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No matter where they are, Golden retrievers like to have fun!

Golden retrievers love to be with their people doing whatever they do



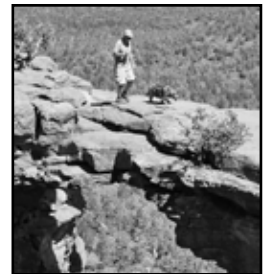
As many Golden retrievers do, **11-062 Trip**, a tripod, loves to swim



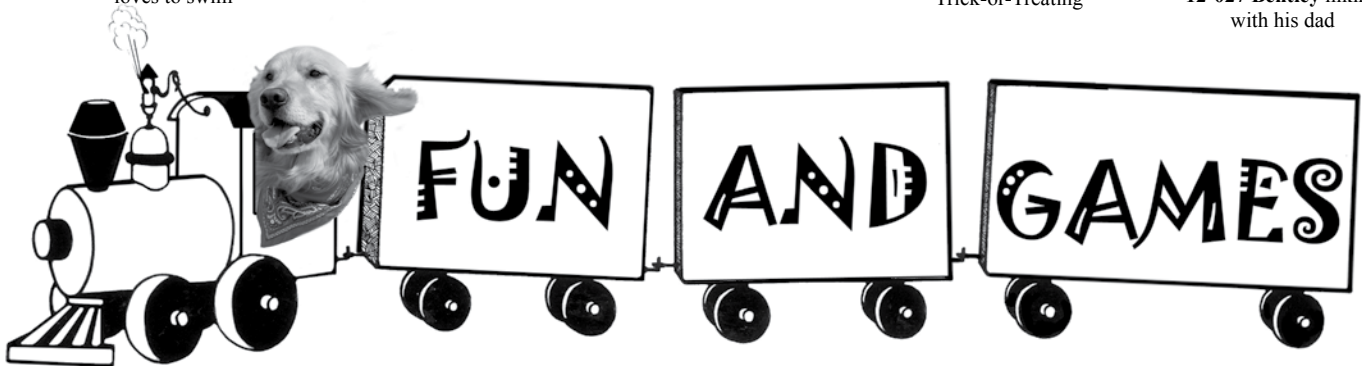
11-087 Winnie says, *I had a blast while you were gone!*



11-063 Lady going Trick-or-Treating



12-027 Bentley hiking with his dad



Balls, balls and more balls! Golden retrievers never seem to have enough!
11-078 Duke with a big rubber ball.



11-011 Prince with his favorite, a tennis ball, which was used in his narcotics detection training!



10-040 Joe had no toys for the six years he was a puppy mill stud dog; now, he can't get enough of them! He doesn't tear them up, just carries them around and then adds them to his hoard!



09-004 Chance says, *This is my idea of fun!*

09-033 Riley is a regular at most *AGR* events. Recently, he went to the Arizona State Fair with his mom, Gail Haywood, and dad, Dana (who took this photo), where he met Luis Gonzales from the *Arizona Diamondbacks* and Dave Pratt, a local radio personality.

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Tremendous thanks to Connie McCabe and her amazing talent for producing the cover graphic with **Mufasa** in the train!

Medallion designed by Scottsdale jewelry artisan Cornelis Hollander given to **11-011 Prince** for his **Hero Award**; story on pages 8 and 9



Masthead photo is of **12-016 Moon** (f.k.a. **Amika**) **Traxler / McDonald**

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Editor's Assistant's Note

Mufasa Orwig

My mom, the Editor of this publication, told me the theme of this issue is "fun and games" and asked me to tell you about our "food game," as she calls feeding time. When it's time for breakfast or dinner (she actually uses those words... *Who wants breakfast? Who wants dinner?*), I immediately run to the toy box and get a toy, because I want to trade it for

that yummy stuff in the big bags in the laundry room closet. I run into the laundry room, squeeze myself right in next to Mom's left side and drop my toy on the floor in front of my food bag (there are three big bags in the closet, but I know which one is mine). Lo and behold, as soon as I do that she scoops some food out of my bag and pours it into my dish! I get so excited that my "trade" worked again that I jump up in the air (all four feet off the ground, of course) and twirl around, and I keep doing this until we get over to my feeding station in the kitchen – I must do my "twirly dance" four or five times before we move the 15 feet from the laundry room to my food place. Then I sit real fast and real still in front of my station and watch as Mom puts down all four bowls that belong to my three canine housemates and me (we are all sitting pretty at that time). If one of us starts to eat before all of us are served, she says, "No, wait!" and picks up the offender's bowl. After all four bowls are in the feeding stands and we're all still sitting pretty, then, she says, "OK!" and we all dive into our dishes! This routine works for me twice a day every single day! I give her my toy, do my twirly dance, sit pretty, and I get food! I have also learned to sit nicely (Mom doesn't even have to tell me to sit any more, I just do it) for my "dessert," one small yummy treat after each meal. I think my mom is really smart to have learned to trade me food for a toy!

And speaking of diving into my food dish... When I first came to my new home, I was afraid I wouldn't be fed at all for a day or two. So, when Mom put my food dish down where I could reach it, I ate so fast she thought I was going to get something called bloat. Having meals regularly twice a day did not break my gobbling habit. So, Mom went to a local pet supply store and bought a really weird-looking bowl that has 3 big projections coming up from the bottom. She calls it a "slow-feeder bowl." Slow is right – I can't eat fast even if I want to, because I have to work at getting the kibble from around those annoying bumps. There's hardly room for my tongue in between them, let alone my whole mouth! Now, I'm usually the last one finished eating, not the first. But I've learned to look on the bright side of the situation: I don't have to wait to get my "dessert" until everyone else is done!

*Wags and Woofs*

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In *Arizona Golden Rescue*, we have fun – a lot of it! But keeping an all-volunteer, nonprofit, charitable organization running well is no game – it is serious business. It involves a lot of time and effort, which would be made easier if we had more help. We are in dire need of some volunteers to do data entry. Until our database was created this year, we put all our records about the dogs we've rescued into online GoogleDocs files. All that information (basically 2009 through 2011) needs to be transferred to our database. It will not be a particularly fun job, but it is a necessary one that can be done whenever the volunteer has a spare 15 minutes or more to work on it. Instruction will be provided. This task can be done wherever you have access to a computer. Can you help? Please contact Director of Information Management Dana Hayward at dhaywood480@gmail.com

Today is October 31, 2012, two months before the end of the year, and we have already taken in 133 dogs (#12-119 just whelped two puppies); we brought in 98 all of last year. We aren't finished with intakes for the year 2012 by any means, either. The owners of all these dogs require interviews by Intake Team members. All the dogs need to be transported to a vet and then to a potential adoptive family. We continue to receive an average of 5 adoption applications per week. All the applications must be reviewed and the applicants must receive home evaluations. Could you help with home evaluations? We need such volunteers in all areas of the Phoenix Valley. It's not a difficult job; in fact, those who have done home evaluations really enjoy doing them. Each one takes anywhere from a half hour to an hour, depending upon how many questions the potential family might have. If you are willing to help with home evaluations in your general area, please contact Sheila Joyce at horsecrzymom@msn.com or call our WAGSline (623-566-9247) and leave a message for her to call you.

Each dog must be placed in the best possible home from among our pool of approved applicants. Sometimes we won't have a potential home right away, especially for the pairs that come in, so we have to board the dogs at a vet. Pairs are especially difficult to place, most likely because of the extra commitment it takes to have two dogs rather than one and also because of the additional expense. We do discount by 50% the adoption fee for the second dog, but that is not always enough of an encouragement for a family to take two dogs at once. Could you provide a foster home for a dog or two so that we would not have to have dogs boarding at a vet for longer than just the necessary intake procedures? If so, you must go through the same procedure as all of our potential adopters: fill out an application (you can do this right on our website) and have a home evalua-

tion done. We have learned over the years to get this administrative work out of the way up front, as so many of our fosters turn out to be “foster failures”, i.e. they adopt the dog they foster.

During the third quarter of this year, we had plenty of fun and played some games, too. Thanks to Liz Tataseo for coordinating the **PACC 911 Bowl-A-Rama for Animal Rescue** fundraiser – as a result of this event, we were able to add over \$6,000 to the *Debbie Begley Memorial Fund* for our special needs dogs – and to Teri Guilbault for writing our terrific cheer that won us 1st place (\$100). Liz also did a great job securing two appearances for us at the *Arizona Diamondbacks Community Corner*; those of us who represented **AGR** had a great time! At the end of August, we had a booth at the *Phoenix Mercury Dog Days of Summer* game, and several of us attended the game, which, unfortunately, the *Mercury* lost. It was fun to watch anyway – the crowd at the *Mercury* games is just electric, and the hip-hop dancers are fabulous! Our best game of the 3rd quarter, though, was our annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*. Rich Calta and Teri Turner did a spectacular job chairing the tournament, and the Committee members gave invaluable assistance with many aspects of the event. For details, please read Liz’s article on pages 32 - 37. The amount of money raised by this tournament will keep us going in fine style until we hit the holiday season fundraisers. Thanks to all of you who participated in one way or another!

Special thanks to Karin Forsythe for doing double duty this past year as our Organization Secretary and our Grant Writer. Through her grant writing efforts, Karin has procured over \$5,100 in cash, ten Thundershirts, and a half dozen full-size bottles of *Wahl* dog shampoo! She also has attended to the recycling of cell phones and, once we are approved, will handle recycling of those crinkly bags that potato chips and cookies come in. She is turning the reins of grant writing over to new member Cindy Ferrante; we thank Cindy, too, for offering to do this very important job.



With Paw Extended
By Liz Tataseo, Director of Operations
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With Paw Extended: That Usually Means Fun and Games

When the **AGR** shirt goes on and the leashes come out, my dogs start jumping for joy and heading for the door. To them, going to a Meet-and-Greet, fundraising event or **AGR** special event is fun, fun, fun! As far as they are concerned, having other people love on them is the ultimate pleasure.

The dogs make sure everyone knows what they want by making

liberal use of that extended paw, and when **Gonzo** uses that big paw of his, you know what he wants: “Hey, don’t stop petting me!” Of course, attending events also helps the dogs learn socialization skills, how to get along with other dogs and use up all that energy they have contained in those furry bodies.

Having fun with your dog helps spread the word about **Arizona Golden Rescue** and collect donations that Rescue will use for the new dogs that come in every week. So what could be better than meeting new people and having fun with your dogs?

<u>GIFT WRAPPING SCHEDULE</u>			
Friday	November 23	HV	9 - 6
Saturday	November 24	A	1 - 5
Sunday	November 25	HV	1 - 5
Saturday	December 1	A	1 - 5
Sunday	December 2	HV	1 - 5
Saturday	December 7	HV	1 - 5
Sunday	December 8	A	1 - 5
Saturday	December 15	A	1 - 5
Sunday	December 16	HV	1 - 5
Saturday	December 22	HV	1 - 5
	AND	TMP	9 - 6
Sunday	December 23	A	9 - 6
Monday	December 24	A	9 - 6

Our end-of-year big event is the **Barnes & Noble** Gift Wrapping at **Arrowhead (A)**, 7685 W Bell Road; **Happy Valley Towne Center (HV)**, just east off I-17 at 2501 W Happy Valley Road; and **Tempe Marketplace (TMP)**, at 2000 E Rio Salado Parkway. This is an easy and fun way to volunteer with your dog and help **AGR**. On the weekends from the day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday) through Christmas Eve, we bring our dogs to **Barnes & Noble** and meet lots of people. We have a few volunteers who wrap purchases (for free), and most people give a donation for the service. Our dogs wear **AGR** donation vests, and people cheerfully and generously donate without anyone having to ask.

So, don’t forget to sign up to help at one or more of the gift wrapping sessions at **Barnes & Noble** stores. You can be there for an hour or longer, just choose your location; lots of people stay the entire 4-6 hours. Any amount of time is welcome and needed. Check out the events calendar on our website for exact dates, times and locations. Remember, this starts on Black Friday and gives you an alternative to fighting the holiday shopping hordes.

The more dogs we have at these appearances, the more money we will make; if you’re good at wrapping or bow-tying, we especially need you, preferably without a dog to have to watch. Since Christmas is on a Tuesday this year, we have been asked by the Ar-

rowhead **Barnes & Noble** to be there all day on both days before Christmas. We will also be at the Tempe Marketplace store all day on Saturday, December 22nd. Larry Jessup will be coordinating volunteers for Tempe. When he calls you on the phone to put you on the volunteer schedule, please say, "Yes, I can bring my dog!" A fun time is guaranteed!

Also during the holidays, we will have Photos with Santa at Arrowhead **PetSmart** (7290 W Bell Road) and Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart** (2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe). Connie McCabe chairs this fun-and-fundraiser at Arrowhead and Angela Palumbo handles the Tempe location. By the time you read this, hopefully all the Arrowhead volunteer spots will be filled, but please check with Connie (photocraf@aol.com or call 602-509-6428) and ask for an update to see if she could use some more volunteers.

We may also need volunteers to help at Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart** on December 15th and 16th from 11 AM - 5 PM both days. Contact Angela Palumbo at lovespets3@gmail.com or call our WAGSline (623-566-9247) and leave a message for her to call you. She will need four people to be Santa (each shift will be 3 hours on each day) and four to six other helpers, preferably two inside and at least two outside with dogs.

We encourage all of you who have an hour to spare on one of these weekends to take your dog to one of these **PetSmart** stores and get a photo done of your own dog(s) with Santa. It costs only \$9.99 (plus tax), **AGR** will get \$5 for every photo, and you will get a great keepsake!

In addition to Photos with Santa, we also will have a booth at the fantastic *Holiday Pet Festival* at **WestWorld** on December 1st. This event sports over 100 vendors of pet-related products, many of which you won't see at some of the other events we attend, as well as numerous rescue groups. There is free parking and free admission, and you can bring your dog. The event is from 10 AM - 6 PM. We will need help setting up the booth on Friday afternoon starting at 1 PM. We will also need volunteers with their dogs (to walk around wearing Donation Vests) all day Saturday. It would also be great to have a couple volunteers without dogs to help with merchandise sales. As they have done at two of our previous events, our wonderful sponsor **Hug 'N Pups Grooming Salon** will be doing nail trims for donations which they will then give to **AGR**!

The holidays are a fun time to enjoy the company of your Golden and meet people and tell them about Rescue and what it means to the hundreds of dogs that have found their forever homes. Come out and join us; it is a great way to enjoy December. Contact me at 602-938-5927 or five.goldens@yahoo.com for information on any of our holiday events.



Forever Home

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As Director of Dog Care and Health Care Manager, my main focus is to watch over our rescues and make sure that when they are adopted they are as healthy as they can be. Once they enter a home and the adoption of that wonderful furbuddy is finalized, we ask the adopter to continue to ensure that they remain as healthy and happy as possible.

Some of you are very active – you love to hike, run, swim – and you do this along with your wonderful Golden pal by your side. We all know that keeping our dogs active and watching their weight is a huge part of their health regimen. Doing this for your dog doesn't have to be a chore. In this publication, our focus is on fun and games. Although you might not know it or maybe haven't given it much thought, simple fun and games are sometimes the best exercise for your dog, and it doesn't take a lot of time or energy.

Most, if not all, of our Golden absolutely love balls! Of course, there are always exceptions, but playing catch with your dog can give him much-needed exercise and be a fun activity for both of you. If I tell you that I have a dog who would play catch until my arm fell off, would that surprise you? You most likely have one of those in your home. How about throwing a Frisbee or playing tug-o-war with a rope toy? It's all great exercise and lots of fun. The dogs get so excited and involved in the game – how can you not love to watch the expressions on their faces when they play! A lot of us have pools here in Arizona. Getting your dog to swim regularly, if they like the water (there are some Golden who prefer NOT to go into the pool – I have four!) gives them a great, overall workout, and if you are swimming alongside them, you get that workout as well!

Speaking of fun and games... have you ever been to any of our Meet-and-Greets, Adopt-a-thons or various other functions that we sponsor? During the holiday season, come on out, be an elf helper or bring your furbuddy and let him or her collect donations. We always say the more the merrier, so when you see our articles or e-mails asking you to join us, please accept and come on out with your dog(s). Seeing the looks on the faces of those who stop by to say hi, to get a photo taken or a gift wrapped, or just to drop some cash into one of the dogs' Donation Vests is always a good time.

Smiling and laughing are fun – and healthy, too! I can guarantee you that if you and your furbuddy join us anytime for some of our **AGR** fun and games, you will leave feeling just a little better for having come. I know for sure that we will all love to see you!



The Information Highway

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Recently, I was looking at a T-shirt at **Trendy Pet & Rescue** in Scottsdale Fashion Square, one of our newer Meet-and-Greet locations. It read, "It's all FUN & GAMES until SOMEONE ends up in a CONE." The first thing that came to mind when I saw the shirt was how this month's theme for the newsletter was Fun and Games. How do I work this theme into my article?

