – he was the smartest and most handsome fella I had ever met!

Our current dog is **Stella Blue**, a black Goldendoodle, whom we adopted from **AGR**. She is 10 months old – a big girl and still growing.

She loves to carry her leash around to remind me it's time for a walk!

I am a wife and mom to twin 12-year-old boys and an avid reader as well as a dog lover.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

I have some rather complicated finances for 2023 to report at the beginning of 2024.

First, in early September 2023, we rolled over for another 6 months the money that had accumulated in our 6-month CD. When it matures on March 3, 2024 it will have amassed \$101,656.66. Unless we need some of that money to pay for some unanticipated and extraordinary vet expenses, the CD will be rolled over again for another 6 months. At 4.5% interest, it's worth keeping it tied up, especially since we have a sizable amount in our regular checking account!

Due to the Facebook/PayPal fiasco that Debbie Ball mentioned in her column (pages 4-5), we had to switch our regular checking account to our Debbe Begley Memorial Fund account. Debbe's Fund was originally created in 2010 to pay for expenses that exceed \$5,000 for one dog or total expenses for a dog that comes into Rescue with cancer. We have kept this Fund viable by doing one dedicated fundraiser per year (*Dine Out With The Dogs* – see pages 31-33), plus several supporters have sent donations specifically for this Fund.

I transferred most of the balance in our regular checking account to Debbe's Fund account since this was already set up as a checking account. A minimal balance is now kept in our original checking account. If PayPal ever tries to dock us for the \$86+K that PayPal shows is a pending debit, we will fight it and maybe even have to go to court to avoid paying it. If we owe anything to PayPal, it will be only the part of the \$30+K they deposited in our checking account as money that was donated to *AGR* on Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2023. I say only part because some of the donations in that \$30+K were legitimate. In the meantime, we will not be spending ANY of that \$30+K, as we are not sure right now how many of those "donations" were by those who hacked our PayPal Giving Fund account.

Explanations for some line items in the table at right

Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

In years past, I have always sent a separate mailing by first class US mail to all adopters. This year due to time constraints, I just included the information about our Special Needs Dogs and a plea for donations in the August/September issue of *The Golden Paw*. As you can see in the table at the right, we did not receive much more than \$550 in donations. Whereas for the three previous years, we averaged \$13,652 in donations. This year, I will go back to preparing letters to be sent separately from the newsletter!

Reporting period: January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Total Assets as of January 15, 2024: \$387,197.43

	Income	Expenses
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 7,225.00	\$
Adoption Expense		418.47
Adoption Income	46,291.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		1,375.00
Calendars		
Printing		3,554.48
Sales	2,002.00	
Sponsorships	2,700.00	
Credit Card & PayPal Expense		950.59
Donations		
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund	100.00	
Dine Out With The Dogs	3,759.41	
General Fund	110,507.52	
Honorary	15,269.42	
Memorial	5,968.00	
Summer Fundraiser	557.25	
Equipment (2 pop-up tents)		230.48
Event Expense		430.48
Gift Wrapping	1,717.54	
Golf Tournament		10,279.96
Donations	9,175.42	
Golf Prizes	2,656.00	
Golfers	8,456.15	
Hole Sponsorships	6,400.00	
Meals	2,745.00	
Silent Auction	7,010.00	
Grants	9,600.00	
Insurance		571.75
Interest	1,661.88	
Internet Services		1,053.89
Legal & Professional Fees		910.00
Membership Income	30,570.00	
Merchandise		
Purchases		5,654.20
Sales & Shipping	10,144.90	
Office Expenses		2,258.93
Paws At The Park	1,623.00	725.13
Auction	890.00	
Donations	400.32	
Prizes	860.00	
Postage		2,549.52
Rent or Lease (storage facility)		3,195.45
Stationery & Printing		7,085.67
Telephone		227.85
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		4,068.70
Boarding		14,460.00
Dog Food (Rx)		93.60
Equipment (play yard)		141.04
Microchip Expense		805.16
Veterinary Services		204,556.46
TOTAL	\$288,289.81	\$265,596.81
NET INCOME	\$ 22,693.48	
Checking Account as of 1-15-24:		\$ 1,000.62
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund Ckng Acct as of 1-15-24:		\$284,540.15
CD as of 1-15-24:		\$101,656.66
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 1-15-24:		\$ 20,304.28

Event Expense

We are charged \$50 for participation at each **PACC911** Adopt-a-thon. In order to be eligible for **PACC911** medical grants, we are obligated to attend at least three of their adopt-a-thons. It's OK, though, because we always bring home more than \$200 in merchandise sales and donations from each event. Another event expense we had was to buy two new pop-up tents because two of our old ones became unusable.

Merchandise Purchases

Included the following: Sidekick leashes (which we sell for profit), regular leashes and collars (regular and martingale), and hats and shirts with embroidered **AGR** logo.



Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on which **AGR** has had to spend at least \$2,000. In the third and fourth quarters combined for 2023, we had eight dogs that met this benchmark. Three of those were already mentioned in the August/September 2023 newsletter, so below we will discuss the other five qualifying dogs. Please consider donating to help with the expenses of a specific dog, or just earmark it for *Diamonds in the Ruff*. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, of course, and will be acknowledged as such.



23-042 Kai is a 1-year-old unneutered male purebred Golden whose former owner surrendered him to **AGR** because they could not afford his necessary hip surgery. **Kai** received the standard initial vetting and was neutered in late June. He was initially fostered by Connie and Nick in Glendale and had a surgical consult in July. In late September, **Kai** underwent a total hip replacement and has been recuperating under the watchful eyes of his adopters Julie and Garrett in Glendale. Expenses for **Kai** cost **AGR \$10,964** in 2023. He will need his other hip replaced sometime in 2024.

23-048 Scout is one of the Goldendoodle puppies whelped by **23-031 Ivy**, who was found to be pregnant after she came into Rescue. In early July, **Ivy** had 6 puppies (read about Mamadog and pups on pages 13-14). **Scout** was given his initial exam and vaccinations and placed with Laurie and Kevin in Gilbert. Before his adoption was finalized in late September, **Scout** was not eating much

for a few days, was vomiting and had a distended belly. After a trip to the ER vet where an ultrasound was done, a hole was discovered in **Scout's** stomach. On October 4th, **Scout** had emergency surgery to repair his stomach and gastrointestinal tract. **Scout's** expenses totaled **\$10,304**. He will need to be neutered at **AGR's** expense when he is of age.



23-053 Storm/Stella is a female 4½-year-old Goldendoodle. She was surrendered as she had too much energy for the other dogs she lived with previously. Her initial vetting was done to bring her up-to-date on vaccines and various tests, and she was subsequently fostered and then placed with Sharon and Mike in Phoenix and renamed **Stella**. In early August, she was taken to **VetMed** for emergency evaluation of a swollen ankle, and in September she underwent a CT scan and orthopedic exam. While nothing immediate was found, it was determined she has hip dysplasia and is on Adequan injections. Further evaluation will be done after she is spayed. Total expenses so far for **Stella** cost **AGR \$4,192**.



23-070 Nora is a 3-year-old spayed female Goldendoodle who was surrendered by her former owners in early September after she had consumed another rock. **Nora** had a history of eating rocks and had a prior surgery in November 2022, but the owners were overwhelmed and could not afford another surgery. Enterotomy surgery was done

at **VetMed** on 9/7/23, followed a few weeks later by normal vetting at **Academy West** to bring her up-to-date on vaccines, cocci and heartworm testing. **Nora** was fostered by Connie and Nick to ensure she was carefully watched so as to avoid any further ingestion of things she should not have, as **Nora** can NOT tolerate any further surgery. Connie took **Nora** to *Dine Out With The Dogs* (see pages 31-33) where Michele and Mark of Scottsdale fell in love with her, subsequently applied, and adopted her, renaming her **Dora**. **AGR's** expenses for **Dora** in 2023 were **\$6,514**.

23-098 Torrey is a 3-year-old spayed female Golden Retriever who was surrendered by her former owners because they could not afford her medical care after she ingested a foreign object. **Torrey** had eaten a sock in the prior year and had surgery for that. Then, in December, she had ingested some other unknown object

which was causing severe obstruction. **AGR** took **Torrey** under our care and emergency surgery was done on December 1st at **Vet Emergency Group**. Later in December, **Torrey** required an emergency ultrasound, intestinal surgery with removal of several inches of infected tissue and hospitalization. **Torrey** is currently being carefully fostered by Sharon in Sun Lakes. As of this writing, **Torrey** is looking for her forever home with a family that will carefully watch her to ensure she does not ingest anything she should not have, as **Torrey** cannot endure any further surgeries. Total expenses so far for **Torrey** have cost **AGR \$24,106**.



Pica and Coprophagia

If you've ever wondered why your beloved dog insists on chewing up socks, shoes, and bits of plastic, you're not alone. Dogs are constantly chowing down on rocks, soil, plants, poop and other things they shouldn't be eating. It's common for dogs to eat all sorts of odd things. This habit even officially has a name: **pica**.

One of the most concerning for many dog owners is when their dogs eat poop. This disgusting habit is known as **coprophagia**, and is a way that mothers keep their puppies clean and encourage them to defecate when they are small. Some puppies do the same thing, and for a few, the habit sticks and continues into adulthood. That may be why you occasionally find your dog munching on something we wouldn't consider touching with a 10-foot pole.

Many dogs also love the taste of feline poop – a regular delicacy in the canine world, apparently. Fortunately, coprophagia isn't usually dangerous for dogs. Nonetheless, it can expose your pet to unpleasant internal parasites. If you are concerned about what your dog has been eating, make sure you get your dog checked out.

4 Reasons Why Dogs Eat Things They Shouldn't

1. Upset Stomach

One of the most common reasons for dogs to start ingesting odd items is that they've got something in their system they don't like, and they're trying to purge it out. They usually use grass for this and tend to throw up not long after.

Dogs are known for picking up bits of odd food that they shouldn't be eating. Their systems are designed to cope with this sort of thing, but if it becomes a regular habit, get your dog checked out.

2. Behavioral Issues

Many dogs suffer from anxiety and other behavioral problems, and eating odd things can be a sign that this is kicking

in. Your pet may simply be bored – especially if they are alone for long periods, or you have been out more often than usual.

To tackle this, try giving your pet some extra time and attention when you're at home. Reassure them and get them engaged with some new games to ensure their brain is working hard. This should help reduce the destructive behavior.

3. Exploration

Particularly in young dogs, eating something inedible is a result of the dog exploring its world. They chew as a means of understanding and engaging with things. If they do this a lot, they may end up ingesting things by accident, or because their chewing becomes a little too enthusiastic.

If your dog is a chewer, keep an eye on them and try to prevent them from reaching the stage where they ingest random items. It may already have passed that point, in which case you'll have to work on techniques to engage them in other activities, or to encourage them away from the chewing habit.

Make sure they have plenty of robust, safe toys they can chew on, and keep your things away from them if possible.

4. Hunger

Although this is unlikely if you're taking good care of your dog, eating random things can be a sign that they aren't getting enough to eat or that they're lacking a nutrient and trying to find it elsewhere. If you've recently put your dog on a diet, they might start eating random things, as they will feel hungry just as a human does and will want to fill their stomach.

Establish a good feeding routine with your dog and minimize their options to eat random things they find.

Although most dogs won't hurt themselves by eating sticks and grass, some household items can result in blockages and very expensive trips to vets. This is stressful for both dog and owner, and it can also be hard on the wallet.

If your dog regularly eats things they shouldn't, make sure you pick up small, easily swallowed items, and consider behavior training with an expert to reduce the habit. It might save you money in the long run!

If eating rocks is the habit, invest in a soft muzzle or OutFox Field Guard® and keep it on the dog when he/she is outdoors.

<https://www.oregonhumane.org/training/pica-and-coprophagy-pets-who-eat-non-food-items/>

<https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/behavioral/pica-dogs>

<https://www.vetstreet.com/care/pica-and-coprophagy>

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Deb Orwig

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from August 26, 2023 through January 15, 2024. All adoptions finalized after January 15th will be in the next issue.



23-008 Buddy is a 3½-year-old Gold-endoodle. He was an intact male and was originally surrendered with **23-009 Sunny**, a 5-year-old not-spayed Gold-endoodle. The dogs weren't particularly bonded, so we adopted them to different families. **Sunny** was placed fairly quickly (her story was in the August/September 2023 issue), but **Buddy** had some problems at the first three families

he was placed with – he is a large, strong dog who was never properly trained – in his case, the fourth time was the charm. No vet records came with him, so we had to start the vaccine series and also had to have him neutered. His original owner described **Buddy** as smart, very sweet and a teddy bear. He likes to play fetch with rubber balls. He spent most of his time outside or crated for up to 6 hours. We found the best home for him with Dara and DeWitt in Chandler. When we spoke to him, DeWitt confirmed that **Buddy** needs a lot of exercise and loves to fetch a ball. He has a large backyard in which to run, and DeWitt occasionally takes him to the local dog park, too. He said: ***Buddy** is doing great! He keeps avoiding the crate. **Buddy** and **Murphy** are doing well together. Very sweet – **Buddy** is making sure he attaches to each of us. He is sitting, enjoying petting, playing – doing everything he should be doing! He is a great dog.* We are so glad **Buddy** has such a terrific family now!

23-019 Tywin, a 6-year-old Golden male, came into **AGR** on May 22, 2023. **Tywin** was acquired as a puppy by the owners. Since the husband recently left, the wife had been overwhelmed caring for her two small children under the age of 6 years and a dog. **Tywin** had started to act out by eliminating in the house and on the children's toys. Although he is described as fun-loving and energetic, he is very strong and needs training. **Tywin** received the standard vetting with vaccines and tests for valley fever and heartworm. He tested positive for valley fever and is currently being treated with fluconazole. When he meets new people, **Tywin** is very excited, jumping up and hugging



them. With love, patience and obedience training, **Ty** has become an important part of Jim and Holly's family in Phoenix. Holly notes in this message: *Last year we lost our 12-year-old beloved Chocolate Lab, and our 3-year-old Golden Retriever **Max** was lonely and not very active at the time. We joined Arizona Golden Rescue and hoped for a good match for our family. We are so happy with our new Golden, six-year-old **Tywin**. He has become best buddies with **Max**. **Tywin** came to us as an overly-excited, sweet boy and has since become a beloved member of our family. He is the best dog and is always ready to give big hugs. He is known as a "social tornado," as he will spin around in excitement when meeting anyone on a walk (he controls himself better when he wears his harness on walks now). **Tywin**, lovingly known as **Ty**, is really great with our grandkids and can be so gentle around them. He can also steal and quickly swallow your napkin in a heartbeat, so we are very careful to not let this happen. He loves carrots and apples, and, of course, toys and balls – always has one in his mouth. Our house has dog toys and hair scattered everywhere keeping our Roomba busy, and we wouldn't have it any other way. Thank you for everything you do for golden families in Arizona!*

23-024 Bear, a Golden mix, was found at a park in Central Phoenix. The finder tried to locate the owner by posting his photo on social media, putting up flyers, contacting the **AZ Humane Society** and **MCACC**. Maricopa County came out to scan **Bear** for a chip, but there was none. The finder was unable to keep **Bear** because he has a full-time job, and his 2-year-old female Springer Spaniel didn't like him – when **Bear** used the doggie door to go outside, she prevented him from coming back through the door. He is described as sweet, very excitable, and strong. After coming into **AGR** on April 29, 2023, **Bear** received vetting, was given vaccines, treated for an ear infection, and was scheduled for neutering. Once he was neutered, **Bear** was taken to Lori, Jason and their two daughters in Gilbert. After welcoming **Bear** into their home, they have experienced a few challenges. He pulls on his leash while walking, likes to jump, and paws at them for attention. He is also reactive



to unknown humans and dogs and will growl as a warning. Lori has been very patient with **Bear**, taking him to obedience classes and being consistent with his behavioral training. She has maintained frequent contact with **AGR** and sought out suggestions and recommendations for **Bear's** situation. She wanted to try **Bear** on behavioral medication, which **AGR** approved, and possibly hire a behaviorist. Lori has reported that **Bear** is so much calmer and happier on meds. She had her in-laws visit for 2½ weeks and her mom for 2 weeks, and **Bear** did well with everyone. He still reacts when he sees other dogs on walks, but they try to time their walks when fewer dogs are out. She also redirects him and keeps walking to avoid a situation. She wants to work on improving his behavior, but at least they can go for walks now. The Sidekick leash they bought from **AGR** along with obedience classes, and lots of practice with treats, have been a real game changer! After working with him through some challenging situations, Lori and Jason decided to adopt **Bear** after 7 months!

