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A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.

~ Christopher Reeve

A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.

~ Joseph Campbell

This issue spotlights some heroes to *Arizona Golden Rescue*.

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Editor's Assistant's Note



My mom, the President and the Editor of this newsletter, told me this issue's focus is about heroes. What is a "hero"? The dictionary defines the word as "any person admired for his qualities or achievements and regarded as an ideal or model... the central figure in any important event or period, honored for outstanding qualities."

People can be heroes, as are those who serve our country in the military, as well as many others, especially those who work for Rescue. But dogs can be heroes, too.

For seven years beginning in 2001, annual awards were given at the *Golden Retriever Club of America's* National Specialty to rescued Golden Retrievers that had accomplished something extraordinary in the fields of Animal Assisted Therapy, Education, Heroism and Law Enforcement. In the Heroism category in 2001, a rescued Golden who became a search-and-rescue dog found a missing child and, on another occasion, found an Alzheimer's patient who had wandered away from home. In 2002, a Golden who was a natural seizure-alert and migraine-alert dog saved his adopter from having a terrible car accident. The next year, a Golden alerted her owner to a carbon monoxide leak from a faulty furnace in the house. In 2004, Michele Wehry's dog **Shasta** received the Heroism award for his work in helping to rehabilitate other rescued Golden Retrievers with behavior problems. In 2005, a rescued Golden woke her human mom and brought her to her baby's bedroom where the baby had spit up and was choking. No Heroism award was given in 2006, but in 2007 it was given to a dog who had roused his family from sleep when their house caught on fire. One of the Honorable Mentions one year was a dog who thwarted a burglary in his home when his folks were gone – he was a very shy dog, but he ran to the home of a neighbor and dragged the neighbor over to his home in time for the neighbor to get the license plate of the burglar, who was later arrested. Another Honorable Mention for Heroism went to a dog who saw her owner fall down an embankment, helped her climb back up (with broken breastbone and four broken ribs) and stayed by her side until help arrived. In most, if not all of these cases, the rescued Golden had come to his/her Rescue group with some behavior and/or physical problems, which made their various acts of heroism even more impressive.

Locally for several years, the *Friends of Animal Care & Control* have given out Hero Awards to various animals. A few years ago, Kim Lindenmeyer's rescued Golden **Rio Jake** received one for introducing the Reading Education Assistance Dog (R.E.A.D.)

program to Arizona. Over several years, **Jake** helped many elementary school children become better readers. This year, a dog rescued by Michele Wehry in 2005, **Tameeka** (now called **Lili**), is being recognized with a Hero Award. Her story is on pages 19 - 22. **Lili** will receive her award at a ceremony on October 29, 2011. We hope Michele takes some photos!

Arizona Golden Rescue can now boast about our own hero, a dog named **Prince**. His story is central to this newsletter. Please read it on pages 17 - 19.

Mom told me that I, **Rocky**, am a hero. I used to be a really bad boy. When I came into Rescue in 2000 at the age of 17 months, I was labeled hyper, destructive and unmanageable. To be sure, I had earned that label. Over the years, though, with diligence, patience and much training from my mom, I have become the wonderful, calm, loving Golden I am today. Since 2007, I have helped over 200 elementary school children learn to read better. By acting as a mentor, I have helped many, many foster dogs become better behaved. I have loved every minute I have participated in Rescue events such as Meet-and-Greets, where I have been an ambassadog, an example of what a fine dog someone can get if they adopt from a Rescue group – I am a hero to Rescue. You and your dog can be heroes, too, if you attend *Arizona Golden Rescue* events.

Wags and Woofs

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The heroes of Rescue are, plain and simple, those who do the work, including all the dogs who serve as ambassadogs. Much of the work is done behind the scenes by members who quietly and competently take care of the necessary day-to-day business – and there is a lot of that!

The *AGR* Board members are on the phone and on the computer much of the time addressing inquiries from the public, setting up events (many of which have to be scheduled months in advance), making sure our rescues get attention for any health problems they bring in with them, seeing to it that our website is kept up to date and work on improvements, and contacting new members to encourage them to get involved. These are the obvious jobs.

Then we have such "small" things as maintaining a supply of Heartgard and microchips to provide to our participating vets and making sure that every newly-rescued dog gets two of the former and one of the latter. Being sure we have enough volunteers at each event and that we have a large enough crew for set-up and clean-up. Keeping track of our merchandise inventory and always

being on the lookout for new and interesting items to sell. Banking all the money we collect at Meet-and-Greets and other events, and keeping our Quickbooks account up to date. Researching and applying for grants. Taking Minutes at every Board and Membership Meeting. Scheduling and doing home evaluations. Interviewing surrendering owners with great thoroughness to get as much information about incoming dogs as possible. Placing the dogs in the best possible home for each dog. Transporting dogs from the shelter or surrendering owners to vets or to prospective adopters. Behavior issues that some dogs have must be addressed. Adopters must be contacted to see how their new family member is adjusting. Cards need to be sent to **AGR** members whose precious four-legged family member has passed away. Thank you letters to donors must be written. The newsletter must get put together every three months. Phone calls to our WAGSline must be answered and transferred to the appropriate person. Graphics for the website and to advertise events need to get done. And there are many, many other jobs as well.

Heroes of Rescue include those who chair and/or participate in our fundraising activities, for without those volunteers, we would not be able to afford the quality health care we give our rescued dogs. I especially want to thank Teri Guilbault for taking over the position of Director of Operations – the fundraising arm of our Rescue. From the “nickel-and-dime” small Meet-and-Greets (chaired by Teri Guilbault, Connie McCabe, Denny Myrick, Deb Orwig and Angela Palumbo), to the gigantic *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, the volunteers are dedicated to helping our rescued dogs. Special thanks go to the entire Golf Tournament Committee chaired by Rich Calta and Teri Turner and including Teri Guilbault, Sarah Martin and Connie McCabe. With help from numerous solicitation and other volunteers (see pages 27 - 30), our *Fore! Paws* Committee members knocked themselves out for our many rescued four-paws, managing to net almost \$28,000! Fabulous job, everyone!

Take a good look at the names listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Those are the heroes of Rescue! Do you see your name there? If not, we can give you a job to do. We especially need some more volunteers working on our Health Care Team, as Teri is doing double-duty as Director of Operations and Health Care Manager and she has only one vet liaison, Beverly Ruth. You do not have to know much about canine health issues – if you’ve owned a dog, you already know most of what you need to know.

Have just a couple hours a week that you could donate to Rescue? As soon as our database is completed – hopefully by the time you are reading this – we will need data entry volunteers. The only “qualification” for this job is familiarity with a computer (knowing how to turn one on is good enough) – training regarding data entry will be provided. Please contact us and let us know you’re interested in becoming more involved with *Arizona Golden Rescue*.



Great Happenings

By Teri Guilbault, Director of Operations
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The calendar year is winding down, but *Arizona Golden Rescue* is gearing up for all sorts of fun over the next few months. If you came to our third annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, you know that we had a terrific time! In this issue of *The Golden Paw*, we are talking about heroes. Coming to our events as a patron, or volunteering to help make the event more spectacular will make you a hero, too! You will be our hero, and you will definitely be a hero to our Golden rescues for helping us collect donations for all the vetting that our incoming dogs will need.

Our calendar is chock full of things to do. Upcoming events include:

- ✓ Our annual *Paws and Pasta Spaghetti Dinner* at the **Little Bite of Italy Restaurant** in Sun City on Sunday, November 6th, from 1 – 5 p.m.
- ✓ *Holiday Pet Festival* at WestWorld in Scottsdale on December 3rd from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- ✓ Extra help will be needed in the East Valley on December 3rd, as we have been invited to participate in the Grand Opening of another **Choice Pet Market** store
- ✓ **Barnes & Noble** gift wrapping at the Arrowhead and I-17/Happy Valley locations every weekend starting on Black Friday through Christmas Eve (please check our website for specific dates/times/locations)
- ✓ **Barnes & Noble** gift wrapping at the Tempe Marketplace location on Saturday, December 17th from 2 p.m. until close (10 p.m.)
- ✓ Santa Photos at the Arrowhead **PetSmart** at 7280 W Bell Road) every weekend in December, and at the Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart** (please check the website for specific dates/times)
- ✓ Various Meet-and-Greet events at local **PetSmart** and **Choice Pet Market** stores in the Valley (please check website for dates/times/locations)

We can use volunteers to help at every one of these events. If you haven’t joined us before, please come! There is a variety of things you can do, from dishing up spaghetti to wrapping presents to elfing with Santa for photos! You’ll be surprised at how much fun both you and your dog(s) can have. I will be sending out messages to remind everyone about these upcoming events as they are going to happen, and I look forward to hearing from you!



Second Time Around

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The Road to Rescue: Heroes

“One cannot always be a hero, but one can always be a human.”
~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

What better way to be both human and a hero than to rescue a dog?

All of our volunteers are heroes. They spend endless hours talking to surrendering owners or the shelter or to the finder of a stray. Other volunteers go to all corners of the Valley to visit, review, discuss and complete home evaluations. Transporters don't drive a dog just within their own neighborhood but all over the Valley and state. Dog information, application and home evaluation information is reviewed and evaluated to make the best possible match of dog to family. Our few members in the northern and southern part of the state are the only ones available to do home evaluations and transport, but they do them and a dog is saved. Health team members follow a dog from beginning to end to make sure all vet work is completed and out-of-the-ordinary care gets done for those needing major vetting. They are all heroes to our dogs.

Our veterinarians are heroes. We have dedicated vets who devote their time not only to give high-quality vet care to our dogs, but they do so at a discount so the money we raise goes further. Without their devotion to helping Rescue, we would not be able to get extraordinary vet care for our dogs so that they go to their new family as healthy as we can make them. Our vets have performed life-saving surgery, complex orthopedic surgery, and critical care medical treatment and agonized along with us on whether the dog will recover to have a good life. Please read *Diamonds in the Ruff* (pages 16 - 17) to learn about what some of our dogs have gone through.

Our vets make sure that all rescued dogs have a complete exam, all their vaccinations, needed tests and microchipping. Some of our vets have done tests, boarding or extra work without charging us. They let us board at a moment's notice for emergency intakes and will take a shelter dog without qualm. We use specialists who also give us discounts and are always accommodating. We work in partnership with our vets so that our dogs can have high-quality care, just as you would do for your own dogs. ***Four Legged Friends, Animal Medical & Surgical Center*** and ***Kennel Care*** have been with us since the beginning. We quickly expanded to include ***Academy West, Katz and Dogs, Arizona Pet Resort*** and ***Anthem Pet Medical Center***. We have vets in Tucson, Yuma, Wickenburg and Flagstaff who work with us. Specialists who have

already treated dogs for us are ***Dermatology for Animals, EyeCare for Animals, VetCare of Scottsdale*** and ***Integrative Veterinary Oncology***. Please see a complete list on pages 8 - 9.

Our families who adopt are heroes. Rather than go to a pet store, a backyard breeder or a professional breeder, they make the commitment to adopt a rescued dog, one that really needs a loving, stable home. It could be a home that has kids to play with or another furry companion to get to know and share toys with without fear of being harmed. Maybe it is just an individual, a dog and his person, both getting the most from being together.

Our fosters are heroes. They may take in a dog at a moment's notice, rehabilitate a dog with “issues” no matter how long it takes, keep a senior dog that just needs a place for awhile to lay their head, or take care of a post-surgical dog until they are ready to go to their forever home. They will love, care, train and tearfully say goodbye when the dog goes to their new family.

Can you be a hero? We have senior dogs, special needs dogs and some that will never become a “perfect” dog because they have issues. They need a hero too; one who will accept them as they are and love them unconditionally. Can it be you?

The Information Highway

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It seems like it has been longer than six months since I took the position of Director of Information Management. In that time with help from my son, Dana Craig, we have been able to make ***AGR's*** website much different from what it was when we first started working on it. There will always be updates and improvements as our group continues to evolve.

If you have visited the website lately you will find the following features and changes:

- We now have an Online Membership Application that will also allow you to pay for your membership at the same time by either using a credit card or our new Online Checking interface through Intuit's Payment Network. Security of your payment is guaranteed by the following:
 - Data encryption – Intuit Payment Network adheres to rigorous online banking industry protection standards for all online communication, using an https connection over SSL (Secure Socket Layer) at 256-bit AES encryption.

- Privacy - Intuit safeguards your financial information. Even your payors or payees can't see your bank account information.
- We also have an Adoption Application available online. No longer do potential adopters need to download the form and fill it out manually, then mail the application and wait for us to receive it. Now the potential adopter has an online interface that they fill out, and when they hit Submit, it is immediately emailed to the appropriate people. This procedure also speeds up the scheduling for the home evaluations. Sometimes we have received the application just minutes before the person who filled out the application receives a phone call from our Home Evaluation Team to schedule an appointment.
- We now have a completely redesigned Adoptable Dogs page that uses an interface unique to our site and is different from the national sites we are on such as Adopt-a-Pet or Petfinder. Our page has no advertising, just the dogs' pictures and their details.
- The Rainbow Bridge page is also a work in progress. When you visit the Rainbow Bridge page you will hear the music I received permission from Deb Orwig to use and a slide show of members' dogs that have gone to the Bridge. I will be adding features to the page such as an area to add personal articles about the dogs that have passed away. We do not charge you to add a remembrance, but if you would like to donate an amount in remembrance of your dog it would be graciously accepted.
- Many rescue sites have an online store. What we plan is an online "Shopping Mall". If you go to **GoodShop** you will be able to shop at over 900 stores where many of you probably already shop online. The prices are the same whether you go to the stores directly or by using the **AGR** interface. The big difference is that when you shop using the **AGR** interface, a portion of the sale will be donated to us. We will also have a "store" for each of our participating vendors. We are making arrangements to have our **AGR**-logo clothing sold over the web through the company that has been making our new embroidered shirts. They will be building a site for us to sell directly from the web. We will also be building our own online shop where you will find all the unique items that we sell at our events.

If any of you wish to add your business to our website in exchange for a portion of the sale being donated to **AGR**, please contact me so we can discuss it.

The focus of this newsletter is heroes. You may ask yourself who the heroes are in our organization. Are they Deb Orwig and our so-missed Debbe Begley for starting this great organization?

Are they our transporters, home evaluators, our intake or our placement people that are the heroes because they help save these animals from either death or lives from which they deserve more?

I say that everyone who belongs to **AGR** and shows up at Meet-and-Greets to help us raise money for these dogs is a hero. Members who keep up their memberships from year to year even though they had already received a dog are heroes, as their memberships help us keep up with our expenses so we are able to rescue more dogs. Let's not forget the members who join and don't even have a Golden. They just love what we stand for and want to help.

The simplest way to be a hero to these dogs is to keep your membership up to date. Possibly increase the level if you have the capability. You will be helping us keep on saving these fine animals, and you will be a hero, too.