One thing that came to mind is the use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter. People are using Facebook and other social media channels as a fun way to keep in touch with family and friends. Facebook and Twitter, along with other social media formats, have gone from personal use to a mainstay of businesses. Almost every major company has a Facebook page in addition to their website. Are you someone who uses these types of social media and knows how valuable they can be and would be willing to volunteer for **AGR** as our administrator of such? Although we have a Facebook page, so far we have not had someone who can work with it so that it is of benefit to us. I have the ability to manage the Facebook page and approve users. The problem is that other duties I have with my position do not allow me the time to explore what it can do for **AGR**. Also, I have limited knowledge of its full benefits, as I have not had the time to explore its possibilities. That being said, we would like to find someone within our membership who does know their way around Facebook and will help us reach out to more people with it. We need to attract new users and get people involved. I would like to see it as a channel to publicize our events and also our specialty items that we sell, such as our **AGR**-branded wine and candles with our dogs' images on them. If you do have an interest in this, please e-mail me at dhaywood480@gmail.com

These days, many people are using smartphones and tablets to access the Internet rather than using laptops or desktop computers. Over the last year and a half, **AGR** has taken huge steps with our website to reach out to people and let them know that we are here and what we can do. We have also been working hard on getting our custom-designed database to work for us so that we are more efficient in our operation. Although the website is fully functional and the database is working well, both are constantly evolving as we try to keep up with information management.

Besides trying to find someone to help us with our social media needs, I realized that our public appearances are a means of information management. At our Meet-and-Greets and other events, we distribute our literature and spend a great deal of time talking about **AGR** and answering people's questions. We encourage

more of you members to get more involved with the organization. It does not take an inordinate amount of time to help out, and it also can be a lot of fun. Just the friendships created and the dogs enjoying the company of other dogs they know is always fun. If you have adopted a dog from us and think back to how members of **AGR** reached out to you to help you get to know our organization and answer all the questions you had, then you will realize how invaluable that is for others who want to consider adoption. Who is better to answer questions regarding adopting a Golden than someone who has already gone through the process? We can always use a few more members with their dogs at our Meet-and-Greets. The more dogs we have with Donation Vests on generally the better we do with the fundraising. Even a one- to two-hour time commitment at our events will help out greatly.

A reminder: check out **AGR's** e-mail for your online shopping this coming holiday season. When you shop through our **AGRe-Mall** interface, we get a percentage of your purchases from the stores that does not make your purchase any more expensive. We also have a new store, **Paw Posse**. PawPosse.com specializes in cool stuff for big dogs. From high-quality collars and tough dog toys to stress-relieving jackets and pet-safe cleaning products, PawPosse.com has dog products you don't see every day. Use **promo code AGR** and 10% of your purchase will be donated to **Arizona Golden Rescue**.

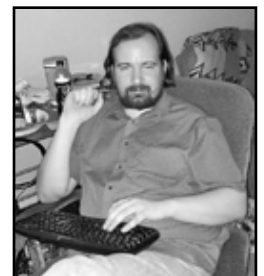
Smart Betty is in full operation, offering daily discounted deals e-mailed to you and providing **AGR** with a 10% donation from the purchase. Sign up at www.smartbetty.com

Connie McCabe offers pet photography – acrylic photo sculptures, image editing, and graphics design. For all orders originating from **AGR's** website, **Photocraft** will donate 20% of the total order to **AGR**.

Please check out our Shopping Mall to see all that is offered that helps support **AGR**.

Congratulations!

To **Dana Craig Haywood**, son of Gail and Dana Haywood, who graduated *Magna cum Laude* on October 6, 2012 from **Colorado Technical University** with a bachelor of science degree in information technology concentrating in network management. He made the Dean's List and the Chancellor's List in his final semester!





The Human Connection

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It's no secret, Rescue is very hard work. We spend a lot of long hours and shed many tears to get the job done. Despite the stress, it's the most rewarding thing you can do. But no one says it has to be all work and no play! We are finally coming into the holiday season, where now we can have lots of fun and still make the money we must have to continue saving dogs in need.

Our big holiday events are the **Barnes & Noble** Gift Wrap at various locations and also the **PetSmart** Santa Photos. Both events bring in much-needed revenue, but also serve another purpose. In addition to being even more generous than usual, people are naturally friendlier during the holidays and seem more interested in engaging in conversation. **Barnes & Noble** is a great event to attend, even if you never pick up a ribbon or package. There are a few expert people who actually do the wrapping, while the rest of the volunteers get to just sit around and talk to people while the dogs really do have fun getting loved and petted while collecting the money.

For even more good times, consider the **PetSmart** Santa Photos. This is so enjoyable that we have volunteers return year after year to participate, although we have plenty of room for new people to join us. We also have Donation Dogs who do the real work of collecting money, while we have fun meeting and hearing the stories from all of the wonderful people who get Santa photos of their pets. Where else can you see a chicken sitting on Santa's lap for a family photo Christmas card? Or a stuffed coyote that "poses" with Santa for a gift photo (below with Santa Bob Youhas). In spite



of the hot, scratchy costumes, the Santas seem to have the most fun. Although there is the occasional reluctant pet, Santas are showered with kisses and hugs all day, some from the pets and some from the small children and grateful mothers. The photographers, elves and dog wranglers also have a lot of



fun getting all of the animals and people to smile. It makes us so proud to see the customers' faces light up when they see their pets' photos. Many people use them for Christmas cards and are very grateful that we are able to provide them with that opportunity. It

really is rewarding to make those people happy during the holidays. Since I collect their e-mail addresses and send them reminders of where we will be, there are many people who have come back to us year after year.

So the holiday message from me this year is to please treat yourself to having a good time at either or both events. Times and dates are on our website: www.arizonagoldenrescue.org Please contact the chairperson listed for the date you want to attend and sign up soon.

Health and Safety

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Dry Eyes and Dogs



Bailey is a wonderful 8-year-old Golden Retriever who was surrendered to us in October when, due to financial difficulties, her owner had to move. When we picked up this poor girl, we discovered that she had a myriad of health issues, but, most importantly, she had the most horrible-looking eyes that you could ever imagine, particularly her right eye. We immediately

transported her to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** for a complete health overhaul and evaluation and a big question: What IS going on with those eyes?

Bailey was immediately diagnosed with KCS (keratoconjunctivitis sicca) or Dry Eye Syndrome. A diagnosis is made by measuring the volume of tears in the dog's eyes. A Schirmer tear test which was performed involves placing a filter paper strip into the tear pool at the inner corner of the eye and leaving it for one minute to see how much of the strip gets wet. A normal strip would be wet to a distance of 20 mm. In dogs with Dry Eye, the strip wets less than 10 mm. Bailey's strip was 0. There were no tears at all!

Dry Eye Syndrome in dogs is not much different from dry eyes in humans. It's a tear gland disorder that prevents normal production of tears, and hence, a dry cornea. Dogs with Dry Eye normally have a dull and opaque look as opposed to that bright and glistening sheen you see when you look at your dog's healthy eyes. There are several causes for KCS in dogs. The most common cause, however, is an ongoing immune-related issue. It can also be caused by injury to facial nerves or to the tear glands themselves or, in rare instances, a genetic absence of tear glands, but that is normally seen in smaller breeds of dogs.


Some of the symptoms of KCS are (1) excessive blinking; (2) swollen blood vessels and tissue that line the eyelids and eye surfaces; (3) discharge of mucus or pus from the eyes; and/or (4) corneal changes in the blood cells with pigmentation and ulceration. If left untreated, KCS can cause severe eye ulceration and glaucoma. A severe case of KCS can lead to impaired or complete loss of vision.

Treatment of this disorder is normally a frequent application of an ophthalmic cyclosporine, which is an immunosuppressive drug that reverses immune-mediated destruction of the glands surrounding the eyes. Once a diagnosis has been made, treatment becomes life long. Treatment can also include the application of artificial tears and topical antibiotics until the tear volume increases and again becomes adequate.

As I am writing this article, we are waiting to see just how much damage has been caused by the lack of attention to **Bailey's** condition. We know for sure that at least one eye is severely ulcerated. We don't know how much improvement, if any, will be seen after treatment has begun.

As always, I ask everyone to please always keep watch over your wonderful furbuddies for any changes in their behavior or appearance that may indicate something amiss. Unfortunately, most issues don't go away on their own but only get worse over time. We all owe it to our babies to keep them as healthy and happy as possible. **Bailey** will now be able to get that chance to feel so much better and live the rest of her years as one happy Golden!

Information obtained for this article was taken from conversations with Dr. Levine at AMSC, www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/eyes/c_dg_keratoconjunctivitis_sicca and <http://pets.webmd.com/dogs/dogs-dry-eye-keratoconjunctivitis-sicca-dogs>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Service Paws</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">By Wendy Enos wendyenos@cox.net</p>
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CANCER ... NOT FAIR

In exchange for years of selfless love and devotion in a career of retrieving, balancing, bracing, and guiding, a service dog should be exempt from any serious illness or discomfort. That would be fair, right?

But whoever said life is fair? On July 13th, **Sophie** went in for her annual vaccines and once-over by her veterinarian. She had a couple of little lumps and bumps I wanted checked out, since I'm obsessive about keeping her in shape and well-toned. Well, the two little bumps I noticed a week earlier were gone but, in looking for them, I discovered another on her side. With my hands con-

stantly on her with grooming, tummy rubs and petting, I would have noticed it if it had been there very long. The vet didn't like it either, so she biopsied it, and four days later we were hit with that six-letter obscenity... cancer. The next day **Sophie** went in for blood work, and the following morning she had surgery to remove the Grade 2 mast cell tumor.

Post-op, **Sophie** was amazing. Though a little more gingerly than usual, she was back to fun and playtime after only three days, and her vet cleared her to resume her work [as a service dog] as soon as she had her staples removed in ten days. I gave her a little more time than that, but she was ready to roll in no time at all. The tumor was removed completely, and now all is well.

The moral of the story could apply to any dog and owner... know your dog well enough to instantly recognize something new or different. Dogs love to be petted and scratched and rubbed, so have at it! S/he'll love it and, ultimately, it could save your dog's life.

So, that was our summer. And now, as we're heading into the holiday season, I'll issue my annual reminder: never trust your dog to stay out of the trash, or fool yourself into thinking your trash bin is secure. We could have lost **Sophie** one Thanksgiving when the little scampish pup swallowed a turkey-soaked two-foot length of cheesecloth. I won't regale you with all the repulsive details; let's just say I've never been so happy to see a dog throw up. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Next issue: *The Aging Service Dog*

<p><i>Fun and Games for AGR's 11-011 Prince!</i></p>	
	<p>Prince, who now works with his adopter, Dave Evans, for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office as a narcotics detection dog, was honored on October 28, 2012 with one of five Hero Awards presented by Friends of Animal Care and Control. Since Prince passed both his local and national certification tests a year ago, he has been credited with the confiscation of over \$100,000 worth of drugs and cash. He also aided in the apprehension of an important figure in one of the Mexican drug cartels, who had a stash house in the Litchfield area. Prince and Dave can be called out to investigate anywhere in Maricopa County; since beginning to work for the County Sheriff in February, Dave has put a lot of miles on his Sheriff's Department K-9 transport vehicle! Congratulations to our terrific Hero, Prince, and his handler/trainer/daddy, Dave!</p>

“How Can I Help Arizona Golden Rescue?”

A question we are often asked is “How can I help?” One way is to attend our fundraising events, whether they be small like the *California Pizza Kitchen* meal deal or large like the upcoming *Casino Event*. Even if you do not like to play casino games, you can attend and purchase raffle tickets and/or bid on silent auction items. If you do not live in the Phoenix Metro area, then there are other ways you can help.

Don’t let what appears to be a healthy bank account deceive you! Half that money shown in our accounts in the next column could be used up very quickly if we take in a few dogs with serious health issues – it has happened before in our 3½+ years of operation. Just this past spring, we spent \$12,400 on one dog before we lost her. Cash donations are welcome any time of year, but many members reserve a special donation to give near the end of the year in honor or memory of a person or a dog. All donations are tax deductible, of course, and will be acknowledged. For your convenience, an *AGR*-addressed donation envelope is included with this newsletter.

You can help by donating an item or service to be used in a silent auction or raffle. Auctions and raffles at a few of our events help generate much-needed funds and are fun! Unused gifts, pretty trinkets, collectible pieces, or household items you don’t want are gratefully accepted. They do not need to be pet related either! Especially popular for auctions and raffles are gift cards for restaurants, hair salons, dog grooming or boarding, sporting events, pet supply companies – anything you might like may be something someone else might want. If you own a business or if a favorite business you patronize can support us, it’s a win-win: the business gets extra advertising and we get to help more Golden’s!

How about cashing in some of your accumulated credit card points and purchasing gift cards for *AGR*? We can use them to buy product for a raffle or silent auction, or we can use them as is. When we were shopping for the golf tournament, gift cards we found most useful were *Amazon.com*, *The Home Depot*, *Barnes & Noble*, *Best Buy*, *Bed Bath & Beyond*, *Sears*, *Target*, *KMart*, *Walmart*, and grocery stores (any of the ones in the Valley: *Albertson’s*, *Basha’s*, *Costco*, *Fry’s*, *Safeway*, *Sam’s Club* or *Sprouts*).

If you work for a company, please check with your HR representative to determine if your company gives matching fund donations to nonprofit groups like ours. You might be surprised that they do!



Hero Award
 During the cocktail hour before the Hero Awards dinner, this lady was a little embarrassed when Prince started nosing through her purse! He didn’t find anything except gum – at least that’s what it appeared to be!



The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

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

Total Assets as of October 15, 2012: \$133,487.61

	Income	Expense
Adoptions	\$32,089.00	\$1,825.00
Bank, Credit Card, Legal, Professional		1,687.90
Bowl-A-Rama Donations ¹	6,014.50	
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	2,610.00	
Celebration Party Silent Auction	400.00	
Donations	35,167.50	
Dues and Subscriptions	125.00	144.52
Event Expense		700.56
Garage Sale	3,534.97	
Gift Wrap Events ¹	2,032.40	
Golf Tournament ²	36,421.04	10,450.00
Grants ³	5,129.71	550.00
Insurance		252.00
Interest	50.99	
Memberships	11,115.00	
Merchandise	4,053.81	3,351.90
Office Expense		548.21
<i>Paws At The Park Picnic 2012⁴</i>	1,411.06	773.35
<i>PetSmart Charities PetWalk</i>	1,866.00	
Postage		916.29
Promotional		464.71
Rent or Lease		1,000.00
Santa Claws Photos taken in 2011	1,375.00	
Stationery & Printing		3,325.88
Tickets, Raffle ⁵	1,330.00	
Telephone		142.77
Utilities		307.72
Vet and Dog-related Expenses:		
Boarding		338.95
Collars, Leashes, Tags		1,176.66
Microchip & Heartgard® expenses		1,512.57
Transport Expense ⁶		133.35
Veterinary services		102,300.99
TOTAL	\$144,725.98	131,903.33
NET INCOME:	\$12,822.65	

Checking Account on 10-11-12: \$39,677.28
Savings Account on 10-11-12: \$81,910.07
The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 10-11-12: \$11,900.26
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 10-11-12: \$19,398.86

¹ Deposited in the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*
² Full accounting of Golf Tournament income & expenses is not yet complete
³ Grant to *Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue* to help with expenses of a 20-dog puppy mill rescue
⁴ Income does not include raffle ticket sales – that income is shown separately
⁵ Includes *Celebration Party* raffle and *Paws At The Park* raffle
⁶ Gas for transport of six dogs from *El Paso Golden Retriever Rescue*

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Katie Donahue, D.O.

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for; perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from July 7, 2012 through October 10, 2012. All adoptions finalized after October 10th will be in the next issue.



12-005 Martie, now known as **Kelsey**, is a little girl who came to **AGR** with a group from El Paso back in January. She had some behavioral issues she needed to work out prior to finding just the right home. During her long stay in Rescue, we found out that **Martie** does not like cats or crates, and she definitely enjoys counter surfing and nibbling on things that don't

belong to her. She stayed with foster mom Teryl, who happens to be our behavior expert, to work on her manners. She attended many Meet-and-Greets to learn how to interact appropriately with other dogs and people of all ages. She learned all of her obedience lessons and realized she needed to listen to everyone, not just Teryl. She is still working on learning what is appropriate to nibble. In July, she moved to her permanent home with Mike, Stacey, and their children in Gilbert. They also have another Golden about **Martie's** age. Everyone gets along quite well, and the dogs are happy to have each other as playmates. **Martie's** new parents sent us this note to let us know how she's been doing: **Kelsey**, formerly known as **Martie**, has found her niche. After being in several homes, she has finally found her permanent home with us. She spends her mornings playing and swimming with our other Golden Retriever. She loves the water and it seems that she is always wet. After hours of playing, **Kelsey** finds a nice cool spot on the tile to sleep away the summer heat. With some continued training, **Kelsey** is no longer jumping up on people but still loves to warmly greet them by licking them when they enter the house. She loves car rides and her nightly run, and she needs and wants to be the center of attention – always! She still loves to pick up and chew on random items she finds, so we will have to continue to work with her on this favorite pastime. It does not matter that she ate our favorite Celtics hat; we love her with all our hearts and we are glad that she is now a part of our happy family. Thank you for allowing us to adopt this amazing, wonderful, dream dog, **Kelsey**.