23-030 Harley is a neutered 9-year-old Goldendoodle who came to **AGR** because the female owner had to go into assisted living – a very difficult surrender since **Harley** had been a family companion for 6 years. He had grown very close to her since the passing of her husband. Although he hasn't had much socialization with other dogs, he is described as loving, mellow and enjoys lots of attention.



Harley briefly lived with two foster families before arriving at his forever home with Marlene and Jeff in Scottsdale. After being dropped off at his new home, **Harley** was a little “unsettled.” After taking an evening walk, he seemed more comfortable and relaxed with his new family. That night there was a thunderstorm which didn't bother him at all. The next day he was waiting at the door when Marlene came home and gave her lots of kisses! **Harley** is now enjoying his new life with Marlene, Jeff and their three resident dogs! When a follow-up call was made by Joni, an **AGR** member, Marlene and Jeff said that they really love **Harley**. Marlene said he is wonderful and that he is not going anywhere. She did mention that they must be mindful about leaving food on the counter because he once ate an entire rib eye steak which was raw, and another time ate the entire banana bread that she had just taken out of the oven. Marlene was laughing when relating those stories. She thanked Joni for calling and also said thank you so much for giving them, **Harley**. Marlene also described life with **Harley** as follows: *We are so happy we were able to include **Harley** (a gentle giant) into our family. He is such a sweet boy and gets along well with our other dogs, **Wiener, Billie Jean** and **Aussie Heeler, Pal...** He loves to go for walks, loves to play, bounces all over our yard, he lays his head in our laps for love rubs and eats EVERYTHING within his reach. **Harley** has certainly found his way into our hearts and his forever home!*

23-031 Ivy, was a small, 11-month-old Goldendoodle when she was surrendered to **AGR** on May 24, 2023. The owner was going to medical school and did not have time for this little girl (or any of the several other dogs and puppies that were at the house). We were told **Ivy** was in heat at the time, but the resident 1½-year old male Doodle must have mated with her before we got her, because she looked like she might be pregnant. She had 6 puppies on July 5th. **Ivy** and the puppies were fostered by Audra and Brent in Wittmann. By the time the puppies were weaned at about 5 weeks, the family had adopted **Ivy** and had also decided to keep one of the puppies (**23-047 Hank**, now called **Jim**), as was their right to do



as fosters. **Ivy** was a good mommy, but to ensure she wouldn't ever have more puppies, we had her spayed in early September. She is doing well now – plays and plays with the puppy and basically ignores the resident pigs, goat and other dogs in the household.

23-043 Lolli was found wandering on the street near the Central Phoenix home of one of **AGR's** adopters. They could not keep this pretty girl due to going away on vacation the next day. We decided to take her to **Academy West Animal Hospital** and put her on a 6-day stray hold. We posted messages about her on several “found pet” websites, but no one ever contacted us. It was a concern because the girl was lactating, so she had had puppies not long ago. Puppies were not found anywhere in the vicinity of where **Lolli** had been picked up (transporter drove around for a half hour looking for posted signs). **Lolli(pop)** was named by the kids in the finder's home. Judged to be about 3 years old, she was shy but loving around the humans. Joan and Keith in Scottsdale agreed to foster her, even though she was much younger than other dogs they'd fostered. At first, **Lolli** was depressed and anxious until she arrived at the fosters' home where she was introduced to the resident male Golden, **Scooter**. It was love at first sight. **Lolli** threw herself at him and they commenced to play and flirt immediately. Her whole attitude shifted then and **Lolli**, now called **Eden**, became a confident, curious girl. Once inside the house, she met the frail smaller dog, **Sophie**, and was very gentle. She found a toy and happily threw it around for a bit. That was not an issue for **Scooter** at all – no jealousy or toy issues. Connie has since talked to Joan and everything is going very well. The dogs are best of friends and



Eden is very comfortable and happy to be home.



Two weeks old

At the home, they have a really nice “dog room” with a huge bed and crate that can be gated off. After just a couple days, Brittne said: *I probably am creating a monster but he slept with us last night and we got up and took him out throughout the night – he did great.* They changed his name to **Ted** and are enjoying watching him grow up.

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23-046 Daytona puppy. Nothing unusual to report with this male puppy, who was the first-born of **Ivy's** litter of 6. Typical puppy behavior – smart and vocal. He met the resident dogs without incident at Brittne and Ryan’s house in Surprise. While the transporter was going over paperwork – getting the contract signed, going through our *Your New Dog* manual and hitting the highlights of a *Puppy Tips* handout from Liz – the golf tournament was mentioned as our upcoming large fundraiser. The family perked up and said they would try to get up a foursome – they did, and we really appreciated their participation!

23-047 Hank stayed with the foster family, Audra and Brian in Wittmann. As the foster, it was their right to choose to keep the mother dog, as well as one of the pups. By the time the pups were 2 months old, they were so cute and getting so big, the family just had to have one. Been there, done that myself with **Ladybird's** litter in 2005 (kept **Troy** and Mama **Ladybird**) and **Faith's** litter in 2016 (kept **Vin**). **Hank** has a new name now: **Jim**. Mother **Ivy** plays with him constantly. **Jim** will be bigger than his mother once he is full grown. As with the other pups, we issued an addendum for the sterilization surgery when **Jim** is about a year old.

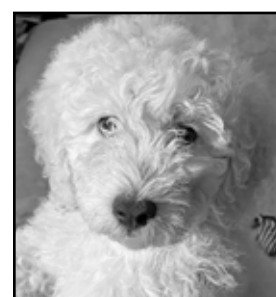


Two weeks old

23-048 Scout, one of the three male puppies, was chosen by Laurie and Kevin in Gilbert, who had recently adopted **23-028 Snow**, now called **Lily**, from **AGR**. **Lily** was a little shy and they felt that getting her a puppy companion would help socialize her – it has. Seems there is always one or two pups in a litter born into Rescue that has some problems. **Scout**, whose name is still **Scout**, is one in this litter. While playing in the yard,



23-049 Basil, now called **Stella**, was adopted by Sheryl in Glendale. In 2022, she had adopted one of **Sophia's** puppies (**Whitman**, now **Bodie**) from **AGR**. She had three other dogs but all were older dogs and none really wanted to play with **Bodie**. When **Stella** was delivered to the house, **Bodie** got very excited about having a new playmate, so much so that Sheryl had to leash him until he calmed down. **Bodie** has learned not to overwhelm **Stella** with his enthusiasm and the two play a lot.



23-050 Luna, one of the three female puppies, was selected by Maureen and Kevin in Phoenix, whose family includes two kids and a cat. **Luna** loves everyone, although the cat made itself scarce. Not too long after going to the vet for a second DHPP vaccine and a micro-chip, **Luna** had a bout with diarrhea and vomiting. She may have picked up some kind of virus at the vet, so they started her on an anti-viral medication and she was given an IV for nausea/diarrhea to replenish fluids. A blockage had been ruled out, as was parvo. She recovered well. The family said: *Luna is absolutely wonderful. We adore her! Luna is the greatest asset to our family!*

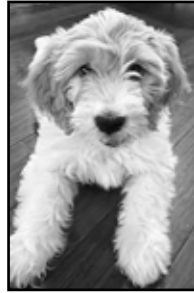


23-051 Bristol was adopted by Nicole and Chris and their children in Mesa. They changed her name to **Zoe**. The dog came to them with ear infections in both ears. Prednisone and Mometavet were prescribed; Nicole reported that the ears improved quickly after she started the meds and they have had no ear problems since. Ear infections are very common in Golden Retrievers, so we're not surprised that one of **Ivy's**



Six weeks old

6 puppies, who are part Golden, developed ear problems. The family will need to use ear cleaner regularly to be sure the infections do not return. **Bristol** was the one puppy that most of our applicants wanted, as her coloring is unusual. Instead of a plain vanilla/beige coat color all over like the other pups, **Bristol** is white with patches of rust; very attractive. At **Fry's** grocery store in their stuffed animals collection, there is a puppy that looks a lot like **Bristol**, so I think of her every time I see the stuffy.



Twelve weeks old

23-052 Millie, now called **Cookie** (formerly **23-013**), is a year-old female Golden mix. She was returned to Rescue due to behavior problems. She was originally rescued as a stray wandering in the desert area around Sun City in March 2023. **Millie** was placed on fluoxetine for her anxiety and fear. After being boarded for 2 months, **Millie** won the heart of Brandi in Phoenix. When she first arrived at her



new home, **Millie** was a little nervous but adjusted quickly after being given some nice chew treats and a squeaky rubber chicken! She likes exploring outside, running around, and chasing a ball, but not bringing it back or leaving it for a game of fetch. With patience, consistency, and attention from Brandi, **Millie** is flourishing in her new home. When a follow-up call was made to Brandi, she commented: *I've been calling her "Cookie" since she's just so sweet! She's settled in with a routine and does really well the days I have to work at the office. She is definitely my little shadow though. She follows me everywhere, even room to room. She seems to be doing well with her meds, but I think she still has a lot of fear.* Brandi is starting to take the dog out on short walks in the evening; **Cookie** was excited about the change in scenery and may be starting training classes soon. Happy new life, **Cookie!**



23-053 Storm is a sweet and friendly 4½-month-old female Goldendoodle. The owner had **Storm** for a week and discovered that her two-resident female chihuahuas were being mean and didn't want anything to do with her. After tripping over **Storm** twice, the owner found that her puppy energy was too much for her to handle. Since the breeder wouldn't take **Storm** back, she was surrendered to **AGR** for rehoming. **Storm** received the

standard vetting with vaccines and tests for valley fever and heartworm. She was given medication for a swollen ankle before going to her foster home with Diane and Todd in Phoenix. Her foster parents described **Storm** as super sweet, loving, and snuggly. She loved playing with their resident dogs but also played nicely by herself with her toys. After spending three weeks with her fosters, **Storm** moved into her new home with Sharon and Mike in Phoenix. **Storm** has continued seeing the vet for her ankle, which keeps swelling and causes her to limp. The vet also discovered that she has right hip dysplasia so is currently being treated with injections. Sharon and Mike are taking very good care of **Storm** with her ankle and hip issues and are very happy that she is a part of their family. They renamed her **Stella**. Sharon describes life as it is now: *Stella is now a 70-pound, 10-month-old puppy. She definitely keeps us on our toes! We are so grateful to AGR for bringing Stella into our family. She is so smart and playful. Stella loves to play with toys, especially her squeaky pig, and she will climb right up in my lap if I let her! She is a very lovable dog, so even though she has her challenges (all common puppy issues, like chewing on things, and jumping/nipping when excited), we are happy to have her.*

23-054 Ivory is a 1-year-old not-spayed female Goldendoodle. The owner obtained **Ivory** from a friend in Texas and had a transport company bring her to Arizona. After having her for about 4 months, she realized she couldn't deal with **Ivory's** high energy level. The owner described **Ivory** as a sweet, friendly, and joyful dog that deserves a family who has pa-



tience to train and give her the exercise she needs. While spending two weeks with fosters Diane and Todd in Phoenix, **Ivory** made friends with their resident dog, **Sedona**, and found her way into their hearts. A meet and greet was arranged with **Ivory's** potential family where she met **Buddy**, the resident dog. Although her fosters were sad to see her leave, they are pleased with her new placement. When she was delivered to Tamara and Andrew in Mesa, **Buddy** was very interested in seeing **Ivory** again. At first, **Ivory** was a little nervous in her new home, but after being reacquainted with **Buddy** and finding a chew toy, she started to relax. Tamara sent us this message: *Ivory has been such a joy to our family! We have always had a busy, full household, but recently when our two kids moved out of the house to attend ASU, our nine-year-old lab, Buddy, definitely noticed it; he was clearly sad. Then we adopted Ivory, and our house became lively again! The dogs love to play together with all their toys. Ivory loves to take Buddy's toys and put them in a big pile. She also loves to run after her ball and bring us lemons that fall off our tree. We are all very happy she has become one of the family!*

23-055 Allisson is an 11-month-old (not spayed) Golden mix.

She lived in an apartment and was surrendered because her owner recently had knee surgery and was unable to give her the attention and exercise she needs. She presents herself as shy when meeting new people but quickly warms up and is loving. **Allisson** needed our standard vet work with vaccines, tests for valley fever and heartworm, a spay, and removal of rear dew claws. Placement contacted three families before they found fosters Teri and Jeff in Phoenix. After being transported to their house, **Allisson** met each of their 5 resident dogs with much enthusiasm. Once in the backyard, they proceeded to run and play. When she met their cat **Autumn**, **Allisson** was totally enamored with her. Living with Teri and Jeff for the first 10 days, **Allisson** made great strides with her house-training and settled into a routine. After she had been spayed and returned home from the vet, **Allisson's** foster dad made the following comment: *Well, we learned something today. We learned that we can't foster any dogs because they always stay! The pack missed her so much! Allisson won the hearts of her fosters and is being adopted by them! Teri sent us this message: We initially wanted just to foster Allisson, as this sweet girl came into Rescue but had not yet found her forever home. The plan was not to keep her, but plans change, and it seems in our home dogs that come in do not go out. Allisson immediately bonded with our girl Mila, – it was truly love at first sight for both. It took her a few days to learn to socialize with the rest of our pack of five, but once that happened we knew she was going to stay. She is a true love bug and has turned into a momma's girl. We are so blessed to have her as part of our now six-pack!*



Draco at left, Dumbledore at right

23-056 Dumbledore, age 5, and **23-057 Draco**, age 3, are a bonded pair of purebred Golden Retrievers. Their owner had developed several brain tumors and was fading fast, so she called us very



23-056 Dumble

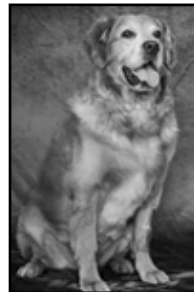
close to what she felt was her pending demise. She had taken good care of the boys, until she couldn't. They were up to date on their vaccines and already neutered. **Draco** has been with **Dumbledore** since he was 8 weeks old. **Draco** was a Pandemic puppy and did not socialize with other dogs besides his brother. He is standoffish with other dogs and will go crazy barking at another dog. So, the owner solved the problem by not taking him around other dogs. He takes a while to warm up to humans but when he does, he is a snuggle bug. **Dumbledore** is a very friendly, social boy. Both

boys are big – weighing 100 pounds each. We placed them with Carole and Gregory in San Tan Valley. They have had pairs of Golden Retrievers several times but currently had no pets. They were thrilled to receive these two beautiful boys. The owner had lived in a small studio apartment, so when the boys were transported to their new home, they reveled in running around the big yard. Neither seemed interested in the pool, but Greg vowed he would get both of them in by the end of the summer. In addition to more exercise, the boys were started on the green bean diet. One quirky thing about **Draco** that the transporters noticed: he is definitely attracted to light and shadow movement – Deb could not get a really good photo of him outside because her phone kept picking up light spots and showing them on the ground – he was basically transfixed by the moving lights. Carole and Gregory have shortened the names to **Dumble** and **Dre** and just love their boys.