Probably everyone contributing to this newsletter will find a way to tell you how to be a hero. I want to remind everyone that dogs can be heroes. One that comes to mind immediately is a miniature poodle that my wife and I have. Prior to him coming to us, my wife was in a depression from the loss of her long time companion Mickey, a Cockapoo she had had for a long time and who was her best friend. She took his loss really hard. **Gonzo**, our miniature poodle, came along and helped her shake her depression. He was truly a hero in that respect. And let's not forget **Prince**. We rescued him, and he is already proving to be a hero of the Youngtown Police Department.



The Human Connection

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Most of you know I'm a physician by training – it's right there on my by-line. What you may not know is that I'm an active-duty Navy physician currently stationed at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton on the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. When our Fearless Leader told me the theme for this issue was heroes, I really had to stop and think about what I wanted to talk about. "Heroes" means a lot of different things to me.

My patients, the active-duty members and retired military are true heroes. These men and women volunteered their lives to serve our country. I see retired seniors who served in Vietnam or Korea and younger men and women who recently served in Iraq or Afghanistan. All gave up the opportunity for normal civilian lives and normal civilian jobs to defend our country.

Families of service members are equally important. Spouses, parents, children; they man the fort while their loved ones are deployed. Knowing children are taken care of, knowing things are safe at home allows the active-duty member to focus on the task at hand while he or she is down range. Without strong family support, there's little for a Sailor or Marine, a Soldier or Airman to come home to. This includes my parents who willingly took on my three dogs while I took an all-expenses-paid 7-month vacation in Afghanistan.

Heroes are not just men and women who volunteer their lives to the military. Heroes are people like Debbe Begley who volunteered her life for her Golden Retrievers. People like Stephanie Harding, who work tirelessly to improve conditions for shelter dogs in Kosovo, while working tirelessly at her "regular" job with the police force. Heroes are people like our crazy group of volunteers who never say no if it's for the good of the dogs; people who will drop everything to get a dog out of a shelter or an unsafe home situation.

I don't want to cheapen the word by overuse, but it doesn't take much to be a hero to someone. Open your home as a foster family. Get involved in a Meet-and-Greet. Volunteer to transport a dog from a foster to a forever home. Help with a fundraiser. If all of our members volunteered for one event in the upcoming 12 months, think of how many heroes we'd have.



Health and Safety
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Dogs and their Eyesight

Over the last few months, I've been discussing the importance of vaccinating your dogs and making sure that they are tested for heartworm and valley fever. We all know the importance of regular checkups for our fur children and watching out for unfamiliar lumps and bumps and suspicious spots that weren't there the last time we looked. When you look at your precious fur kid though, what do you see? Dogs normally have great senses of sight and smell, but like humans, sometimes their eyes aren't always as clear as they used to be. Take some time and look your dogs right in the eyes. Do their eyes still look bright and shiny, or are they starting to cloud over just a bit? Does it look like maybe there's something just not quite right, or is it just maybe you've noticed that there's some unusual eye tearing and extra moisture around them?

Dogs, like humans, can develop cataracts as they age and even earlier. High cholesterol can also cloud their eyes, and yes, they can lose their sight entirely if they develop an eye condition and it's left untreated. Inverted eye lashes (entropion) can cause their eyes to water excessively, and the lashes may need to be removed or surgery done on the eyelid to correct the problem. If you notice anything unusual about your dog's eyes, don't hesitate to ask your veterinarian about it. If there are problems with your animal's eyes, excellent veterinary ophthalmologists are available in the Valley to assist in treating those problems. Your fur kid loves to watch you. Be his hero and keep watching over him.

Valley Fever

In the August issue of *The Golden Paw*, we had an article about valley fever. In it, we cautioned our Arizona readers to be sure to get your dog tested for valley fever once a year when you take the dog to the vet for his/her annual exam.

This has been a year for serious dust storms in the Valley. Unfortunately, once the dust settles, the unseen damage can still remain in the form of resulting valley fever. We all know that humans get it, but our four-legged friends have an even higher rate of developing this illness since they are closer to the ground breathing in fungal spores from dirt and probably spend more time outside than their families.

When we bring in a rescue for vetting, we always test for valley fever. We've definitely noticed an increase in positive results for this disease over the last few months; most of the positive titers (the concentration of the amount of valley fever in a dog) that we see are relatively low and can be treated with fluconazole, which is an anti-fungal medication that will eliminate the disease. However, if left untreated, valley fever can cause serious illness in your dog (and you, too). Although one of our recent rescues had a titer of 1:32 which is high but not exceptionally high, the valley fever that he had contracted settled in one of his rear legs. It was necessary to amputate the leg as it became unusable. He is now recovering with one of our fosters, who has decided to make her home his forever home.

Testing for valley fever is not cheap – prices range from about \$80 to \$100 depending on your vet, but it's well worth the price to make sure that your dog is healthy. Common symptoms of valley fever include coughing, fever, weight loss, lack of appetite and lack of energy. If left untreated, it can ultimately result in death. For more information on this disease, please see www.vfce.arizona.edu/ValleyFeverInPets/VFID-symp.aspx

Be a hero for your pet. Please include the VF test as part of its annual checkup. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your veterinarian for assistance.



Service Paws

By Wendy Enos
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Many in the dog world, particularly the assistance dog world, are infuriated over the recent news story regarding a young lady with cerebral palsy attempting to acquire a service dog. She raised \$20,000, turned the money over directly to *Arizona Golden LLC*, and then was ultimately denied a dog with no refund of the donated tens of thousands. The organization offered her four thousand dollars back if she'd keep her story off the local news. Thankfully, she refused.

In the wake of this tragedy, I would like to explore the different options one would have in obtaining a service dog, so others can avoid this horrendous outcome.

There are a number of service dog training facilities in Arizona. Most organizations pretrain their dogs and send them out to their recipients. Their prices can range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and can carry a waiting period of 3-5 years. Some certify their dogs according to standards set by Assistance Dogs International (ADI) or International Association of Assistance Dog Partners (IAADP), and some do not.

One option is training your own service dog through an individual program like *Happy Tails Service Dogs*, where **Sophie** and I trained. The handler attends a weekly class for about fifteen months and is then given a certification test. There is no cost to the handler other than basic equipment, such as a harness if one is needed.

No matter which organization one chooses, be sure to look for red flags such as:

- If a contract is involved, read and understand every word of it and keep a copy. If there are contract discrepancies, or you don't feel comfortable with every detail, don't sign it!
- Will the facility allow you to visit, check out the dogs, and observe a training class or two? If not, ask yourself, "What are they hiding?"
- While no one can give a written guarantee of success, the prospective handler should be extensively evaluated before being accepted into any program to assure the best chance for completion.
- If money is demanded up front, be sure to secure a contract stating that, if for any reason you fail to qualify

for a dog, the money will be refunded within a reasonable period of time.

Amber Steenbock's heartrending story went viral over the news, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube; still, it hasn't and may never be resolved. For more on the story, Google "Amber Steenbock service dog" keeping in mind that, despite the similar name, the organization in question **is in no way connected with Arizona Golden Rescue**.

Heroes to Arizona Golden Rescue

Our participating veterinarians are heroes to our Rescue. They give exemplary service to our dogs and discounts on their services, sometimes as much as 50%; occasionally they won't charge us at all for something, enabling us to be able to afford to help more dogs. They never treat rescued dogs like throw-aways but always with as much care as they give every full-paying customer's dog. When one is hurt or sick, their compassion is endless. When one has to be euthanized, they cry with us. Several have taken in rescued shelter dogs on a moment's notice. We would like you to know which vets we use – they deserve our thanks.

Academy West Animal Hospital – Dr. James Kimmel
6231 W Bell Rd, Glendale, 85308
602-938-8650

Animal Medical & Surgical Center – Dr. Charles Pullen
17477 N 82nd St, Scottsdale, 85255
480-502-4400

Anthem Pet Medical Center – Dr. Ed Cohen
42105 N 41st Dr, Ste 148, Phoenix, 85086
623-889-7090

Arizona Pet Resort – Owner Melanie Hocevar
1211 E Curry Rd, Tempe, 85281
480-966-1580

Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital – Dr. Valerie Ferguson
3131 E Thunderbird Rd, Ste 59, Phoenix, 85032
602-787-0015

Katz & Dogs – Dr. Tanja Katz
8190 W Union Hills Dr, #145, Glendale, 85308
623-825-7717

Kennel Care – Dr. Larry Hudman
6277 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, 85226
480-940-0066

Aspen Veterinary Clinic

7861 N US Highway 89, Flagstaff, 86004
928-526-2423

Broadway Animal Hospital

2300 E Broadway Ave, Tucson, 85719
520-622-6485

Southern Arizona Veterinary & Emergency Center

7474 E Broadway Blvd and 141 E Ft Lowell Rd, Tucson
520-888-3177 for either location

VCA Animal Medical Center of Tucson #445

2661 N 1st Ave, Tucson, 85719
520-624-5291

Foothills Animal Hospital

11769 South Frontage Rd, Yuma, 85367-5608
928-342-0448

We have also used *Dermatology for Animals*, *Eye Care for Animals*, *Integrative Veterinary Oncology* (Dr. Betsy Hershey) and *Southwest Veterinary Referral Center* (Dr. Kim Hillers, Oncology), and *VetCare – Scottsdale* (Dr. Stacey Hoffman).

We would especially like to acknowledge the veterinarians and staff at *Emergency Animal Clinic*, 86 W Juniper Ave, Gilbert, AZ 85233, 480-497-0222 for saving **11-057 Sara's** life and giving us a significant discount on their services.

Diamondback Drugs, 7901 E McDowell Rd, Scottsdale, 85257 480-946-2223 gives us significant discounts on long-term-use medications, such as those for valley fever, hypothyroidism, and tick fever.

We are also very grateful for the businesses and companies that support **AGR** with donations, grants or discounts on their services. These businesses are listed as Corporate Donors & Sponsors in the *Golden Hearts* section of this publication (page 38).

In addition to these companies, we get wonderful support from two dog boarding facilities:

Pete 'N Macs

1675 W Happy Valley Rd, Phoenix, 85085
623-445-0255

Villa La Paws

10610 N 32nd St, Phoenix, 85028
602-442-7833

If possible, please patronize our veterinarians and the companies that support *Arizona Golden Rescue*.

The Financial Picture**Reporting period: January 1, 2011 - September 30, 2011****Total Assets as of October 15, 2011: \$106,592.66**

	Income	Expense
Adoptions	\$18,541.00	\$ 281.48
Bowl-a-Rama	3,238.66	
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	2,450.00	
Credit Card & PayPal Processing		863.62
Donations ¹	29,495.04	
Dues and Subscriptions (Quickbooks Online)		241.86
Event Expense		782.00
Golf Tournament 2011	36,706.25	1,235.23
Grants ²	3,070.97	500.00
Insurance		252.00
Interest	46.09	
Legal & Professional Fees		700.00
Memberships	10,360.00	
Merchandise	5,291.20	1,760.73
Newsletter Subscriptions	32.00	
Office Expenses & Misc.		346.23
<i>Parada del Sol</i> Parade & Booth		244.42
<i>Paws At The Park</i> Picnic 2011 ³	623.00	34.48
<i>PetSmart Charities</i> PetWalk	850.00	
Postage & Shipping		1,084.95
Santa Claws Photos taken in 2010	1,120.00	
Stationery & Printing		3,611.22
Storage Facility Rental		800.00
Telephone		423.90
Tickets, <i>Coyotes</i>	280.00	
Tickets, <i>Phoenix Mercury</i>	150.00	250.00
Tickets, Raffle	1,550.00	
Vet and Dog-related Expenses:		
Boarding		891.76
Collars, leashes, collar tags		555.12
Medallions		103.95
Microchip & Heartgard expenses		728.92
Veterinary services		59,775.39
TOTAL	\$113,608.12	75,467.26
NET INCOME: \$38,140.86		

Checking Account on 10-15-11: \$55,716.90

Savings Account on 10-15-11: \$43,842.73

The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 9-30-11: \$7,033.03

¹ Donation income includes honorary and memorial donations for Debbe Begley

² Grant expense was a \$500 donation *AGR* made to *Sooner Golden Retriever* Rescue in memory of their Founder & President Bob Bornstein

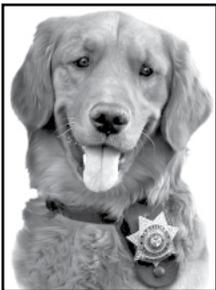
³ Income does not include raffle ticket sales

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo

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 July 6, 2011 through October 10, 2011. All adoptions finalized after October 10th will be in the next issue.

Editor's Note: Katie Donahue usually writes this section, but she found the demands of her residency training too much to allow her time to do it this quarter. Thanks, Liz, for helping me with this section.

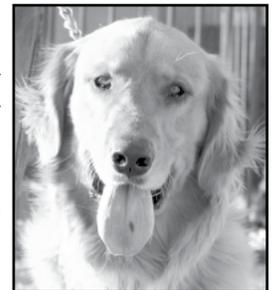


11-011 Prince is a real life fairytale hero come true. Please read his full story on pages 17 - 19. In short, this 1 ½-year-old Golden was rescued from a dry river bed in Tonopah by a woman who was an animal hoarder. He was sick, malnourished and infested with sarcoptic mange when **AGR** rescued him. He had to be isolated in Deb's laundry room for a month while his mange and other ills were being treated. When he was finally

liberated, he proved to be totally obsessed with tennis balls. He didn't pay much attention to the resident dogs, but focused either on any ball in view or on a pool toy. He learned to swim quickly and enjoyed just lounging in the water on the top step. Swimming burned off some of his puppy energy and so did chasing after a thrown tennis ball, but these activities were not enough for him. The night Sgt. Dave Evans of the Youngtown Police Department talked to Deb about getting a rescued dog that might be trainable to do drug detection was the night that **Prince's** life changed forever. He proved to be the perfect candidate because of his obsession with tennis balls, ability to focus, and his high energy/high drive. Sgt. Evans and **Prince** spent 3 ½ weeks of 12-14-hour days in training. **Prince** is now certified as a drug detection dog by both the National Police Canine Association and the National Narcotic Drug Dog Association! He has already made some significant drug busts, one of which netted the Youngtown PD 450 pounds of marijuana, \$10,000 in cash and a key target who was linked to a Mexican drug cartel. The Youngtown PD got to keep the cash, got credit for the drug confiscation and arrest, and **Prince** got a Cheeseburger from McDonald's on the way home!