12-027 Benjamin, better known as **Bentley**, was inadvertently missed in the last edition of *Magic Moments*. He is a 6-year-old

Golden mix who wants to be with his people. He particularly enjoys chasing a ball or a Frisbee. Fortunately, if his people happen to be busy, he'll entertain himself with his toys or curl up for a power nap. **Bentley** had kennel cough and a GI bug when he was first rescued; those illnesses have since been resolved. He has

found his new home with Bruce and his family in Phoenix where he indulges in frequent walks and even more frequent games of fetch. Dad Bruce sent us this note: **Bentley** is an amazing addition to our family. While we now realize that we will never have a clean floor again, and the back door will forever be covered in nose prints, he is a bundle of love for us. We wanted a dog to force us to be more active and **Bentley** has done just that. He loves his twice-daily walks, even jumps up and down and runs in circles when he sees the leash! He is getting along quite well with our adopted alley cat and the desert tortoise, but loves to warn off the others that this is HIS back yard. He enjoys meeting friends but is still not 100% sold on dog parks – he is more interested in new people to meet. We bought him several bones, which he promptly buried in the yard. He loves to play tug-o-war, and is tireless in trying to win. We are so pleased and excited to have him around; it is an amazing dynamic he brings to our lives. We are grateful for the opportunity **AGR** has provided to us.



12-035 Lucky is a 10-year-old boy who was lucky to be found. He was picked up as a stray way back in April, and when no owners came to claim him, his finders requested **AGR** place him in a permanent home. All of our dogs receive routine vet work including testing for valley fever and heartworm. They are also tested for tick fever if they have a high tick burden when they enter Rescue.

They receive any additional medical care our vets feel they need to improve their health and quality of life. **Lucky's** titers for valley fever and tick fever were both so high they could not be measured. He was malnourished, his kidney function was impaired, and he was in desperate need of dental work. Fortunately, he was heartworm negative. At foster mom Deb's house, he started his medications for both valley fever and tick fever and started eating a nutritious diet of moistened kibble and boiled chicken to help with weight gain. He was also started on a medication called benazepril, a medication used in people to treat high blood pressure. **Lucky's** blood pressure is just fine, but the class of medications benazepril belongs to, ACE inhibitors, also helps to protect kidney function and prevent the kidney from wasting protein in the urine. It does this for people, too, not just dogs. The benazepril will help **Lucky** hold on to the protein that he eats so he can work on rebuilding some of his muscle mass and improve the function of his internal organs. I think it's kind of neat that dogs and people can share some of the same medications for the same medical problems. After several months of TLC, **Lucky** has perked up. His tick fever has been successfully treated and his valley fever has improved. His kidney function and urine protein levels have improved, as well. He has moved to his permanent home with Matt and Mary Lynn in Glendale and is living in style. He enjoys lots of pets, his boiled chicken, and occasionally chases a ball. We wish him a happy new life with his new family.



12-038 Artie is a large 3-year-old boy who came in to Rescue because his original family could no longer care for him. He has epilepsy, and his seizures were becoming somewhat more frequent, about once a month per his original family. Epilepsy is not an uncommon ailment in Golden Retrievers, but it can usually be treated quite easily with several oral

medications. **Artie** was not taking any medications when he initially came to **AGR**. Our vets started him on phenobarbital, which is usually very effective for treating epilepsy in dogs. It can cause liver damage if the dose is too high or the dog is on it for a very long time, so often potassium bromide is added to enable to phenobarbital dose to be lowered or stopped entirely. That's the goal for **Artie**. He is doing quite well, and his foster mom DeDe developed Foster Failure Syndrome and **Artie** has found his permanent home with her, her daughter, and their other dog **Nala**. We wish **Artie** a happy, healthy, seizure-free life!

12-047 Moses is a 7-year-old boy who was about the size of two Golden Retrievers when he came to **AGR**. At 145 lbs, he was grossly overweight. How **Moses** got that way, we will never know, but if allowed easy access to food, most Goldens will eat themselves silly. That's why we recommend regular, portioned feeding as opposed to "free-feeding" – Goldens aren't very good at moderation.



Moses had several lab tests done to see if there was a medical reason for his obesity, but fortunately, or unfortunately for **Moses**, he had just been overfed. Foster mom Cricket put him on a special diet and he was able to slim down quite a bit before going to his new home. He was just about 121 lbs when he moved in with new parents Eddy and Lizzette and their

three young children. Introductions at his new house went quite well. **Moses** will be the perfect dog for this first-dog-ever family. **Moses** is well mannered, knows some commands, and walks surprisingly well on a leash for a former backyard dog. He is quite strong though and uses all of his bulk to pull in the direction he wants to go if he sees a cat or rabbit. His new parents intend to work with him on refining his leash manners and not chasing after small animals. Dad Eddy plans on daily walks to improve his leash skills and help with his continued weight loss. We wish him a happy, healthy, slim life with his new family.



12-053 Kevin is a 1-year-old Golden who came to **AGR** with his brother **Steve**. These littermates had only ever lived outside in a dirt yard. They had had minimal training and no vetting. Even with that, they were still happy, healthy, exuberant Golden puppies. Our original goal was to keep them together but, secondary to circumstances beyond our control, we ended

up separating the pair. They have adjusted very well to the split and have made themselves comfortable in their respective new homes. **Kevin**, now known as **Jaxon**, has moved in with Jason and his 8-year-old son in Gilbert. He's also sharing his new home with a Chihuahua sister, **Roxy**. **Jaxon** loves the pool and is best friends with his human brother, which is just what Dad Jason was hoping for. He writes: ***Jaxon** is a perfect fit to our family. I was looking for a very gentle dog to bond with my 8-year-old son and they are best buddies. In fact, my son has claimed him as his own and I'm not allowed to call **Jaxon** "my boy" any longer; I'm now referred to as grandpa. A little too early in my opinion to be called grandpa, but it's a perfect description of how well **Jaxon** is fitting in. He loves to play in the pool and will jump in whenever someone dives in to "protect" them. He loves our long walks, and is getting along with our other little dog, **Roxy**. In all, it's been a very pleasant experience with **AGR** and **Jaxon**. Thanks.*

12-054 Steve is **Kevin's** bigger, lighter colored brother. He has also found a new home and is not an only dog. He has moved in with mom Candy in Gilbert. He shares his home with canine sister **Neece** and now answers to the new name of **Neeko**. He and **Neece** love to swim and are frequently in and out of the pool. They



also enjoy sharing toys and cuddling together. Mom Candy sent us this note from **Neeko**: *I am so happy to have my new family... I love my sister Neece and we play all day and have fun. I love my new parents, they feed me (I am getting fat) and swim with me in the pool. What a lucky guy I am!! Neeko.* We hope **Neeko** is not getting too large... He'll need to get

acquainted with the green bean diet!

12-055 Shadow is a beautiful 8-year-old Golden who needed to find a new home because his original owners were getting a divorce and neither could take him with them. He wasn't terribly bothered by the idea, as it meant he got to meet lots of new people. Dana and Gail drove him from his original home to one of our vets so he could be updated on his immunizations.



He was happy to ride in the car and attempted to sit in Gail's lap for the entire drive. While at the vet's, he tested positive for valley fever, but his titers were low enough that he does not currently require treatment. He will need periodic retesting, and if his titer elevates, he'll require treatment with an antifungal medication. Teryl drove him to his new home with John and Valerie in Peoria and, fortunately, he did not attempt to repeat his impersonation of a lap dog. He lounged under the air conditioning vent for most of the ride and left the driving to Teryl. He arrived at his new home on mom Valerie's birthday and made an excellent impression. Even the cat, Kipling, was happy with him. He has settled in quite well, his shaved coat is growing back, and he seems to be enjoying his new life. He sent us this note to let us all know what a great life he has: *I'm doing great. I'm moving better and my coat has filled out with my new owner's care. (They used to think I'd get sunburned through my thin hair!) They call me beautiful but I call it hot. We have a boat and go to Lake Pleasant. My bio said I didn't swim but I love swimming. OK, I splashed at first, but I caught on. Now I swim out to retrieve sticks and my water Frisbee. Going to the lake is one of my favorite things. It's as fun as mauling (gently, of course) the cat. He's cool. He's fourteen and was raised with a Golden. It's been awhile but I think he remembers. My owners aren't sure they like his ears and neck left wet but the cat doesn't mind. He makes a cool sound. They call it a purr. I like when my owners sit out on the swing with their morning coffee with the misters on. I sit as close as I can until they tire of petting me, which takes a while. Then I lie at their feet and look out at my great yard with grass and trees and I give thanks for my new home. I'm a happy dog!*

12-058 Charlie is a typical 1-year-old boy with all the energy Golden puppies are known to harbor. He found himself in need



of a new home and was hoping for an active playmate to help him burn some of that puppy energy. Fortunately, we were able to place him with new dad Eric and his 7-year-old son Ryan, who are both quite happy to keep **Charlie** busy. We had some concerns initially that, along with **Charlie's** energy, he may have been suffering from hip dysplasia, some-

thing not uncommon in large-breed dogs like Golden Retrievers. **Charlie** was evaluated by Dr. Pullen at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center**, and found to have very mild orthopedic indications of hip dysplasia. Dr. Pullen didn't feel **Charlie** needed any surgery to repair his hips, just exercise and a healthy diet. He will have follow-up x-rays to ensure his dysplasia is not progressing, but otherwise he should remain a happy, healthy, active Golden puppy!

12-059 Jethro, now known as **Riley**, is having the time of his life with his forever family, Karen and Chet in Buckeye. He came to **AGR** with his sister, **Lilo**. Originally, the pair, whom we were told were very bonded, were placed together, but that placement didn't work out because the energy level of the dogs was too much for the potential family. Normally, we make



every effort to keep pairs together, but these dogs were observed to not get along with each other very well, so we decided to separate them. It turns out that was a good decision. **Jethro** was having problems in general around other dogs. He didn't work out in the second home we tried him in, either, as he wasn't friendly with a neighbor's child that came over to play with the children in the family. Three times was the charm for our boy **Jethro**, though. Now with Karen and Chet, he has done a real turn-around behaviorally. **Jethro**, now **Riley** no longer pees in the house, has learned that it's not OK to counter surf, it's definitely not OK to eat food from his human's plate, and it's a really really bad idea to steal the still cooking food off the hot stove. He has also learned to walk nicely on leash. During their month-long vacation in California and Oregon, Karen reported, **Riley is having a WONDERFUL vacation and is meeting and playing with lots of dog friends and just doing incredibly well.** Karen and Chet are so happy with **Riley** and wanted to let us know how great everything is going. They finalized the adoption when they returned. Wow, can we go along on your next vacation?

[Ed. Note: **12-060 Lilo's** adoption was finalized after this section was completed, so her story will be in the February issue.]

12-067 Marfil is a beautiful 8-month-old puppy who came in to Rescue because his original owner worked long hours and did not have time to train a puppy. As someone who has both worked



long hours and trained a puppy, I agree that doing both at the same time does not mix. **Marfil** needed someone home more often than not and someone who would be able to work with him on basic obedience skills. He also needed to learn not to do all those charming puppy things like jumping, mouthing, and peeing in the house. Fortunately he hadn't

developed too many bad habits and was eager to learn how to make his new parents Rand and Wendy happy. He quickly responded to his new name of **Bos'n**, and Rand and Wendy were quite surprised at how easy he has been to train. He has even won over his 6-year-old human sibling who was a little leery of him at the beginning. Dad Rand writes: *Wow, we won the dog lottery! When we adopted **Bos'n** we were told that he was coming from a home where his owner had worked extended hours and didn't have time for him. We expected to get a very rambunctious, unruly, 66-pound 8-month-old puppy that would need a lot of work to fit into our family, and we were ready to deal with that challenge. We couldn't have been more wrong about the level of effort required to integrate **Bos'n** into our family. **Bos'n** was a little rough around the edges at first but learned the rules of our family really quickly with very mild corrections. He only had to be shown a couple of times what was his to chew and what was not, not to jump up on people, that he needed to eliminate outside and not in the dining room or on the stair landing, etcetera. I consider myself a fairly experienced dog parent after 25 years of having 4 terrific Akitas, but nothing compares with how smart and eager to please **Bos'n** is. After 8 weeks he has learned basic commands, has the run of our home and is completely trustworthy alone or with my very active 6-year-old son. He is happy to go on long hikes with me, play with our son, or quietly hang out with my wife while she reads. He's playful, affectionate and has great manners. Watch dog – not so much. He'll "watch" complete strangers (St. Vincent de Paul charity pickup) walk out with a big TV, but he won't do anything about it! For us, **Bos'n** is perfect. We're very grateful to have the opportunity to make **Bos'n** a part of our family.*



12-069 Princess is a lovely little girl just under a year old, who had a rough start in life. She was found as a stray and had been attacked by something significantly larger than she was. Fortunately, we



Princess had some pretty horrendous bite marks on her neck

were able to get her cleaned up, had her bite wounds attended to, and get her started on her series of puppy immunizations.

She was also treated for mange and visited Dr. Pullen for evaluation of her hips. Her x-rays don't show disease severe enough to warrant surgery right now, but they are not totally normal. He would like for her to have follow-up films in several months to assess her hips as she grows into an adult dog. Hopefully, quality time with her new parents, Joe and Heather in Peoria, a healthy diet, and lots of exercise will be everything little **Princess** needs to ensure she becomes a happy, healthy adult dog and her days of multiple vet trips are over. We have our paws crossed for her!



12-070 Toby is about 6 years old and came to Rescue when his family had to move out of their house and couldn't take him with them. Fortunately, **Toby's** next-door neighbor was quite concerned that he was alone in his yard and wanted to make sure he found an alternative place to live. She was able to contact his original owners, have them sign over his ownership to her, then

asked **AGR** to place him with a new family. If it weren't for **Toby's** next-door neighbor, he would probably still be living outside in his back yard. **Toby** was quite happy to travel with Dana and Gail to the vet, where he was brought up to date on all his immunizations and was altered. After about a week lounging at the vet, he was moved to his new home with Joyce and her resident **AGR** Golden, **Hazel**. **Toby** initially wanted to make **Hazel** his "special lady friend" but she had other ideas. **Hazel** promptly informed **Toby** she was the boss of the house and if he intended to stay there, he'd be following her rules. **Toby** decided that was a better option than living in a back yard, and he and **Hazel** have made their peace. All three members of Joyce's household now enjoy spending time together including trips to the back yard, but **Toby** still says his favorite part is when he gets to come back inside.

12-071 Zelda, now known as **Nana**, came in to Rescue with her housemate **Link**. After some behavioral issues, it was deemed best that she and **Link** would do better in separate houses, as opposed to staying as a pair. We were able to place **Zelda**, a 4-year-old blond female, with Michael, Kim, and their young daughter Bella in Tempe. Now called **Nana**, she initially had some difficulty adjusting. At her foster home, she had been occasionally acting out from fear and this continued intermittently at home with Michael and Kim. Teryl was able to give them some suggestions on working through her issues and convince her how to behave like a normal dog. She's still not thrilled with strange dogs or people, but she is improving. She has been nothing but pleasant with Bella and frequently plays dress-up



with her. Her new parents sent us this note to let us know how she's transitioning to her new life: **Nana** is an 80-lb, 4-year-old puppy, who apparently weighed 110 lbs when rescued. She is making herself at home here in the Tempe Lakes, where she loves her walks, her toys, and above all, her food. She follows me around like a shadow, detaching only to cool off on the tile floor when it's especially hot out. Although unfriendly to strange dogs and people, she amiably allows our daughter to adorn her with tiaras and baby blankets. She is trainable, enthusiastic, always in the way, and has an infinite capacity to absorb pets. We are hopeful she will develop an interest in tennis balls to make it easier to exercise her – maybe when it gets a little cooler. We all love our **Nana**.



12-072 Link and his housemate **Zelda** came to Rescue because their original owners were moving and not able to take them. **Link** is a 9-year-old Golden boy. He and **Zelda** originally went to the same home but after several weeks, the decision was made that they would do best in separate homes. **Link's** personality was overpowering **Zelda**, and

she was not getting the opportunity to work on her shyness and problems with fear. **Link** now lives with mom Deborah in Phoenix. He shares his mom's affection with her resident Pomeranian and they get along quite well. He is working on his obedience skills and leash manners as he had almost none when he first moved in. We're sure that **Link** will enjoy his Golden years with Mom Deborah.