23-057 Dre

23-059 Kronos (at right) age 5, and **23-060 Rhea** (below), age 4, were surrendered as a pair of very bonded purebred Golden Retrievers. Their owner was moving across country from California to the East Coast with three dogs and two kids when her RV broke down. She could not find a place to stay that would accept three dogs. Despite her acknowledging that she could no longer care for the dogs, it was a very emotional surrender. She described **Kronos** as friendly, sweet and a big goofball, who will shred stuffed toys, even the tough ones. **Kronos** loves to swim, jump on a trampoline and run. **Kronos** is more independent than **Rhea** -- she would be lost without him. **Rhea** is a Velcro dog. She is friendly, sweet and loves people. She loves small dog toys. She is not a fan of swimming. Favorite treat for **Rhea** is tomatoes; **Kronos** loves raw broccoli. The owner was kind enough to order and have sent to us a special bowl called a Slopper Stopper for **Kronos** and a couple of small toys for **Rhea**. Connie met the owner in front of her sister's home and then drove the pair to **Academy West Animal Hospital**. After vetting at **Academy West**, she drove them to Linda and Ron in Cave Creek. They have a large grassy back yard and a small play pool, which **Kronos** immediately jumped into. The dogs settled in well and have enjoyed running and playing in the big yard. They met the resident cat with no issues, just curiosity. Ron said he loves his doggies! He laughed and said he didn't realize that such big pups could be lap dogs. Not particularly a fan of Klingons, he has renamed **Kronos** (the name of the Klingons' home world) **Rusty** and kept **Rhea's** name.



Here is what Ron and Linda had to say about the pair: **Rusty** and **Rhea** have settled into their new brother-and-sister home perfectly! Both dogs were the highlights of the Christmas party with our guests. **Rusty** is a gentleman through and through. He never takes **Rhea's** treats even if he finishes before her and she sets hers down. When playing, if **Rhea** gets hold of the ball, he will simply stand near her until she is finished rolling around on it in the back yard. Sometimes we give them apples and peanut butter treats and he always waits for her to get hers first. That boy will chase a ball and drop it back in our laps for hours if our arms hold out that long. As we're out on long walks, he keeps an eye on her so she is safe. He seems to be unaware of his size because he loves to roll over in our laps.

Rhea, on the other hand, is a lady through and through. When she gets a treat, she'll walk around the house for five minutes with it in her mouth before eating it. She likes to sit on the end of the couch with her paws crossed and hanging over the side. After the recent fireworks on New Year's, she has really come out of her shell. I think she knows for sure now that she is safe in her new home. She likes to run around in circles outside. While she is getting more assertive with grabbing the ball, unlike **Rusty** who brings it back, **Rhea** is more interested in keep-away. As a big brother, **Rusty** tolerates this because he knows he'll get it back soon enough.

Ed Note: The beautiful portrait photos of this pair were taken by Ron, who has a studio portrait business.

23-061 Jazz is a 7-month-old not neutered male Goldendoodle. His coloring is tan and brown. He is high energy, will chew anything he can get his mouth on, loves to play and get attention. Since he had not been around other dogs or cats, we placed him with Grace and Keith, a retired couple in Wickenburg who had no other pets. Grace has worked with a trainer before and had already made contact about **Jazz**. After just about a week, Grace said: **Jazz** has settled in nicely. He slept in the dog bed in the bedroom. He has not attempted to chew anything except for the many chew toys that I have provided. He has met many of the neighbors and is very friendly to everyone. They have commented on how calm he is. He has been eating well. I left him with Keith while I ran errands. They bonded, but **Jazz** has definitely attached himself to me. That's good, since Keith is an avid golfer and not often at home during the day. By the time you read about **Jazz**, he will have been neutered. Grace loves her new companion, **Jazz**.



23-062 Molly was already spayed when she came to us at age three. She is a Goldendoodle. Our intake report states that she is good with dogs her size, though she is a toy hoarder not crazy about sharing. She lives with two cats that love her. She loves to play fetch and go for walks. Even walks on a treadmill. Due to



an unforeseen family medical issue, the owners are moving to Carolina to help. The home has too much commotion going on with other dogs and small children to be a good home for **Molly**. Sometimes owners just do not tell us the whole story about a dog. In this case, when we first placed **Molly** in a home with another dog, we learned she does NOT get along

with at least some other dogs, and she did not like this one! We also found out she is a resource-guarder and does not like to share toys. So, we found a no-other-dog home for her with Andrea and Darrin in Mesa. She is happy; they are happy. They renamed her **Nava**, which means "lovely" in Hebrew. Darrin commented: *She is amazing – so well-behaved and obedient! She walks well on leash. Not at all bothered by the storm, has shown no interest in our pool and only mild interest in the house cats (she previously lived with 2 cats).* They paid **AGR** a very nice compliment: *We are so thankful for your whole organization. You have all been fantastic to work with!*

23-063 Winnie is a 2-year-old unaltered female purebred Golden girl. The surrendering owner took her from another family that was not giving her the care she needed. This owner, with a young child and one on the way, knew she could not keep **Winnie** but wanted to help find her a good home. In-laws (where the dog was staying) wanted to keep her but their three older cats would not come out of the bedroom. Not fair to them. So, she called **AGR**. We had all her vaccines updated and were about to get her spayed but she went into heat, so the surgery had to wait a month. She came in with a wound on her leg, which has been treated, and an addendum issued for more vetting for three months, if needed. The resident dog, **Lola**, finally seems to have come to terms with having **Winnie** around – she barked and barked at first. The family related: *Winnie is everything we wanted. She is so chill! Lola is still adjusting, but they both walk around following us. We took Winnie out for a short walk today -- she loved it. She seems very comfortable with us.*



23-064 Charlie is a stunning 4-year-old purebred Golden. One story we got was that he was from a military family that was moving and couldn't take him. However, the transporter got a different story about the husband being a disabled vet and the family was currently living with relatives. It took a week or so with Marty and Don in



Cave Creek before **Charlie** relaxed and indicated he was at home with them. They reported that he loves balls and to snuggle with Don on the couch. He still tries to jump up on people and seems to have issues with other dogs, especially if on a walk. The family intends to enroll him at **Partners Dog Training School** to get help with some behavior modification. They both love him very much.

23-065 June and **23-066 Johnny**, 5-month-old Golden/Lab mixes,



23-066 Johnny on left, 23-065 June on right

were surrendered together. The owner had adopted **June** and her brother **Johnny** from a private owner and had them for 2½ months. Both dogs were chewing everything from furniture to anything they could get in their mouths. The wife works full time, the husband is working more hours and they do not have time to train the puppies. **June** was described as reserved, sweet, passive and a princess; **Johnny** as active, playful, affectionate, and cuddlier than **June**. Both dogs were quite unsocialized, though, acting very frightened and shy when picked up for transport. They did not appear to be especially bonded, so we adopted them to different families.

June had a fairly easy time adjusting because her new family, Rebekka and Dave in Gilbert, had an old dog, **Emma**, who has become best friends with **June**. Rebekka reported that **June** has settled down some, although she still has a lot of puppy energy. *She is so much fun!*



Johnny spent some time with one of our foster families before he was placed with a couple in Phoenix. They changed his name to **Waylon** and called him a "Hoot." However, after they officially adopted him, the behaviors that were amusing at first no longer were, so they asked to return him to **AGR**. We're sure you will read about his new forever home in the next issue.



23-067 Matilda is a 12-week-old female Goldendoodle. The owner is a breeder who has surrendered a dog to us before. She recently had a litter of 8 puppies and has found it difficult to sell these puppies – **Matilda** was the last one of this litter – and the owner has another pregnant 2-year-old. **Matilda** is described as very sweet, easy going

and happy. As they have numerous times, Doodle-lovers Diane and Todd in Phoenix offered to foster **Matilda**. Their older resident Doodle, **Sedona**, who has been aloof to other Goldendoodles they've fostered, basically adopted this puppy, so she had to stay. The other resident Doodle, **Bentley**, also loves the puppy. Puppy **Madie** is now in doggy Heaven with one Doodle companion who plays with her all the time, and another who mothers her. Diane related: *Madie came to us as foster #12... we had zero intentions of adopting another dog! But she bonded almost immediately with both our other Doodles. Bentley and Madie run and play and wrestle and chase but so kindly and gently. Sedona was completely disgusted with the other fosters and literally would just leave the room! But she and Madie cuddle and snuggle and sleep together all the time – so stinking adorable! We literally have not had one squabble, growl or issue between them. Bentley and Sedona chose Madie ... so now there are three!*

23-070 Nora is a 3-year-old spayed female Goldendoodle, who favors the Golden parent in appearance. She has a history of eating rocks and had to have surgery in November 2022 for a blockage. On Monday September 4, 2023, she started having the same symptoms as in 2022 – the owners took her to the ER



and the x-ray showed a blockage, which they assumed was a rock. With three kids under age 5 and the youngest in the NICU, the owners could not afford another surgery. **Nora** is a friendly, sweet, patient dog. She is good with kids, dogs (lived with a 2-year-old Labradoodle), and cats (lived with 2 cats) which she is curious about and likes to chase but never catches. She will chase every bird that flies into the yard but so far has not caught any. If **Nora** smells feathers, she will tear anything apart to get to the feathers (the owners found out their couch was stuffed with feathers when they came home and found she had destroyed the couch and feathers were everywhere). **Nora** is now enjoying life with Michele, Mark, their two resident dogs, **Callan** and **Cassie**, and their cat. All but the cat met her when her foster, Connie, brought her to *Dine Out With The Dogs* in October. The family all fell in love with **Nora**, submitted their application right away, and Connie did their home evaluation. Connie has been living with a rock-eater, **Danny**, for three years, so she gave them many tips on how to handle a dog like that – she especially warned them that even with an all-grass yard, rocks will work their way up to the surface, so they will need to do rock-patrol in the yard every few days or put a muzzle or OutFox mesh hood on the dog when she goes out to do her business. We are sure they will be diligent with **Dora** (her new name) and that she will have a long, happy life with them.

23-071 Rufus is a 10-or-12-year-old un-neutered Golden Retriever (owner wasn't sure of his age). The surrendering owner became



the guardian of **Rufus** when her mother passed away and no one could take him. Since she already had 4 dogs and 4 cats, she was unable to keep him. **Rufus** lived in an apartment all his life, so living in her house was an adjustment. **Rufus** knows the commands “sit” and “speak”. He is described as goofy, friendly and very lovable. Adam loves the old dogs (has **14-013 Rhys**, now 11, and **21-051**

Charley, now 12), so when **Rufus** became available, he jumped at the chance to add a third senior dog to his household in Peoria. **Rufus** is now up-to-date on all his vaccines, has been neutered and had a small mast cell tumor removed when we had a dental done. Surgeon got clean margins, so there are no cancer worries going forward. Adam commented: ***Rufus** came to me after the passing of his previous owner. Upon first meeting this handsome boy, I questioned, “Are we sure he’s a senior Golden”? He has grey on his face but is otherwise energetic, playful and very curious. I thought he might be experiencing grief, but I didn’t see evidence of it. He had some house rules to learn but otherwise is an absolutely perfect boy. I wasn’t aggressive on correcting his minor behaviors – knowing my other Golden retrievers were teaching by example – so **Rufus** is still acclimating to his new home. A few weeks after this new addition, a sudden and unexpected departure – my partner died suddenly. I was devastated. **Rufus**, **Charley** and **Rhys** – my Golden heroes – were constantly by my side. **Charley** and **Rhys** were grieving my partner’s passing also – they loved him deeply – but we came together as a family and supported each other. **Rufus** quickly moved into the core of my family – all of us understand loss and healing. We are growing together. So grateful to have **Rhys** and **Charlie** and now **Rufus**. I love my family.*



23-073 Indi is a 3-year-old female Goldendoodle; she was not spayed. Her owner was evicted and is living in the car. **Indi** has never bitten but will growl and pull at large dogs. She will bark at strangers, then will warm up. She is playful, silly, loveable and loves attention. After vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital**, she was placed as a foster with Howard and Gail in Scottsdale. Before the end of the 3-week “settling in” period we allow a foster family, they had decided to adopt her. The family commented that whoever had her before did a great job with her and she is very obedient. They demonstrated how she sat and stayed upon command. They feel very lucky to have gotten her. She is the lucky one, having gone from living in a car to a loving family with a yard. This was a great placement. She was finalized with an addendum for her spay because at the time of adoption she had just gone into heat – she was finally spayed in January 2024.

23-077 Bodhi is a 15-month-old Golden-doodle. He was neutered and he has more of the Golden hair and does shed some. He has a sensitive stomach but with Purina Pro Plan for adult dogs he does not have any problems. He had been around dogs and was friendly with all the dogs he had met. The owner just moved to Arizona; **Bodhi** had not settled in and was barking a lot which the neighbors did not appreciate.



The owner was told to stop the barking or move. In addition, her boss said clients were complaining about the barking when she was on business calls so told her to get rid of the dog or lose her job. After some vetting, **Bodhi** was placed with Gina and Greg in Tucson; they have adopted from us before (**13-015 Dusty**, who had passed away). They came all the way to Glendale to pick up **Bodhi**. Connie spoke to them after they arrived back home and they said he goes out to do his business, loves toys, can reach the counter tops but they keep them clean. **Bodhi** explored and was happy for his big back yard. They also ordered food on the way down and family picked it up for them, so **Bodhi** is ready to eat. He’s allowed on the furniture and already was up on the sofa. They are very happy with him even though they weren’t expecting that big a boy. A month later they had changed his name to **Hogan** and were ready to adopt him.

🌀 The California Group 🌀

(next six dogs)

In mid-October, 2023, we were contacted by a Golden Retriever breeder in southern California who needed to downsize her business. Over the last 6 years, she had surrendered several dogs to **AGR**. Connie McCabe drove Nick’s Expedition with 3 X-large crates and Fred Prose drove the Orwigs’ mini-van with 2 X-large crates and a puppy crate; Christine Spiel went along for the ride and to help with the dogs. They left Sunday morning to pick up what we had been told would be 5 adult male Golden retrievers and 3 puppy Golden retrievers. They made good time going to the breeder’s home in under 7 hours with a lunch stop and stayed overnight in a motel (thanks to all of the transporters for covering their trip expenses). FYI, do NOT complain about Arizona gas prices – on the Arizona side in Quartzsite, gas was \$3.89/gallon, but just down the road to Blythe in California it was \$5.89/gallon! They arrived at the breeder’s by 8:30 AM on Monday. There were only three adult male dogs and two puppies scheduled to go. Right before the transport team got there, the breeder decided to send along the female littermate to the male puppy. Those were the only two without names, so Connie named them **Ken** and **Barbie**. They then had to wait while **Barbie**’s information was collected into a folder. In the meantime, they tried to get pictures, but the dogs were all very frightened and not in the mood for photos. They were finally able to get the dogs loaded and on the road a little after 10 AM, which was really pushing it to get to **Academy West**

Animal Hospital in Glendale before 5 PM. In fact, with only one quick pit stop for a restroom and another for gas and drive-thru food, plus two more for barf duty (thank you, Chris) they rolled in to **AW** at 4:30 PM and got the dogs unloaded – right on schedule. Speed limits – what are those? All but one of the dogs were quite young, ranging in age from 5-month-old **Ruby** to 7-month-olds **Ken** and **Barbie**, 18-month-old **Elliot**, 22-month-old **Angus**, and 7½-year-old **Danny**. All are really good-looking purebred Golden Retrievers. All the dogs needed all their shots. The three oldest dogs were tested for heartworm and valley fever. None of the six was sterilized before arriving in Arizona. **Angus** and **Elliot** were neutered in late October, **Danny** in November. The other three are too young for this surgery, so we issued an addendum with the adoption finalization to cover the cost when the dogs are about a year old.