11-014 Bear 2 was so named because he was the second "Bear" **AGR** accepted in just a few days. This one truly is a bear, as he is a very large, strong male, who grew too big and clumsy to be around the owner's two very young children. We were told he

is a Goldendoodle, but no one in **AGR** can see any poodle in him – he looks all Golden. He needed a family with older children because he is young (only 1 year old), jumps on people and is unaware of his size. He needed basic training so badly we required the FWITAs, Christie and Eddie in Glendale, to take him through an 8-week basic obedience class before we would finalize the adoption. They readily agreed, and **Bear** is now much calmer and better behaved. Christie kept us apprised of **Bear's** progress: **Bear is doing awesome! He is so smart and eager to learn. He is still excited and a puppy in many ways. But, he is learning how to best get what he wants and make others happy. His fetching skills are unbelievable. He and Buddy have a real routine of switching off when Dad throws. We have been training Bear to stay out of the pool unless invited. This is showing much improvement. I must tell you a funny thing about Bear. He loves TV. I have never seen it before. This dog watches TV. It cracks us all up! Bear** had valley fever when he came to **AGR**. We started him on fluconazole right away, as his titer was 1:32; it is now down to 1:8 but we will keep him on the medication until the titer goes down to 1:4 or lower.



11-021 Buster 2 was another one with the same name as a recent rescue, so he got a number 2 appended to his name, too. This sweet and loving 5-year-old was surrendered by a family that lost their home and had to move to an apartment. His owners had taken fabulous care of **Buster**, but his vet expenses were becoming too much for them, as he had very severe allergies

that caused him to scratch a lot of his fur off and chew his paws raw. We had allergy testing done to determine what he was allergic to, switched his food, and started him on customized allergy medication. He is now much less itchy and his fur is growing back. His adopters, Andrea and Greg in Tucson, have told us, *We are still*

trying to find the right combo of food, antihistamines and allergy meds but he is going for walks, playing and having a wonderful life.



11-023 Keilanna is a 4-month-old Golden mix puppy found in a store parking lot in Mesa. We took her to Kennel Care for vaccinations and fecal testing. The next day, she showed signs of kennel cough, so we had to board her in isolation at the vet's for a few days. After about three weeks playing with another rescued puppy, **Ebony**, at Ingrid and Robert's

home, she was finally transferred to her forever home with Sherri, Clint and their two young sons, Jake and Troy. They renamed her **Bella** because they thought she was so pretty. Despite medication that should have helped with the kennel cough, it segued into mild bronchopneumonia, so she was put on a different antibiotic and a bronchodilator. It took several more weeks to get little **Bella's** medical issues under control. Sherri had this to say: *We fell in love with **Bella** when we saw her puppy pictures on the AGR website playing with bubbles. She joined our family with a lot of energy and love to share. She has been a great addition to our family. **Bella** had some medical issues with her sinuses that took a while to be diagnosed. Thanks to the continued emotional and financial support of AGR we finally received a nasal mite diagnosis. **Bella** is in the process of her treatment and seems to be responding wonderfully. She is breathing so much better without the hacking cough that would occur after sleeping or resting for extended periods of time. **Bella** enjoys walking and playing ball with our two little boys; she especially enjoys the sprinklers. In addition to many thanks to AGR for their financial support while we were trying to determine what was making her cough, she was still an incredibly stubborn girl who would not walk on a leash. We are so grateful and want to thank Teryl Hall, AGR's Behaviorist, who assisted us in getting her leash trained and had many other helpful tips. We are so grateful to AGR and all the wonderful people we have met for bringing **Bella** into our family.*



11-029 Winnie is a lovely 6-year-old who has personality-plus and energy to burn despite being overweight. Her teeth were in bad shape, so we had a dental done and that had the added benefit of stopping her rubbing her face on the ground – her teeth must've been really bothering her. After almost three months in foster care at Connie and Nick's house, **Winnie** finally met her forever family.

Cam and her adult son, Max, also adopted **11-038 Oliver** from us, as they wanted two dogs, but at the time we had no pairs that needed a home. **Oliver** is a cute-as-a-button small male Golden, a nice blond in contrast to **Winnie's** red. When he was rescued

from the Eastside **MCACCS** shelter, it looked like his nose had been badly sunburned. As it turns out, it wasn't sunburn but something called discoid lupus erythematosus, a chronic skin condition of sores with inflammation and scarring. He was put on some medication, given zinc oxide for his nose, and we were told to keep him out of the sun as much as possible.



11-038 Oliver

When asked how everyone was doing, Cam replied, *I love these dogs and all signs show they are settling in well. **Oliver's** nose is still pink but appears to be healing. **Winnie's** only challenge is accepting that she must live in harmony with the cat. We are working on it. **Oliver** is trying to coax **Winnie** to play with him. **Winnie** is focused on me but has been here just over one week so that should come in time. They get along well. **Winnie** just isn't interacting with her new buddy yet. Both are just wonderful dogs with great personalities. All good stuff. Thank you and the fosters for the amazing support.*



11-031 Yogi Bear's mom became very ill and her daughter, who was caring for her, was allergic to dogs, so the mom tearfully surrendered this wonderful 9-year-old that she had had his whole life. Because of a cat that we didn't know he wouldn't like, he did not fit in at the first foster home, so he was moved to **AZ Pet Resort** for a few days. When his

new family came to meet him there, Michele reported, *All are in love. **Yogi** is the best self-salesman ever. He ran out to them like they were MOM and DAD. This is so going to be a foster failure if he behaves himself.* There have been a few rough spots with his behavior toward other dogs, but Jay Smith, an excellent dog trainer in Tucson, has helped them with **Yogi's** issues. Everyone has settled in now and Austin, Lynda and **Yogi** are enjoying each other's company.

11-033 Tyler, 8 years old, weighed in at 131lbs when we rescued him! He is a calm, gentle soul who loves everyone. After Michele spent 3 hours bathing and shaving him down to get rid of his very smelly and matted coat, he felt like a new dog. Michele's neighbor, Joyce, was **Tyler's** foster; they found out at Joyce's house that **Tyler** loves to swim, which will help him lose some



of that excess weight, along with the walks he goes on twice a day. His new mom is an artist, and his new "grandpa", 92 years young, just adores **Tyler**, who has chosen grandpa as his special person,

sleeping by him at night and demanding lots of petting during the day. **Tyler's** new mom wrote, *He is the dog from heaven! Completely trained. Great on the leash. Swims 3 times a day; runs after the ball. We go for long walks and also to the dog park. He loves the cat and everyone else. Doesn't bark, doesn't get up on the furniture. He is eating well and healthy, green beans and carrots and fruit and his dry food with a little meat or fish. He has lost weight and looks great. He and we are VERY happy! We love him! Thank you, thank you! We couldn't have gotten a better dog! I will be painting pictures of him soon. I would love to donate some art to your cause.* ~ LauRha



11-034 Sunshine was only 3 months old when she was surrendered to **AGR** because her family had lost their home to foreclosure, and living in a much smaller place was wreaking havoc with the husband's allergies. **Sunshine's** mother, **Sage**, was our next rescue. This sweet puppy was kept overnight by Deb, taken to the vet the next day for vaccinations, then transported to her new home with Bryan and Ray and

their teenaged sons in Scottsdale. Bryan commented, *We're still debating on **Lucy** or **Libby** [they settled on **Libby**]. She is a real sweetheart; we LOVE her! I'm teaching her manners; she listens, minds, and is eager to please. She loves to lie on my feet and cuddle up while I work on my laptop at home; wants to be by my side all the time. She and one of our cats (the older, more skittish one!) have met several times and no issues, just stare at each other, still figuring out what's going on... The younger cat was the one chased around the house and barked at by another Golden on a play date last week, so he's a little slower at wanting to meet the puppy. He comes downstairs and looks through the gate, but I know he'll be fine with time... Not rushing it.* The latest report is that everyone has settled in well. Happy new life, **Libby!**



11-035 Sage, gorgeous **Sage**, is supposed to be 10 years old and whelped **Sunshine/Libby** at the age of about 9 ½. Hard to believe. **Sage** looks and acts much younger! We had to have her spayed, a growth on her eyelid removed, and a wart on her back taken off. Otherwise, she was a wonderfully healthy girl. We asked long-time members Jackie and Dave

in Tempe to foster her, as they love the senior dogs. Jackie was somewhat taken aback when she saw **Sage** because it was so hard to believe that she is a senior. Jackie said, ***Sage** is doing well and fitting in very well with the rest of our pack [4 other senior Golden]. I am making a concerted effort not to fall in love with her, but she is not helping by following me throughout the house. My goodness, she is so sweet and beautiful! Not much seems to bother **Sage** – she*

has a delightful temperament, and the only thing which seems to upset her is a neighborhood cat which takes a shortcut across our wall... she doesn't like that at all and keeps an eye out the window so she won't miss anything if he tries his antics. It's the only time we heard her bark, and it's more like a couple of woofs rather than barking. Just a warning really. About two weeks later, Jackie made the comment, *With **Sage** having grown used to us and our pack and feeling comfortable in her new home, we are unwilling to put her through the trauma of another adjustment. That is my brilliant excuse to adopt this gorgeous piece of Golden heaven.* **Sage** has joined us at several Meet-and-Greets and also walked with us in the Glendale Firemen's Parade. She is truly a lovely girl!



11-037 Crystal, about 12 years old, was found by Michele at the Eastside **MCACCs** shelter. **Crystal** was in pretty good shape considering her age and considering that someone had either dumped her or just let her get out and wander off. She developed a mild case of kennel cough, which necessitated that we wait to have her spayed, but there were no other health issues. She was being

fostered by someone who had applied to adopt a younger dog. However, as often happens, once **Crystal** was with foster Judy in Mesa for a few weeks, Judy found she had fallen in love with this sweet old girl and told us she wanted to adopt. We know that **Crystal** will live out her remaining days in a warm, loving home.

11-039 Mercedes is a very pretty, red 2-year-old Golden whose owner had too many dogs and had to keep them all outside. She came to us slightly overweight but with no other health issues. She loves to swim and go for walks, which will help with the weight-loss regimen her adoptive parents, Raquel and Rich in Scottsdale, have her on. Raquel wrote: *We found out that*



***Mercedes** would be joining our family on July 4th – what a way to celebrate the holiday! With her gleaming red coat and sweet brown eyes, she is a true gem, and as elegant as her namesake. She adjusted to her new home right away and within a day was displaying her spectacular pool-diving skills. As first-time dog parents, we feel blessed to have been matched with **Mercedes**; she is housebroken, well trained, fun loving and a big softie with people and other animals. Next up is obedience class, so that we can learn more about how to bring out even more of her good nature. And we're looking forward to going hiking together when the temperatures cool down! The whole family joined us at the August Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet and all of us who were there found that **Mercedes** is truly a great dog.*



11-041 Solo was surrendered to **MCACCS** by his owner along with another small dog because they were moving. **AGR** received a call stating that he had been put on the e-list due to aggression issues with large dogs. One of our **AGR** members immediately went down and did an evaluation. **Solo** was introduced to a very large male dog, and after much sniffing and

tail wagging... nothing; the same with a female pit. There was no bristling, snarling, etc. It was concluded that his earlier response was to certain dogs' aggressive stances with him. We found a wonderful family for **Solo**, who is now called **Shadow**. His new family says, **Shadow** is a very gentle and affectionate guy and has become fast friends with my buddy **Bart**, a Great Pyrenees from **Friends for Life**. He loves water, and I discovered that he will swim and roll around in any amount he sees. I want to get him a play pool once he completely heals [from his neutering], which will be soon. He is a great companion, and has been a blessing in helping me through some tough things in my life right now. Thank you, **AGR**, for **Shadow** and for all you do for Golden Retrievers. **Shadow's** Dad has brought him to two Meet-and-Greets at Tempe Marketplace. Both have had a good time and there have been no aggression issues at all.

11-043 Belle is a young, black, Golden mix that came in from **Pinal County Animal Control**. She is a timid but sweet girl who loves being petted. After vetting, **Belle** met one family, but that wasn't the one. Fortunately there was a family that submitted their application specifically for **Belle**, and all went well. **Belle** is now living the good life with Candace and Kevin in Tucson. Her new mom says, **Belle** is wonderful; we are really happy with her. She gets along well with everyone, even the cats.



11-044 Bella was surrendered by her owner because she had to crate **Bella** for 10 hours a day due to her work schedule. **Bella's** surrendering owner said she is a great dog that just needs a family who has time for her. She loves children and is gentle with small dogs and loves to swim. The former owner was right. Her new family says, **Bella** is not only pretty, per her namesake in

Italian; she is also our little princess! **Bella** loves attention and is the best friend of any dog or human that is willing to put forth the effort. She has a very sweet disposition and loves to cuddle. We are so happy to have **Bella** as the newest member of our family,

and we look forward to many happy years together.

11-045 Maggie Moe is a young, small Goldendoodle that was surrendered to **AGR** because the family had to move into an apartment where large dogs are not permitted. **Maggie** lived with smaller dogs so had no problem living with other animals. **Maggie Moe**, now called **Cheyenne**, went to a great home in Peoria with Dee and her daughter. Her new mom says, **Cheyenne** is a wonderful one-year-old Goldendoodle who we have been privileged to add to our household. Her temperament is very mellow. No household accidents, no chewing, very little barking. These dogs are known to be nonshedding, a boost to any home environment. She is obviously quite intelligent; she will sit away from any frenzy of activity, like visitors coming in, and then join the group. She had never walked on a leash and yet did so beautifully on her second walk. She had never ridden in the car, so was introduced to that activity and is thrilled to be taken along! She is very curious about the world but will sit at a moment's notice so as not to offend. She is so cute, and so wanting to please. What a great dog! We are very happy to have found her -- or did she find us?



11-046 Beaumont was unable to move, a frightened boy on the e-list at the **MCACCS** shelter. He was snatched from there by **AGR** and after vetting went to his forever home with Terry and Randy in Chandler. We absolutely love him! He is the sweetest boy ever! We recently lost both of our beloved Golden Retrievers of 15 years, **Scout** in February and

Bailey in August. We decided to contact **Arizona Golden Rescue** to help in our search for a new addition to our family. In the meantime, we rescued a 2-year-old Retriever mix from the shelter and decided **Kona** was going to be her name. Not long after that, we were presented with **Beaumont**, who is a 4-year-old Golden that was looking for the perfect home. We were very anxious for his arrival and met him at the car. He was beautiful and very excited! He quickly learned the lay of the land and settled in with his new sister **Kona**. We decided to change his name to **Shanley** but kept **Beaumont** as his middle name. He now gets a 2-mile walk every morning, has a warm soft bed to sleep on at night, a cool house to just hang out in and a swimming pool! He hasn't quite mastered the swimming pool but he does get in on the first step. One of **Shanley's** favorite things to do is give hugs. He stands on his two back legs and ever so gently puts his two front paws around your waist and puts his head on your stomach. He is a lover! As of September 5th, we added two more Golden Retrievers to our family. This time they are puppies, 8 weeks old, **Sedona** and **Winslow**. **Shanley Beaumont** absolutely

loves these two dogs. He is very happy and has made our family very happy! We are so blessed to have him in his forever home!