12-073 Sarah is a very sweet 10-year-old senior Golden mix who will be treated like gold during her Golden years with Cristi, Steve, Chad and Blake and their other two **AGR**-adopted dogs, **Brother** and **Buddy**. Cristi, one of our newer Shelter Walkers, wrote, **Sarah** was my second foster and my second foster failure! I

was 100% sure we were not keeping her, as I wanted to be able to take in more fosters and knew that she was perfect for so many families. She was quiet, sweet, small but still Golden with out the ruff stuff. Perfect for an older couple or someone with a small yard or home. She was also not thrilled at first with the play of my two rowdy boys, **Buddy** (f.k.a. **Odi**) and **Brother**. I thought she would be perfect for someone with one dog or no dogs. Then I noticed how much **Sarah** loved her brothers. She would run in a pack down the stairs and bark with them in excitement.



AGR trio now living together: **Buddy** standing and **Brother** behind **Sarah** on lounge

Sarah also loves the back yard. Just lies in the sun in the middle of the day to warm up. She also loves my human boys. She runs from room to room in the morning greeting everyone like she can't believe there are so many people to love her. **Sarah** just got back from a trip to the mountains where she was the perfect little girl. She shared a cabin with 5 other dogs, all boys. She ruled the roost. I realized on this trip that even though **Sarah** would be loved by anyone who was lucky enough to get her, maybe **Sarah** needed to finish her life with the new family that she already loved. I am sure that at 10 years old she misses someone very much, and I don't want her to hurt any more. **Sarah** has found her forever family. How wonderful for the entire family!



12-074 Coral Cove came to **AGR** as her original owner could no longer care for her. She is a very pretty, if very overweight, blonde about 5 years old. She had been used as a backyard breeder but, after several unhealthy litters, her owner had her spayed. Many people worry that having a dog spayed will cause them to become fat and

may be inclined to use **Coral Cove** and her 111-lb self as an example. Having a dog spayed does not affect her weight. Too much food and not enough exercise causes a dog to become overweight. Prior to coming into Rescue, **Coral Cove** spent her days in her back yard with minimal activity. The first few days she was with **AGR**, she preferred rolling over onto her side for a belly rub to actually participating in any activity. Fortunately, her new mom Katy has made it her mission to help **Coral** reduce to a more appropriate weight of about 70 lbs. Green beans and walks slowly increasing in their distance are definitely in **Coral's** future! Mom Katy has also helped **Coral** recover from surgery on both of her eyelids. **Coral** suffered from a condition called entropion, where the eyelid turned inward and irritated the cornea of the eye. Now that **Coral's** eyelids have been fixed, she'll have no problem enjoying all the sights on her daily walks.

12-076 Jacky, now known as **Tara**, is a beautiful 3-year-old almost-redhead. She has a stunning coat that starts off golden around her chest then darkens to more red hues towards her back half and tail. She also has that classic Golden feathering along her legs and tail. She is a very polite girl and seems to have grown out of the rambunctious puppy stage. After **Tara** was spayed and



had her routine vetting, Connie and Ingrid drove her to her new home with Agnes and George in Tempe. **Tara** made herself right at home and enjoyed a short walk with her new parents and fur-sister **Heidi**, a Pitbull/Shepherd mix. **Heidi** seemed quite pleased

to have a sister, even if **Tara** was still a bit groggy from her recent spay and wasn't quite ready to roughhouse. And no one, least of all **Tara**, realized she is blind in her left eye. We had her evaluated at *Eye Care for Animals*. They discovered that she has no left eyeball. The tissue that was there was causing an irritation, so they removed it. **Tara** doesn't seem to be bothered by having vision in only one eye, though **Heidi** will probably use that to her advantage for sneak attacks once she figures it out! **Tara** will just have to hone her other senses and startle **Heidi** when she's sleeping. We wish everyone in **Tara's** new family, dog and human, a happy new life together!



12-077 Chance, a stunningly handsome 13-month-old, came to **AGR** after living with a family in Lake Havasu City for a couple months. They had gotten him from a neighbor who couldn't care for him anymore. However, even though they kept him outside, they found they couldn't care for him well either, as they had committed to a puppy before **Chance** came to their home, and having

two dogs was one dog too many. So, Deb and Tony made the long drive to Quartzsite, where the family was kind enough to meet them with **Chance**. Then they drove him directly to his new home with Gayle and Rich in Phoenix. He made a very favorable first impression, but as time passed and he unpacked his "baggage," some undesirable behavior traits, primarily doing his business in the house even though there was a doggie door, started to manifest. Teryl was called in to help straighten him out. He really is a wonderful dog now that he has been convinced he is in his forever home. He did very well at the Mayo Blvd *PetSmart* Meet-and-Greet in September, so we hope that Rich and Gayle will continue to bring him to our events.

12-078 Toby is a 10-month-old Golden Retriever/Border Collie mix who, like many of our Golden/Border Collie mixes, is a shiny black. He has all the Golden Retriever fur in all the right Golden Retriever places; it's just not the normal gold color. We say these dogs are Golden in the witness protection program. **Toby** moved to the Valley from Sierra Vista, and he had a rather convoluted route to make it up here. Laurel drove him 130 miles from Sierra Vista to Marana where she met Dana and Gail. **Toby** hopped into the car with Dana and Gail, who then drove him 95 miles to Chandler where they met Jim. **Toby** said a brief good-bye to Dana and Gail, then settled down in the passenger seat of Jim's car before driving off into the sunset to meet new mom Joy in Gilbert. Fortunately, **Toby** didn't have to do any of



the driving, so he was bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for his meeting with his new mom and human siblings. He was all ready for some play time in the back yard before play time in the house before a quick snack and then more play time. Joy says that he's fitting in very well with her and the children and they are very pleased to have **Toby** in their lives.



12-079 Lady is a 3-year-old Golden girl who needed to find a new family as her previous family was going through a divorce and neither adult was able to keep her. She seemed to be feeling the emotional turmoil going on in her previous family and was rather shy when she first came in to Rescue. It took her quite some time to warm up to Connie during

her transport. She did seem rather pleased with the new home we found for her. We placed her with Darlene and Rick and **Toby**, their resident German Shorthair Pointer, in Phoenix. Neither **Lady** nor her new fursibling were quite sure what to do with each other, but once **Lady** found the pool, she was pretty sure she was home. After a quick dip, **Lady** decided she'd unpack her suitcase if it meant she had free access to the pool. Darlene and Rick were willing to negotiate on pool terms: they might not want **Ms. Lady** swimming at midnight, but they were ready to help her unpack and set up her room. **Lady** and **Toby** have made friends, and she has decided she's quite happy with her new home.

12-080 Shiloh is a senior Golden at 11 years old. He made the move to Rescue because his original owner traveled frequently and did not feel he was home enough to properly care for **Shiloh**. For an older gentleman, **Shiloh** is fairly healthy and active. He enjoys playing with his favorite toys and can get in and out of the car without help. He did test



positive for valley fever and his titer was high enough to require treatment. He will be taking fluconazole, an antifungal medication, and have his titer rechecked in three months. He has found his forever home with Julie in Chandler. He shares his new home with a fursister, **Molly**, Julie's resident Bichon. **Molly** wasn't quite sure what to make of her new sibling who is much larger than she is, but they've sorted things out. **Shiloh** had some initial difficulties with anxiety urination and was making little puddles in the house while Julie was at work during the day. A consultation with our behavior specialist, Teryl, and a recommendation to crate train him has helped significantly. We're sure **Shiloh** will enjoy the rest of his Golden years with Julie and **Molly**.



12-081 Bracken is a beautiful cream-colored Golden who has had a rather rough 7 years of life. On the initial phone call we received regarding her surrender, the stated reason was the family was moving and unable to take her with them. When Michele went to collect her, she found out that there was another huge reason the family was unable to take **Bracken**: she has severe anxiety.

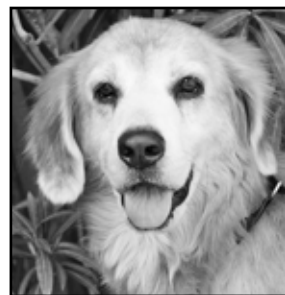
Bracken is petrified of thunder, fireworks and hot air balloons. Her fears are so severe that she flew through a glass window in an attempt to get away from the noise. Her fears may be secondary to multiple trips on an airplane as cargo, or she may just share many dogs' fear of thunder. Whatever the reason, her previous owners were not able to cope with her anxiety and were not home often enough to ensure she did not damage herself or other objects in the home during storms. Fortunately we were able to place her with new dad Bill, who is a seasoned Golden Retriever owner and was more than happy to work with **Bracken** on her anxiety. **Bracken** bonded with Bill shortly after her arrival and we anticipate they will be good friends in no time. Bill has a Thundershirt for **Bracken**, which helps to calm her down during storms and other periods of high anxiety. He also has some prescription medication he can use if she seems too agitated. Hopefully, living with someone who is home more often and willing to work with her to ease some of her fears will help **Bracken** remember what being a normal Golden Retriever is all about. Bill says he's up for the challenge, so **Bracken** better be ready!

12-082 Oliver, now called **Chaco**, is an adorable 4½-month-old Golden mix who found himself in need of a new home when his owners realized they weren't prepared to handle the high energy needs of a Golden puppy. Fortunately, they realized that early on in **Chaco's** life and requested **AGR** find him a more appropriate home. They also worked with him as much as they could to ensure he learned some proper puppy manners. **Chaco** earned much praise from everyone involved in his transport and, though he does have boundless puppy energy, he is very sweet and willing to please. **AGR** placed him with Linda in Flagstaff, and he charmed his way into her heart and made fast friends with her resident Lab **Daisy**. **Daisy** and **Chaco** were ready to play as soon as he got home. Though **Chaco** has done some puppy chewing, Linda is keeping a watchful eye on him to prevent him from getting in too much trouble. She sent us this note: *I just wanted to check in and let you know how things are going with **Chaco**. It is like he has always been part of the family. I took him up to see the Canyon over the weekend and he did great with the crowds. Last night we took him to a charity event that had a*



*"Pets on Parade." We didn't have him in the parade since it was all so new to him, but other than barking at a couple of dogs that were barking at him, he handled the whole thing like a champ. I have been very consistent in crating him each day, and now when I leave in the morning or at lunch he goes right into it. He can now sleep through most of the night without letting me know he needs to go out – close to six hours. We are still up each morning with the sun but I know that will continue for a while. He and **Daisy** get along famously and when he sees something he's not sure of, he goes to stand with either me or her until he figures out what it is. We have had no problems with his health, but I have to watch constantly what he has in his mouth. I have a good supply of squeaky toys so that is usually what he grabs, but he has gotten his mouth on a sock and then a piece of appliance that I still don't know what it is. I've been able to get both before he swallowed them, but it reminded me to keep everything out of his reach and keep an eye on him all the time especially if he is chewing on an unknown substance. He loves his sticks and he is constantly bringing them in and I take them out. He's only had two small accidents in the house but each time he had a good excuse. Once when he ran out and then back in to play and once when Greg chased him and he got scared. **Daisy** loves to be chased, but **Chaco** gets a little scared so we do not play that game with him. Thank you so much for pairing him with us. He is just the perfect dog for us, and I am so honored to give him a good stable happy home.*

12-083 Jubilee, now known as **Maura**, is a senior girl who needed some TLC when she first came in to Rescue. We estimated her age to be around 10, but she may have gone prematurely white and may be a year or two younger. She is an adorable Beagle/Golden mix who was sprung from the shelter when no one came to collect her after she was found as a stray. She



was treated for many ticks, was spayed, had her teeth cleaned, and had two small growths removed. She now makes her home with Kathi and Bob and their menagerie of other canines. **Maura** is still working on some separation anxiety and is not terribly thrilled when Kathi and Bob leave to go to **AGR** events without her, but she is improving slowly. Her patience has been rewarded as she has recently been accompanying them to events as an ambassador. **Maura** and Kathi sent us a note to let us know how things were going with their newly blended family: *I came into Rescue after my mom saw me when she was doing her weekly shelter walk for **AGR**. I was all curled up in a ball and wouldn't move, even for a cookie. After a couple more days at the shelter (I was a stray), I was sprung from there and named **Jubilee** by my transport angels because I was jubilant to get out of there. My mom decided that when I was all vetted and spayed, she would be my foster and probably adopt me also... and she did. After calling me **Jubilee**, **Jubes** or **Jubey** for a couple of days, she decided that I needed a*

new name. At the time she decided that, she was watching "Rizzoli and Isles" on TV, and since Ms. Isles' first name is Maura on the show, she decided that Maura was the perfect name for me. Pretty soon she was calling me her little lady Maura so I became Lady Maura. I am a Golden/Beagle mix, I have a Beagle face with big, brown eyes that I can make look sad in an instant, and I know how to work that Golden paw thing, too, to get my way. I also have a human dad, a canine sister and 2 canine brothers. We all get along very well, although my brother Leo did snap at me one time when I came too close to his bone. It only took once, and I learned not to go near him when he is chewing on his bone. I am very definitely one of those Velcro dogs with Mom. I always have to be near her whether it is in the office or the living room/kitchen area, and I even sleep on her side of the bed. If Dad gets up before Mom in the morning, I jump up onto the bed and lie down by her until she gets up. At first I cried when my mom would go out because of separation anxiety, so Mom began talking to me when she was going out, telling me that my canine siblings would take good care of me and so would Dad (if he didn't go with her). She would also tell me where she was going, about how long she would be gone and that she loved me. Now I am not quite so anxious when she leaves. I was a very skinny dog when I came into Rescue. It was especially noticeable after I was shaved because of ticks. Mom made me something called Satin Balls and I promptly put on some weight while eating those. Boy were they good, but mom said no more after I put on about 8 lbs. Gotta watch my girlish figure, ya know. I do have some arthritis in my hips and spinal stenosis in my mid back so I take some medicine for that, but otherwise, even though I am a senior lady, I still get around pretty well. Kathi said, We are so happy that Maura has come into our lives. She reminds me quite a bit of our Bridge Angel Miki, especially in her face looks and a couple of her actions. But we know she is not Miki, and we love her for her own wonderful self. Thanks, AGR, for allowing us to adopt her and her to adopt us. We couldn't love her more.

12-084 Swayze. Many times people looking to adopt a dog hope to bring home a puppy, the younger the better. People are concerned that older dogs won't bond with the family or will come with bad habits or won't have as many years left in their lifespan. We've proven time and again – just read *Magic Moments* – that adopting an adult or senior dog is a very rewarding experience. They have grown out of their puppy misbehavior; most Golden retrievers are willing to leave their baggage at the door; and there is no guarantee on lifespan no matter how old or young the dog. Also, we don't often get very young puppies in Rescue. Frequently, dogs are six months to a year old when people realize exactly how much work a puppy is, or they are so frustrated with training a large dog, they give up and call us. **Swayze**, now known as **Scout**, is an exception to that rule. This little girl



was nine weeks old when she fell into our lap. She is an adorable Golden/Lab mix who is in the witness protection program – she has Golden features but black fur. We were able to place her with a family who was well aware of the trials and tribulations of puppy raising and up to the challenge. She is now living with Chad, Melissa, and their children in Peoria. Their 12-year-old son got the surprise of his life, as he was away at camp when **Scout** was delivered, and he came home to brand new puppy kisses. We wish all of them a happy new life together!