23-078 Ruby was labeled by the breeder as “sweet, cuddly, responsive, exceptionally social, trains easy, house trained, knows “off,” and “sit”. This adorable puppy, now known as **Lovie**, was placed with Tracy and Gary in Scottsdale. When transported to their home, **Ruby** had a great time running and playing on the turf (she had been confined to a kennel at the breeder’s facility) and couldn’t make up her mind which human to visit, as she kept going back and forth between them. Just a few days later, they brought **Lovie** in costume to *Dine Out With The Dogs* (see page 32). We hope to see them at many more of our events.



23-079 Angus was placed with Louise and John in Phoenix. At their home, **Angus** has two female Golden companions, **Violet** and **Rose**, the latter of which is an **AGR** adoptee. Louise reported: *Angus is a perfect fit with our other two Golden Retrievers. They love him. He is smaller than Violet and Rose and they like that. Only one funny story, or hiccup, was when we went out to dinner and came home to find he had chewed up a corner of the sheet that we keep on our bed to protect the covers. We saw no evidence in the house but to be safe we took him to the emergency vet the next day. Angus checked out OK, no bloat or blockage. He ended up throwing it up a day later. Other than that he is perfect. When I go to work, all three dogs are left in the bedroom, and Angus is in a large x-pen. We kept his name and are very happy with him.*

23-080 Elliot was placed with Debbie and her two resident Golden Retrievers, **Dillon** and **Levi**, in Surprise. She was not looking to adopt a third dog, but after one night of fostering, she changed his name to

Tyler, and just shortly after that she knew he would never be going to any other home. He had just been neutered before he was transported to her, so although all the dogs were introduced, she did not allow actual play among them for at least a week. Debbie related: *Tyler is doing very well, very calm and loving, thinks he is a lap dog; loves to play with Levi especially, rides well in the car, and did VERY well at AGR gift-wrapping on 12/15 and 12/16. This boy is just a total love! He has a very unusual bark which sounds like a squeaker toy, and he pretty much ignores Levi’s “trash talk.”*



23-081 Danny, the oldest of the California dog group, was placed with Katie in Scottsdale. She has two resident dogs, **Bacon** and **Basil**. Transporter Connie reported: *Once at his new home, Danny was very curious and ran around the yard sniffing and peeing on everything. He and Bacon (they had already met at Academy West) got reacquainted and there was drool to spare! A little later they even played a little. He pretty much ignored the little dog. Things were pretty hectic, as they were getting ready for a Halloween party that night. She is changing his name to **Butter**. Bacon is especially happy to have **Butter** as a new companion at home.*

23-082 Ken was fostered by Fred and Jill for about a month. They really enjoyed fostering him but decided that with three resident Golden Retrievers, four is more than they want. **Ken** was not happy to go – he clearly knew something was up. Once at his new home with Heather in Phoenix, he immediately shifted into fourth gear and returned to his happy-go-lucky self. He and resident dog **Porter** commenced playing and running around. Heather was cautioned many times about **Ken** picking up the stones and rocks. She assured Connie she would always be with him outside. Connie showed her the OutFox Field Guard® and some very nice mesh muzzles available from **Amazon**. When they went back in the house, he really became crazy and tore around the sofa, grabbing pillows and shaking them. As soon as Heather got one away, he grabbed another. Then there was the blanket! Connie was laughing so hard at the Keystone Cops comedy, she couldn’t get pictures. They had to put him in the crate to proceed with the paperwork. He pretty much barked the whole time. Connie suggested that she move his crate next to her bed at night, as Fred had said he did not bark if the crate was by the bed. Heather



was uncomfortable with that suggestion and verified the next day that she left the crate in the other room – he barked for “only” 30 minutes before going to sleep. Connie emphasized no collar in the crate and suggested giving him a frozen Kong. Heather asked about training and a *Partners* group class was recommended. He is very active and is pretty strong-willed! **Porter** was eager to play and is a pretty active boy, too, for his age. **Ken** currently has an undescended testicle (which might come down where it belongs by the time he is old enough to be neutered). His adopter is very happy to have him and so is his new buddy, **Porter**.



23-083 Barbie was a last-minute, “take this one, too” decision by the breeder. She is a 7-month-old puppy whirlwind. When she was delivered to Faith and Deryl in Casa Grande, the resident dog, a 19-month-old Golden named **Betsy**, came out to greet her and there was an instant connection. The other resident dog, a 7-year-old Husky (**Beau**) did not show much in-

terest in **Barbie**, although now that she has been with the family for a while he is more active. The family was warned that **Barbie** might try to eat rocks in the back yard, but they assured us they would always go out with her and watch her. She and **Betsy** have become best friends and play a lot, which helps **Barbie** get rid of some of that “wild child” energy. Faith sent us this update a few days later: *We have changed her name to Maisey. She is doing well. She acts like she has lived with us forever. She's very comfortable and gets along with the other two, and the cat has even accepted her. She has gone in the bedtime kennel easily the past few nights. She is in our room with the other two so she's able to see all of us and sleeps soundly all night. I have tried to get still pictures of them together but I think they all know what I'm doing and start playing. We are working on her eating and drinking like there is no tomorrow – the puzzle bowl and no-drip water dish have helped. She did figure out how to get the water bowl dismantled so she can "swim" in it with her face, so I am working on getting her to leave it. She seems to be very happy and healthy, and we are pleased to have her.* About 6 weeks later, Joni talked with Faith about this little girl. Faith laughed and said they love her to pieces and she is a Hot Mess – has chewed numerous holes in their walls. Said she is like a stud finder, everywhere she chews is a stud. **Maisey** has brought them numerous nails, big rocks, chews their Sage bush and leaves the lower branches lying in the yard. She likes to dig holes in the yard too. **Maisey** was finalized with an addendum for her spay when she reaches 1 year of age.



23-087 Flash is an 11-week-old male Golden Retriever, who was taken from a breeder situation in Flagstaff. The owner already had 3 dogs so could not keep him. He is just a puppy so not much is



known about him. He was reported to be calm, friendly, good with other dogs and already knew “sit”. He was fostered by Rebecca and Dustin in Phoenix; they were charged with observing him and updating his personality profile. His chosen family, Elyce and Michael, live in Tucson and were kind enough to meet our transporter in Marana. **Flash** is a pretty typical

Golden puppy – likes to eat things he shouldn't, like rocks, so they added turf and are keeping a close eye on him when he is out playing in their yard. They said: *We're in this with him for life, no matter what. Yup, every day is a new experience...imagine that?* We issued an adoption addendum which will cover his neutering when he is about a year of age.

23-089 Honey Bear is a 6-year-old spayed female Golden Retriever. The owner has a 1-year-old and a 2-week-old baby. They also have a 10-year-old Lab that **Honey Bear** got along with fine. They contacted **AGR** about 3 months ago, and each time transport was arranged they changed their mind. Now they have surrendered as they are overwhelmed with the new



baby and some financial issues. **Honey Bear** is sweet, easy going, relaxed, but at times she can get dopey. She gets anxious if around more than two dogs at once. To determine how **Honey Bear** would do with a strange dog, we placed her with a family that was fostering another one of our dogs. She was a little apprehensive at first but was much better after a few days. No adoption addendum was issued because the adopters offered to cover her valley fever meds and retest. They changed her name to **Daisy** and are very happy adding her to the family.

23-090 Guero was originally a street dog in Guadalajara, Mexico. He was taken to the *Angeles del Valle* shelter there and advertised on the Internet. A contact in *Rescue A Golden of Arizona (RAG)* alerted us about this little Golden mix. **RAG** had arranged to have a purebred Golden transported here from Mexico and offered to bring **Guero** along. He was vetted in Mexi-



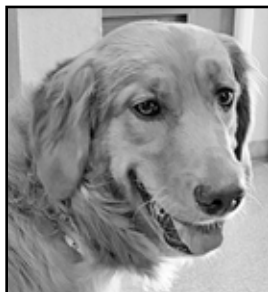
co, but because Maricopa County will not accept out-of-country vaccines, we had to have those redone. Cute and friendly with everyone is how this little 1-year-old, 16-lb boy has been described. Connie and Nick fostered him for a few days and he turned out to be one of their favorite fosters. He was placed with Brandi in Cave Creek; she recently adopted **23-052 Millie** (now **Cookie** –

see her story on page 15) from us and has some cats, so **Guero**, whom she renamed **Queso**, will have several animal companions. Connie commented: *We are really going to miss this little guy. He was quite happy to be at Brandi's home – he and **Cookie** get along wonderfully. He saw the cats, though, and was a pain trying to catch them. Brandi is not worried; she has a great set-up and the cats will be safe. Brandi is a great mom and we couldn't ask for a better adopter.* Update from Brandi: *He is calming down around the cats finally! It's been so much fun. **Cookie** and **Queso** are getting along very well and love playing together. It's been pretty much non-stop. Once he shuts off for the day, he's a total love bug and curls up right on my lap.*



23-092 Bruno is a one-year-old gold-colored Goldendoodle. He was found as a stray, but he was micro-chipped so the owner was located. The owner said he did not want the dog as he was getting deployed and wrote a note saying he was giving him to the finder. Finder could not keep him but was worried about his safety so took him but needed to surrender. She bought him a crate,

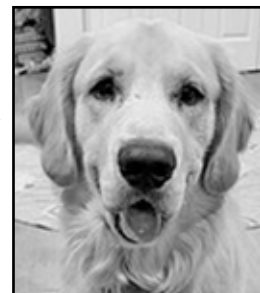
toys, food and had the vet give him shots and did a heartworm test. She had him just a couple days so does not know much about him except he is a friendly, peaceful, scared dog. He is scared to get in a car and will flatten himself to the ground but rides well once in the car. He also seems scared to be left alone and will cry if he doesn't see his human. He will see his new humans, Jamie and Bill in Wittmann, a lot, as they are both retired. At their home, **Bruno**, who has been renamed **Theo**, will have a menagerie for companionship: a 12½-year-old Labradoodle female, a 9-year-old Labradoodle male, 4 indoor cats, an African Grey Parrot, a horse and 3 goats! The couple became acquainted with **AGR** when their daughter's family fostered **Ivy**, who had 6 puppies. Jamie started him in obedience lessons within a couple days of his arrival. She reported: *He is doing better with sit, down, and stay, but still really pulls on the leash – will get better I'm sure. Getting better with the kitties, too. Not doing bad for only 4 days with us, but is a little too rough for the older dogs. He loves toys and goes out to visit the livestock. He self-exercises in the big back area. Runs laps round and round then comes in and takes a nap wherever I am, which is right here as I write this.*



23-093 Lee Lou is a 9-month-old spayed female mostly-Golden mix, a beautiful red color. Her owner had been out of work for 8 months when he got a job offer in Oklahoma that would necessitate a lot of travel. **Lee Lou** has typical puppy energy, so he knew it would be in her best interest to be with a family that could exercise her.

She needed vaccine updates and tests for valley fever and heartworm. The right family makes all the difference, and **Lee Lou** was placed with the best possible family – a young, energetic couple, Haley and Kyle in Mesa. They have the time and interest in getting her properly trained. In addition to her humans being home a lot, **Lee Lou** now has the companionship of an elderly little Yorkie. The couple renamed her **Penny** and recently told us: ***Penny** is the sweetest and goofiest dog we have ever met. She has never-ending energy and is so playful and loving. Our 13-year-old Yorkie, **Bentley**, has been so sad since his brother passed, and since getting **Penny**, he doesn't cry when we leave and you can tell he loves having **Penny's** company. **Penny** has filled a big hole in our hearts and we couldn't be more thankful she is now a part of our family.*

23-094 Chase, a purebred Golden, was one year old in October 2022. He was originally surrendered to **The Fetch Foundation** that trains dogs for disabled police, firefighters, etc. as the family's son was allergic. After assessing **Chase**, it was determined he just did not have the focus or personality to be a service dog. He is rambunctious, playful, strong, and goofy. He has been updated on all



vaccines and was neutered on 11/21/2023. After transporting **Chase** to Chelsea in Scottsdale, Connie made these comments: ***Chase** is a great dog! And lots of fun. There is a lot of **Danny** in him – full of mischief. The first thing he did was go through the box of toys and commence destroying. While Chelsea and I were going over paperwork at the table, he went into the next room and came back carrying a box of tissues and strutting proudly past us. It's a good thing she has a very minimalist setup! She seemed to like him a lot and is prepared for the job ahead. He is a smart boy, but she has a lot of experience and patience I think. She will have to get him past the mouthing stage – he is very bad about that. Chelsea has renamed the boy **Louie** and said he's doing well and adjusting to his new routine of hitting the trails each weekend! **Louie** is very loved!*



23-095 Rocky is a 4-year-old neutered male Golden Doodle. He has an exuberant personality, is a happy boy and very affectionate. He loves to chase tennis balls. He needs a large yard to run in and an active family that hikes or runs and we found that for him with David and Linda in Sun City. They are working to curb **Rocky's** attention-getting barking, and whatever they are doing must be working, because David told us **Rocky** has settled down and he wouldn't give him up for anything! They are happy with this great boy! **Rocky** has an addendum for a valley fever retest and meds if needed.

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



10-057 Ripley Hubler



11-091 Keller Jewett



12-098 Cassie Martin



13-015 Dusty Shore



13-021 Darby Giles



14-077 Jake Miller



16-075 Willow Joyce



17-030 Rusty Parton



17-050 Sally Carson



19-081 Riley Flores



21-028 Sam Edwards



Plum Cardinal-Borho

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.



Clifford
Carter-Carreiro



Chloe France



Dr Who Triplett



Jake Reid

And

Duane Borho, AGR Member

Jamie Spiel, beloved brother of
AGR Member Christine Spiel

Kathi Youhas, AGR Member

HERE and THERE

Events from September 16 through December 22, 2023

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 would like to include your picture in this section in future issues.

12th Annual
Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

By

Denise Padavano, Director of Activities



We had a very successful golf tournament thanks to many volunteers, generous donations, and the great golfers and dinner guests who attended – our profit was over \$26,200!

AGR's 12th Annual Fore! Paws Golf Tournament was held on September 16, 2023, at the

splendid **McCormick Ranch Golf Club's** Palm Course in Scottsdale. The weather out on the course was just above 100 degrees. Golfing was followed by a delicious Golfer Barbeque Buffet in the evening. The income derived from the tournament will pay for our ever-increasing vet bills during the last quarter of the year.



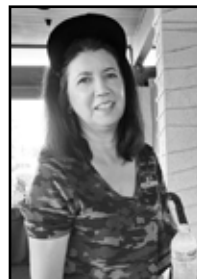
At dusk, the palm trees were backlit by a gorgeous sunset – sorry we can't print in color!