11-047 King is a handsome 6-year-old Golden who was found at the Maricopa County shelter. **AGR** got him out quickly before he had a chance to contract kennel cough. After vetting, he went to live the good life with members Marilyn and Mark in Flagstaff, with his brand new name: *We've decided to change his name to **Keegan**. When I hear the name "King" I just can't help thinking German Shepherd!*

*I have to say that **Keegan** is PERFECT! He walks beautifully on a leash and rides quietly in the car. He appears to be completely housetrained and he knows basic commands. He even knows how to retrieve a ball, but best of all he's a complete snuggle bug! He seems to be settling in well – he wags his tail most of the time, his coat already seems softer, and he's beginning to play-pounce on toys. He's a fantastic addition to our family.*

11-049 Sunny was sprung from the **Arizona Humane Society** after being turned in by his owner. At first we thought he might have hip problems, but most of his problems are from his excessive weight. **Sunny** was a great dog that quickly found his forever home with Jennifer and Brian in Anthem and is now known as **Duke**. ***Duke** came to us on August 1, 2011 as **Sunny**. After losing our beloved Golden Retriever **Rusty** in April at the young age of seven to valley fever, we were very worried and hesitant to take on another Golden so quickly. We knew without a doubt that we were going to adopt from **AGR** and give a Golden a new home full of love. It happened quickly, but we embraced everything full on. **Duke** has been perfect for us. He is a big boy but still has puppylike behavior. He has learned what is OK and not OK in our home and adjusted to his new name within just a few short weeks. After a strict diet of low calorie food and apples for treats, he is now weighing in at 100. We walk every single morning, and he is taking to being on the leash very well. He loves other dogs and children. Our family is a Golden Retriever family again! **AGR** is a wonderful group to adopt a dog from. They love the dogs until they can be placed in their forever homes. We are thankful that they helped us find our new best friend, **Duke**!*



11-050 Jessy was surrendered to **AGR** by owners who had her for less than one year. **Jessy** had recently had puppies and was having difficulties with peeing on the carpet, and they did not have time to train her. Otherwise, she was a great dog with kids and other animals. After vetting, **AGR** discovered that **Jessy** had valley fever, so she will have to stay on medication for a few months. Her new



family says **Jessy** is great. She has had no accidents in the house. She's totally housebroken, does not counter surf and has no bad behaviors. She is great with the family's three young children and even with the Guinea pig. She is the calmest, nicest dog they've ever had. And with her medication, **Jessy** is feeling better every day – she is less fatigued and is starting to fetch. The

family brought **Jessy** by one of our Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greets, and they all looked very happy!

11-051 Jaxx came to us through a Craig's List ad: *This little guy (70 pounds) needs a new home that has the time and attention to take care of him. His name is **Jaxx** and he is 2 years old this month, healthy and neutered. He loves everyone and gets along very well with other dogs. He is a very loyal companion. He still has a puppy spirit and loves to run around and wrestle*



*but never plays rough. Due to our living situation, we aren't able to give him the home he deserves. **Jaxx** was immediately placed with Alison and Mike and is living the good life in his new home in Sun City West. **Jaxx's** new family generously took care of his vetting bills and is very happy with their new Golden.*



11-055 Mylee was surrendered by owners who had kept her in the back yard or alone in the house because of a work situation. She was a "wild child" according to her transporters and really needed lots of leash work by her foster mom, Deb. Fortunately, a family came to one of our Glendale **Choice Pet Market** Meet-and-Greets that Deb brought **Mylee** to, fell in love with her immediately and filled out an application on

the spot. **Mylee** now has a new Golden brother and is living the good life with Bernie and Jean. Her family says, ***Mylee** took no time at all to become an integral member of the family. She has been a real joy and is adored by all she meets. She has adjusted very well to having an older, big brother **Sarj**. **Mylee** is a vocal little girl and works just like an alarm clock, bringing us a ball or another toy every morning and singing to us, bright and early. She has proven to be a real outdoors girl and loves to hike when it's cool enough. As the holidays approach, we look forward to introducing her to family and friends as they come to town for visits. We are overjoyed to have her in our lives and be her forever family.*

11-056 Mufasa was originally discovered on Craig's List by our Placement Manager, Michele. The owner had already sold him to



a family, but Michele gave her **AGR**'s information in case it didn't work out. It didn't – the family's 3-year-old daughter was scared of him, so they kept him in the back yard. He was named for the father lion in *The Lion King* by his surrendering family. When he was taken to **Kennel Care** for vet work, he tested positive for heartworm, an uncommon disease in

Arizona. Despite a nationwide shortage of the medication used to treat heartworm, immiticide, **Kennel Care** fortunately had a sufficient supply. **Mufasa** received two doses 24 hours apart and then had to be carefully monitored at his foster home, where he had to be kept isolated and without any stimulation (no visitors, no toys, no playing with other dogs, no running around the yard or swimming, etc.) for a month. During that time, he developed lung inflammation as a side effect of the treatment and had to have a 3-week course of prednisone and doxycycline. After a month at Deb and Larry's house, he was given the green light to meet and mix with their 4 resident Golden Retrievers, to play with toys, to swim, and to go for lengthy walks. He fit in so well with everyone that he decided he had to stay forever. In 4 more months when the time comes for him to be retested to be sure he has no trace of heartworm and can then be neutered, Deb will start bringing him to **AGR** events and pursue getting him certified as a therapy dog/reading dog. He loves everybody, gives kisses readily, is a cuddler and is quite calm and gentle for a 2-year-old. All the **AGR** Board members have now adopted a dog from **Arizona Golden Rescue**. It is ironic that the last one to do so is the founder and President!

11-057 Sara was a shelter girl who, after being spayed at the county shelter, went to one of our vets for all her remaining vet work. Her new family picked her up, but the next day she had to be taken to the emergency vet because she had become very sick. She ended up with peritonitis from the spay (she had been in heat at the time) and it was touch-and-go for a week,



but thanks to the great care she got at the **Emergency Animal Clinic** in Gilbert, she came through with flying colors. After rehabbing with a foster for a week, she finally made it home to her new forever family, Shannon, Bob and their children in Chandler. *Our family is absolutely delighted about the addition of our newest family member, Sara. Our children affectionately refer to her as "Sara Bear."* She has warmth and gentleness about her, and one look with those beautiful brown eyes could melt anyone's heart. *Sara is happiest when she is around her family and loves to get kisses and hugs from everyone. When Sara came to us, she needed some time to recover from illness and surgery, but after a few short weeks with our gang, she is now running and chasing tennis balls in the back*

yard. We feel so blessed to have her in our home and the love she brings to us every day!

11-059 Riley, a lovely senior Golden girl, came into Rescue because her owner died. She was staying in the house that her owner had rented, but the landlord wanted her gone so we immediately took her in and had her vetted. Her new owner, Jane, picked her up and took her to enjoy life up in Flagstaff. *She is a great dog! She is doing very well in her new home. I*



rent out my two children's rooms to Park Rangers who are going to the NAU Park Ranger program, and they love her, as well. So she has three people telling her how wonderful she is! (My cat is not quite so adoring, but Riley doesn't pay much attention to her. I think they'll work it out sometime soon.) We all love her and are so very happy she is here with us. She got her own name tag today at PetSmart, and I am signing up for classes there. I think she and I will love working together!



11-060 Harry was a young Goldendoodle found as a stray. The finder was a vet who generously did all of **Harry's** vet work including his neuter. Many interested families called in about **Harry**. After **Harry** spent a brief time at a foster, one of our previous adopters was chosen as the lucky family. **Harry** went to live with his forever family, Julie

and Todd and new Golden fur brother **Bentley**, in Peoria. His new family is thrilled to have him and there were no problems between **Harry** and **Bentley**. In fact, **Bentley** wanted to play with **Harry** but since **Harry** was wearing a cone at the time, he wasn't very receptive to **Bentley's** play bows. At one point, **Bentley** did manage to pull **Harry's** cone off and started to play keep away with it. **Harry**, who now is called **Watson**, is fast friends with **Bentley**, and everyone in his family is very happy.



Heroism, the Caucasian mountaineers say, is endurance for one moment more.

*~ George Kennan in Letter to Henry Munroe Rogers
[July 25, 1921]*

Diamonds in the Ruff
By Deb Orwig

Diamonds in the Ruff are rescued dogs that require **AGR** to spend at least \$1000 on their health care. In our August issue, we featured **10-046 Lucy**. We kept her comfortable as long as we could, but in late August her body systems began to shut down and she let us know it was time for her to go to the Bridge. We also featured **11-011 Prince** as our big-ticket dog for the second quarter. **Prince's** medical bills amounted to over \$2500. He is now a happy and healthy boy who has a very important job with the Youngtown Police Department as their new drug detection dog.

There are five dogs that have had significant medical costs during the past quarter.



Buster with his favorite pal, a Chihuahua named Kisses

11-021 Buster 2 had severe allergies when he came to **AGR**. We had allergy testing done, changed his food to a brand that contained none of his allergens, and he was placed on several different medications. That became very expensive for his prospective adopters to maintain, so we have been working with

a branch of **Dermatology Clinic for Animals** in Tucson to develop a less expensive long-term protocol. So far, his vet bills have exceeded \$1800.



Trina was a mess when **AGR** took her in

agnosed with tick fever, demodetic mange and tapeworm and was suffering from malnutrition. She had to be boarded at the vet's for the 30 days it took to clear up the tick fever and get a jump on the mange. After that, she was able to be spayed. While under anesthesia for the spay, the vet repaired an umbilical cord hernia and removed her detached dew claws, which

11-048 Trina, a young Golden mix, came to **AGR** in terrible shape. She had been rescued off the street in Buckeye. I picked her up there and transported her to **Kennel Care** where she was di-



Trina after rehabilitation

would have been a hazard to her, as they stuck straight out from her feet. Her vet costs were almost \$1100.

If you have read the *Magic Moments* section, you will already know the story of **11-057 Sara**, who almost died from sepsis that developed due to a bad spay. The **Emergency Animal Clinic** in Gilbert managed to save the life of this young, pretty Golden mix, but it cost **AGR** \$8180.



11-061 Maxx is a puppy who couldn't walk more than a few steps before sitting down. We knew right from the day of his intake that we would have to have surgery done on his hips. X-rays at the vet confirmed that he has the congenital deformity of no hip sockets. Dr. Pullen at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale determined that the best procedure for **Maxx** would be a femoral head ostectomy (FHO). However, his surgery had to be postponed for a week because upon shaving him during his pre-op, the vet discovered that **Maxx** had a severe case of puppy pyoderma, a condition of young dogs characterized by pustules of infection most notably on the hairless surface of the lower abdomen. The cause is bacteria that are normal inhabitants of the skin which are allowed by an immature immune system to penetrate into the pores and hair follicles of the skin, causing infection. Dr. Pullen said that to look at **Maxx**, you'd never know he has this going on, since it was only when he got shaved that they discovered it. The vet put **Maxx** on an IV antibiotic and then switched him to oral antibiotics when he went home later that day. Once **Maxx's** skin condition cleared up, he did have his first FHO done. So far, his vet bills have amounted to over \$2800. He will have another FHO in a couple of months.



11-062 Splash, a handsome 4-year-old, came to **AGR** with a limp and a hind leg that he hardly used. It turned out that he had some bone lesions in that leg caused by valley fever. The only thing we could do for him aside from starting him on flucanazole to treat the VF was

to have his leg amputated. He tolerated the surgery well and is now pain free for the first time since he contracted valley fever, which could have been a year or more ago. Except for his shaved haunch, it takes awhile to notice one hind leg is



missing, as **Splash** runs quite well without it. He is being adopted by his foster mom, Liz, has a new name, **Trip**, and is enjoying being part of the pack with her other four resident Golden. His vet expense was about \$2300.

If you can help with the expenses of any of our *Diamonds in the Ruff*, your donation will be acknowledged in the Diamond Donors section of our February newsletter.

Mary Engstrom wrote to tell us that **AGR** is listed this year as a choice for **United Health Group's** United Giving Campaign. There is a nice little "globe" attachment that brings you to the **AGR** homepage when clicked. When clicked one can see all the wonderful things **AGR** does! Perhaps the company you work for has such a choice for their annual giving program. Check it out!



Prince - A Life Transformed with Help from Arizona Golden Rescue

By Deb Orwig



If I could attach flashing lights and bells and whistles to this article, I would, as I have some very exciting news!

If you have read the last two issues of *The Golden Paw* newsletter, you know that near the end of March, **AGR** rescued a young (somewhere around 18 months old) male Golden who had been found as a stray in a dry riverbed near Tonopah and taken in by a person who had an animal hoarding problem. **AZ Small Dog Rescue** was contacted by the authorities to take some of the small dogs that were on the property. When they arrived to pick up the dogs, they found an emaciated German Shepherd Dog and this Golden. They called us to ask if we would take the Golden if they brought him to Phoenix; of course, we said yes.

Tony Cotner and I met the **AZSDR** transporter at **Bethany Home Animal Hospital** to get the Golden.



He was in terrible condition, with bite marks on his face and head, eye infections, open sores all over his body, half his fur gone and



very underweight at about 52 pounds. We high-tailed it over to our vet, **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital**. Dr. Val Ferguson examined him and told us he had sarcoptic mange – that's the kind that is extremely contagious to both dogs and humans. The treatment for this mange takes 4 weeks, so the dog, whom Tony named **Prince**, had to be isolated in my laundry room for that amount of time. I walked him on leash to do his business; otherwise he spent his time in an extra-large crate. I also had to give him medicated baths 3 times a week.

It became apparent early on that **Prince** had some digestive issues. After extensive and expensive testing, we found that he was allergic to a lot of common dog food ingredients (all the common grains, lamb, chicken and turkey, among other things), and he also was hypothyroid. He is now thriving on *Natural Balance Bison & Sweetpotato* formula. He is also taking soloxine daily for his thyroid condition.



Once the mange was gone, I was able to introduce him to my canine gang and he just fit right in. He loved being off leash in the back yard and went into ecstasy if the sprinklers went on or I turned the hose on – he would chase the hose water for as



long as I was willing to make it move. He learned to swim quickly and loved sitting or lounging on the top step in the pool. However, as soon as a tennis ball or pool Wubba was thrown in, he would go flying in to get it.

He was far more interested in people than in other dogs and even more interested in tennis balls. He would go after a thrown ball and bring it back as many times as I would be willing to throw it again. He was very quick to learn the basic "heel," "sit" and "wait" commands.



Near the end of July, I was getting ready to start training him on “stay” and “down” when I got a call from **AGR’s** Placement Manager, Michele Wehry. She had been contacted by **AGR** Member Joy Slagowski, a *Daily News-Sun* reporter, who, in turn, had been contacted by Sergeant Dave Evans, a member of the Youngtown Police Department. Michele said, “Deb, call Dave Evans right now (8:30 PM) and tell him about **Prince**. He’s looking for a dog to train as a narcotics detection dog.” So, I called Dave and told him I thought **Prince** had the right criteria to be trainable for such a job. At 9 PM, he came and picked up **Prince** and took him to the training facility in South Phoenix to test him. At 10:30 PM, when he came back by my house, he was trying, without much success, to temper his excitement, as he, too, thought **Prince** was a good candidate. **Prince** is very smart, very curious, high energy and obsessed with tennis balls – all good criteria for drug detection trainability.