12-085 Ruby is a Golden/Aussie mix, who is not red as her name suggests but gold in color. She is an 8-year-old girl who has started a new life in Sierra Vista with new parents Nancy and Bill. She also shares her home with their resident Jack Russell Terrier. Initially, Mom Nancy was concerned that **Ruby** and their Jack Russell weren't going to get along but, shortly after **Ruby's** arrival, they were starting to play together. They now enjoy play time on a daily basis. **Ruby** is still getting used to Bill's crutches. She is very happy to sit next to him and enjoy pets while he's sitting down, but when he gets up to move from room to room and uses his crutches, she's a bit leery. It may take some time, but she should warm up. Mom Nancy says it seems as if **Ruby** has been with them forever and they are very happy with the new addition to the family. She sent us this note: *My husband, Bill, uses crutches, and when I heard that [a Rescue group in southern Arizona] might be getting in a retiring service dog I was very interested. We've had two GRs before and love the breed, and the thought of adopting an older, well-trained, gentle, calm dog was very appealing, especially since we have a five-year-old Jack Russell mix, **Bandit**, who is Type A squared! We applied to adopt and were approved. It turned out that the retiring service dog was taken by a family member of the owner, who was going into assisted living, so that one was out. Not long afterwards, Laurel called saying she was fostering a dog who might fit with us, so I went to her house to meet him. Well, as it turned out, he had "issues" which made him problematic for us. But guess who else Laurel was fostering at the same time – **Ruby**! I saw her face, and it was love at first sight! We went for a walk, and then she came over to our house to meet **Bandit**, and that went as well as could be expected for a first meeting. Bill was smitten, too! Laurel was sure that **Bandit** would accept **Ruby**, so we went ahead with the formalities of applying to AGR to adopt **Ruby**. Despite our misgivings, **Bandit** has been terrific with **Ruby**, and they're having a great time together. She's such a sweetheart, and I can't imagine that she spent her first eight years as a yard dog. Who could resist those bedroom eyes and that tail that wags all the time! Anyway, she's found a loving home now, and we're delighted to have her.*





12-087 Coco (left) and **12-088 Molly** (right) are 7-year-old littermates who needed to find a new home because one of their other



siblings was no longer getting along with them. **Molly**, the blonde of the pair, had been attacked by the sibling and this bonded pair was eager to settle in to a new home. The girls are Golden/Collie mixes, so in addition to their fetching habits, they also desire to herd the things they go after. They share the desire common among all dogs to snack on cookies after play time. **Coco** and **Molly** have moved in with Mike and Gail in Scottsdale and are quite happy there. Gail says the girls are just perfect. We're sure **Coco** and **Molly** think Mike and Gail are pretty swell too. They all looked great at the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet in September. We wish you all a wonderful new life as a family and hope we will see you at more of our events!



12-089 Scarlett, now **Belle**, was a 12-week-old Golden mix when we accepted her into our Rescue program. A Good Samaritan whose sister works for a vet heard about this puppy being abandoned at the vet. Apparently, the puppy had been attacked by the resident dogs and the owner did not have the money to pay the vet bill. The puppy had blunt force trauma to her head,

bite marks, and one eye that was damaged. The Good Samaritan took the puppy home but then realized she had taken on too much, as her two-year-old daughter was terrified of the dog, so she called **AGR**. The name **Scarlett** never really fit this puppy, as she is a light color, but, who knows, maybe she was named for the feisty female in *Gone With The Wind*. Renamed **Belle**, she is now enjoying life with Kari, Chip and furbrother **Buddy** in Gilbert. Kari wrote: ***Belle** (or "**Baby Belle**" as we call her) literally jumped into our family's life, and now we cannot really imagine life without her. In March, we moved to Arizona from Champaign, IL with our 1-year-old Golden Retriever, **Buddy**. After being in Arizona for a few months, we felt that something was missing in the family and that **Buddy** was in desperate need of a playmate. After contacting **AGR** and waiting patiently for a call, we welcomed **Belle** into our home in late July – and it was love at first sight! We never imagined that we could be so lucky to get a puppy, let alone a 12-week-old baby girl! **Belle** is sweet as can be, loves giving kisses, snuggling under your arm on the couch, and keeps **Buddy** on his toes with her unending energy. Despite being blind in one eye, she is as en-*

*ergetic and happy as any puppy I know. **Belle** enjoys long walks in the park with her brother, running while chasing birds, and watching **Buddy** swim in the water, because she is too much of a princess to get in herself. **Belle** tries very hard in school to sit and stay, and we are currently working on not jumping on everyone who walks through the door. Chip loves coming home to his two "babies" after long nights [on the job], and I love having lunch breaks from school with my "baby bears." We feel so blessed to have **Belle** as a part of our family, and could not thank **AGR** enough for bringing this special girl into our lives. She has truly been a joy, and we look forward to many years of happiness to come.*



Samantha was a matted mess with over 100 ticks when Michele found her at the Westside MCACC shelter

12-090 Samantha is a 10-month-old Goldendoodle that Michele saved from the shelter. She and Michele had an eventful first day together, as **Samantha** desperately needed to be groomed. Her curly doodle coat was severely matted, and who knew what was living underneath it. Before she dropped **Samantha** off for vetting and boarding, Michele wanted to get her groomed but

trying to make a walk-in appointment on a Saturday requires selling your soul, and since Michele has already sold her soul on numerous other occasions to make magic for our dogs, she was running out of pieces of soul. Fortunately for both Michele and **Samantha**, the groomers at one of our local **PetSmarts** were willing to slide **Samantha** in and help her out of her dire straits. After three hours of grooming and removal of more than 100 ticks, the girls at **PetSmart** set **Samantha** free to go to her vet appointment. They were shocked that she hadn't autoamputated one of her legs, as the mats on that leg



Cutting all the mats out was impossible, so the groomer sheared off **Samantha**'s coat like she would have done to a sheep



A much happier **Samantha** with a new haircut

were so tight they were almost cutting off the circulation to the leg. **Samantha** and Michele were very grateful to the groomers for helping **Samantha** feel more like a dog again. She's now living with Brandi, Chuck, and their children in Phoenix and is enjoying regular grooming sessions in between play time and pets. We wish her a happy, mat-free life with her new family!

12-091: This **Samantha** is a 7-year-old girl who decided she would rather be a California girl. That's right, **Samantha** left the Arizona desert behind and moved to the Golden State with me, Katie. My **Ginger** passed away last May and that left my boys, **Jake** and **Joe**,

without an alpha for their pack. As neither **Jake** nor **Joe** had normal lives prior to living with me, neither of them was ready to step up and be in charge. I gave them a few months to attempt to adjust, but, between walking into glass walls and hiding from visitors, they didn't give me much hope. I wrote to Michele, **AGR's** Placement Manager, and asked if she could please find me a nice, normal, older female who could be our alpha and help my boys remember how to be normal dogs. A few months went by and she told me she had found just the right girl. **Samantha** had been an outdoor dog in her previous life, but she was surprisingly well adjusted and loved everyone. She had not lived with other dogs but got along with them and didn't mind spending time with them. She stayed for a couple weeks with foster mom Gayle before I could make it out to Phoenix to collect her. After a meeting with **Jake** and **Joe**, she was ready to head back to Deb's to meet her dogs, as we were staying there to help with the golf tournament. **Samantha** has settled in well out west and enjoys bossing the boys around. She and **Joe** argue over the best spot on the bed, but she does let **Jake** steal her toys. She is not thrilled with the artillery fire from Camp Pendleton (we live fairly close), but a Thundershirt and a doggy den have helped matters. Hopefully, we will be back in Arizona to help with gift wrapping so she can meet more doggy friends!



12-092 Piper is a Golden mix about 12 years old. He looks mostly Golden, but has a longer nose and shorter hair than a purebred would be expected to have, even a poorly-bred one. We rescued him from the **Pima Animal Care Center** shelter in a relay with which we were helped by Scottie McGowan from **Rescue A Golden of Arizona**. Scottie graciously offered to transport **Piper** to



Casa Grande, where she was met by our gal Joyce Johnston, who took **Piper** to her house in Sun Lakes to spend the night. Both ladies commented about how sweet **Piper** is. Joyce said **Piper** was a little thin and ate like he hadn't had much for a while. She clipped his way-too-long nails, cleaned his ears, and brushed him out, so he looked great when she delivered him to **Kennel Care** in Chandler the next day, where he received all the standard tests we have done upon intake. He was placed with Debra in Phoenix, and from the moment he arrived, everyone knew he was home. Debra wrote, *About 4 weeks ago I received an e-mail from my mother who is very involved with no-kill shelters in the Valley. The e-mail was about a senior Golden in Pinal County who was dropped off because his family lost their home. No senior dog needs to be in a shelter, so I instantly pursued finding his whereabouts so I could adopt him. The search led me to Arizona Golden Rescue and the next thing you know we had a home visit scheduled. Within about*

a week and a few days we finally got to meet this beautiful guy and make him part of our family. Mr. Piper has been such a joy and a welcomed member; he likes his new sisters Olive and Gracie, and it feels like he has always been our boy. He greets us every day at the garage door after work and for a 12 year-old has a great little hop to his step. He is very happy, obedient and cannot wait for meal time. He also enjoys walks with Mom and Dad for yogurt runs and sleeps in between his sisters – on separate beds of course... We decided he needed a middle name and settled on Piper Bow Wow. Piper is a very young dog at heart, so we hope he will have several wonderful years in his new home. Thank you, Debra, for taking this senior boy into your life.



12-093 Diego is a 4-year-old boy with a handsome gold coat. He found himself needing a new home, as his previous owners did not have enough time to spend with him. Unfortunately, as in many situations like this, **Diego** found himself relegated to the back yard. **AGR** was able to place him with Andrea and Colin and their daughters in Scottsdale. They were

rather surprised that he is as large as he is, as they were expecting a much smaller dog. While he is on the tall side, he was also a bit in need of the green bean diet. **Diego** showed off his playful side right away and wanted to play soccer with Andrea's daughters as soon as he was allowed in the back yard. He also enjoyed playing with his new rope toys once he made it back into the house. According to their daughter Jill, he is very friendly and likes his treats. It seems as if **Diego** and his new family are quite happy with each other. We wish them the best!

12-094 Jake, now called **Wee-go** (we still haven't gotten an explanation of where this name came from), was only about 6 months old when found as a stray. The finders kept him a month, searching all the while for his owners but never could locate them, so they contacted **AGR** and asked us to take him. Michele transported him to **AMSC** where he



received all his vetting. She commented, *He thought when we arrived at AMSC that we were going to a dog park to play and was so excited to see everyone and the dogs. He wasn't so sure why he couldn't just go play on his brand new day. He loved the floor, and I loved seeing him stretch out on it when I consider he has for sure spent the last month outside at the finder's house because of aging parents in the home. They loved him and will miss him, but they know AGR is an amazing route to give to Jake. Amazing, yes we are! After his neutering, Ingrid fostered him for several days before delivering him to Sandra and her family in Chandler. She*

had adopted a little Golden mix, **Buddy** (f.k.a. **Caleb**) from us in 2011 and was looking forward to having **Jake** join them. Once at Sandra's house, **Jake** did indeed jump... right up onto the kitchen table and grabbed a sandwich Sandra's dad was just about to eat! Oops! Guess some serious puppy training is in his future!



12-096 Trevor, now called **Kado**, was an impulse buy by the male owner. When he got home with this handsome 2-year-old dog, he discovered the dog was "extremely hyper" and "peed all over the house." The wife gave the husband an ultimatum: "The dog leaves or I leave!" So, as he was driving the dog around in his truck, the guy

called our WAGSline and said, "Where can I take him?" Fortunately, *Arizona Pet Resort* was still open, so we asked him to leave **Trevor** there. We later transferred him to *Kenel Care*, where he received all the necessary vet work. Michele went to meet him and found him to be a very well-bred field Golden, not hyper but with the energy and enthusiasm usually found in that line of Golden. Thankfully, his new dad, Joel in Gilbert, has the patience and commitment to work with **Trevor**, whom he renamed **Kado**, so we are sure they will have a wonderful life together.

12-097 Travis is a 5-year-old small Golden mix that we rescued from the Eastside *MCACC* shelter. As with many shelter dogs, he was very timid. He also had numerous ticks and developed kennel cough. Fortunately, he tested negative for tick fever, and we gave him antibiotics to stave off secondary infections from the kennel cough. After his vetting, he was transported to his new home with Mary Jo



and David in Phoenix. They are helping him become more socialized with people, especially men, as he was reluctant to approach either Dana, who did his transport, or David once he was at the house. He is coming around now, though, and has made friends with their other small dog. Happy new life, **Travis!**



12-098 Cassidy is a 1-year-old pure-bred Golden that our Shelter Walker Kathi found at the Westside *MCACC* shelter. Kathi said, *She was so happy to get out of there she pulled on the leash and almost pulled me onto my face! She rode very well in the car – stood up the entire trip and came and put her head between the seats a couple of times. She is a very sweet*

girl – gave me a couple of kisses on the cheek. The first home

we tried placing her in didn't work out. **Cassidy** exhibited some dominance behavior around the resident dog, and the resident dog made it clear she didn't like it one bit. So, we moved **Cassidy** to a no-other-dog home with Gorden and Trish in Phoenix. She made a very good first impression on her new mom and dad, and she continues to do very well at their home. We wish the entire family many wonderful years together.



Horton before and after a haircut

12-099 Horton (yes, named after *Horton Hears A Who*) is a very active 1-year-old Goldendoodle. He was too active for his previous home, so his owners requested *AGR* to find a home which

would better meet his needs. During his transport, Kathi and Bob found out that his needs would definitely include obedience training. While **Horton** was very eager to please and knew "sit," that was about all he knew. He had no leash manners and enjoyed jumping on people and walking on his back legs to garner attention. We were able to place him with a family who felt up to the challenge of training a rambunctious puppy. Lori and Chad and their daughter were eager for **Horton** to hear his *Who* at their house in Goodyear. Dad Chad walks 4 to 6 miles a day when he's not traveling for work, and Mom Lori walks regularly as well. They both intend to take **Horton** with them to work on his obedience skills and to expend some of his puppy energy. **Horton** also enjoys playing ball with the family in their back yard before getting wet and sloppy while attempting to drink out of his water bowl. We wish **Horton**, his *Who*, and his family a happy new life together!

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. 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.



On October 2nd, **12-112 Bailey**, an 8-year-old female, was surrendered by an owner who could no longer care for her. **Bailey's** eyes alone told us that story and more – they are in terrible shape due to Dry Eye. Please read the *Health & Safety* column on

pages 7 - 8 for more information about this condition. **Bailey** also had horrible ear infections, and some kidney issues were also diagnosed. At 94 lbs, she is grossly overweight as well. At the moment, **Bailey** is recuperating at a foster home with Sandy and Jason in Glendale. She has been put on a low-fat, low-calorie diet, and her fosters will be increasing her exercise level slowly. Even if she does not have to have one eye removed, at the very least she will need to have daily dry-eye medication for the rest of her life. We hope that a kind family with the financial wherewithal to cover the expense (up to \$70 per month) will apply to adopt this lovely lady. So far, **Bailey's** vet bill has totaled over \$2760; that will be significantly higher if the decision is made to remove one of her eyes.



On October 11th, **11-091 Keller** had his second elbow surgery. This little guy was a genetic train wreck at birth, as he was blind and had dysplasia in both elbows. Wikipedia says, *Elbow dysplasia is a significant genetically-determined problem in many breeds of dogs, often manifesting from puppyhood and continuing for life. In elbow dysplasia, the complex elbow joint suffers from a structural defect, often related to*

its cartilage. This initial condition, known as a "primary lesion," causes an abnormal level of wear and tear and gradual degradation of the joint, at times disabling or with chronic pain. Secondary processes such as inflammation and osteoarthritis can arise from this damage and increase the problem, as well as add further problems of their own. There are two types of elbow dysplasia; **Keller** has what is called fractured or ununited medial coronoid process (FMCP). Surgery for FMCP consists of removal of cartilage and bone fragments and correction of any incongruity of the joint. The elbow is a complex joint, bears 60% of body load, and tolerates problems less well than the hips. The surgery is, consequently, more difficult than hip surgery and, of course, more expensive. One-year-old **Keller** is now a \$6,200 dog, but he should be mobile and pain free for the rest of what we hope will be a long life. Our thanks to **Keller's** adopters, Sharla and David, for their very generous financial assistance with **Keller's** expenses.



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Buddy, a 6-year-old purebred Golden, came into Rescue on October 14th.

When Michele found him at the eastside **MCACC** shelter, he was, literally, at death's door. He was so weak he could hardly move, and he had such a terrible infestation of ticks she could not see his



Buddy had thousands of ticks all over his body; they were literally sucking the life out of him

skin. She bailed him out of the shelter and high-tailed it to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center**, where the vet was waiting for her in their isolation room. **Buddy** tested positive for Giardia, an intestinal parasite, but, amazingly enough, he was negative for tick fever – we will have him checked for that again in four months. Four vet techs and a vet worked on him for hours (we had to pay them for overtime, but that was OK) pulling off thousands of ticks, treating him with tick dip, then pulling off more ticks. He also needed a blood transfusion and

was loaded up with medications for his various ailments. But, they saved his life. By all accounts, he is a wonderful dog. Cristi and Steve, who have adopted three **AGR** rescues, offered to foster him. He has fitted so well into their household that Cristi has pleaded with us to find him an adopter quickly so her furkids of three do not turn into four! **Buddy's** vet bill so far has exceeded \$3230.