The tournament could not have happened without countless hours and hard work from many volunteers. This year we had a golf tournament committee that met regularly. April Crow chaired the event and was the liaison between the committee and the golf club. She met with Dan Jones, Golf Group Coordinator, who gave April a tour. She also met with the dining room manager, Matt Loesch, to determine the best set-up of tables to accommodate our dinner



Chris Spiel, Teri Guilbault and April Crow helped check in the golfers; April was the AGR liaison with the golf club staff

guests and how to best display the silent auction and raffle items.



Beth Chaffee (photo at left) managed the on-line registration for golfers, hole sponsors and dinner reservations, while Debbie Ball recorded all areas of registration from online and mail notifications. Jon Chaffee was responsible for contacting **Van's Golf Shop** and acquiring sleeves of golf balls and tees for the goodie bags.

Administrative duties were handled by Deb Orwig. Solicitations, auction, and raffles were handled by Deb Orwig, Jeanne Wegener, and Denise Padavano. Connie McCabe produced all the amazing graphics for the tournament, including the informational postcard, all the table graphics and course hole signage and took all the photos of the day's event. The hole signs were truly beautiful works of art! At 18" x 32" these signs are large,



Connie McCabe designed all the table graphics for the raffle and silent auction and the hole signs; Nick Dodson drove the AGR trailer



Penny Mavroudis, Jeanne Wegener, Emilie Duncan and Denise Padavano – all helped with solicitation of raffle and silent auction items and numerous other aspects of running a golf tournament

so they are very visible to the golfers. The signs were printed by **Fairway Recognition**, a Canadian company. We have been told that our hole signs are nicer than those at many other tournaments.

Delwin and Teddi Axne, Debbie Ball, Joni Cipollone, April Crow, Emilie Duncan, Rhody Kelman, Connie McCabe, Rebecca Mackerman, Jill Mackenzie, Penny Mavroudis, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener served on the Solicitation Committee, which brought in many items for the raffle, silent auction and golfer goodie bags. April Crow and Rebecca Mackerman did all



Joni Cipollone helped with solicitation

their solicitation by e-mail and letters which brought in many items!



Our raffle and silent auction baskets were gorgeous and there was something for everyone: from a collection of Barbie dolls and accessories to sports-related items, snack collections, theatre tickets, liquor products and personal care items, among many others items and packaged the baskets with cellophane with help from her husband, Peter Brown. Carolyn and Deb made beautiful bows, and Deb produced the golf ball-shaped descriptive labels for the baskets. Denise Padavano, Jeanne Wegener, and Deb Orwig prepared the bid sheets for the silent auction items. Deb Orwig prepared envelopes with mulligans that were sold to the foursomes at the tournament. At \$5 per mulligan with a limit of one per golfer, the mulligan sale generated \$150.

Assembling our magnificent baskets for the raffle and silent auction were Carolyn Brown and Deb Orwig. Carolyn arranged the



Numerous volunteers helped stuff the golfers' goodie bags at Deb's house on Wednesday evening before the tournament (left to right in the photo): Patrick Doyle, Jeanne Wegener, Liz Tataseo Denise Padavano, Jean Klink, April Crow, and Trisha Murphy. Trisha Murphy spent time at her home preparing items to go into the bags. Since we had so many helpers for goodie bag stuffing, we were finished with 57 bags in about 45 minutes! We had many compliments on the contents of the goodie bags, our best for a tournament.

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All the equipment for set-up and all the items for the raffle and silent auction were at Deb and Larry Orwig's house and had to be loaded into vehicles and the *AGR* trailer, transported to the golf club, unloaded, and set up inside the dining Pavilion and outside on the terrace where registration was to occur. For packing up on Friday night and transport on Saturday, we thank the following for their assistance: April Crow,



Deb and Larry Orwig

Nick Dodson, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Trisha Murphy, Larry and Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, Jane Triplett, and Jeanne Wegener. Nick Dodson drove the *AGR* trailer to the golf club Saturday morning, and the following members helped with unloading and set-up for the day's events: Pattye Brown, Jim Cogan, April Crow, Emilie Duncan, Darlene Kaminski, Jean Klink, Sarah Martin, Connie McCabe, Trisha Murphy, Penny Mavroudis, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, Cindy Tigges, Cliff Valenti, Jason Vande Krol, Jeanne Wegener, Lenni Wilson, and Mike Wilson.



A superb artisan, Louise Carter created a gorgeous turquoise-and-sterling silver bracelet in memory of *AGR* member Tony Cotner, who used to donate similar jewelry; Louise also helped sell raffle tickets

April Crow was very generous and brought a variety of donuts to get the day started, while Deb Orwig supplied water for both people and dogs. Thank you, April and Deb!

Jean Klink helped so much by stopping by *The Home Depot* on Bell Road in Glendale (on the way from her home in Surprise to the golf club in Scottsdale) to pick up the Char-Griller Dual Gas & Charcoal Grill, one of our silent auction items. Adam Cardinal delivered the grill to the winning bidder, who lives in the Dreamy Draw area of Phoenix. Thank you, Jean and Adam!



Sharon Flores with Riley, Teri Guilbault with Mila, Mike Wilson with Takoda, Deb Orwig with Asher, Leslie Carson with Sally, Reidun and Lew Halpert with Layla, Julie Wheadon with Kai, Trishia Murphy with Rosie, Cindy Tigges with Lucy and Natasha, and Dean Mortimore with Leia and Sugar

AGR members who handled dogs during golfer check-in were Leslie Carson with **Sally**, Sharon Flores with **Riley**, Lew and Reidun Halpert with **Layla**, Dean Mortimore with **Sugar** and **Leia**, Trisha Murphy with **Rosie**, Deb Orwig with **Asher**, Cindy Tigges with **Lucy** and **Natasha**, Cliff Valenti with **Archer**, Julie Wheadon with **Kai**, and Mike Wilson with **Takoda**. Teri Guilbault and Chris Spiel checked in the golfers with support from April Crow and Trisha Murphy. Deb Orwig sold mulligans to the golfers.

Stephanie Beard and Rita Koppinger sold raffle tickets during golfer check-in. Diane Meyers and Bill Earle, Jane Triplett, Cynthia Wenström, Louise Carter, Trisha Murphy and Joan Mast sold raffle tickets in the Pavilion where the dinner was held.



Stephanie Beard and Rita Koppinger



More raffle ticket sellers:
Jane Triplett



Cynthia Wenström



Joan Mast

Raffle tickets, anyone? Go see the lady wearing a yellow apron!



Dinner guest check-in was handled by Debbie Ball and April Crow (photo above right).



Very attractively-decorated sugar cookies made by Sheila Simmerman: dogs had gold frosting and white-dotted red bandannas and donation vests; bones were either white or gold

Connie McCabe and Chris Spiel rode around the course in a golf cart with extra cold water and took photos of every foursome and of the hole sponsor signs. Chris Spiel also proffered homemade cookies superbly decorated by Chris's sister Sheila Simmerman. Golfers and volunteers donated \$469 for the cookies. Thank

you, Sheila, for your time to produce them and to Chris for bringing them. They were delicious!

Overseeing the silent auction and raffle items during the evening were Anne McGill and her daughter Abby, and Karie and Jake Lurie. At 7:30, Teri Guilbault and Liz Tatasco pulled the winning raffle tickets as people waited in anticipation hoping to win some of those fabulous baskets! The silent auction forms were handled by Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener. Karie and Jake Lurie assisted winners by matching tickets to the correct prizes. Debbie Ball, Joni Cipollone, Teri Guilbault and



Abby and Anne McGill

Deb Orwig had the important task of collecting money and handing out gift cards/certificates at the check-out table for the silent auction items.

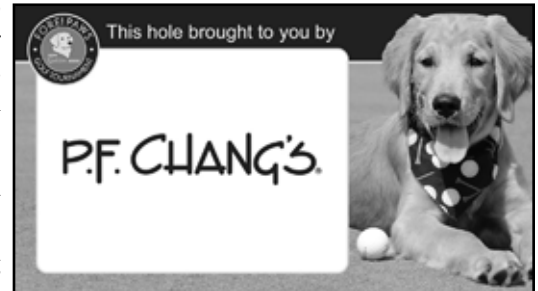
Our 57 golfers began checking in around 11:00 AM to be greeted by some of the dogs mentioned above. We also had some special dogs join us during dinnertime: Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer brought service dogs **Joie** and **Sucy**. Asking first if it was OK to pet these two lovely, well-behaved dogs, several of the dinner guests got to see two beautiful Golden Retrievers.



For the second year, Jake and Karie Lurie came to help with the end-of-event activities: raffles, silent auction and pack-up

In addition to the above-listed volunteers, several other people helped with the tournament in various ways. **Arizona Golden Rescue** would especially like to thank Dan Jones, Group Golf Coordinator, and the staff at **McCormick Ranch Golf Club** for their generous support and help. Matt Loesch, Restaurant Manager, and the restaurant staff were particularly helpful.

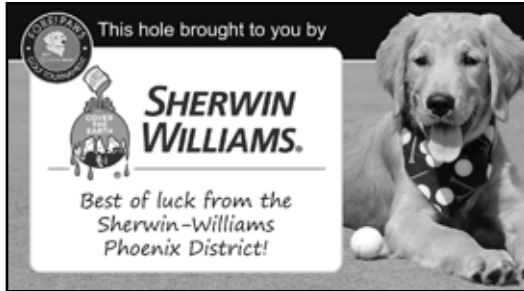
A terrific addition to our tournament this year was from **PF Chang's**. **PF Chang's** not only purchased a hole sponsorship, but they also donated four \$50 gift cards to be used in our silent auction and raffle items. Cody Lewien, Senior Marketing Director, also procured \$5.00 gift cards for the golfer goodie bags!



Set up started at 9:00 AM and with 19 volunteers helping, we finished at 10:30! We had time to enjoy the beautiful scenery and a snack before the hustle and bustle of the day's events. April Crow worked with Dan Jones to have more tables in the Pavilion this year to accommodate our dinner guests. Tables for the raffle and silent auction items were arranged in an L-shape in the back of the room. This arrangement allowed people to comfortably move around during dinner and to view the items on display.

We had some wonderful golf-theme items in our raffle and silent auction including four golf outings (**Oak Creek Country Club** in Sedona, **Eagle Mountain Golf Club** in Fountain Hills, **Orange Tree Golf Club** in Paradise Valley and **McCormick Ranch Golf Club**). In addition, **Club Champion** in Scottsdale donated three club fittings, and **Van's Golf Shop** gave us packages of golf tees and sleeves of 2 golf balls for the golfers' goodie bags. In addition, **Sherwin-Williams Company** donated nice little bags with

carabiner hooks containing golf tees, ball markers, and a divot tool. All of these golf items were well received by the golfers.



The bar opened at 5 PM. This year, **AGR** member April Crow sponsored the bar – there were many diners and golfers who were very

grateful, so thanks, April! Dinner guests started arriving at 5 PM and were able to view the raffle and silent auction and buy raffle tickets or place their bids. After the golfers came in, everyone enjoyed the wonderful Golfers Barbeque Buffet consisting of Mixed

Green Salad with choice of dressings, BBQ Ribs and Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Cowboy Beans, Corn on the Cob, warm rolls, and for dessert Warm Peach Cobbler. The food was delicious and plentiful!



First Place: Team Winter
Glen Holroyd, Lance Smyth,
Brad Tupper and Bill Winter

After dinner, prizes were awarded in various areas. By the time we distributed the prizes, some of the golfers had left, so Connie McCabe was not able to get full-foursome photos of all the winning teams, but she did photograph all the teams on the course. She also was not able to get pictures of some of the diners.

Winning First Place with a score of 58 was Bill Winter's Team: Glen Holroyd, Lance Smyth, Brad Tupper and Bill. Each team member received a \$100 Amazon.com gift card and a \$100 Restaurant.com gift card.



Second Place: Team Krekeler
Romeo and Jama Filip and
Brittnie and Ryan Krekeler

In Second Place with a score of 61 was the Fenton Team: Jama and Romeo Filip and Brittnie and Ryan Krekeler. Each team member received a \$75 Amazon.com gift card and a \$75 Restaurant.com gift card.



Third Place: Team Fenton
Kasey Fenton, Tom Crnjac,
Shawn Maltais and
Sarah Krajnak

Third Place was awarded to Team Fenton: Tom Crnjac, Kasey Fenton, Sarah Krajnak and Shawn Maltais. Each golfer received a \$50 Amazon.com gift card

and \$50 in Restaurant.com gift cards.

Also receiving \$50 Amazon.com and Restaurant.com gift cards were the winners of Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin for men and women: Jeff Candria for Longest Drive, Men; Shelley Kunaschk, Longest Drive, Women; Dan Fitas, Closest-to-the-Pin, Men; and Jama Filip, Closest-to-the-Pin, Women. Congratulations to all!



Longest Drive Winners:
Jeff Candria and
Shelley Kunaschk

At the end of the event, equipment, merchandise, leftover raffle and silent auction items, hole signs and water still needed to be packed up and brought to Deb's house. Thanks to the following



Closest-to-the-Pin Winners:
Dan Fitas and Jama Filip

members for staying late and getting it all done: Beth Chaffee, April Crow, Jim Co-



gan, Nick Dodson, Emilie Duncan, Ed Kunaschk, Karie Lurie, Jake Lurie, Connie McCabe, Anne McGill, Abby McGill, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, Jeanne Wegener.



We had significant financial support from numerous donors this year, as well as many Hole Sponsors. Tail Waggin' Sponsors (i.e., everyone who gave anywhere from \$10 to \$490) donated a total of \$695.

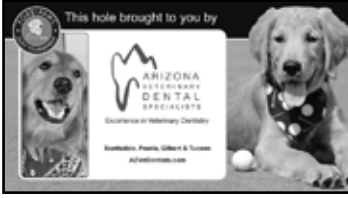
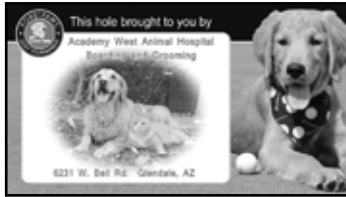


There were twenty-four Hole Sponsors for a total of \$6,650; we gave **Sherwin-Williams Company** a complimentary hole sign due to their generous contribution for the goodie bags, which was valued at over \$600. Thanks to a \$2,500 English Cream Sponsorship from

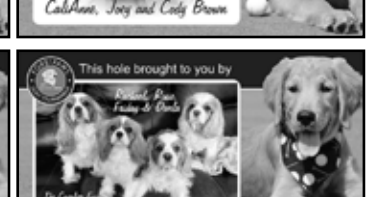
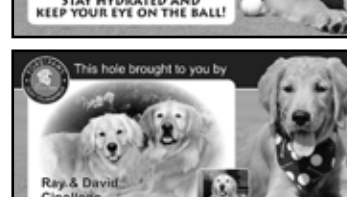
Hole Sponsors Top to Bottom:
English Cream Sponsor – Katie Donahue
Field Red Sponsor – Deb and Larry Orwig
Golden Glow Sponsor – Jan and Harry Parsons

Kathleen Donahue, D.O., a \$2,000 Field Red Sponsorship from Deb and Larry Orwig, and a \$500 Golden Glow Sponsorship from Harold E Parsons, Jr, our total revenue from all sponsorships was \$12,345.