Sergeant Dave took **Prince** home with him and they started training in earnest the next day. After only 3 ½ weeks of training, **Prince** was certified by the National Police Canine Association by passing a test that takes most dogs two months to pass! He officially started work the following Monday as Youngtown’s new narcotics detection dog! With only six police officers, one Chief and one investigator for a town of 30,000, manpower in the police department is at a premium. A trained drug detection dog can search out drugs far faster than a human, as his nose is 400 times more sensitive to odors. If he smells drugs and alerts on a vehicle or structure, that gives the police officer the right to search and make an immediate arrest if any drugs are found. Seized drugs are, of course, destroyed, but vehicles and any cash found become the property of the police department. Youngtown’s current drug detection dog, **Cisco** (at right), who has also been handled by Sergeant Evans but who was retired on September 19th, has brought in over \$100,000 in cash and 5 vehicles, including a \$30,000 car and a motorcycle. The vehicles can be auctioned off by the PD to raise more money. **Cisco** has paid for himself and his care many times over!



Liz Tataseo, Connie McCabe, Tony Cotner and I went to observe a training session on Thursday, August 11th and watched **Prince** search to find both marijuana and cocaine (they also have trained him to detect heroin and crystal meth). We were in a very large



Public Works garage that houses several trucks, golf carts, cabinets and the like with a lot of open floor space. **Prince** alerted on drugs that were hidden in one of the cabinets in about 7 seconds after Sergeant Dave gave him the “find it” command. It was incredibly impressive!

On Wednesday, August 17th, **Prince** passed the National Narcotic Drug Dog Association Test: four rooms with two drug finds in each room, three minutes for each room. There was a judge in town that certified him. He now has dual certifications with NPCA and NNDDA.



Only a week after being certified, **Prince** made his first bust, about 45 pounds of marijuana that was covered with coffee grounds, wrapped in plastic that was painted on the outside and packed in a shipping box – he still smelled the pot and alert-

ed on the box! Then, on September 23rd at about 2300 hours, several ICE agents and Sgt. Evans with Police K-9 **Prince** conducted a knock-and-talk on a house in Litchfield Park. As they approached the front door, **Prince** began sniffing the door seam and alerted on the front door. A Federal Search warrant was authored for the property due to **Prince’s** alert. During the execution of the search warrant, 450 pounds of marijuana were located along with \$10,000 in cash – the house was found to be a stash house for drugs! Also found inside the residence was a key target that was linked to a Mexican drug cartel; he was found to have an outstanding felony warrant for drug trafficking in the state of Arizona. **Prince** got a cheeseburger from McDonald’s on the way home.



On September 19th, **Prince** was introduced to Youngtown residents who attended a Town Meeting that was basically a retirement party for **Cisco**. About a dozen members of **AGR** attended and were just as proud as I was as I related his history to the audience.

When working, **Prince** will wear an official police department badge with an ID number on it, just like all the officers. He will also have a bullet-proof vest, which Sergeant Dave will put on him any time he feels a situation is dangerous enough to merit he, himself, putting one on. **Prince** and Sergeant Dave will be





This fabulous photo of Prince was taken by Connie McCabe; the full-color version is one of the photos in the September feature collage in our 2012 calendar

together 24/7/365, and when he is off duty, **Prince** will have **Cisco** to play with. What a great future for a wonderful dog!

We are so very proud of this throw-away dog that somebody dumped in the desert! You should be proud to be a member and/or supporter of the Rescue that saved this dog's life and be glad that we have worked hard to raise money enough to be able to spend \$2500 to get his health issues diagnosed and under control. We can now provide a healthy, beautiful Golden Retriever for this very important job.

We would like to thank the members of the Youngtown Police Department, as well as R.D. and Carol Evans, Sgt. Dave's dad and mom, for their generous donations to help **AGR** with **Prince's** medical expenses.



Tameeka's Story

By Michele Wehry



Ed. Note: In late July 2011, Michele Wehry received this message from Tina Eacret, Executive Director of *Friends of Animal Care & Control*: *Congratulations! Your submission of TAMEEKA/LILI for the 2011 Hero Awards has been selected to be one of our chosen award recipients. We received an overwhelming number of amazing submissions this year, leaving us with an extremely difficult decision. Yet your submission really stood out! We are so excited to invite "Lili" and two human guests to attend the 2011 Awards Ceremony on October 29, 2011 at 6 p.m., compliments of APS, sponsor of our HERO Dinners... Thank you so much for the time you took to put together your nomination submission and congratulations on having such a wonderful HERO who represents why we love animals so much.* Following is the story Michele submitted. At the time of **Tameeka's** rescue, Michele was Intake Coordinator for *Rescue A Golden of Arizona*.

It appears for the most part of our life we do, from day to day, control or at least try to create our own fate. Day to day we deal with "making it happen." Then in an instant, everything we're taught flies by the wayside, and we're thrown into the pool of "adhering to fate itself." This is the story of **Tameeka** and my journey finding her will, and it was clearly her will that was done, led all by her fate. I was a part of the most amazing bond between Mommy and her reunited babies. It was with the ultimate honor I witnessed this reunion, and realistically the one and only time I will have truly had this kind of experience – letting fate take its own course.

Tameeka and I started our adventure on Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 5:59 PM, when Denise, our shelter walker on the Westside, wrote a report to the shelter team: *Intake 8/16 Female, 3 years old. Looks like she just had a litter and was swollen with milk. She looked exhausted and wouldn't even raise her head for me. Poor baby! She's a beauty. I notified the front desk about my concern. She put down for her to be vet checked. Available 8/20. 8/19 AM - Kennel #238, is there and still looking miserable and depressed;* it was noted that this poor little girl would not be adopted out for she had mastitis.

Saturday, August 19, 2006 AM: It was my catch-up day for yard work and cleaning the house. At 4:20 PM near the end of my day, however, I received the call that our little mommy, now known as **Tameeka**, was ready to be released from the shelter. The goal in working with the shelters is to get the dogs out as fast as possible, thereby making room for yet another dog that may have a chance at another day in the shelter. So, as grubby as I was, I raced to find this girl a quick home out of the shelter. Vets full, boarding not an option, and a dog "unknown" can't be placed in just any home. Like storybook heroes, my neighbors, Ann and her husband Tony, were happy to take her in. I jumped into my car to make it to Westside **MCACCS** by 5 PM.

As I drove into the shelter driveway, I realized I didn't have any of **Tameeka's** personal information – I only knew she was a three-year-old mommy. As I approached the smiley face at the window inside the shelter, I explained that I was there for the Golden-mommy New Hoped to **RAGofAZ**. As if they were waiting on my uninformed self to walk in the door, and with a restrained little snicker under her breath, the clerk had the paper work ready and said **Tameeka** was ready to go. Bless them. I grabbed the paper-work and headed for the receiving dock. It was the end of the day. The kennels were all spotless, most of the dogs were sleeping, for it's exhausting trying to be the best of the best all day for that one chance at a forever home. The staff retrieved one little lady, while I obtained her leash, collar, and tag. Returning, I heard a voice raised and it said, "She's not moving!" I turned the corner to find **Tameeka** flat as a pancake on the floor and not moving. If she weren't so terrified, I'd have found it funny. The staff woman gently wrapped the leash around **Tameeka's** mouth with a "Just in case," as the dog's temperament was unknown at that moment; with a quick shot for rabies all was done. That same leash used

as a muzzle one minute became her harness in the next, and with some coaxing I got her to the car. Once in the car she lay dead silent. I could see her in the rear view mirror panting like she'd just run a 10K. I explained to her that this is only her beginning, and as I drove away I turned up the radio to comfort her. I could see in her eyes she needed to be somewhere.

We both made it safely to her foster mommy's house. I opened the gate of the truck and she refused to leave. I lifted her out and coaxed her into the house. My first impression was that she'd been a backyard breeder's dog. She was frozen in a stand once in the house. She taught me differently as time went on. I left her for the night too frightened to move but with the hope the night would bring her some happiness – it brought her steak! Yes, foster mom was on the way to buying **Tameeka's** happiness through her stomach, as all good moms do. While **Tameeka** did get the courage to move around, it wasn't an investigative move – she was hunting for something. The morning after her arrival, I was called at 7 AM by her foster mom. She shared that Tony, foster dad, spent the entire night up trying to make **Tameeka** secure. It was apparent all night she was seeking her babies, as well as any way she could find to get out. She had a mission, and she clearly was not about to give up on it.

Sunday morning after a night of my own tossing and turning, I decided that **Tameeka** and I would go find her puppies whether they were dead or alive. I knew they'd have to be young, for if they were old enough to be taken from their mommy, she'd clearly not be so panicked, depressed, and desperate to find them. Convinced that **Tameeka** wanted to find those puppies, I was going to give her the chance at whatever cost, because it was closure for her. Denise was going to Westside, and I asked if she'd ask for a general location of her pick up. The shelter gave her the information, and she relayed it to me. On such short notice, I couldn't find anyone to go with me. For a moment, I wondered if it were the right thing to do. Then I remembered one little girl that sure wasn't ready to give up, so what right had I?

I called Ann and explained a foster had been found and I'd be taking **Tameeka** there right after we took a drive to Surprise [from east Scottsdale] to look for her puppies. Ann said **Tameeka** had regressed back to a severe depression, not wanting to move. I explained that she needed to drag her out and tell her we were going to find her pups and I won't have her wetting in my car. Ann giggled and informed me I was looking for a needle in a haystack. I agreed and noted that we at least had the haystack. Within minutes all talk became **Tameeka** and my journey. As if she knew the English language, I could see in her eyes we'd be finding her babies one way or another. I brought an empty box with ice packs. I just happened to have my puppy crate in the car given back to me that very same morning. We were set, and **Tameeka** was ready. And I was in full prayer for any sign of closure for this poor girl separated from her babies.

The first forty-five minutes of the ride went exactly like this: *God, I never ever ask for anything... This time I'm asking HUGE, please, please, please let **Tameeka** find her babies. It's fine, alive, dead, sick, whatever she finds, it's totally fine, BUT please guide her. It's you and her – I just can't help with this. **Tameeka?** We're going to find your babies **Tameeka**. Okay, God, Please please let her do this. Just this once, God, she needs to find those babies. **Tameeka?** We're going to find your babies **Tameeka**. God, I never ever ask for anything... This time I'm asking HUGE, please, please, please let **Tameeka** find her babies. It's fine, alive, dead, sick, whatever she finds, it's totally fine, BUT please guide her. It's you and her I just can't help with this. **Tameeka?** We're going to find your babies **Tameeka**. Okay, God, Please please let her do this. **Tameeka?** We're going to find your babies **Tameeka**. Just this once, God, she needs to find those babies.* During the entire trip, I'm bargaining with God on how He just has to do this for this poor girl sitting up staring at every move the car is making like she is my back seat navigator – without her we'd have never found her babies.

After an hour's drive, we arrived on Grand Avenue and drove north as Mapquest indicated. It said four miles up I should run into a certain street to make a right. I drove about five miles and hit Bell Road, and while my mind was off running with the thought that maybe I can just take Bell back to the freeway, **Tameeka** started moving relentlessly all over the car. Digging to get out, climbing on the window. Just a brat dog. I thought, "Oh, fine time to have to potty, too bad, we're looking for your puppies." As the light changed to green, I passed through the intersection and continued north. I noticed she'd stopped her moving and again sat still, watching my driving. After about 9 miles I decided I must have missed the street. I turned around and found myself crossing Bell again in search of a street that in the end doesn't even meet Grand. Again, as soon as we got to the south side of Bell, **Tameeka** started jumping all over the place, trying to chew her chain, and pushed herself between the crate and the door. This was a rough neighborhood. I explained to her that I was not going to stop here even for her potty hour. As we continued, I told her I'd find the next gas station and ask if anyone knew any of the streets. Again, once out of that area she sat down like any of the best statues out there.

We found a gas station, and I start asking around. Why in the world should I expect anyone to know their neighborhood? I even found the **Cox** man, and he explained he uses Mapquest... I told him to find another directory. By now we were falling into the second hour of our journey, and I took a minute to reflect on what a crazy person I am looking for a street that doesn't exist (or at least the way Mapquest had it), with a dog that has mood swings, to a place where I won't know where to go when I get there. Staring into my rear view mirror however, I saw the look on **Tameeka's** face – the same look found in the eyes of a child when they bring home that report card that just isn't going to make the right kind of news. It looks like fear, hope, sadness, courage, desperation,

and all this combined with the tenacity needed to confront the issue. As I glanced back, all I could say was, "One more time **Tameeka**, one more time." **Tameeka** was now on all fours with her tail wagging and smiling huge like I'd just said we were off to *Dairy Queen* and she understood it.



We wound up again in this rough neighborhood. I decided to turn right at the point **Tameeka** started her nuttiness. OH MY GOSH! I'd still not seen the sign with the name I'd been looking for all that time, but I did from the corner of my eye see the next street to turn left on. From that point on we were really on our mission. As I drove through the streets, **Tameeka** was looking through the window like, "Yup, that's it, Yup, that's it!" If I hadn't been so nervous about where I was taking us, the look on her face would've been hysterical. It clearly was not the neighborhood I seek to walk through. I finally got to "The Street." I knew it was the street, and I made a right. **Tameeka** was now just beside herself in happiness. I continued down the road checking on **Tameeka** in the rear view mirror, and as I looked back at her she was in a sit suddenly and she had that face on that says, "You are an idiot, do I need to draw you a map?" I knew then that I'd blown it, and that if I didn't turn around she'd pass out from not breathing. So, off with a U-turn and back down the road. As I drove, I was still challenged with my fear as I'd just passed about 15 young men that looked a bit rough, but we were way too into this now to quit.

As I passed the men again, **Tameeka** was now on all fours, her tail going uncontrollably. All I could say was "**Tameeka?** You're not really going to make me stop here, right?" She planted her paws on the window and looked at me with a huge smile and her tail going. What was I to do? She wanted me to stop. So, in front of this totally unkempt house, sink in the yard, beer bottles broken everywhere, half the fence down, yard unmowed in years, an old ratty table, chairs just thrown all over the yard on the south, all those guys down the street to the east looking at me like I'm lost, and on the north an old empty rundown field of what looked to be a homeless living lot... I parked the car. I took a moment to accept the fact I'm certified crazy (isn't acceptance the first step to recovery?) and we moved on. As I took that step out of my car, I began to understand that my need to help her was so much stronger than my fear of what might be.



I approached the gate and lifted it. I immediately tightened my grip on **Tameeka's** leash, because she was certainly not that depressed dog we'd all been upset over. I barely had the time to close the gate and think that my car might be missing when we find these pup-

pies, when she just started running with her tail in full swing, and I, well, in second place. She knew exactly where we were going, and for the first time, like those guided by their guide dog, I trusted that we would make it to her destination. She decided we were taking the lot to our north. There were several boarded-up trailers with the skirts torn off. All along I'm saying over and over, "**Tameeka** take me to your babies." She led me over a downed fence and through the field, behind the trailers, and around them I see people at a duplex in the distance. I saw one dog running loose, three dogs chained, and what looked like a nice enough Hispanic woman walking yet another dog. There was a very slender dark-skinned man with his head focused on an engine in a car, and far in toward the houses sat a very skinny elderly man absorbing the summer day.