Buddy is feeling much better now and is regaining more strength and stamina daily

I had not intended to include any other dogs in this column, but since I am still not finished with the layout of this issue on October 24th, I feel I must include **Sadie** and the puppies she produced yesterday. Her story is quite incredible. John and Stacie, a couple who live in Scottsdale, were driving back to Arizona from Colorado. While on the freeway between "nowhere" New Mexico and Gallup, they spotted a small gold-colored dog evading high-speed (65 mph) traffic in the other direction on the freeway. Here is the story John related to us: *I turned around and drove to where I saw the dog and it was lying in the middle of the road. I got out*



Sadie and **Emma** riding to Scottsdale from New Mexico

and carefully approached it and it wagged its tail and tried to get up. As I got closer, it managed to stand, so I came closer and it came forward. It was very friendly, but I could see it was in distress. I picked it up slowly and walked to safety in the median of the freeway. As we gave it some water, ANOTHER "golden" dog suddenly appeared and was also very friendly. They seemed

to be mother and daughter by the way they peacefully shared a water bowl and later some food. We already had a rescued Cocker Spaniel (we found her about 6 years ago in the desert in Scottsdale) with us, and all three were fine together. My wife and I de-

cided to take these two little girls to a vet in Gallup, NM, where we had them checked for injuries or other problems. The two girls had no physical injuries like broken bones, but one was quite lethargic. Both had fleas and tapeworms and were skinny. Neither dog had a collar or chip. The animal clinic told us there were ~ 85,000 stray dogs in the area where we found the dogs. We had the vet treat them with the first shot of tapeworm medication (Droncit injectable), as well as the first DHPP vaccination.



12-120 Emma

We bought a couple crates and decided to bring them back with us to Scottsdale. We then took them to AMSC Sunday morning. The larger of the two, whom we've temporarily named "Sadie", was found to be pregnant with 3 pups. The younger dog looks like it is about 8 months old. Her temporary name is "Emma." AMSC treated Emma with a flea dip and treated Sadie with a less strong medication since she was pregnant. We also scheduled Emma for spaying. OUR PROBLEM and the reason we are contacting you: I am VERY allergic to dogs, and the only way I can tolerate our rescued Cocker Spaniel is with antihistamines and weekly treatments at Mayo Clinic. I reacted badly to the short time we had Sadie and Emma in our care. We are contacting you in hopes you can take these darling little creatures (five, including the unborn pups). My wife and I have and will continue paying for their care at AMSC, and we will donate money to whichever organization adopts them. AMSC indicated you work with them and you came highly recommended as a NO-kill organization. Please let

us know if you can help these two girls.



12-119 Sadie with her two female puppies whelped on October 23, 2012

Help we did, as the AGR Board voted to accept Sadie and Emma into our Rescue program. During their

week-long stay at AMSC, Emma started pestering Sadie too much, so we decided to separate them; they are both doing fine by themselves. On the 15th when Sadie was examined, the vet at AMSC predicted that she would whelp the puppies within two weeks – good call, as it was 8 days! Sadie produced two viable female puppies; the third one, a male, was, unfortunately, stillborn and we were unable to revive him. The puppies are both brindle-colored. One has a white blaze on her chest and white paws; the other is all brindle. It is anybody's guess as to what the father is, but we will have a better idea when the pups are 8 weeks old. We thank John and Stacie for their kindness in rescuing these dogs and for their extremely generous monetary donation for their care.

Book Review

By Jude Fulghum

Leader of the Pack by David Rosenfelt, 2012
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In his most recent of the Andy Carpenter mystery series, author David Rosenfelt once again has his hero take on the bad guys in the form of the son of a Mafia boss in New Jersey who has been convicted of murdering the married woman he loved and her husband. New evidence comes to light about the double murder, and Andy, who represented the convicted murderer in the first trial, takes on defending him in a subsequent trial, trying to prove that the murdered husband was running illegal weapons into the U.S. and was therefore the primary target. There is plenty of shoot-'em-up fun along with visits (and subplots) to Peru and Montana, but what is attractive about all of Rosenfelt's books is his dry sense of humor, which can become laugh-out-loud funny throughout the book.

If you have not read any of Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter books, you are in for a treat. Although I recommend that you read them sequentially to get a better feeling for the characters, this book could be read out of sequence without losing too much of the back story.

This is a fun, easy read and is recommended for fans of Rosenfelt's earlier Carpenter books and Golden fans everywhere. Andy's Golden Retriever, Tara, only plays a peripheral role in this book, even though a running Golden is featured on the book's cover. Although I love Rosenfelt's writing and admire his work with Rescue, sometimes I think he tries to sucker us Golden fanatics with his outstanding covers. Works for me!

Congratulations!

To Laurynn and Dave Evans, who were married at the Carefree Inn in Carefree, AZ on October 6, 2012. They have a handsome one-year-old son named Gavin, and two older children that now call Dave "daddy." Two Golden Retrievers, Prince and Cisco, are also part of the family. We wish them every happiness for a long life together.



*Morbid Obesity -
It's Neither Fun Nor A Game*

By Deb Orwig

One of our heartaches as rescuers is to have a dog come in that is morbidly obese. Synonyms for "morbid" are "gruesome," "sickly" and "horrible." When a dog weighs 1½ to 2 times more than it should, we use all those adjectives. We have all seen morbidly obese humans – have you ever watched *The Biggest Loser* on TV? We all know that being so overweight is not healthy. Morbid obesity will lead to a shorter life and, most likely, a myriad of health problems along the way. You have heard people blame their weight on their metabolism. Yes, a slow metabolism, such as one that might be caused by hypothyroidism, can certainly be a factor. But, the bottom line is that people and dogs gain weight because they consume more calories than their bodies burn up.

Unless a dog is a stray and hangs out by the back door of a restaurant where leftovers are tossed within easy reach, the only way a dog is going to weigh more than it should is if his or her providers – i.e., humans – allow it to eat more than it should. Part of the problem comes from the pet food industry. Do you follow the instructions on the bag regarding how much kibble to give your dog? Don't. More often than not, the food manufacturer will indicate quantities that are considerably more than a healthful amount for your dog. Why? Because they want to sell more food.

Our Intake, Placement, Health Team and Board members have recently had an online discussion about morbid obesity, as four of the dogs we have taken in during just this past quarter have been in this category: three females (**Missy**, **Christy Love**, and **Trisha**) and one male (**Todd**). There have been others in the past, too. We are concerned for the dogs' long-term health. We are concerned because we know these dogs will have a shortened life span. We are concerned about placing these dogs with families and then having them die within a relatively short time. Not good.

Two comments have been particularly apropos... Kathy Blue pointed out, *It is not easy to change one's habits when it comes to spoiling our canine companions. It takes education, understanding and commitment. That's why we spend so much time at home visits educating on proper diet and how to determine an appropriate quality dog food... After taking over Dallas's care (my dad's dog) 18 months ago, and working with Dr. Harbo at Four Legged Friends, I have really had my eyes opened. You can literally spoil your pet into an early grave. There are alternative snacks like dehydrated sweet potato chips, green beans etc. It is not being mean, it is being a good and responsible guardian.* And Judy Petitto said, *I think it goes back to [people] equating food with love. We just need to love them with the right food so we*

can keep them with us as long as possible.

If you have read through *Magic Moments*, you may have noticed that Katie uses the term "green bean diet" when she mentions that a dog is significantly overweight. What *is* the green bean diet?

Green beans, canned or frozen, will add bulk but no calories to your dog's meal. If your dog is overweight, we recommend substituting an amount of green beans for part of the kibble that is normally used. For example, if you are currently feeding 1½ cups of kibble twice a day and your dog is overweight, cut the kibble to 1 cup and add ½ can of green beans, preferably the no-added-salt variety, with the liquid.

Before starting your dog on a diet, take him or her to your vet for a check-up and weigh the dog. Once the dog has been put on a reduced-calorie regimen, weigh the dog once a month on the same scale to determine the rate of weight loss. The larger the dog, the more it will lose at first; then you will most likely see a decrease or even a plateau in weight loss for a while before the scale registers more loss. During these plateaus, increase the amount of exercise you are giving your dog, and the plateau will not last as long. The ideal weight loss for a large dog is ½ lb to 1 lb a week. So, with **Missy**, for example, who weighed in at 131 pounds, it could easily take over a year for her to lose half her body weight, which she needs to do. If a dog loses weight too fast, there can be complications involving internal organ damage.

How much should your dog weigh? That is a discussion you should have with your vet. A normal-size female Golden Retriever should weigh 50 - 60 pounds, depending on her frame; a normal-size male should weigh 65 - 75 pounds. If you have a Golden mix, the ideal weight range may vary a lot more, depending on what breed or breeds contributed to the mix.

One thing many of us have noticed is that it is a rare Golden who will regulate its own food intake. Given the opportunity to eat at any time (i.e. being "free fed"), a Golden will eat and eat and eat... and gain and gain and gain! If you are free feeding at your house, please consider changing to a twice-a-day feeding schedule. Leave the food down for no more than 10 minutes. If your dog is used to eating anytime it wants to, it may not eat much at first when changed to a twice-a-day routine. But within a few days to a week, it will be eating its entire meal in just a couple minutes.

Also, no snack in between meals unless it is one or two small treats. Of course dogs like treats, but they don't *need* them. We recommend purchasing small-dog-size treats, even for a Golden. If you buy the large-dog-size biscuits, break them in half or even in fourths and give your dog only one piece.

And remember... If you have a fat dog, *you* aren't getting enough exercise!

OVER THE RAINBOW

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

Lewis Blue

Beloved father of AGR member Kathy Blue



Gracie Collins



Bella Courtney



Yoshi McCabe / Dodson



Rocket Turner



12-086 Raider

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.

They will not go quietly,
the dogs who've shared our lives.
In subtle ways they let us know
Their spirit still survives.
Old habits still make us think
we hear a barking at the door.
Or step back when we drop
a tasty morsel on the floor.
Our feet still go around the place
the food dish used to be,
And, sometimes, coming home at night,
we miss them terribly.
And although time may bring new friends
and a new food dish to fill,
That one place in our hearts
belongs to them...
and always will.

~ Author Unknown ~

AGR Merchandise

By Deb Orwig

Looking for some terrific gifts for the holiday season, a birthday, an anniversary, or just for instance? You need look no further than the *Arizona Golden Rescue* merchandise inventory! We have some really great items, many of which you will not see anywhere else, and those that you do see elsewhere will most likely cost you a lot more than what we charge. Plus, there is **never any tax** on *AGR* merchandise – that alone will save you about 10%! In the past, I have included a merchandise supplement with the November issue of *The Golden Paw*, but due to time constraints, I am not doing that this year. However, below I have listed the categories of items we sell. I keep all the merchandise at my house in Glendale (1/2 mile north of Hwy 101 off 59th Ave). You're welcome to call me at 623-693-0589 or e-mail me at dorwigaz@cox.net and ask for a time when you can come shopping. I will even wrap the gift for you if you pet my dogs while I'm doing it! What a deal!



You won't want to miss purchasing one or more copies of our 2013 calendar. You will not see a better calendar that features Golden Retrievers anywhere, and you can't beat the price – thanks to the print cost underwriting by all our calendar sponsors, whose dogs are pictured in the calendar centerfold, the calendar is still only \$10. Sincere thanks to Connie McCabe for the outstanding job she has done on this fantastic calendar! If you want the calendar mailed, when you send your check please include \$2 for postage for one, \$3 for two, \$5 for 3 - 9. Calendars are available at *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* (82nd St/Princess Dr, Scottsdale), *Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital* (32nd St/Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix), *Academy West Animal Hospital* (Bell Rd, Glendale) and at all our Meet-and-Greets and other events through the end of this year or until supplies are gone.

Although I have a good supply of **T-shirts** in natural, red, navy, stone blue and Texas orange, and **hooded, zippered sweatshirts** in red and navy, you can order **polo shirts** with our logo embroidered on them directly through our website's Shopping Mall. Lots of colors and several styles (women's sleeveless and men's and women's short- and long-sleeve) are available. I now have **hats** and **visors**, too, in assorted colors. If you like **denim**, short- or long-sleeve shirts can be ordered through our e-Mall. All clothing items are reasonably priced from \$14 - \$20 for Ts and polos, \$30-

\$33 for denim, \$40-44 for sweatshirts. In addition, we have two terrific **pocket aprons**, both in bright gold. Both have a smiling Golden face on them. One says, *Life is Golden*, and the other says *Grilling Tested and Approved By The Local Golden Retriever*. Aprons are \$35. Reusable **tote bags** with an embroidered *AGR* logo are available in several colors (\$10).

Magnets for car or refrigerator: we have a great selection of very nice magnets, some generic (like WOOF and small paw prints), but most have to do with GOLDENS. We also now carry a large ribbon magnet that says *I Love My Goldendoodle*. Magnets are \$6 or \$8 depending on size.

Car window decals: Golden silhouettes are available in 3 sizes: 6", 9" and 12" for \$6, \$9 or \$12. I have the 6" silhouettes in both gold and white. We also have a 6" one that says *Got Golden?* In addition, we have our logo with phone number and website address. I carry 6" and 12" and can order 16", but the latter cannot be mailed. The ones that can be mailed are \$6 and \$12, respectively.



Sewn items you won't see anywhere else: Kathi Youhas has made luggage tags (\$3), credit card/business card holders (\$4), check-book covers (\$5) and Kindle/Nook covers (\$10) from a variety of fabrics, mostly dog patterns, some cat patterns and some Southwest and other patterns. We also have beautiful fleece throws (\$35) and blankets (\$50). Debbie Myrick and I have made quilted oven mitts (\$10) and table pads (\$25 - \$50, depending on size and design). Kathi and I are also willing to consider making other quilted items such as tote bags and placemats. Between the two of us, we have a large selection of dog-patterned fabrics and a few cat-patterned ones. Prices on such items will be negotiable. We donate our time and the fabrics, so the entire cost will go to *AGR*.

Unusual items: pawprint keychain bottle openers (\$4) in 5 colors; wrought iron RESCUED & LOVED leash holders (\$20 – can't be mailed); Golden Retriever golf club covers (\$20).

For your dog: We have a terrific selection of toys at prices that no retail outlet can match, let alone beat. Prices range from \$4 to \$11. We even carry some \$11 toys for those "tough chewers," and we have Kongs® that can be stuffed with peanut butter and frozen to keep your dog entertained for hours. Of course, we have *AGR* leashes and collars, including the Martingale style used to better control those pups who pull on the leash. I also have a few harnesses available made from the same webbing as our collars and leashes. We have *AGR* logo bandannas (\$7.50) in both rust and natural colors; your dog's name will be hand-lettered above the logo. Patriotic bandannas and shamrock-fabric bandannas are also available (\$4) as well as a variety of Party Collars (\$10).

Let's have some FUN and go SHOPPING at Deb's!

Our Favorite FUN & GAMES

A month or so ago, we sent all of our adopters a message inviting them to submit stories and/or photos of their **AGR** dogs' favorite games or pastimes. Quite a few responded and are included below. We do hope all of our adopters are having fun with their fur-covered family members!

Dogtoberfest in Prescott on October 6th was good. **Abbi** (12-068) has a tendency to want to play with any dog she comes across during a walk in our neighborhood, which I am trying to correct. She passed her Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test without any trouble back in June, but I don't like the way she always wants to play when an encounter occurs on a walk. However, in a crowd of hundreds of people and dogs, she behaved correctly, as she did during her CGC evaluation with a few dogs in the *PetSmart* where she was evaluated. I still have time, as she cannot be evaluated for [Delta Society] Pet Partner [i.e., therapy work] until after I've had her for 6 months. The picture was taken after we left *Dogtoberfest* and went on a road trip to the Thumb Butte Overlook (Skull Valley in distance). ~ Dan



Bella (11-023 then 12-010) has had a couple of new playmates come and stay with her for a week each while their mom and dad were out of town. She had a lot of fun with 1-year-old Terrier **Molly** and even taught 6-month-old German Shepherd, **Dakota**, some doggie manners. Her friend **Dakota's** parents were so pleased with her new manners when they returned home. **Bella** is an absolute joy in our lives. I am hoping to be able to bring her to a Meet-and-Greet as the temps get cooler. ~ Debbie and Tim



[Ed. Note: **Bella** had a rough go with behavioral issues when she first came to **AGR** in 2011. Eventually, she was placed with our behaviorist, Teryl Hall, who fostered her for four months and worked on her socialization and obedience skills. Teryl also taught **Bella** how to participate in agility (photo at right); **Bella** had a great time doing that!]