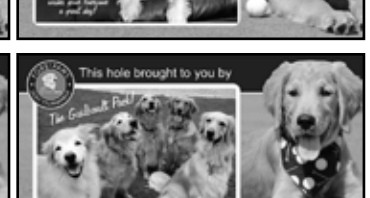
Expenses for the tournament totaled \$10,279.96 and included: \$171.21 for advertising postcards and \$261.44 for mailing them; \$498 for rental of the online Birdease registration site; \$334.54



Businesses that sponsored a hole in 2023 and in previous years:
Allset Precision, Inc
Beth Chaffee's State Farm Agency
ONTAZ Companies LLC (2 holes)

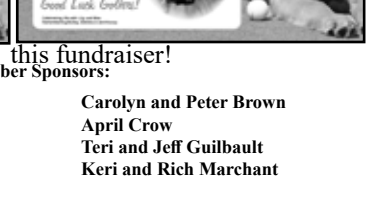
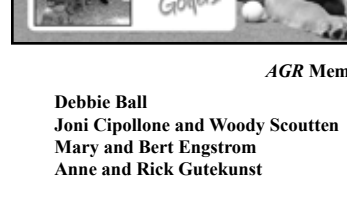
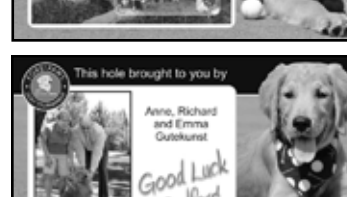


AGR's wonderful veterinary sponsors – these practices not only purchased hole sponsorships but also give us significant discounts on their services so we can help more dogs. They are greatly appreciated!
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AZ Vet Dental
Dermatology 4 Animals
Eye Care for Animals
Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital
Pet Cure Oncology
Phoenix Mountain Animal Hospital
Stetson Hills Animal Hospital



for bag clips (with a lot of these leftover); \$210 for new hole signs; and \$8,804.77 for golfing and dinners.

Income from the tournament totaled \$36,442.57, including: \$8,456.15 from golfers; \$2,745 collected from dinner-only guests; \$150 from Mulligan sales \$469 from cookie sales; \$2,656 from raffle ticket sales; \$7,010 from silent auction sales; \$12,345 from sponsorships and a total of \$2,611.42 from all other donations. The total profit from the tournament was **\$26,162.61!** Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of



this fundraiser!
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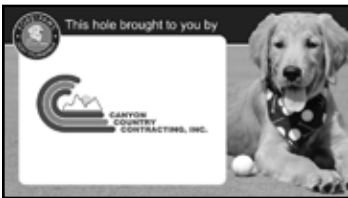
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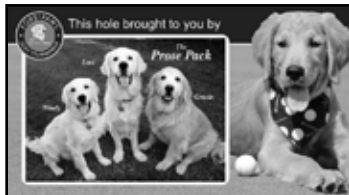
this fundraiser!

We will NOT be hosting a golf tournament in 2024. However, look for announcements about future fun events.

Many more photos of the event and the participants are in Smug-Mug: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/9162023-Fore-Paws-Golf-Tournament>



New business sponsors in 2023: *Canyon Country Contracting and Joe Dufek's State Farm Agency*



More AGR Member Sponsors
Joan and Keith Mast
Jill and Fred Prose
Lenni and Steve Wilson



Levi Riggs, Chris Riggs,
Bert Engstrom and Chris Engstrom



Two big prizes were won by Rick Stephens
and Darlene Kaminski: The Dual Grill
and the Margaritaville margarita maker –
When's the party?



Sandie McTavish, Duncan McTavish,
Tony Megna and Niki Megna



Bill Mills, Jim Cottrell,
Jim Angarella and John Rogers



Blake Wach, Danny Barsetti-Nerland,
TK Chung and Davis Moore



Mike Bernal, Jerry Cennamo,
Rob Schlenke and Jack Craven

Item Donors for 2023 Golf Tournament

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- Belle's Nashville Kitchen
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- Black Bear Diners
- Carolina's Mexican Cantina
- Louise Carter
- Chase Bank
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- Chicken & Pickles
- Cien Agaves
- Joni Cipollone and
Woody Scoutten
- Club Champion
- Cobblestone Auto Spa
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- Dillon's at Arrowhead
- Dillon's at World Wildlife Zoo
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- Earthbath
- Mary and Bert Engstrom
- Fiesta Bowl Charities
- First Watch
- Gammage at ASU
- Golden Bear
- Grey Wolf
- Grimaldi's, Old Town
- Grimaldi's, Park West
- Teri and Jeff Guilbault
- Diane Haller
- Hash Kitchen
- Heard Museum
- Joanne Henning
- Herberger Theatre
- House of Comedy
- In-N-Out Burger
- Koli Equestrian Center
- La Piñata
- Light & Bark Candle Co
- Penny Mavroudis
- Connie McCabe
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- Oak Creek Country Club
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- Olive Gourmet
- Deb and Larry Orwig
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- Karey Rodeffer
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- Rubio's Restaurants, Inc
- Salt & Lime
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- Sprouts – 5 locations
- Texas Roadhouse
- The Hermosa Inn
- The Home Depot – 9 locations
- Then Burger
- Thrive Pet Care
- Top Golf
- Trader Joe's, Arrowhead
- Valle Luna Mexican Food
- Verde Canyon Railroad
- Jeanne Wegener
- Wildlife World Zoo
- Mike Wilson
- Wines for Humanity
- Yardhouse, Desert Ridge
- Yardhouse, Westgate



Jon Chaffee, David Long, Lee Letchford and Dan Fitas



Jeff Candria, Jayce Candria, Shelley and Bill Kunaschk



Jim Jacott, Nick Kinsey, Sam Ramirez and Joe Fanelli



Kevin Cunningham, Pat Kiser, Pat Hoddy, Paul McNaught and Mike Howell



Tommy Billings, Vernon McDaniel, Chris McDaniel and Kristy McDaniel



Sal Barbera and Robert Crouse



Spectators



AGR's most popular silent auction item: Eat Out Once A Month For A Year or More – 12 restaurant gift cards with a total value of \$1,155



Abrazo West Campus Health & Safety Day

By Denise Padavano



The hospital host of this event kindly provided the tents and tables; in front are Denise Padavano with TK, Trishia Murphy with Rosie and Debbie Ball with Dillon

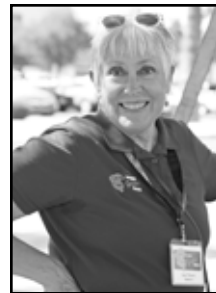
A “golden” thank you to all the volunteers who came out to the *Health and Safety Day* on Saturday, October 21st at *Abrazo West Campus* in Goodyear. The cooler weather made the morning beautiful and ideal for unloading cars and

displaying *AGR's* merchandise. When our volunteers arrived, tents were already set up. As we waited for the tables to arrive, we unloaded our merchandise.

Setting up merchandise were Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, Chris Spiel and Jeanne Wegener.



Denise Padavano, Debbie Ball with Dillon, Chris Spiel with TK and Lucy and Dean Mortimore with Sugar



Jane Triplett

Helping with merchandise sales were Debbie Ball, Denise Padavano, Jane Triplett and Jeanne Wegener. Deb Orwig had given me a quick lesson on using the credit card machine, and between Debbie Ball and myself, we figured out how to operate the credit card machine successfully. Thank you, Deb!

Members who brought dogs to greet the public included: Debbie Ball with enthusiastic **Dillon**; Jamie Deppey (a new *AGR* member) came with **Manda**, who is a very sweet and calm retired therapy Goldendoodle; Dean Mortimore brought sweet and loving **Sugar**; Trishia Murphy came with beautiful **Rosie**; Chris Spiel



Jean Klink with TK, Dean Mortimore with Sugar, Trishia Murphy with Rosie, and Jamie Deppey with Manda



Denna, Kevin, Abigail and LeeAnn Svec with Clark

Clark is one of the special needs dogs AGR rescued in 2023; we are so glad he now has a family!



brought lovely **Lucy**; and Liz Tataseo brought calm and loving **TK**. Stopping by to visit were the Svec family (Kevin, Denna, Abigail and LeeAnn), who brought handsome **Clark**, who they were currently fostering (they have since adopted him!). After lunch, Shotzie and Jim Workman came with **Ginger** and **Penny** to socialize.



Shotzie and Jim Workman with Penny and Ginger

The dogs were very popular with the children that attended the event. The dogs enjoyed lots of love and attention! The adults also loved the dogs and showed their appreciation by filling their donation vests!



Liz Tataseo with TK, Patrick Doyle and Chris Spiel with Lucy

Liz Tataseo was our photographer most of the day, with Connie McCabe showing up for a short time to visit and take some photos on her way to *Academy West Animal Hospital*. Connie and Liz left after lunch to do a meet-and-greet with three of our rescued dogs.

The weather started to heat up after lunch, but the breeze and tents kept us comfortable when the temperature reach 99 degrees.

Clean up went quickly with the help of Adam Cardinal, Patrick Doyle, Dean Mortimore, Denise Padavano, Jane Triplett and Jeanne Wegener.

Income from merchandise sales totaled \$327.80, and donations from dog vests and containers totaled \$68, with a total income of \$395.80 for the day! Thank you, everyone, for volunteering your time during this event!

Arizona Gives Day is April 2, 2024. Early-giving starts on March 18. Please donate early and often!
www.azgives.org



Connie McCabe reuniting with Clark – she did his original transport from his surrendering owner to *Academy West Animal Hospital* – glad to see Clark looking so well and happy

Dine Out With The Dogs

By Denise Padavano



Paulie Ghiglieri in front of his restaurant; we very much appreciate his support and thank him for allowing us to have this event

We had a fantastic group of volunteers helping with *Dine Out with the Dogs* on Sunday, October 29, 2023!



Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener, wearing the glow-in-the-dark Halloween socks Deb Orwig gave them, co-chaired this event

This annual event, held at *Paulie's Little Bite of Italy* in Sun City, had a great turn-out of members, family, friends, the public, and dogs! The weather was

beautiful, and we had 24 dogs join us, eleven of which dressed in adorable Halloween costumes! Thank you, everyone, for making the day fun and profitable!



Numerous AGR members came with family and/or brought friends and neighbors to support AGR

This year's income of \$4,927.21 was raised to benefit *Arizona Golden Rescue*. This amount included \$1,090 from raffle ticket sales, \$1,683.20 from silent auction items, \$1,034.48 from merchandise sales, a \$320 dona-



Costume winners: First: Nora as a scarecrow, above right; Second: Lucy as a ladybug; Third: Raya giving Santa a ride

tion from *Paulie's Little Bite of Italy* for the percentage of food purchased, and \$799.33 in other donations. We appreciate everyone who came to help or who just came to eat, as well as those who sent donations because they could not come.

Eleven dogs were dressed up in endearing Halloween costumes! Connie McCabe took amazing photos and posted them on the *AGR* Facebook page. Members could cast one vote per dog for their favorites. First place winner with 25 votes was **Nora McCabe/Dodson** (fosters) who stole everyone’s heart dressed as a scarecrow! **Sweet Lucy Ladybug Spiel** scored second place with 20 votes. Coming in third place with 19 votes was beautiful **Raya Guilbault** providing transportation for Santa and his sleigh. The winners were rewarded with a fun Halloween squeaky dog toy! Congratulations!



Max rolling a barrel on command from Peter Wong

Other dogs that were decked out in costumes included: **Mimi Raught** as a cowgirl, **Lovie Buffington** who wore a Mexican serape costume, **Joie** and **Sucy Rodeffer** dressed in sports’ attire, **Takoda Wilson** was in a Margaritaville outfit, **Bodie Catalano** dressed as a cowboy, **Guinness Tataseo** came as a Diamondbacks fan, and dressed as a lion was **Trooper Meyer/Earle**. Providing entertainment once again this year were Peter Wong and his trained pups, **Max** and **Sagie**. They performed “tricks” for nearly an hour, bringing smiles to all in attendance as they ate dinner and visited with friends.

An event of this size could never happen without the generous donation of time and effort from the wonderful volunteers in



Connie Wozniak, one of our superb seamstresses

Additional volunteer hours were spent off site acquiring donations for the raffle and silent auction items and creating the beautiful crafts *AGR* presents for sale; wrapping the raffle baskets and silent auction items, labeling them, transporting everything to and from *Paulie’s Little Bite of Italy* and then all the banking and paperwork reports that follow. Many, many thanks to EVERYONE who pitched in. A

AGR. It took the assistance of over 30 volunteers, many of whom spent the entire day at the event. Additional volunteer hours were spent off site acquiring donations for the raffle and silent



AGR is an international organization with two member families who spend half the year in Canada – Marlene Breton is one of them



Our seamstresses would not have much of the fabric they use without the donations and discounts given by *AGR* member Barbara Connoyer, who owns *Sun Valley Quilts*; Barbara and her friend Conni Eckhardt always come to Dine Out With The Dogs



Hard-working set-up crew: Liz Tataseo, Carolyn Brown, Peter Brown, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, Peggy Andrews, Jean Klink and Jeanne Wegener

the sewing experts extraordinaire.

Packing vehicles on Friday night at Deb and Larry Orwig’s house were Carolyn and Peter Brown, Nick Dodson, Karin Forsythe, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener.



Jim and Cindy Angarella brought Chloe and Jangles

Starting the day out early was Nick Dodson towing the *AGR* trailer to the event. Those helping with the morning set-up included Peggy Andrews, Carolyn and Peter Brown, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Sarah Martin, Connie McCabe, Larry Or-



Two new members brought their adopted dogs to share in the fun and socialize. At left above is Audra Stuart with Ivy; at right are Gary and Tracy Buffington with Lovie – Lovie wore a very colorful Mexican serape and hat

special thanks to all the artists and crafters that donate time and materials for the items we sell at these events. Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Connie Wozniak are



Ellen and Jeff France came from Fountain Hills with Rosebud, one of the dogs *AGR* rescued from the meat trade in China in 2019



Jocelyn and Tia Raught are both full-time teachers, but they always make time to bring cute little Mimi to this event

Denise Padavano, Liz Tataseo, Diane Taylor, and Jeanne Wegener.

Several morning volunteers stayed for the entire event. These included Debbie Ball, Patrick Doyle, Denise Padavano, Diane Taylor, and Jeanne Wegener.

The afternoon volunteers who handled the merchandise sales included Debbie Ball, Teri Guilbault, Sarah Martin, Anne McGill, Denise Padavano, Jeanne Wegener, and Connie Wozniak. Selling raffle tickets for our beautifully displayed items were Marlene Breton, Sheryl Catalano, Ellen and Jeff France, Teri Guilbault, Fran Strock, and Jane Triplett. Our volunteers also had the opportunity to share the **AGR** story with the public, encouraging people to become members and maybe consider filling out an application to adopt a beautiful dog!



Anne McGill and Diane Taylor



Terri and Bob Witte, good friends of Debbie Ball, joined **AGR** even though their dogs are not Golden

AGR members brought their 28 beautiful dogs to meet and greet the public. Those who were in attendance included: Jim and Cindy Angarella with **Jangles** and **Chloe**; Debbie Ball and **Levi**; Tracy and Gary Buffington with **Lovie**; Sheryl Catalano and **Bodie**; Beth and Jon Chaffee with **Bodhi**; Ellen and Jeff France with **Rose**; Teri and Jeff Guilbault and **Raya**; Sheila Joyce and **Charlie**; Kathi Youhas and **Brandi**; Debbie Marcotte and **Maverick**; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with **Nora**; Diane Meyer and Bill Earle with **Trooper**; Dean and Marlene

Mortimore with **Sugar** and **Leia**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Kenny** and **Gracie**; Jocelyn Raught and daughter Tia with **Mimi**; Karey, Kelly and Sheri Rodeffer brought **Joie** and **Sucy**; Chris Spiel and **Lucy**; Audra Stuart and **Ivy**; Liz Tatasco and **Guinness**; Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with **Callan** and **Cassie**; Mike Wilson and **Takoda**; Peter and Anna Wong with **Max** and **Sagie**, who performed different commands and “tricks” for the public. Thank you!