As we approached, I was feeling a bit concerned, as I did see a dog free and they had several others. Closer now, that same woman walking the dog was looking at me. I noticed her speaking to the man attempting to fix the car and then both their eyes focused on me. I quickly got the feeling, "They know something I don't." **Tameeka's** behavior indicated she knew them, but she was not there for a visit... She was looking for her puppies. The woman then approached me and I smiled, introduced myself and asked if she knew anything about this dog. She said yes. I explained the current events and told her I was looking for her puppies, does she know where they are? She said yes and that she had them. I asked if they were okay? She said yes and took me closer into the area of their homes. She went to a door and called for her son, who spoke more English than she. I went through the whole adventure with him. I told him I was with a Rescue and that **Tameeka** needed to know the babies were okay. The son explained everything to his mother. Then she said she'd already found homes for these five-week-old puppies, but that if I wanted to see them I could. All I could say was "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" By this time there were several children outside, too, and she walked me over yet to another home. She opened the sliding glass door and out ran five little puppies right onto their mommy.

I just started bawling, as I had prepared myself the entire trip for the worst. I just started hugging everyone and saying thank you, thank you, thank you. I was hugging the kids, mom, dad, grandpa, anyone and everyone, and I explained that I'd really thought I'd find dead puppies. The face on **Tameeka** was incredible and moving for all of us. She had found her babies. I bent down and looked her in the eyes and told her what a good girl she was, and that "I told you we'd find your babies." In response, she lifted her paw and placed it on my hand. I will never ever forget that. I was now looking at two Golden pups, a black long-haired pup, and two what-looked-like-Yellow-Lab pups. I thanked them again and explained that I

knew they probably thought I was a crazy woman, but that that was just fine because I had certified myself back at the car. As I turned to walk away, the woman expressed I should take one puppy. I asked if she was sure, and she said yes. I explained it would have to be a Golden because we are a Golden Rescue and with that she smiled at me and told me she had two. I thought she meant to choose one, but she meant for me to take two. Well, again, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" and I let them know how good they were to give to **Tameeka** all she wanted... her puppies.



With puppies in tow, all insisted they help me back to the car with **Tameeka** and these tiny little critters that would now be known as **Shamus** (the male, named as a dedication to baby Ann lost years ago) and **Faith** (the female, named by Ann). The neighborhood sure looked different on the way back to the truck. I didn't notice the car was still parked in front of the house with a sink or that those boys had left. As we walked through that same field, it all felt like **Disneyland** to **Tameeka** and me. **Tameeka** walked like she'd just won the lottery. She paid no mind to those who helped us – they were only a contact for her. She clearly had a goal and that was to leave with puppies. It didn't seem to matter that we didn't have all the puppies; she was ecstatic with what we had. The ride home was so different from that on the way there. She lay silent, her nose pressed against the crate just enough to smell her puppies, and slept the entire time, although I'm not sure how with all the screeching sounds coming from the pups. Every so often, however, she'd open her eyes and look again to see that it really wasn't a dream... She'd found her puppies.

"Okay, now what?" We had a foster for **Tameeka**, but no one had said anything about two crying, chewing, playful, and always-eating energetic pups to him. I decided I'd better start where the story began and headed home to get everyone out of the heat and myself on the phone to one unsuspecting foster on how I'm about to change his tomorrow. I couldn't at this point take everyone into my house, so I ran to my neighbor Joyce and asked if she'd baby-sit. Of course, when you live in the best neighborhood in Arizona your neighbors are always there in an instant. Ann and Tony (photo at right), **Tameeka's** overnight fosters, joined us as well. We spent a moment with the puppy breath, and I was off to see if she was still welcome in her foster home. I'm sure Tom will never forget the conversation... He was quick to say, "Yes, bring **Tameeka**," over before I'd said a word. I let him continue on and waited for that pause, and I replied "Tom, things have changed a bit." A bit, I thought to myself? Two puppies is not "a bit." I'm exaggerating here, but I was comforted by the fact I wasn't asking him to take all five puppies, just two. The line was pretty quiet for a moment, and I asked again if he'd mind two pups in tow as well, and with that he replied, "My daughter will



LOVE it!" It was at that moment I knew, just knew, I had lost all control of the day, of our adventure, and of fate itself. The day played out the way the day was intended, the way **Tameeka's** day was intended, and I couldn't have felt any more proud about it.



Michele with pups
and happy **Tameeka**

I'm not sure how many times in life we're handed that "moment of a lifetime," but I'm sure this was one of them. We started the adventure into the Unknown all on account of a dog desperately trying to communicate she needed her babies. I'm glad I was the one listening. I'm glad **Tameeka** never gave up. If one instance along our way had been different, it couldn't have happened. **Tameeka** was a very lucky girl from the moment she was picked up by the shelter to the moment she turned from her past merrily, however, not without her puppies! My Rescue work can never measure to the experience of happiness on this one!

WHAT A FEELING!

I'll never bring about world peace. I won't single handedly save the rain forest. I'm not a brain surgeon and I'll never transplant an organ to save a life. I don't have the ear of a powerful politician or world power. I can't end world hunger. I'm not a celebrity, and God knows I'm not glamorous! I'm not looked up to by millions around the world. Very few people even recognize my name. I'll never win the Nobel prize. I'll never end global warming. There are a lot of things that I'll never do or become. But, today I placed a dog!

It was a small, scared, bundle of flesh and bones that was dropped off in a shelter by unfeeling people who didn't care what happened to it, but yet who were responsible for it even having existence in the first place. I found it a home.

It now has contentment and an abundance of love, a warm place to sleep and plenty to eat. Two little boys have a warm fuzzy new friend who will give them unquestioning devotion and teach them about responsibility and love. A wife and mother has a new spirit to nurture and care for. A husband and father has a companion to sit at his feet at the end of a hard day of work to help him relax and enjoy life and give him a sense of security that when he is gone all day there is a protector and a guardian in his home to keep watch over his family.

No, I'm not a rocket scientist. But today, I made a difference! I am a rescuer. I am a hero!

~ Author Unknown

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



10-046 Lucy

Duke Wayne Ament



Sandy Begley-Doyle



Russ T Blue



Copper Hubler



Tuxedo Calta

Max Carter



Honeybear Cotner



Daisey Engelhardt



Sam Winsberg

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.



Brandi Tataseo



HERE and THERE

Events from July 3, 2011
through October 8, 2011

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

Arizona Jack Russell Rescue; AZ Saint Bernard Rescue; Banner Good Samaritan Paws 4 Hope Dog Therapy Program; Canine Companions for Independence; Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry; Fallen Feathers; Gabriel's Angels; Lost Paws Sterilization, Education, and Rescue; MinPin Haven Rescue; R.E.S.C.U.E.; and Toy Fox Terrier Rescue.

Because Tony Cotner generously purchased 15 tickets (thank you, Tony!) that we couldn't even give away, we were able to set up a booth in the **US Airways Center** foyer during the pre-game festivities. We had our merchandise there for sale and our literature, of course. We were allowed to have only one dog represent the group – Sheila Joyce graciously joined us with **McKenna** (photo at left), who proudly wore one of our donation vests and schmoozed the incoming crowd for two hours,



collecting \$50.97; we also sold \$139.57 in merchandise. The donations and sales covered the expense to **AGR** of \$100 and we made some extra bucks with a few ticket sales, but not enough to cover the \$250 cost for the booth space. Most likely, we will not participate in this event again in the future if we have to



For her efforts at collecting donations, McKenna got to pick out a toy; she also got a massage from *Hands on Dog* and was so relaxed afterward she had to be helped off the table!



sell tickets to a game to have the booth there.

Besides Sheila, who did not stay to

watch the game, **AGR** members who came to the game included Crystal Blaker, Tony Cotner, Gail and Dana Haywood, Jodi and Jay Koblick, Deb and Larry Orwig, and Kathi and Bob Youhas.

Some say life is too short, others say it is too long, but I know that nothing we do makes sense if we don't touch the hearts of others.
~ Anon.



**Phoenix Mercury
Dog Days of Summer**

By Deb Orwig



The Mercury's very talented Hip Hop Squad does a terrific performance in the foyer before the game

The **Phoenix Mercury** hosted its 5th annual **Dog Days of Summer** game on Sunday, July 10th. The team took on the **Tulsa Shock** at **US Airways Center** with tipoff at 3 p.m. Unfortunately, this date was also the date of the major league baseball All-Star Sunday game hosted by the **Arizona Diamondbacks** at **Chase Field** and **Fan Fest** at the **Phoenix Convention Center**, so the basketball crowd was smaller than it might otherwise have been for a Sunday afternoon game.

A canine-focused festival took place prior to the basketball game beginning at 1 p.m. in the **Casino Arizona Pavilion**, with 27 animal-

friendly vendors and rescue organizations on hand. Participating businesses included: **43rd Ave Animal Hospital**; **Dermatology for Animals**; **Eye Care for Animals**; **Furbabies Delectable Delights**; **Hands on Dog**; **Howland Studios**; **Hug N Pups Pet Grooming Salon**; **Natural Paws**; **PALS**; **Pete and Mac's Recreational Resort for Pets**; **Spectrum Labs**; **The Pet Club** – Tolleson; **The Synthetic Grass Store**; and **Villa La Paws Resort and Spa**. Participating animal rescue and nonprofit organizations included: **Arizona Adopt-a-Greyhound**; **Arizona Golden Rescue**;



Dana, Kathi and Tony at the booth



Chase Field Community Corner

By Deb Orwig

During the past quarter, we were invited to have a small group of members and dogs at the Community Corner twice during a **Diamondbacks** game at **Chase Field**. This year, due to unruly dogs from some other rescue group that had been there earlier in the season, we were told we could have only three dogs at each appearance. The **Chase Field** employees who came by the Community Corner while we were there all commented on how well-behaved our dogs were – well, of course, they are Golden Retrievers (or have Golden hearts)! Our thanks to Sarah Martin for making the contact with the Community Corner personnel and scheduling the dates for us.



First shift: Dave with Sage, Jackie with Rex, Sarah with Bunny and Sheila with McKenna

with people coming by the entire time before, during and after the game. As usual, there was a lot of interest in our dogs and our organization and, as usual, several kids spent almost the entire game with us petting the dogs while very tolerant parents stood and watched the game on



The kids love being around the dogs; the tolerant parent (legs) just watches the game on the video monitor

one of the video monitors. We distributed a lot of literature. We also came home with a signed photo of pitcher Ian Kennedy, a 21-game winner for the **Diamondbacks** this season – the person who won the drawing for this free raffle had not put a name on the ticket nor come to the Community Corner during the 7th inning (or afterward) to claim the photo. We will use the picture in a raffle of our own some time in the future. Attending this game as representatives of **Arizona Golden Rescue** during the first shift were Dave and Jackie Engelhardt with **Rex** and **Sage**, Sheila Joyce, who brought **McKenna** and the set-up materials (literature, business cards and banner) and Sarah Martin with **Bunny**. The second shift included

Our first visit during the season was on a Friday night, July 22nd. We'd never been to a Friday night game and were not sure what to expect, but it was an excellent crowd! We were stationed very near the front entrance to the first floor concourse and quite close to several of the food concessions. It was a great spot,



Second shift: Gail and Dana with Riley, Hayden and Ladybird

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Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley** and Deb Orwig with **Hayden** and **Ladybird**. We had a grand time at this **Diamondbacks** game and collected \$464.20! We may very well request to be at a Friday night game again!

Our second appearance was during a Sunday afternoon game on August 28th. The Community Corner had been relocated back to its original spot on the first floor all the way around near right field, sort of an out-of-the-way area except for the people who had seats in the bleachers. Robert and Ingrid Wilson took the set-up materials down and brought **Jazzy** and **Sadie**. Sarah Martin joined them for the first shift with **Bunny**. The second shift consisted of Jackie Sigafoose with **Colby**, Rich Stolz with **Riley** and Cindy Tigges with **Charm**. The dogs collected \$416.79, which was terrific considering the location of the Community Corner!



Rich with Riley, Jackie with Colby, Ingrid with Sadie, Sarah with Bunny, Robert with Jazzy and Cindy with Charm

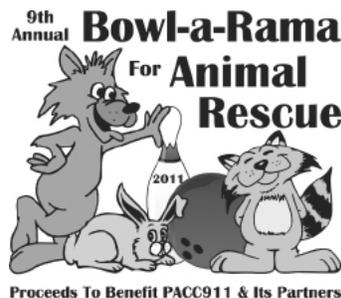


Thanks to all who represented **AGR** at these games!



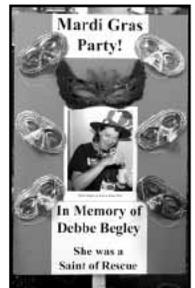
PACC911's Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue

By Teri Guilbault



Proceeds To Benefit PACC911 & Its Partners

We had a terrific Bowl-a-Rama this year! It was held on Saturday, August 6th, at the **AMF Scottsdale Lanes** on Thomas Road in Scottsdale. Our theme this year was "Debbe's Mardi Gras" – all the donations collected were dedicated to





The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund. We had our table decorated with purple, green and gold masks and had fabulous feather masks for everyone to wear. Everyone who came out for the event was dressed up in fun Mardi Gras finery and wore colors of purple, green or gold. Our



President, Deb Orwig, had her very own Mardi Gras jester's costume and was she ever a hoot! She sashayed around the bowling alley passing out Mardi Gras beads to everyone. Debbe would have been so proud! We won first place for the



cheer which we sang to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In," and second place for costumes, which garnered us a total prize of \$150 from **PACC 911**! Our bowlers this year were (left to right in photo) Bert Engstrom, Teri Guilbault, Larry Orwig,

Mary Jo Courtney, and Joyce Hubler. Cheering on our bowlers were Mary Lynn Ament, Tony Cotner, John Courtney, Patrick Doyle, Mary Engstrom, Sally Fetherston, Gail and Dana Haywood, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig, Liz Tataseo and Kathi and Bob Youhas. We raised a total of \$2,688.66 in addition to the \$150 from **PACC911**.



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To the tune of "When The Saints Go Marching In"
Cheer written by Teri Guilbault

We're **AGR**
We're **AGR**
We're **AGR** and we rescue dogs
We are **Arizona Golden Rescue**
And we're bowling for our dogs

They're Golden Retrievers
Golden mixes, too
They're blond and gold and rust
They are Arizona Golden rescues
and in us they place their trust

Debbe was a saint
Who marched right in
To raise money for our dogs,
She was an asset to our Rescue
and will be forever loved

So let's give a cheer for all our dogs
and let's show them that we care
Bowl-a-Rama helps our Rescue
and **PACC911** is always there!