I have been fortunate enough to adopt 2 Golden Retrievers from you: **Buddy** (11-054) and **Holly** (12-062) – love the names they came to me with! **Holly** has learned to properly swim without trying to drink all the pool's water as she fetches the balls, and **Buddy** runs around and around the pool barking CONSTANTLY at **Holly** and in her ear if he can! They both have a blast – don't know what we'll all do when winter comes. **Buddy** did fall in one time, had sheer panic on his face, although he could have reached the steps if he had just relaxed his pool-side grip a bit, and it was Mom and **Holly** to the rescue. This did not stop him from his running on the deck and barking. Nothing stops **Holly** from the pool (except the gate and fence, of course). Both are wonderful together, as well as with the two Lhasas and the other 4-legged kids. Thank you for letting me add **Buddy/Holly** to my family! ~ Barbara



Buddy on deck with Lhasa Apso; Holly enjoying the pool



Chaco (formerly **Oliver** 12-082) is loving his new home and family. He and **Daisy** are now best friends. She recently taught him to swim, and his new favorite activity is going boating, exploring, and swimming at Lake Powell. I am attaching a picture of **Chaco** (the dark one) and **Daisy** swimming with their duckie and one of **Chaco** ready to head out on a hike wondering what was taking the rest of us so long. ~ Linda



Tasha

Tasha (12-029) loves to chase lizards, walk to the park, greet people and dogs, play toys, swim, and most of all visit our friends the Renouards, who own a couple of acres where she runs free and loves every part of nature! ~ Ginny



Mr. Whiskey at the ocean

When **Mr. Whiskey** (10-034) and his twin brother, **Brother** (10-035), came to live with us, we had some information on them as they were a surrender and their mom gave us a note. The note detailed their likes and dislikes. We were pleased to see that they “loved to swim.” However, we were a little shocked to see that they were terrified of our pool. Living my whole life in Arizona, it was my impression that when a dog loved to swim, it meant in the pool! We quickly realized that

because the boys came from Chesapeake, VA, she was referring to the bay, not to a pool. We took the boys on their first road trip to Rocky Point a few weeks later. When both boys saw the ocean, they ran to the ocean edge and chased the small breaking waves up and down the beach! **Brother** was a *little* overweight at this point (I am being kind), so he spent most of his day sitting with me and watching his beautiful, athletic brother run up and down the beach playing Frisbee with his new human brothers. **Whiskey** would also swim out into the waves and swim beside the boys on boogie boards. When we got home, **Whiskey** quickly learned to swim in the pool and that became his love and obsession. We would have to block the steps from him so he would not swim too late in the evening and be wet at bedtime. **Brother**, being **Brother**, was easily coaxed onto the large second step with ginger snap cookies. This is still a favorite place for **Brother**, as he has learned it keeps him cool and he can watch the fun. My throat still tightens up and tears well in my eyes when I think of **Mr. Whiskey** swimming in the ocean and the pool. We had him for 21 short months, as he passed away this spring. My biggest sorrow is that he did not live to have another summer with us. I am thankful that we were able to give him the new joy of a swimming pool and still give him his old love of a beach. Before **Mr. Whiskey** died, he had 5 trips to Rocky Point, the last being two months before he died. **Brother** now stands alone on his big second step of the pool.



Jackson and Sundance playing

Thanks for giving me another opportunity to brag about my boy! I asked **Jackson** (11-079) if he could tell me his most favorite fun time and/or game. This is what he said: *I love it when I attack my dad on his bare back in the morning with my cold wet nose! It makes him squeal so loud! I get him every day; think he'd learn by now! I also love stealing his socks when he's trying to get dressed. I love to pick up the pillows (even if someone's head's on them!) and shake them! I do the same with our dog beds... I can even drag the dog beds up on the people bed. That makes everyone laugh! But then I love to chase after **Sundance** (my brother) or to steal his ball or bone; he thinks he's faster than me, but he's not! **Sundance** and I've been going for very long horseback rides lately, too, now that it's cooler outside. I see lots of deer and elk (we live in Flagstaff); but we both know not to chase them. On those rides, I get to swim in a lot of different tanks; it's so refreshing! When the horseback rides are over, I like to lick both horses' noses... they taste like apples! I love to ride in the car, chew on bones and move my parents' shoes from one room to another! Drives them nuts! Wait a minute! I can't come up with just ONE thing that I love to do! I love everything in my new life! But seriously, I mostly love that I am healthy and alive. I have **Arizona Golden Rescue** to thank for that! Thank you all for giving me my wonderful life! We are so fortunate to have **Jackson** come and live with us. He has brought joy and laughter into our home. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. ~ Carol*

When **Brother** and **Whiskey** came to our home, they were very well trained and had the best manners of any dogs I had ever seen. I quickly changed all of that when I allowed them to eat people food, beg, and get on furniture and the beds. **Mr. Whiskey** could never enjoy these things, as he knew they were bad things to do and he wanted to please us. **Brother** was a different story!

The couch became his bed and “treats” became his favorite word. Both boys loved to tear up the grass. It was a frenzy once they started. It was only in the evening and when we were with them in the yard. We never came home to find the yard shredded. After seeing the joy it brought them and me referring to it as “aerating the grass,” it became an evening event. **Brother's** new siblings, **Buddy** (12-026) and **Sarah** (12-073), don't share his joy of tearing up the yard, but **Brother** continues to grab huge chunks of our lawn and pull and shred 'til he has no energy left. We admit that there is something about hearing the tearing and ripping of the roots being pulled from the ground that is inviting and soothing. We can always grow more grass, but we will never have another dog like **Brother**!

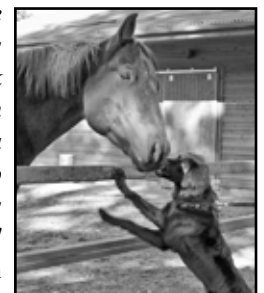
~ Cristi



Whiskey and Brother in the pool



Grizzly (10-060) will do just about anything his mom, Connie, wants him to do! We have seen him in several different costumes, but this one is the best! His favorite thing is to help out at **AGR's** various Meet-and-Greets, where he freely proffers that Golden paw.



Jackson nose to nose with Ebay



“Driving Miss Jersey”:
Okay, so I may not be a movie star, but I just love car rides! That’s me being driven around town by my chauffeur (better known as Dad). My senses just come alive when I’m out for a ride! It’s so liberating to stick my head out the window and

feel the warm breeze gently blowing through my long blond hair. I can smell the aroma of a local restaurant from blocks away when I’m on the road. I like to taste little bugs in the air. I can hear the wind whistling through my ears. I get to see lots of other animals along the way. But most of all, it’s the sense of touch that affects me the most, both in the physical sense... and deep within my heart. You see, October 14th marked my one-year anniversary with my new mom and dad, Linda and Ward. I couldn’t have chosen a better set of adoptive parents. They give me nothing but unconditional love and lots and lots of attention. They didn’t know a lot about me a year ago, not even my age. It took a little while for me to learn their quirks and they mine! But now, we understand each other perfectly. They spoil me by giving me puppy massages, taking me on trips to California to visit with my cousins, letting me run at the doggie park, and every once in a while, I get to go to the pet sitter’s house for a pool party! Yes, Linda and Ward have touched my heart and I know I’ve touched theirs. I couldn’t be more grateful to AGR for finding me the right home and the right parents. Thank you so much! Okay, gotta go. Time for another puppy massage. Eat your heart out!
 Love, Jersey (11-074)

Augie (10-032) enjoys waiting at the edge of the pool ready to pounce when another dog comes out of the pool. He then tries to get the toy away from them with lots of barking. He doesn’t usually succeed. If he does grab one, he takes off running for his outside hammock so he can hoard it all to himself. Probably more his favorite thing: barking at **Cooper** whenever he can; it happens every time they go out together or someone comes over.



Augie (in back) barking at Cooper

~ Liz



About two years ago, I adopted my second Golden, **Maggie** (10-026). She swims 2-3 days a week, dives into the pool and retrieves her Frisbees. **Maggie** is total personality! **Caseyjo** and I love her unconditionally. Thanks to Deb and **Arizona Golden Rescue!**
 ~ Tom

Luke’s (11-066) favorite activity is visiting. He loves to accompany me on home visits and get loads of attention and loves. He does his happy dance when I bring out his leash. His favorite game is fetch. Luke is ball obsessed. Awake or asleep, he always has one in his mouth or nearby. Doesn’t matter what it is made of, if it is somewhat round, he is one happy camper. He is a true Retriever and will fetch and play until your arm tires. He will come up with a ball in his mouth, bump my arm and trill in anticipation. Outside we lob it, inside we roll it, but it’s all the same to **Luke**, as long as we play ball!



~ Kathy

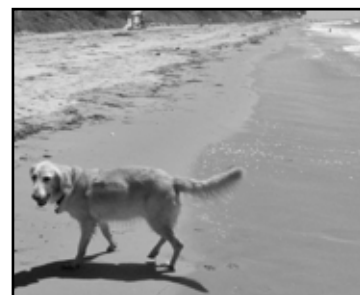


Mojo (09-011) got bit by a spider this summer... so glad it wasn’t a Brown Recluse spider bite!
 ~Diane



Since we adopted **Moon** (f.k.a. **Amika** 12-016), we have been on many trips, the most recent to California. Her favorite thing about camping was hiding out in the tent. She kept trying to get in even before we had the tent set up. Once it was up, she jumped inside and didn’t come out until dinner time. Another thing she liked was rolling in the grass at Golden Gate

Park and seeing the Golden Gate Bridge. Most of all she loved the ocean, played in the waves and ran along the beach, ears flopping in the breeze. As we drove down the coast she would jump up and wag her tail whenever the ocean came into view. We will be taking her to Dog Beach in San Diego soon.



~Diane and Mike



Ciara (f.k.a **Puppet** 12-024) enjoyed spending her summer lazing away on the floatie in her pool.
 ~ Yanna

We have the biggest gift in this dog! The picture of **Riley** (f.k.a. **Jethro**, 12-059) is in South Lake Tahoe on the Upper Truckee River, August 2012. **Riley** is one amazing dog... did you know he is the best doggie in the world? Well that is how we feel about this new addition to our family. I really did not understand how much we needed him, I thought he needed us... really amazing how we got **Riley**. Thank you **AGR!** We would be honored if you use our picture of the most wonderful dog in the world!



~ Karen and Chet



Above, Sky harnessed into plane seat; middle, on ATV with Dad; right, napping upside down



Sky (f.k.a. **Kai**, 12-001) loves to fly, ride in the Jeep and go on ATV rides. **Sky** also likes to nap after watching the weather forecast.

~ Barbara

My name is **Wrigley** (10-066). I am a Goldendoodle. For great exercise, I like to pull my mom down the street on her roller blades! [Ed. Note: **Wrigley's** mom, Crystal, sent me a video of him doing this!] And I LOVE Agility! I started early in 2012 and hope to start competing at the end of this year. My favorite obstacle is the tunnel and I also love the jumps! We practice with a class once to twice a week and then I practice at home with my mom to hone up my skills. Wish me luck!



When it is feeding time, **Carter** (11-097) follows Bob to the dog food closet, cocks his head, gets wiggly and even talkative. He dives for a kibble or two that Bob "accidentally" drops on the floor, then runs to the kitchen to make sure that his green beans and some water also get into his bowl. He usually "talks" or barks at Bob to "hurry up with the grub, bub!" As he

heads to his feeding station, he gets up on his hind legs and jumps up and twists and then will sit until I put his bowl down. He gobbles his food down and then runs to the treat cabinet and waits for his dessert along with our other three dogs. It was impossible to get of a photo of **Carter** doing all this!

~ Kathi



Going to Goldwater Lake in Prescott is always a fun and beautiful hike with my fur kids **Holly Lujah** (15, lying down), **McKenna** (8, at right in photo), and **Tessa** (2½, at left in photo). There is a small day use fee upon entering. I love that there are gentle trails and plenty of benches along

the way. **Holly** can still do the trails and smiles the whole way as she proudly walks with her happy fursisters. Always take a camera so you can get in on some of the wonderful photo opportunities!

Tessa (10-031) is enthusiastic and has a head packed with puppy brains! She loves to go to class at **Arizona Dog Sports**. Her classes are mixed with agility, rally, and all kinds of fun activities with her new dog friends. This was the perfect summer activity for **Tessa**. She is now



Tessa at far left in photo sitting nicely with Arizona Dog Sports classmates

in the Ultimate class which is all off leash. She never stops smiling the entire time she is there, and her puppy brains are really worn out at the end of the hour! Activities are many and move quickly! **Tessa** has become good at doing a sit-stay on a low table filled with her classmates doing the same thing. Obedience is key to a happy dog, so all the fun activities are rooted in obedience. Often a course is set up with mixed agility and rally activities with "sit your dog," then "down your dog," "walk around your dog," then on to a couple of agility activities which may be a jump, hoop, tunnel, low table, poles, ramp, etc. with commands mixed between. One activity involves the instructor taking all of the dogs while the owners find a place in the room. When she says, "Call your dog!" I know **Tessa** will be running to me as fast as she can and slams to a sit. Does she do everything great at home and at Meet-and-Greets? No. But she is learning what is right, and we are having a blast doing it and spending time together!

~ Sheila

From her arrival at our house, **Lady Maura** (12-083) could melt your heart in an instant with her big, sad, beautiful brown eyes and that "she can't hold her licker." She also uses the Golden paw to the max to get your attention. She also has one goofy thing that she does. Sometimes when she has an itch, she will sit up on her butt and as she is scratching, she turns herself in a complete circle. ~Kathi



HERE and THERE

*Events from July 1, 2012
through September 30, 2012*

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



*PACC 911 Bowl-A-Rama
for Animal Rescue*

By Liz Tataseo

This year's *Bowl-A-Rama*, sponsored by **PACC 911** on August 4th, was a big success for **Arizona Golden Rescue's** *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* with our Western theme and unique song (to the tune of "She'll be coming 'round the mountain...") that summed up what **AGR** is all about.

*We'll be driving across the Valley when we're called,
We'll be driving across the State to get them, too.
We'll be driving where we need to, for that precious Golden buddy,
We'll be driving across the Valley when we're called.*

*We will bring them in and vet them when they come,
We will bathe and groom and comb them when they come.
We will make them feel lots better, and give them happy faces,
We'll see a wagging tail and Golden smile.*

*We'll find them a good home where they'll be loved,
Where they'll be getting hugged and kissed all day.
They'll be a family member and make their family happy,
They'll be forever home and they will stay.*

*So bring us Golden Retrievers who need homes,
And send along those Golden mixes, too.
We're Arizona Golden Rescue and that is why we're here,
We all love doing what we do!*

*We'll be driving across the Valley when we're called,
We'll be driving across the State to get them, too.
We're Arizona Golden Rescue and that is why we're here,
We all love doing what we do!*

Deb and Liz put together our Western-themed display for Saturday morning's event, and Dave Kimmel recorded a karaoke version of the music so we didn't have to sing a *cappella*. Thanks to Teri Guilbault, who wrote the words, **Arizona Golden Rescue** won 1st



Place for the Cheer/Song category at this year's **Bowl-A-Rama**, which added to the total amount raised for our special needs dogs. **AGR** also won 3rd place for our Western-themed costumes

accompanied by Golden Retriever-headed hobby horses. Along with bowlers Tony Cotner, Mary Jo Courtney, Teri Guilbault, Dana Haywood, Joyce Hubler and Angela Palumbo were cheerleaders Mary Lynn Ament, John Courtney, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**,



Deb and Liz by Western table display



Teri

Gail Haywood, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig, Joy Slagowski, Liz Tataseo and Kathi Youhas. Everyone had a fun time bowling, cheering and seeing what the other rescues came up with for their costumes and cheers. A silent auction and raffle completed the event in the morning and added more money to our total, as **AGR** won \$100 in the drawing for our donation of two raffle baskets for the event. In addition, Tony got a strike on a colored head pin and that got us an extra \$10.



Look carefully and you'll see that Tony is wearing SHOES instead of flip-flops!

Tony's sister, Jen Gittings, came by with Golden Retriever-decorated cupcakes for his birthday. Mary Lynn also brought a special cake to celebrate Tony's birthday. Deb Orwig donated cash for strikes and spares and the bowlers responded and earned another \$340 for **AGR**. Adding that to donations from members and friends, **AGR** collected \$5779.50. With the addition of \$235 from **PACC 911** winnings, the grand total was **\$6014.50!** Everyone had a great time, and **AGR** increased the amount in the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* that will benefit our special needs dogs.

*All our wonderful
Bowl-A-Rama Donors
are listed on page 43*



Phoenix Mercury Dog Days of Summer

By Deb Orwig



Back: Kathi, Tony, Patrick and Dana;
Front: Gail, Dave with Sage,
and Annabelle

We had a nice time during the pre-game festivities before the *Phoenix Mercury Dog Days of Summer* game on August 25th. Again, though, the *Dog Days* game was scheduled on the same day as an *Arizona Diamondbacks* home game, so the crowd at the *Mercury* game was less than we had hoped it would

be. Our table was

set up right by the escalator, a good location, but we still sold only a small amount of merchandise (\$62) and our terrific Donation Dog, Dave Engelhardt's lovely *Sage*, collected only \$24.65 in donations – it is just not much of a “dog crowd” that goes to the *Mercury* games. Most likely, we will not



Sage

participate in this event again in 2013. Thanks to Tony Cotner, Patrick Doyle, Gail and Dana Haywood and Kathi Youhas for helping to set up and to my husband, Larry, for helping at the end to pack up the booth. Tony, Gail, Dana, Larry and I enjoyed the game – the seats were terrific, on the lower level right behind and up from the north basketball stanchion. The hip-hop squad's antics were very entertaining. Unfortunately, the *Mercury* lost to the *Indiana Fever*.