Before Deb Orwig had her back surgery, she and Carolyn Brown spent three afternoons putting together the raffle and silent auction baskets

Thanks to Connie McCabe for the outstanding job of garnering photographs of the day's events. As there is no way to include 169 pictures in this newsletter of everyone who attended, please view all the photos on the **AGR** Smug Mug page: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/102923-Dine-Out-with-the-Dogs/>

Fortunately, this year as darkness came, we came prepared with overhead lighting which allowed people to purchase merchan-

dise and finish bidding on the silent auction items and raffle baskets with ease until 6:30 PM. Volunteers who pulled raffle winners and closed out the silent auction included Beth and Jon Chaffee, Penny Mavroudis and Jeanne Wegener.



AGR sells a lot of wonderful hand-crafted items you won't see anywhere else; for unique well-made gifts, or something great for yourself, come peruse our merchandise selection at events

As the evening's event ended, those volunteers that assisted with merchandise pack-up and trailer loading included: Peggy Andrews, Carolyn and Peter Brown, Beth and Jon Chaffee, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Penny Mavroudis, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, Diane Taylor, and Jeanne Wegener. We were packed up and loaded in record time with the help of our incredible, hardworking volunteers!

There were other **AGR** members who came for the event— some came with friends, while some just came to eat, but everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Although Deb Orwig was unable to join us for the event because she was recovering from surgery, she was able to be part of the experience through photos. Events like *Dine Out with the Dogs* bring a lot of smiles and needed revenue to **Arizona Golden Rescue**. It is a way for the **AGR** family members to touch base, visit with old friends, let our Golden socialize, and to just have fun. Thank you to everyone who attended, and a special thank you to all who volunteered. See you in 2024!



Open House at the **VEG**

By Deb Orwig

On December 15, 2023, **AGR** personnel were invited to attend an open-house celebration of the one-year anniversary of the **Veterinary Emergency Group (VEG)**, located at 7210 W Ray Road in Chandler. **AGR** did not use this facility until January 2023, when we had a puppy *in extremis* (**23-006 Rusty**) – he did not survive, but not without heroic efforts by the doctors at **VEG**. We recently had another occasion to

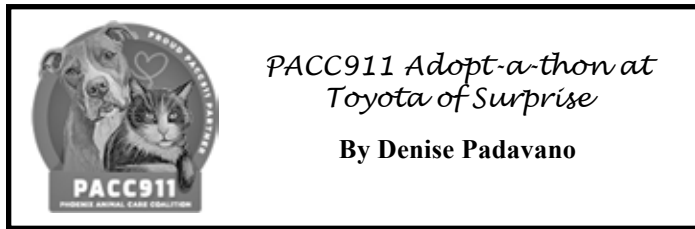


use their services when **23-098 Torrey** came to us with a bowel obstruction. She has survived and is doing well, so we wanted to see what the facility is like. Connie McCabe kindly picked me up and we drove to Chandler to meet **Torrey's** foster, Sharon Flores,



Connie McCabe, Human Resources Director; Deb Orwig, President; Sharon Flores, Intake Co-manager

at the building. We were all very impressed with the facility. The main floor is an "open concept" with several operating beds in a big room. For more delicate or difficult surgeries, there are individual operating suites – **Torrey** had been handled in one of these. We met the doctors who had personally dealt with **Torrey**. Seemed like the entire staff knew her and loved her. Sharon had brought a video on her phone that showed how well **Torrey** is now doing, and the doctors were thrilled. After our tour, we were treated to coffee and some scrumptious doughnuts. It was a worthwhile trip, and I'm glad I had it as an excuse for my first outing after my back surgery. Thanks for taking me, Connie!



The morning of Saturday, November 4, 2023, was cool and comfortable for the **PACC911** adopt-a-thon at **Toyota of Surprise!** Thanks to April Crow for registering us for the event. As we arrived, we were greeted by a young group of **PACC911**



Trishia Murphy sitting in front with Rosie; Peggy Andrews, Lee Ann Svec with Clark, Dean Mortimore with Sugar, Amy Maynard with Bentley, Jamie Deppey with Max, and Teri Guilbault with Khalee

volunteers who helped move merchandise and arrange tables into our designated spot! The chilly morning was conducive to arranging and setting up merchandise for the day's event. We had wonderful volunteers helping throughout the day and 12 dogs to greet the public!



Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink and Julie Wheadon

Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener met at Deb and Larry Orwig's house Friday evening, and with Larry's help, loaded their vehicles with equipment and merchandise for the event. The

set-up crew arrived on site at 8:00 AM and included Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, Rich Shoemaker, and Julie Wheadon. Adam Cardinal came later to help, but we were already set up! We had two booth spaces, which gave us plenty of room to display our merchandise and literature.



Katherine Richardson with Milo

The event started at 10 AM, and arriving to help with merchandise sales were Peggy Andrews, Debbie Ball with **Dillon**, Jamie Deppey with **Max**, Amy Maynard with **Bentley**, Trishia Murphy with **Rosie**, and Denise Padavano. Also joining us during the day with their furry friends to meet and greet the public were Teri Guilbault and **Khalee**; Dean Mortimore and **Sugar**; Trishia's daughter Katherine Richardson and **Milo**; Denna, LeeAnn, and Abigail Svec with fosters **Clark** and **Honey Béeear**, Liz Tataseo and **TK**, Jane Triplett and housemate Kari Carlisle with their greyhounds **Cole** and **Pete**.

Debbie Ball and Denise Padavano were photographers for the day. Although we used our phones to take photos, we were able to capture some precious moments of the dogs interacting with children and the public. **Sugar** was enjoying a lot of attention from children that stopped to give her lots of pets and love!


Returning to help with pack up and loading vehicles were Patrick Doyle, and Jean Klink. Karie and Jake Lurie came with their two sons, Brody and Colby, who were a great help with folding the tents and loading tables into Jean's truck. Loading merchandise into their cars were Trishia Murphy, and Denise Padavano. Since Jeanne Wegener had another event during the day, she came later to help pack up and load vehicles. Then she was off to deliver **AGR** T-shirts to those members who were unable to pick theirs up at the event. Thank you, Jeanne!



Jake, Brody, Colby and Karie – the Luries have come near the end of several events to help pack up – that is a very valuable service they give!

There were fewer rescue groups in attendance this year compared to last year's event. The morning crowd was steady, but the afternoon slowed down as the temperature rose. The people in charge of the **PACC911** event decided to close the event early at 2:15 PM. We were packed and ready to go by 2:45. Adam Cardinal returned to help pack up for 3 PM, before we were able to notify him of the change in time. Thanks, Adam, for your dedication!

Thanks to everyone who helped for any part of this event, our merchandise sales brought in \$361.80, and donations from the heart were \$97, equaling a total of \$458.80 for the day!



*PACC911 Adopt-a-thon at
All Saints Church, Phoenix*

By Denise Padavano



Amy Maynard with little Cleo and Bentley; Jolene Schlichter, Darlene Kaminski, Berek Novak with foster Quinn, Jean Klink, Donna Novak with Anni, Patrick Doyle, Sheryl Catalano, Jeanne Wegener, Liz Tataseo and Denise Padavano with Reggie

We had a beautiful day for the **PACC911** event at the **All Saints Church** in Phoenix, on Saturday, December 2, 2023! Thanks to April Crow for registering us for the event. We not only had wonderful **AGR** volunteers helping, but the **PACC911** volunteers set up all our tables and tents! The morning was cool and comfortable for setting up, with the high for the day at 67 degrees! We had 12 dogs stop by throughout the day to greet the public.

Thank you to the following volunteers for helping with this event:

Packing vehicles, the night before at Deb and Larry Orwig's house were Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener.

Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Denise Padavano, Cindy Tigges, Cliff Valenti, and Jeanne Wegener arrived early at 8:00 AM to set-up and display our merchandise for the day's event.

Helping with merchandise sales at 10:00 AM were Darlene Kaminski, Amy Maynard, Sarah Martin, Denise Padavano, Jolene Schlichter, and Jeanne Wegener. Joan Mast also dropped by for a while.

Soon to join us were other **AGR** members and their beautiful dogs to greet the public: Debbie Marcotte brought **Maverick**; Amy Maynard came with **Bentley** and **Cleo**; Connie McCabe brought **Reggie**; Dean Mortimore brought **Sugar**; Cindy Thimmesch brought **Esteban**; and Cliff Valenti came with **Archer**. Others who



Set-up help: Cliff Valenti with Archer, Jeanne Wegener, Denise Padavano, Cindy Tigges, Jean Klink, Patrick Doyle and Dean Mortimore with Sugar

came to the **PACC911** event and stopped by to visit were Sheryl Catalano, Karen Helm with **Colby**, Donna and Berek Novak with **Anni** and foster



Cindy Thimmesch with Esteban



Debbie Marcotte with Maverick

Quinn; and Peter Wong with **Max** and **Sagie**.




Donna and Berek Novak with Anni and foster Quinn – as of this writing, Quinn is still available for adoption

Padavano, Jolene Schlichter, Liz Tataseo, and Jeanne Wegener.

Our merchandise sales brought in \$388.50 and donations from the heart were \$74.70, equaling a total of \$463.20!

Thank you everyone for volunteering and making the day enjoyable! Jeanne Wegener and Patrick Doyle stayed for the entire day! Jean Klink drove from Surprise to help set up, went home, and returned at the close to help pack up! What dedication! Our **AGR** members are the best!



*Glendale Hometown
Christmas Parade*

By Denise Padavano

Saturday, December 9, 2023, turned out to be a beautiful day for a parade! **Arizona Golden Rescue** members walked in the **Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade** for the eighth time since the city started hosting a parade during the holidays. Liaisons with the Parade coordinator included April Crow, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener.

The day started out to be cold and windy, which deterred some members from joining us. By the time the parade started, the temperature was warmer at 65 degrees, and the wind began to



Denise Padavano, Chris Spiel with Lucy, Sheryl Catalano with Bodie, Jeanne Wegener with Leia, Dean Mortimore with Sugar, Debbie Marcotte with Maverick, Cindy Tigges kneeling with Natasha and Lucy, Patrick Doyle and April Crow with Logan holding banner, Ellen France, Jeff France with Rose, Trishia Murphy with Rosie, Darrin Torrey with Nava, Jamie Deppey with Manda, Andrea Herrington, and Audra Stuart with Ivy

die down making the walk enjoyable. While waiting on 52nd Ave for the parade to start, we heard barking on the other side of a canvas wall right next to us. Unknown to us, we were positioned next to a guard dog in the staging area! Most of the dogs handled it well, but some became upset and had to wait across the street behind the fire-trucks until the parade started. Waiting in the staging area was fun and gave members a chance to catch up with each other, while other parade participants came over to socialize, and pet the dogs.



Andrea Herrington with Nava, Debbie Marcotte with Maverick, Dean Mortimore with Sugar, Ellen France, Jeanne Wegener with Leia, and Trishia Murphy with Rosie

Leading our group with the eight-foot-wide banner were Patrick Doyle and April Crow with her handsome assistant **Logan**. Following behind were 15 **AGR** members and 12 goldens and golden mixes, with Ellen France pulling the wagon and bringing up the rear with Denise Padavano.

Other participants included Sheryl Catalano with charming **Bodie**, who wore a bright red Christmas collar for the occasion. Jamie Deppey had lovable **Manda** and walked with Audra Stuart and sweet **Ivy** who were both decked out in holiday attire. Debbie Marcotte brought handsome **Maverick**, and Trishia Murphy walked delightful **Rosie** in her second Glendale parade. A first-timer walking in the parade was Jeanne Wegener with **Leia** Mortimore. Chris Spiel brought lovely **Lucy** wearing a Santa hat, and Darrin Torrey and Andrea Herrington came with **Nava**. Walking on the sidelines during the parade and collecting donations were Jeff France with **Rose**, Dean Mortimore and sweet **Sugar**



Manda Deppey and Ivy Stuart – cuteness personified!

with her pretty pink ears and tail, and Cindy Tigges with her two furry friends, **Natasha** and **Lucy**. Most of the dogs wore donation vests, while some of them dressed in holiday attire for the parade! Our sweet, lovable dogs collected a total of \$526!

As number 21 in the lineup, our group was placed closer to the front this year. We were



Patrick Doyle and April Crow with Logan carrying banner

positioned between the American Legion and a political figure being transported in a car behind us. We had a nice leisurely walk, allowing the dogs to greet the exuberant children and adults along the way. The one-mile parade route went west on Glendale Avenue from 52nd Avenue to 58th Avenue. Thousands of onlookers and cheering fans came out to enjoy the parade this year! We were careful to stay together and keep up the pace, especially when passing the judges stand on 54th Avenue, so as not to fall behind and delay the parade. While walking in the parade, the dogs were greeted by smiling children waiting to slide coins and dollars into their vests! Seeing the wagging tails, you could tell that the dogs seemed to enjoy all the extra attention they were receiving! Hope to see everyone at the parade in 2024!

Capturing photos of the parade were Denise Padavano, with contributions from April Crow and Darrin Torrey. All photos from the parade are in the **AGR** SmugMug album: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/Glendale-Home-town-Parade-1292023/n-sjpgwv/>



*Gift Wrapping
and Craft Sales at
Floor & Decor in Surprise*

December 15, 16, 17, 22 & 23

By Denise Padavano



This year, **Floor & Decor** was a new venue for gift wrapping for **AGR**, thanks to Jeanne Wegener (photo at left)! Trying to contact the right person started back in October, and with perseverance, Jeanne procured approval for our event!

Once dates and times were established, advertisement came next. Jeanne Wegener obtained input from members Debbie Ball, Kathy Blue, and

Deb Orwig, and produced an impressive article along with a past photo of gift wrapping. It was submitted and published in the *Independent* newspaper which services Sun City and Surprise. Debbie Ball, Carolyn Brown, and Rich Shoemaker also advertised on their Nextdoor app to their surrounding Surprise communities.

AGR's gift wrapping adventure at *Floor & Decor* took place on December 15th, 16th, 17th, 22nd and 23rd. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped during these gift-wrapping days! You were amazing and we couldn't have done it without all of you! Providing our dogs with the love and care they deserve, your help and dedication in making this event fun and successful is admirable! A special thanks goes out to the following members who joined us for all five days: Debbie Ball, Carolyn and Peter Brown, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener.

We started to gather the necessary materials on Thursday, December 7th. Carolyn and Peter Brown met Denise Padavano at Deb and Larry Orwig's house to load storage bins that had assorted ribbons for bows and boxes for presents. Next, we went to the storage unit to sort through and load bins of assorted wrapping paper. On Wed, December 13th, Jean Klink, Larry Orwig and Denise Padavano loaded vehicles with tables and merchandise for Friday's gift-wrapping event. Deb Orwig helped us find gift tags, more boxes, pens, scissors, and tape dispensers.