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Avondale Senior Center

By Deb Orwig



On August 29th, I was invited by Frances McCoy, Recreation Director for Avondale's Senior Services, to give a presentation about **AGR** at the **Avondale Senior Center**. I brought **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird** and **Troy** and spoke for about

a half hour while the dogs roamed around the room collecting smiles and pets from the 50 or so people in attendance. Several of the seniors seemed to be interested in the possibility of adopting an older canine companion. It was a fun outing.



Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

By Teri Guilbault



Our third annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament* was held at **Camelback Golf Club** on Saturday, September 24th. Although it ended up being hotter than we were hoping (can't fight the weather!), it was a huge success! Our 106 registered golfers were greeted with smiling faces by volunteers Karin Forsythe and Bryan Fox, who checked everyone in and directed them to the foyer and Latilla Room where the amazing silent auction and raffle items were displayed.



Teri Guilbault

was on hand to sell raffle tickets and Mulligans for all our guests who wanted to purchase them, and Katie Donahue (at left) sold tickets for our 50/50 raffle.



Karin, Teri and Bryan



In front: Deb with Rocky and Hayden and Tony with Daisy; behind, Dana with Riley and Sarah with Ladybird

AGR president, Deb Orwig, led the opening parade with **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird** and **Troy**, together with Tony Cotner and **Daisy**; Katie Donahue with **Joe, Ginger** and **Jake**; Dave and Jackie Engelhardt with **Rex** and **Sage**; and Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; and Sarah Martin brought up the rear.

In order to get the golfers to actually look in their goodie bags (which had been placed on the carts by the **Camelback** staff) to see all the great stuff we packed in them, Deb had hidden a marked golf



ball in one of the goodie bags. The golfer who found the ball was given a sizable handful of appetizer cards to several different restaurants. After a few thank you remarks by Deb and Shiloh Hagey, the Director of Golf at **Camelback**, the golfers happily took off in their carts to have a fun afternoon chasing the little white ball!

Connie McCabe was there all day taking terrific photos. You can view them at http://www.kodakgallery.com/gallery/sharing/shareRedirectSwitchBoard.jsp?token=4778697240103%3A552690011&sourceId=533754321803&cm_mmc=Share_-_Personal_-_Email_-_Sharee_-_Top



Connie saying hello to Andy Formato, one of our top tournament sponsors, who came from New York to play golf with us

Upon returning from their afternoon of golf, our guests were served a lovely buffet dinner consisting of tossed salad and crusty breads, chicken piccata, baked lasagna, garlic mashed potatoes, steamed veggies and trays of cookies and



brownies for dessert. In Debbe Begley's memory, a slice of her personal dessert favorite, tiramisu, was shared by our Board members (left to right in photo at left) Teri Guilbault, Dana Haywood, Liz Tataseo, Katie Donahue and Deb Orwig.



First Place: Bruce and Jeff

Deb thanked the golf committee members for their hard work, and then presented the awards to the golfers. (By then, though, several of the golfers had left, so not all the teams are complete in the photos.) The group of Jeff Guilbault, Bruce Lavalley, Kirk Nielsen and Nick Nielsen took first place with a low score of

56; each team member was presented with a \$100 gift certificate to **Marcellino's Ristorante**. Second place was won by Greg Williams' team (right); each team member was presented with a \$75 gift certificate





to **Pomo Italian Eatery**. Third place was won by Team Cho (left), all of whose members received \$50 gift cards to **The Cheesecake Factory**. Longest drive for women was won by Karen Scheer; longest drive for men was won by Randy Blunt; closest to the pin for women was Ali Hodjati; and closest to the pin for men was Dwayne Fontenot. All of



Longest drive winners: Randy and Karen

Closest to the Pin, Men (above): Dwayne Fontenot with Deb; Women (below), Ali Hodjati (don't ask)

these winners received \$50 restaurant gift certificates. We also presented the team



with the highest score, Pinky Eschenbacher, Amy Basich, Scott McClain and Rebecca McClain (photo above left), with cans of tennis balls.

Then it was time to start the silent raffle and auction. Both the foyer and the Latilla Room were filled with fabulous items for auction and raffle. As usual, the "Snack Attack!" raffle was the most popular, with the 1.7 cu ft refrigerator a close second;



a trip on the Verde Valley Railroad was also a hot item. In the silent auction, the many golf outings sold well, but the big ticket items of "Dinner Out Once a Month for a Year" (at left, Connie looking at Dinner Out display that she created) and a **Brinkman** Dual Gas-and-Charcoal Grill with all the accouterments (photo above) were the top sellers. Our own Eileen Proctor was on



Eschenbacher generously donated her winner's half back to the organization (right).

hand to stir up the bidding with her unbeatable auction style. The 50/50 Raffle to benefit **The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund** netted \$723. **AGR** ended up getting the entire amount, as Pinky



The day went well, and reports are that everyone had a great time. After expenses, the event netted a total of \$27,824.98 which will go a long way to help incoming dogs!

Our golf tournament is one of our major fundraising events and is quite an undertaking. The income derived from this event is what pays our ever-increasing vet bills. It cannot happen without the countless hours and hard work of all of the volunteers. Co-Chairing the event were Rich Calta and Teri Turner (at right). The auction, raffle and administration were handled by Deb Orwig and Teri Guilbault, with a great deal of help from Liz Tataseo. Connie McCabe used her amazing talent to produce all of the graphics, signage and photos. Also on the Committee was Sarah Martin who secured donations, helped with preparation and volunteered all day at the tournament.



Carrie Pulis is an ASU student who is taking an independent studies course that requires involvement in an organization; Carrie wanted to work with dogs because, living away from home, she misses her family's two rescued Golden's; we appreciated her help with the dogs that were at the tournament

Many other volunteers gave generously of their time and talents to help gather donations, assemble baskets, stuff goody bags, load and transport all of the stuff to and from the event, staff the registration, raffle/auction and merchandise sales tables, drive the water carts, and stay until everything was all cleaned up. Our sincere thanks go to all of these great people. This year's volunteer team included, in addition to those named above, Mary Lynn Ament, Bill and Linda Atkinson, Beth Chaffee, Tony

Cotner, Nick Dodson, Dave and Jackie Engelhardt, Cristi Erickson, Rachel Forsythe, John Gunby, Julie Hall, Jim Henkel, Larry Jessup, Tahana Kerns, Jodi Koblick, Linda Milner, Dave and Jeannette Morrocco, Erin Orwig, Eileen Proctor, Ruth Pulliam, Carrie Pulis, Beverly and Jessica Ruth, Ingrid and Robert Wilson, and Bob and



Team Calta included Andy Formato (second from right) and Rich Calta, (far right), our two Tournament Sponsors

Kathi Youhas. We also very much appreciate the **AGR** members who golfed in the tournament: Rich Calta (and numerous friends), Jon and Beth Chaffee, Pinky Eschenbacher, Jeff Guilbault, Jim Henkel, Larry Jessup, Julie and Kory Kosier, Don Krause, Dave



Beth and Jon Chaffee (at right) brought friends Gene and Valerie Mylowe; Beth's *State Farm Insurance* business sponsored a hole

Morocco, and Teri and Rob Turner all swung their clubs. Almost all of these folks brought other golfers and/or someone to have dinner with us.



Kory and Julie Kosier (at right) brought friends Michelle and Scott Strei; the Kosiers' business, *Glendale Steel Supply*, sponsored a hole

Without all of you, this event could not have happened.



Jim Henkel (second from left) brought a friend, Ali, and Jim's son Eric, and golfed with Larry Jessup (far right); the Henkels and Jessup became friends through their volunteer work with *AGR*



Even though Dave Morrocco (second from left) and Don Krause (far right) did not know each other before the tournament, these two *AGR* members had a good time golfing together



Team *Michaels Wilder*, the company Connie McCabe works for, has sponsored a hole every year



Erin Orwig drove a golf cart around all afternoon to deliver cold water and neck coolers to the golfers; she donated all her tips to *AGR*

Our volunteer base is the foundation of our success. Thank you all so much! We are looking forward to next year!



Ikona Capital, owned by Rich Calta and Andy Formato, was our major tournament sponsor

In addition to the above-noted volunteers, there are several other people who helped with the tournament in one way or another. *Arizona Golden Rescue* would especially like to thank:

- All our fabulous hole sponsors
- Tony Cotner for his donation toward the meal cost, which allowed us to offer the dinner to nongolfers at a reasonable price
- Cristi and Steve Erickson and Larry Jessup for lending us their trailers
- Shiloh Hagey and the staff at *Camelback Golf Club* for their generous support and help
- Ashley Didea, *J.W. Marriott Golf Grill* catering manager
- For their help in securing some donations: Bob Hamer, *Phoenix Mercury* and *Phoenix Suns*; Shiloh Hagey, Director of Golf at *Camelback Golf Club*; and Steve Yank, Branch Mgr. at *Chase Bank*, 5940 W Union Hills Dr, Glendale
- Many *AGR* members and supporters for soliciting and/or donating items
- Teri Guilbault, Sarah Martin, Jan Newland and Liz Tataseo for help with basket assembly

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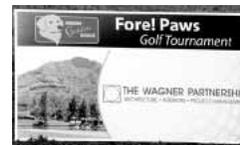
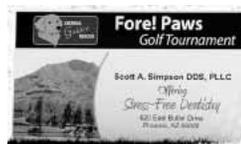
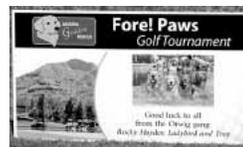
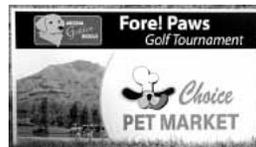
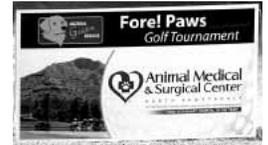
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Meet-and-Greets at Choice Pet Market

By Deb Orwig

During the summer, **AGR** had six appearances at the **Choice Pet Market** store in Glendale on July 23rd, August 7th and 19th, September 3rd, and October 1st; Teri Guilbault chaired the October



1st date, as I was over at the new store in North Scottsdale, where we were invited to be present at the Grand Opening. The North Scottsdale store is in a fabulous location! There are many food establishments in the shopping center, along with a **Fry's Signature Grocery** and many other businesses that will

be a good draw for people to visit **Choice Pet Market**. We hope we can establish a regular presence there next year, as well as at the Glendale store. All scheduled dates at both locations are on our website events calendar. Please check to see if you can attend. We'd love to have your company!

We thank the store personnel for always welcoming us so warmly whenever we go. We really appreciate their support and for donating a \$50 gift card to the group after each of our appearances.



Gail, Riley, Dana, Teri and Goldie

Members who have helped out at the Glendale store during the past quarter include Mary Lynn Ament with **Hoagie** and **Winslow**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Teri Guilbault with **Blossom** or **Goldie**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Jodi Ko-



Ingrid, Tony, Liz, Karie, Bailey under chair, Sadie, Jazzy, Ladybird, Augie in back

click; Julie Kosier and son Carson; Deb Orwig with **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **L a d y - b i r d** ,



Too hot to sit outside on August 7th: Gail, Mary Lynn, Tony, and Dana



Troy and foster dogs **Prince** and **Mylee**; Liz Tataseo with **Augie** and **Gonzo**; Ingrid and Karie Wilson with **Bailey**, **Jazzy** and puppy **Sadie**; and Bob and Kathi Youhas. Some foster dogs on their way to their FWITA families

There are always numerous kids at our Meet-and-Greets

On August 19th, Liz and I were the only AGR members able to attend

September 3rd was quite busy despite it being Labor Day weekend. Present were Tony with **Daisy**, Dana and Gail with **Riley**, **Jodi**, **Bob** and **Kathi** along with Deb's canine crew



were also present: **Buddy**, **Bella**, **Jaxx** and **Mylee**. Not all of these folks and dogs came to every Meet-and-Greet, and not all who did come brought the same dogs every



Julie and Carson Kosier on September 3rd



Kathi, Sheila and Liz on October 1st

time, but we usually had three or more people and anywhere from 6-12 dogs.



Although several rescue groups eventually came, we were the first ones to arrive at the North Scottsdale store; Tony helped me set up

On October 1st, Teri had help from her furkids **Blossom** and **Jackson**, Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**, Bob and Kathi Youhas with **Leo** and **Krissie**, Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**, and Teri's daughter Michelle and her fiancé Jared Miller. They collected \$96 and reportedly had a wonderful afternoon. A total of \$493.56 in donations were



given to **AGR** at the six Meet-and-Greets during the summer.

At the Grand Opening of the North Scottsdale store at 20511 N Hayden Rd, we had a great crowd! Helping spread the word about



Arizona Golden Rescue were: Mary Lynn Ament with **Hoagie** and **Winslow**; Beth Chaffee with **Bevo** and **Darby**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**;



Stephanie Harding with **Tag**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Jay and Jodi Kobllick; Deb Orwig with **Hayden**, **Ladybird** and **Troy**; Casey, Carrie and Jane Pulis with **Major** and **Rocky**; Lisa and Mason Rodgers; and Debra Rothwell with **Sassi**. Also, Matt Ament and Jon Chaffee both stopped by to say hello. We collected \$181.19 in donations and were very busy talking to the many people who came for the festivities. **Choice Pet Market** provided lunch (pizza and sandwiches) and did some raffle drawings for free dog food, one of which I won.



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Photos above: top left: Casey, Gail, Dana – view of breezeway in front of store; top right, Jane with Major and Rocky; middle, Debra, Jodi, Jay, Dana and Gail; bottom, Beth, Stephanie, Jodi, Jay and Dana

 Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

We now do Meet-and-Greets at five different **PetSmart** stores. Connie McCabe, our overall **PetSmart** chairman and liaison, chairs the store at 5707 W Northern Ave, Glendale; Teri Guilbault chairs the Arrowhead store at 7290 W Bell Rd in Glendale; Denny Myrick chairs the store at 7077 E Mayo Blvd in Scottsdale; Deb Orwig handles the Agua Fria store at 27th Ave/101 in Phoenix; and Angela Palumbo chairs the store at Tempe Marketplace on Rio Salado Parkway. The regularly scheduled dates for all **PetSmart** store appearances are shown on our website's events calendar.

Occasionally, we will change the date to accommodate **PetSmart's** request to be at the store during their National Adoption Weekends held four times a year. Usually, we meet in the afternoon on the second Sunday of every month at the Northern Ave and Bell Rd stores and on the third Saturday from noon to 4 PM at Tempe Marketplace. Denny's dates for the Mayo Blvd store are on the website calendar – he tries to fit them in around other events we have scheduled. At the end of July, we began monthly Meet-and-Greets at the Agua Fria store located in the Deer Valley Center on the south side of L101 and west of I-17; we will usually be there the last Saturday of each month, with the exception of September, when we have the golf tournament, and December, when we do not have Meet-and-Greets, as we are too busy with gift wrapping.