Friday, December 15, 2023

Friday, December 15, 2023, was our first gift wrapping day outside of *Floor & Decor* at Prasada Mall. The morning was a little cold, but the afternoon heated up to 75 degrees making it a beautiful day to be outside. We were greeted by the staff at *Floor & Decor*: Rick Barker, the manager, and their very pleasant and helpful workers, Kyle, Derek (assistant manager), Bre, and Fin (assistant manager). Kyle and Fin helped us put up our 10 new advertising signs generously donated by Carolyn Brown.



Morning set-up started at 10 AM with Peggy Andrews, Carolyn and Peter Brown, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, and Denise Padavano. We decided to bring a tent at Deb Orwig's suggestion, and I'm grateful we did. Not only did the tent make us more visible, but as the day warmed up, it provided shade from the sun! Carolyn Brown decorated the sandwich boards with skillfully wrapped empty gift boxes to be placed around the mall by Peter Brown and Patrick Doyle for advertisement.



Standing: Peggy Andrews, Jean Klink, Debbie Ball with Tyler; Carolyn Brown seated

As soon as we set up, people started to arrive to have their gifts wrapped. Busy wrapping gifts and handling merchandise sales were Peggy Andrews, Debbie Ball, Carolyn Brown, Jean Klink, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. Debbie Ball, Carolyn Brown and Jean Klink made beautiful bows for the packages!

By 11:00 we had several *AGR* members bring their dogs to greet the public. Those with dogs included: Debbie Ball and newly adopted **Tyler**, Connie McCabe and foster **Biscuit**, and Trishia Murphy with **Rosie**. Debbie Marcotte came with **Maverick** for a short period of time. There was building construction next to our location and **Maverick** had a difficult time with the noise. Thank you, Debbie, for coming out – sorry you couldn't stay



Standing: *Floor & Decor* employee, Peter Brown and Patrick Doyle; seated: Trishia Murphy with Rosie, Jean Klink, Jeanne Wegener with Biscuit and Debbie Ball with Tyler



Cody Brown looking towards the cordoned-off construction area that will be a Kohl's sometime in 2024; the entire Prasada will be mostly finished by the 2024 holiday season

longer! As soon as dogs started to show up, the *Floor & Decor* staff started to meander out for some doggie love and cuddles. While shopping, Mike Wilson stopped by to say "Hi", and planned on joining us the next day with **Takoda**.

The afternoon was slow, so we started to pack up early and were ready to go a little after 3:00 PM. Those members helping with clean up were Peggy Andrews, Debbie Ball, Peter Brown, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. *Floor & Decor* graciously let us load our wrapping paper on a cart and leave it in the store overnight for the next day!

Our first day of gift wrapping was profitable. We made \$148 in donations which included wrapping gifts and people just stopping by to visit and see the dogs. Merchandise sales brought in \$67.50 which gave us a total of \$215.50 for the day.

Saturday, December 16, 2023

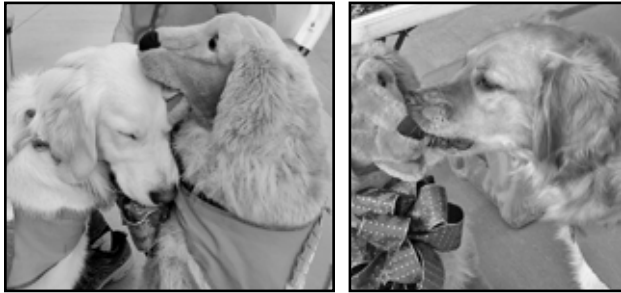


Volunteers on December 16: Denise Padavano, Sarah Martin, Debbie Ball with Tyler, Teri Guilbault, Deb Orwig with CaliGirl, Jeanne Wegener, Jean Klink with Levi, Patrick Doyle, Carolyn Brown, Trishia Murphy with Rosie, and Mike Wilson with Takoda

Our second day at *Floor & Decor*, Satur-

day, December 16, 2023, was a more lucrative day! Donations brought in \$577.52, with merchandise sales at \$155.64 equaling \$733.16 for the day!

The day was overcast with the temperature reaching 70 degrees. A nice comfortable day for both dogs and volunteers. Morning set up started at 10 AM with Carolyn and Peter Brown, Patrick



The group brought a life-size stuffed Golden to use for advertisement out in front of the wrapping tent. Both Tyler Ball and Rusty Ficarra just had to say hello to this "strange" Golden! Just goes to show how loving this breed is!

Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. People started showing up early to have their gifts wrapped! **AGR** members Mary and Bert Engstrom and Deb and Larry Orwig brought "lots" of gifts for us, knowing that their presents would be skillfully wrapped! It was wonderful to see Deb Orwig attending the event, walking around with a rollator, and getting stronger from her back surgery!



Jean Klink with Levi and Sherry Ficarra with Rusty

Helping with gift wrapping and merchandise sales for the day were Debbie Ball, Carolyn Brown, Jean Klink, Teri Guilbault, Sarah Martin, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. Once again, beautiful bows were made by Debbie Ball and Carolyn Brown, along with Sarah Martin and Jean Klink. Thank you, ladies!



Connie McCabe brought her foster dog, big Biscuit; he got a lot of attention, especially from the kids

AGR members who brought their dogs to greet the public included: Debbie Ball with **Levi** and **Tyler**; Carolyn and Peter Brown with **Joey** and **CaliAnne**; Sherry Ficarra with **Rusty**; Connie McCabe brought foster **Biscuit**; Trishia Murphy came with **Rosie**; Deb Orwig with **CaliGirl**; and Mike Wilson with Takoda. Trishia's daughter Katherine also stopped by to say "Hi". To promote our

gift wrapping, Peter Brown took **Joey** and **CaliAnne** for a nice walk to **Sprouts**. Thank you, Peter!



Connie McCabe usually behind the camera

Since the afternoon was slow, we decided to pack up a little early at 2:30. Peter Brown and Patrick Doyle drove around and picked up the sandwich board signs, while the rest of us packed up the merchandise and loaded vehicles. Those members helping were Debbie Ball, Carolyn Brown, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. We were all ready to leave by 3:15. Once again **Floor & Decor** allowed us to leave our wrapping paper in the store overnight for the next day.

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Sunday, December 17, 2023, was a beautiful sunny day to be outside at 72 degrees! A successful day of gift wrapping brought in a total of \$623.82! Donations from wrapping gifts and dog vests equaled \$240.02, with merchandise sales at \$383.80.



Volunteers on December 17: unknown young lady just visiting the dogs, Jeanne Wegener, Chris Spiel with Lucy, Jean Klink, Denise Padavano with Honey, Katrin Montgomery, Deb Orwig, Dean Mortimore with Sugar, Debbie Ball with Dillon; behind Debbie are Carolyn and Peter Brown and Larry Orwig with Duffy and Asher

Floor & Decor manager Mario Borkowski greeted **AGR** members as they arrived for morning set-up. Mario and another staff member assisted us with putting up the tents. **AGR** members helping with set up were Carolyn and Peter Brown, Jean Klink, Katrin Montgomery, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener.



Our booth was very attractively displayed

Helping with gift wrapping and merchandise sales for the day were Debbie Ball, Carolyn Brown, Jean Klink, Katrin Montgomery, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. Once again, beautiful bows adorned the gift packages!

Those **AGR** members who brought their dogs to greet the public included: Debbie Ball and **Dillon**; Carolyn and Peter Brown with **Joey**, **Cody** and **CaliAnne**; Amy Maynard and **Bentley**; Dean Mortimore and **Sugar**, Deb Orwig with **Asher** and **Duffy**; Denise Padavano and **Hon-**



Amy Maynard with Bentley

ey; and Chris Spiel with Lucy.

Packing up at the end of the day and for the weekend were, Carolyn and Peter Brown, Pat-tye Brown, Jean Klink, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener.

Friday, December 22, 2023

Since rain was predicted for the second weekend of gift wrapping, we had a dilemma. Should we cancel, set up a second tent and wrap presents in the rain, or accept *Floor & Decor's* offer to set-up our display tables inside? As we arrived Friday morning, December 22, 2023, it was lightly raining, and the temperature was 58 degrees. Since it was very damp and cold, we decided to take *Floor & Decor's* offer and spend the day wrapping gifts inside.

While we were trying to determine where to set up, a customer was already there with three presents to wrap. Fortunately, we had a table ready, and Carolyn Brown graciously wrapped his presents. Unfortunately, she came down with a migraine and had to leave early. Thankfully, Carolyn was feeling better later in the day after resting at home.



Duffy Orwig was happy to be at this event, – it had been 9 months since he'd been taken anywhere except the vet



This area of the store was to the left inside the front doors and was actually a good place to set up, as customers coming into the store saw us right away – we had a sandwich board outside advertising that we were inside. In the picture left to right: Jean Klink with Levi, Debbie Ball behind the table, Trishia Murphy with Rosie in front, Patrick Doyle, Kaitlin Montgomery and Jeanne Wegener

pping presents, creating beautiful bows and handling the merchandise were Debbie Ball, Jean Klink, Katrin Montgomery, Trishia Murphy, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. Predicting that we might have a slow day be-

Katrin Montgomery, Patrick Doyle, Debbie Ball with Levi, Jean Klink, Denise Padavano and Trishia Murphy with Rosie



The manager allowed us to put our tables and merchandise in a large open area near the wood flooring display. Assisting with set-up were Peter Brown, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, with Rosie, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. Joining us around 11:00 AM were Debbie Ball and Levi, Katrin Montgomery and Deb Orwig. Busy wrap-



This young woman had come on Friday with some gifts to be wrapped; she must've liked what our wrappers produced because she came back on Sunday with, literally, a cartload more

Although we were inside and out of sight of potential customers, we had a profitable day! We made \$192 in donations from gift wrapping and \$95.80 in merchandise sales, equaling a total of \$287.80 for the day.

As the afternoon slowed down, we decided to pack up early at 2:15.

Those members helping included Debbie Ball, Peter Brown, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Denise Padavano, Katrin Montgomery, and Jeanne Wegener.

Saturday, December 23, 2023

The morning of Saturday, December 23, 2023, was damp and cold, but no rain was in the forecast! Knowing that it would be a cold day, many volunteers were bundled up in nice warm coats!



Lots of great volunteers on Saturday – it was our busiest wrapping day of the five. Here are Fran Strock, Connie Wozniak, Carolyn Brown, Jean Klink, Sarah Martin, Debbie Ball with Tyler, Dean Mortimore with Sugar, Teri Guilbault, Jeanne Wegener, Katrin Montgomery, Denise Padavano and (seated at right) April Crow with Bryxx

As soon as we set up, customers came with gifts to be wrapped. The morning was very busy and thankfully we had steady volunteers throughout the day helping with merchandise sales and gift wrapping. Arriving in the afternoon was Teri Guilbault's daughter, Michelle Guilbault with her gifts to be beautifully wrapped by our talented volunteers! We had a rush at 2:00, and everyone was frantically

cause of the rain, Jeanne Wegener brought her Christmas presents to be elegantly wrapped!

Since it stopped raining and we weren't getting a lot of customers at noon, Jean Klink and Levi, Katrin Montgomery, and Jeanne Wegener decided to walk down the mall towards *Sprouts* carrying gift boxes, trying to encourage people to head our way! Thank you, ladies, for your advertising efforts!



Debbie Ball and Deb Orwig wrapping and doing bows for our repeat customer

wrapping presents until 3:00! We even had someone stop by needing a wedding gift wrapped! We couldn't have done it without the help of the following members: Debbie Ball, Carolyn Brown, Jean Klink, Teri Guilbault, Sarah Martin, Katrin Montgomery, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, Fran Stock, Jeanne Wegener, and Connie Wozniak.

Those **AGR** members who brought their dogs to greet the public included: Debbie Ball with **Tyler**; April Crow and **Bryxx**; Dean Mortimore and **Sugar**; and Deb Orwig with **Vin**. The dogs caught the attention of many people passing our way, causing them to stop, love on the dogs and leave a donation! I think it was **Sugar's** beautiful pink ears and tail that made people stop! So nice to see that our furry friends bring out the best in people!



Ready to wrap: Connie Wozniak, Fran Stock and Sarah Martin; Jean Klink behind Carolyn Brown, Dean Mortimore with Sugar in front



April Crow with Bryxx

Bryxx was a big hit at **PetSmart**! April Crow took **Bryxx** for a walk and ventured into **PetSmart** hoping to attract some business for our event! Wearing his donation vest, **Bryxx** came back happy with pockets filled with extra cash! Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener also did some advertising outside some of the stores, holding giftboxes near our **AGR** signs and smiling at the shoppers. Thank you, ladies, and **Bryxx**!

Finishing up our last day at **Floor & Decor** was rewarding, and a lot of work! Helping with packing and loading vehicles were Debbie Ball, Carolyn and Peter Brown, Jean Klink, Katrin Montgomery, Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, Fran Stock, Jeanne Wegener and Connie Wozniak.

Our last day was quite successful, bringing in \$209.46 in donations, and \$485.00 in merchandise sales equaling a total of \$644.46 for the day. Our 5-day grand total was an amazing \$2,539.94!

This was our first gift wrapping adventure at **Floor & Decor** at Prasada in Surprise. The employees from **Floor & Decor** were very helpful and enthusiastic about us being there with all our dogs! Some of them even brought their gifts to be wrapped during the 5 days along with many **AGR** members, families, and friends!



Friends with Deb Orwig for many years, Bert and Mary Engstrom helped set up the booth then came back later just to say hello when they were told Deb would be coming. Sarah Martin (standing at left), also friends for a long time, stayed all day. Deb brought Vin to meet and greet.

Thanks to everyone who contributed all the goodies to snack on and enjoy, during our days of gift wrapping! Jean Klink brought Rice Krispie treats and skillfully decorated delicious Christmas cookies. Jeanne Wegener brought yummy-in-the-tummy chocolate brownies. Denise Padavano brought an assortment of melt-in-your-mouth cookies. Thank you to Peter Brown for providing tacos, burritos, and hot drinks on our final day!



Debbie Ball, Connie Wozniak, Denise Padavano were all enlisted to wrap for the customer standing behind Deb Orwig

Thank you to those members contributing photographs of the 5-day event, which included Debbie Ball, Connie McCabe, Dean Mortimore, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Jeanne Wegener. As there is no way to include pictures in this newsletter of everyone who attended, please view all the photos on the **AGR** Smug Mug page: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/122323-Floor-and-Decor-Gift-Wrap/n-bp5NrF/i-swpthmq/A> Photos for the 5-days we attended are listed separately according to the date.

Staff at **Floor & Decor** have unanimously welcomed us back next year for gift wrapping at their store! Hope to see everyone for our next golden gift-wrapping adventure!



**2024
Calendars
are still
available!**

This adorable picture of **Sukhi** (fka **22-064 Tilly**), so typical of a Golden Retriever with a tennis ball in her mouth, graces the cover of our 2024 calendar. Our calendars contain an historical record of events we have had and vignettes about the dogs we rescued during the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. If you adopted a dog during this one-year period, your dog's photo was included in the calendar. Some dogs that have come into Rescue since June 2023 also have photos in this calendar. Quantity is limited. We will have copies for sale at all our First Quarter 2024 events. They are \$12 each plus \$2.75 postage if you want one mailed.



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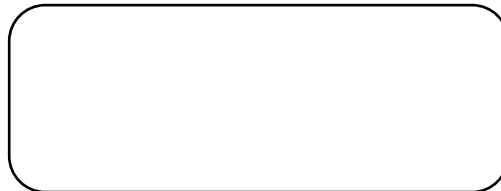


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