Agua Fria (I-17/L101) – Deb Orwig



Ingrid with **Sadie**, **Sunny**, **Liz** with **Gonzo**, **Karie** with **Troy** on her lap and **Hayden** in front, **Tony** with **Daisy** hiding, **Dana**, **Ladybird**, **Gail** and **Riley**

We started doing monthly Meet-and-Greets at the Agua Fria store on July 30th. That turned out to be an auspicious date, as it was absolutely the most lucrative such event at any **PetSmart** that we've ever visited! During our afternoon there, a lady approached me and asked if I could take a credit card for a donation. Sure! I got

her card information, mailing address and phone number, then asked her how much she wanted me to charge – answer, \$500! Wow! We collected an additional \$86 in cash, too. Helping at this location were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**; Ingrid and Karie Wilson with **Sadie**; and I brought **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird**, **Troy** and my foster boy **Sunny**. Teri Guilbault also stopped by for a little while, as did Christy Tucker who had brought **CJ** there for an obedience class. This store was very busy all afternoon!



We love the opportunities at **PetSmart** to give children a positive experience with dogs



We were at Agua Fria again on August 27th. Mary Lynn Ament brought **Hoagie** and **Winslow**, Tony Cotner came with **Daisy** and Dana and Gail Haywood brought **Riley**. It was actually a good thing that we didn't have a large volunteer group, because we had to set up in the cart storage area just inside the front door. It wasn't a terrific location,



Connie McCabe stopped by to give Liz some paperwork from a surrendering owner; Dana, Tony, Gail and Mary Lynn were also there

Donation vests (with the dogs wearing them) and weather (not too hot so we can be outside) certainly have an effect on the amount of money our ambassadogs collect! Joining me with **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird** and **Troy** were Mary Lynn Ament with **Hoagie** and **Winslow**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Jan Newland with **Rocky**; and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**. We had a very nice afternoon!



This young lady wanted to read her book to Goldie

Bell Rd (Arrowhead) – Teri Guilbault



Tony, Teri, Dana, Gail and Ingrid

On July 17th, I brought **Blossom** and **Jackson** and we were joined by Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Dana, Gail and **Riley** Haywood; Deb Orwig with foster boy **Prince**; and Ingrid Wilson with puppy **Sadie**. **Prince**, a real people dog, kept trying to climb in people's laps! We collected \$81 in donations –it was a lovely afternoon.



Teri with Jackson



Prince was fascinated with the birds in the eye-level enclosures



We had a great time on August 14th at the Arrowhead **PetSmart**. Joining me and my boy **Fresno** were Mary Lynn Ament with **Hoagie** and

but we still talked to lots of people (mostly they stopped to chat when coming out of the store) and the dogs collected \$81.64 in donations.

On September 17th, the weather was cool enough for us to be outside, so our donations were up significantly: \$223.08!



Winslow; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**; Jodi Koblick with **Shea**; Deb Orwig with **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird** and **Troy**; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Leo** and **Krissie** (at left). Marilyn and Mark Flynn brought their newly-adopted boy **Keegan** and new intake **Mylee** down from Flagstaff to meet with a prospective family, but we determined that she was "too much puppy" for them, so Deb took her home to foster and do some obedience training with her. Our ambassadogs collected \$61 in donations.



Sheila with Ladybird, Troy and Tessa; Kathi and Jodi behind



Marilyn with Keegan

On September 18th, we had lots of visitors! Joining me with **Blossom** and **Goldie** were my daughter Michelle and her fiancé Jared Miller; Mary Lynn Ament came with **Hoagie**;



Liz, Tony and Jodi



Tony Cotner brought **Daisy**; Jodi Koblick had **Katie** (photo at left); Liz Tataseo came with **Sweetie**; and Ingrid Wilson brought **Bailey** and **Sadie**. We met several wonderful folks, took in \$72.94 in

donations along with a donation to our group of \$102 in honor of Mary Ament, and had a great day!

Mayo Blvd – Denny Myrick



Cynthia with Tag, Rich with Riley, Tony with Daisy, Denny with Rocky and Jake; in front, Ladybird, Hayden and Troy

On Saturday, July 7th from 11 AM to 2 PM, we had a great day even though July temperatures forced us inside. Our wonderful donation dogs collected \$174 in cash donations plus one new family membership, who also donated \$25 for a grand total of \$239. Attending were Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Cynthia Wenström with **Tag**; Rich Stolz with **Riley**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; and Deb Orwig with



Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird, and Troy. A young man stopped by to pet the dogs and stayed with us for about an hour. We found out that he had just gotten out of the hospital after suffering from a serious accident. We were happy that our dogs could bring some joy and comfort into his life.

On Saturday, August 13th, joining me and my boy **Jake** were: Mary Lynn Ament with **Hoagie** and **Winslow**; Tony Cotner with **Little Rocky** and **Daisy**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Deb Orwig with **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird** and **Troy**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Bailey**. The Lawrence family stopped by with their



Raquel with Mercedes; Jake Myrick at right were collected.

new **AGR** girl, **Jessy** (photo above right), who is just a sweetie! Raquel and Rich Fontanilla also came by to show off their newly-adopted **Mercedes**, a lovely girl! We hope that the Lawrences and the Fontanillas will join us as volunteers in the future. A total of \$102.74 in donations

In September, we were at the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** on the 10th, which was during their fall National Adoption Weekend. Wonderful weather allowed us to be outside. Lots of great customers and



Deb, Hannah, Denny, Cynthia, Rich and Debra

one new member. Our fabulous Golden collected \$177.78 in three busy hours. Attending were Mary Lynn Ament; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Deb Orwig with **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird** and **Troy**; Debra Rothwell with **Sassi**; Hannah Selznick with **Bela**; Pam Spicer; Rich Stolz with **Riley**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Tag**. Mary Lynn and Pam, who both came without dogs, were



Pam with Hayden and Ladybird and Debra with Sassi

a great help with the extra dogs that were there. Thanks everyone!

Northern Ave – Connie McCabe



Susan with Lucy, Ricky and Winnie; Karen with Star and Caesar; and Pat with Sunny; Grizzly in front on right

On July 10th, **Grizzly**, foster girl **Winnie** and I were joined by Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**, Pat Morgan with **Sunny**, and Susan Parker with **Ricky** and **Lucy**. It was nice and cool inside, but not as much traffic as when we are outside. We only gathered \$44, but a potential adopter came down specifically to meet **Winnie**, and has already submitted her application – none too soon, as we are getting way too fond of that girl! She really behaved well today and even managed to push **Grizzly** aside for attention.



Winnie loves to sit in chairs to be up high so she won't miss anything, like a friend to whom to give kisses

On August 14th, Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star** and Pat Morgan with **Sunny**

joined me with **Grizzly** and **Winnie**. Deb Orwig dropped by with her gang plus foster girl **Mylee**, so I could get some photos of **Mylee**. Again due to the heat, we had to set up inside, so donations were down – only \$51.26. But every little bit helps!



Watch out, boys, that little Mastiff puppy will soon be bigger than you are!

As Nick and I were on the way home from our vacation in Yellowstone, Deb Orwig agreed to handle the Northern Ave **PetSmart** on September 11th. Deb brought **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird** and **Troy** and was joined by Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; and Jan Newland with **Goldie**. As usual at the



Karen, Pat, Jan, Gail and Dana



Northern Ave store, there were a lot of kids who put change in the donation vests after doing some petting of the dogs and getting some kisses in return. We collected \$88.35.

Tempe Marketplace – Angela Palumbo

Daisy Cotner; Dana and Gail Haywood with



Gail with Riley, Jackie with Sage and Dave with Rex

Riley; Dave and Jackie Engelhardt with **Rex** and their foster girl **Sage** (whom they adopted right after this Meet-and-Greet); and Deb Orwig and foster **Prince**. It was



Dana, Angela with Prince, Tony with Daisy

another beautiful day in the neighborhood! We went inside to keep a little cool. This store is such a wonderful location! We took in \$106!



Darrell, Shadow and Dana

In August in Arizona it is HOT, but the loyal Tempe group stayed



Store manager Don Tatarelli always comes out to say hello; he enjoyed meeting Prince

cool inside the **PetSmart** showing off our pooches and talking Rescue. The group consisted of Dana, Gail and **Riley** Haywood; Tony and **Daisy** Cotner; Angela and **Belle** Palumbo; and one of our newest adopters, Darrell Marshall brought **Shadow** (formerly **Solo**) – what a beautiful dog! These guys are lucky to have each other – what a perfect match! I think we will be seeing Darrell and **Shadow** again! We also managed to raise \$100! Woo hoo!



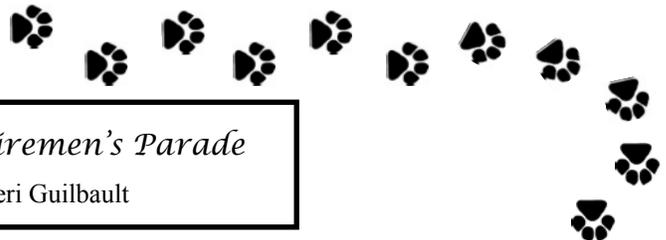
Shadow makes a wonderful ambassadog



Jan, Gail, Dana, Jackie and Michelle

Our Meet-and-Greet in September was on the 10th because that was **PetSmart's** fall National Adoption Weekend. Those who came to Tempe included Jackie Engelhardt with **Sage**; Dana and Gail Haywood with

Riley; Darrell Marshall with **Shadow**; Jan Newland with **Rocky**; Angela and Michelle Palumbo; and Michele Wehry. Erin Orwig stopped by briefly to visit and make a donation. It was finally cool enough to be outside! Our ambassadogs collected \$90.



Glendale Firemen's Parade

By Teri Guilbault



Saturday, October 8th was an absolutely glorious day for a parade! The weather was finally cooling down and the morning air was cool and crisp! **AGR** was unable to march with our dogs in last year's parade, but this year the City of Glendale allowed us out in Golden force, and boy, did we have a great Golden presence

for the crowds – 42 people and 45 dogs! Our walkers were cautioned to stay in the middle of the street and not stray over to the sidelines, because we wanted to have the privilege of walking in future parades. Everyone was very well behaved, and we had a very impressive-looking group!



Joining us this year in the parade were Sherri and Clint Borman with their children, Troy and Jake, and new **AGR** puppy, **Bella** (photo at left); Beth Chaffee (standing in photo at right) with **Bevo** and **Darby** and her neighbor



Valerie Mylowe; Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**; Jackie and Dave Engelhardt with **Rex** and **Sage**; Teri Guilbault with **Blossom** and **Jackson**; Teryl and Annie Hall and Trystan Schuff



with her friend Taylor Garten who brought **Rosie** and **Cobbler**; Sandra Hansen came with foster **Tatum**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**;



Ronnie and Mike Jaap and their son, Brendan, with **Sadie** and **Liberty** (photo at left); Sheila Joyce with **McKenna**; Kim Lindenmeyer with **Aspen** and **Indy** (photo at right); Connie McCabe with **Grizzly** and **Sasha**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Deb and Larry Orwig with their four, **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird** and **Troy**, and their two Golden houseguests, **Jimmy** (at right) and **Sophie**;



Susan Parker with **Ricky**; Laura Post with **Lacie** (photo at left); Carrie and Casey Pulis with **Rocky** and **Major**; Jackie Sigafoose and her sister, Mary, with **Colby**; Joy and Todd Slagowski with **Happy**, **Sweetie** and **Kahuna**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Sweetie**; Ingrid and Robert Wilson, who generously lent us their trailer for our senior dogs to ride on, with **Sadie**, **Bailey** and **Jazzy**; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Leo** and **Krissie**.



Bob provided shuttle service from the park to the parade site and drove the trailer in the parade. Nick Dodson was our awesome shuttle van driver and together



Susan, Jackie E, and Sandra with Ricky, Rex and Tatum in the trailer



Taylor and Trystan carried the banner

with Patrick Doyle and **Annabelle**, stayed at our booth during the actual parade. Mary Lynn Ament came with **Winslow** and

Hoagie but couldn't walk in the parade, as she had sprained her ankle.

Helping with set-up at the break of dawn were Tony Cotner, Deb Orwig, Carrie and Casey Pulis and Kathi and Bob Youhas; and our clean-up crew were Mary Lynn Ament,



Larry, Teri, Mary, and Jackie S with dogs

Tony Cotner, Gail and Dana Haywood, Deb Orwig and Kathi and Bob Youhas.



Our booth was very busy during the after-parade festivities

Everyone, especially the dogs, had a fabulous time after the parade

meeting lots of wonderful people who came by to talk, find out more about our Rescue, make donations and purchase merchandise. We collected \$127.50 in donations, and did \$210 in merchandise sales for a grand total of \$337.50 for the day.



Troy says, *I had a grand time today! Hope you can join us on February 11, 2012 for the Parada del Sol in Scottsdale!*

*If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.*

~ Emily Dickinson

Membership Matters



Congratulations to Adena and Brad As-trowsky – their wonderful Golden, **Charlie**, passed his *Therapy Dogs International* test in August and is now a certified *TDI* dog! Adena, her children and **Charlie** joined us at the *Dogs Days of Summer* program at the *Desert Foothills Children’s Library*. **Charlie** is, indeed, a great dog! Adena is now looking for a place where **Charlie** can use the therapy skills he has learned.

The older daughter of Cindy and Gary Tigges, Ali, is now Lt. Ali Tigges and is serving in Bagram, Afghanistan. Cindy wrote: *This is my baby at Bagram Airfield near Kabul, Afghanistan. The dog, Timmy, works out of the chaplain’s office. Apparently he is a registered working Army therapy dog, a 4-year-old Lab, and no, I can’t send him any treats! Leave it to Ali to find a dog she can snuggle on base!* Thanks to Ali for her service to our country!



Our 2012 calendar is now available, and it is spectacular! The fabulous cover photo of **Grizzly** in Flagstaff was taken by Connie McCabe. Connie took most of the other photos in the calendar, too, and did her usual masterful job putting the whole thing together. Order yours today by sending a check to **AGR**. Please include \$2 for postage for one, \$3 for two, \$5 for 3-7. It’s incredible!

AGR Member Heroes ~ Living Donors

Recently, Dave Evans and Stephanie Harding became living donors. Dave gave a kidney to his mother, and Stephanie donated one of her kidneys to someone she didn’t even know for whom she was a tissue match. We applaud their generosity! Organ donors are true heroes!



Golden Hearts



Since we formed *Arizona Golden Rescue* in March 2009, many members as well as nonmembers have been extremely generous in helping us financially. There are lots of costs associated with an animal rescue organization in caring for the dogs that started coming in almost before the ink was dry on the paperwork. We are so grateful to everyone who has taken a chance on our group and has given us their support. You all truly have hearts of gold! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between July 10, 2011 and October 10, 2011. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

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From the Editor's Desk

By Deb Orwig

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