Kathi and Dana at the merchandise table



Avondale Senior Center

By Deb Orwig



For the second year, *AGR* was invited to come to the *Avondale Senior Center* with



dogs. On August 29th, Sheila Joyce brought *Holly* and *McKenna*, Liz Tataseo brought *Gonzo* and *Trip* and I brought *Ladybird* and *Troy*. I spoke about our Rescue program for about 5 minutes, then we just let the

dogs visit with the seniors for the next 45 minutes or so. Everyone seemed to enjoy the company. On the way down to Avondale, I noticed that my van's thermostat was registering HOT, so I had to call *AAA* to come pick up the car. Fortunately, Kathi Youhas, who lives only about 20 minutes from Avondale, was home and graciously agreed to come pick up Sheila, Liz and all 6 dogs and take them back to my house where Liz and Sheila had parked their cars. Liz let my two dogs back in my house, while I rode to the car repair place in the *AAA* truck, and then she came and picked me up there. Thanks to all three ladies for their assistance that day!



PACC 911 Adopt-a-thon at the Franciscan Renewal Center

By Liz Tataseo



October 20th and 21st saw *AGR* members at the *Franciscan Renewal Center* in Scottsdale for the *Blessing of the Animals PACC 911 Adopt-a-thon*. Several members were there both days discussing Rescue, selling mer-

chandise and enjoying the crowds. Our donation dogs helped out by collecting donations and getting lots of attention from all the visitors. Members there both days were Tony Cotner with *Daisy*, Patrick Doyle with *Annabelle*, Dana and Gail Haywood with *Riley*, Jan Newland (Tony's sister), Deb Orwig with *Hayden* and *Mufasa* on Saturday and *Troy* and *Mufasa* on Sunday, and Kathi Youhas with *Maura* on Saturday. On Saturday, Beth Chaffee brought her handsome Irish Setter/Golden Retriever mix *Bevo* and her neighbor Valerie Mylowe, who is also an *AGR* member. They walked *Bevo* around the grounds for an hour collecting donations in his Donation Vest. Teri Guilbault was there to help out on Saturday, too. Coming by to say hello on Saturday were Marti Joyce with *Tempe* and Michele Meyer with *Abigail*. Joining in to help



Beth and Bevo



Tempe entertained us with her fixation on light and shadows

on Sunday were Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Trip**; Michele Wehry; and Bob Youhas joined Kathi with **Carter** and **Krissie**. Visiting with their new **AGR** dog **Doaner**, now **Boz**, were Bonnie and Steve Hargrave with their resident Golden **Lillianna** (photo at right). Debbie Mikol and kids



came with **Hogan**, who was the Mascot for the Day to lead the line for the *Blessing of the Animals*. Unfortunately, neither Deb



Sunday group: Liz, Tony, Dana, Denny, Gail and Michele

nor Liz got a photo of **Hogan**, but we were proud that he was selected to lead the parade to the Blessing tent! While it was as hot this year as it has been every year for this event, the festival was held in the parking lot and the

cars parked in the dirt field. It was much cleaner, and the dog wash had dogs that stayed clean once they were done. We sold \$136 in merchandise and collected \$84.38 in donations. All in all, it was a good two days for **AGR**, as we handed out lots of information about Rescue and received adoption applications as a result of our appearance there. Thanks to everyone who came.



Patrick with Annabelle and Kathi with Krissie; behind are Dana, Tony and Liz

Let's Play Golf!



Beautiful Padre Course at Camelback Golf Club, above, was in spectacular shape this year; Harry Sleighel's putt went into the hole!; Julie Kosier driving the ball



Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

By Liz Tataseo

Our biggest and best game of the year was our 4th annual *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*, held on September 22, 2012. By all accounts, it was a huge success! We had 110 golfers tee off at 1 PM in the afternoon with a shotgun start, and they had a rousing good time. An additional 45 more diners joined us later in the evening for a wonderful Italian Buffet.



Connie McCabe, who took this terrific photo for our advertising purposes, calls the group our *Awesome FourPawsome!*

On the cart, Grizzly McCabe / Dodson and Mufasa Orwig; Colby Sigafoose and Sunny Morgan in front

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. The tournament could not happen without countless hours and hard work from all of the volunteers. Cochairing the event were Rich Calta and Teri Turner (photo at left). The auction, raffle and administration were handled by Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo. Connie McCabe used her amazing talent to produce all of the graphics, signage and photos. The talents of Teri Guilbault, Dana Haywood and Sarah Martin (photo at right) on the Golf Committee, securing donations, helping with preparation and volunteering all day at the tournament were awesome!



Many other volunteers gave generously of their time and talents to help gather donations, assemble baskets, stuff goodie 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. Special mention and thanks to Martha Mc-



One of over 50 baskets prepared for the raffle and silent auction, this huge Italian Dinner basket was donated by Jackie & Dave Engelhardt and wrapped by Martha McDowell

Dowell for her help with basket assembly and bow tying, and to Chad Erickson, who helped his dad, Steve, and Deb Orwig get the incredible barbecue grill we got from *The Home Depot* to Deb's house. Our sincere thanks go to all of these great people.



Annabelle guarding our Brinkman Dual Grill, with section for gas grilling and section for charcoal or wood, which was featured in our Silent Auction along with grill accessories and everything needed for a great barbecue

The entire infrastructure of the raffle and silent auction was at Deb's house and had to be loaded into vehicles and trail-



Beverly Host with Mufasa, Katie Donahue with Samantha, Liz Tataseo with Trip, Patrick Doyle with Annabelle and Tony Cotner with Daisy

ers, transported to the Golf Club, unloaded and set up in the clubhouse. For setup help on Friday, we thank the following for their assistance: Tony Cotner, Nick Dodson, Katie Donahue, Patrick Doyle, Cricket Forstrom, Dana Haywood, Beverly Host, Sheila Joyce, Sherry and Gary Landwehr, Sarah Martin, Connie Mc-

Cabe, Jeannette and Dave Morrocco, Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo.

We also very much appreciate the *AGR* members who golfed in the tournament. Besides Rich Calta and Teri Turner (Tournament Cochairs), Chuck Carter, Jon Chaffee, Jeff Guilbault, Jim Henkel, Larry Jessup, Julie and



Kory Kosier, Don Krause, Jay Koblick, Gary Landwehr, Barry McBride and Rick Stephens all golfed. Dave Evans (at left), our boy **Prince's** adopter, also joined his dad, R.D. Evans, in a foursome; **Prince** had to stay home.



Larry Jessup, Jim Henkel, Chuck Carter and Barry McBride

Members joining us for dinner were Brandi Carter, Diane Henkel, Darlene Kaminski, Jodi Koblick, Debbie McBride, Dave and Jeannette Morrocco, and Bob and Kathi Youhas, as well as most of the volunteers listed below. Volunteers at the tournament included Beth Chaffee, Tony Cotner, Nick Dodson, Katie Donahue, Patrick Doyle, Cricket



Brandi and Chuck Carter, new members and adopters



AGR member Gary Landwehr (far left) and his team

Forstrom, Karin Forsythe, Teri Guilbault, Sandra Hansen, Dana and Gail Haywood, Beverly Host, Sheila Joyce, Jude Kettunen, Jodi and Jay Koblick, Sherry and Gary Landwehr, Sarah Martin, Connie McCabe, Dave and Jeannette Morrocco, Deb



AGR member and adopter Rick Stephens



Holly Chaffee gave Dad Jon a good luck hug before he went out on the course

Orwig, Erin Orwig, Ruth Pulliam and Liz Tataseo.

In addition to the above-listed volunteers, there are several other people who helped with the tournament in



Don Krause, Ray Jackson, Ron Torel and Jay Koblick

various ways. *Arizona Golden Rescue* would especially like to thank all *AGR* members who helped solicit or gave donations; Steve Chudyk who served as our auctioneer; 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; and Ashley DiDea, *J.W. Marriott Golf Grill* catering manager. Denise Mathis, the dining room manager, was especially helpful during our setup, and the dining room crew did a fabulous job taking care of all the meal details on Saturday.



Karin, Sherry and Teri at Registration

Golfers started arriving around 11:30 AM and were met by Karin Forsythe and Sherry Landwehr, who checked everyone in and sent them

on to Teri Guilbault. Teri took payment for anyone not prepaid (only 5 this year, including one walk-in!) and sold raffle tickets and mulligans. Golfers were handed a list of all auction and raffle items and directed to the clubhouse foyer and Latilla Room, where the amazing silent auction and raffle items were displayed. Beverly Host was on hand to sell 50/50 raffle



Katie with her newly-adopted Samantha



Beverly showing list of silent auction and raffle items to Fast Eddie Sandidge

wood with **Riley**, a service dog in training; and **Grizzly** (photo at right), who was found as a stray up in the Payson area and now resides with Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson.



tickets for the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund* for our special needs dogs. Katie Donahue sold tickets throughout the afternoon and evening for the regular raffle. Two of our special needs dogs were on hand to greet all the guests: Deb Orwig's **Mufasa**, who was heartworm positive when he was surrendered to **AGR**, and Liz Tataseo's **Trip**, who had to have a leg amputated due to valley fever. Also greeting our guests were Beth Chaffee with **Holly**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Katie Donahue with **Samantha**; Dana Hay-

Before the golfers teed off, our President, Deb Orwig, led the opening parade with **Mufasa**, Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Katie Donahue with her new **AGR** girl **Samantha**, Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, Connie McCabe with **Grizzly** and Liz Tataseo with **Trip**. After a few thank you remarks by Deb and by 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! Erin Orwig and Sarah Martin took off in their own golf carts to make sure everyone had enough water and neck coolers to keep hydrated and stay as cool as they could in the September heat.



In addition to delivering cold water and neck coolers, Erin also sold 50/50 raffle tickets on the course

Upon returning, everyone enjoyed a wonderful buffet consisting of Inn Baked Breads, Mediterranean Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette, Chicken Marsala, Baked Ziti, Ratatouille, Mushroom Risotto and Inn Baked Cookies & Brownies. The food was fantastic and the service impeccable!

After dinner, prizes were awarded in various areas. Winning 1st Place with a team score of 54 were Greg Williams, Darren Hince, John Gale and Tom Halderman. Each won a \$100 gift certificate to **Veneto Trattoria Italiana**. In 2nd Place with a score of 56 were Larry Eiteljorg, Bill Mullins, Lance Mullins and Mike Kettell. Each golfer received a \$75 gift certificate to **Pomo Pizzeria Napoletana**.



1st Place: Team Williams

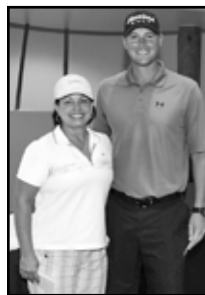


2nd Place: Team Mullins



3rd Place: Team Coffen

Receiving \$50 gift certificates to **The Downside Risk** for 3rd place with a score of 57 were Clay Coffen, Scott Rose, Christo Demetriades, and Mr. Waddell. Last Place, with a score of 78, went to Tom Bauch and Andy Jungbluth, each receiving a can of tennis balls with the suggestion to try a new sport! All in fun, of course!



Longest Drive

Prizes were also awarded for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin for men and women. Each of the 4 winners got a \$50 gift certificate to **The Cheesecake Factory**; actually, there were only 3 winners because Christi Miner won in both categories for the women. Also winning were Darren Hince for Longest Drive, Men, and Jeff Miller Closest-to-the-Pin, Men. Congratulations to all!



Closest to the Pin

After the silent auction and raffle ending times were announced, Steve Chudyk of **Sheraton Desert Oasis** acted as go-between and auctioneer for the auction of a donated timeshare located at **Palm Beach Shores and Vacation Villas**. The timeshare, generously donated by Gloria and Gary Oxley, brought in \$1000 for **AGR**!



Kory Kosi-er, the high bidder, got



a smokin' deal!

Shortly after that, raffle item winners were posted and silent auction highest bidders were determined. The 50/50 winner was also announced and the winner, Kyle Claypool (at right with Deb), generously donated his half (\$345) back to **AGR!**



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The golf tournament took months of planning and preparation, but the result was a great day and the terrific sum of almost \$26,000 in profit, as well as an additional \$690 for the *Debbe Begley Memo-*

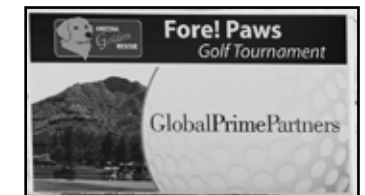
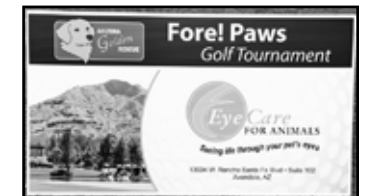
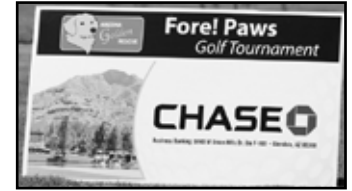
rial Fund! As of October 27th, we have rescued 133 dogs this year, many more than in any previous year. Thanks to the success of this tournament, we know that we will be able to continue to pay for vet care for our dogs. A big WAG OF THE TAIL to everyone who helped make this event possible and so profitable!

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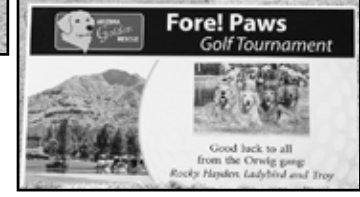
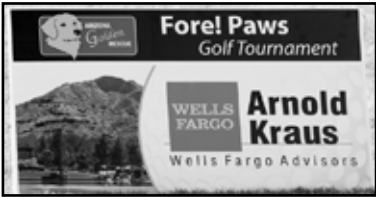
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 *Meet-and-Greets at Choice Pet Market*
By Deb Orwig

 *Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart*

Quite a few of you have noticed that **Choice Pet Market** no longer shows up on our website Events Calendar. July was the last month we were at the Glendale and Chandler stores. After that, we received notice from their administration that their rules for rescue groups had changed. With some effort, we could accommodate a few of the new rules – we could have only two volunteers per store; we had to bring the dogs in and out of the back door; we could manage to bring a couple of adoptable dogs, if such dogs are being boarded at a relatively close-by vet. However, we could not, and will never, do on-the-spot adoptions. Yes, all rescue groups now doing Meet-and-Greets at any of the **Choice Pet Market** stores must comply with all of these rules. So, we have regretfully said goodbye to **Choice Pet Market** and hope they reconsider these rules at some point in the future, as we enjoyed going there.

We do Meet-and-Greets at four **PetSmart** stores. Connie McCabe, our overall **PetSmart** chairman and liaison, chairs the store at 5707 W Northern Ave, Glendale; Teri Guilbault chairs the Arrowhead store at 7290 W Bell Rd in Glendale; Denny Myrick chairs the store at 7077 E Mayo Blvd in Scottsdale; and Angela Palumbo chairs the store at Tempe Marketplace on Rio Salado Parkway. The regularly scheduled dates for all **PetSmart** store appearances are shown on our website's Events Calendar. Occasionally, we will change the date to accommodate **PetSmart Charities'** request to be at the store during their National Adoption Weekends held four times a year. Usually, we meet in the afternoon on the second Sunday of every month at the Northern Ave store, on the third Sunday from 11 AM - 3 PM at the Bell Rd store and on the third Saturday from noon to 4 PM at Tempe Marketplace. Denny's dates for the Mayo Blvd store are on the website calendar – he

tries to fit them in around other events we have scheduled; Mayo Blvd is done 11 AM - 2 PM. Activities at the Northern Ave store were suspended until it is cool enough to set up outside.

Bell Rd (Arrowhead) – Teri Guilbault and Connie McCabe



Sheila, Liz, Pat and Karie with dogs

Thank you so much to everyone who attended on August 19th. Unfortunately, Teri Guilbault was not able to be there, but we still collected over \$240! The dogs were very busy and the people were very generous.

Attending were Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**, Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie**, Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**, Pat Morgan with **Sunny**, Ingrid and Karie Wilson with **Sammy**, Kathi Youhas with **Maura**, Deb Orwig with **Ladybird** and myself with **Grizzly**. And thank you to Nick once again for helping me set up and break down.



Ingrid, who has always had female Goldens, is finally experiencing the joys of a boy

I covered for Teri again on September 16th, as she was



Ingrid, Tony, Kathy, Gail, Dana, and Karie

unable to be there. Joining **Grizzly** and me were Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**, Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Ingrid and Karie Wilson with **Sammy** and **Sadie**, Kathi Youhas with **Carter**, Jay and Jodi Koblick, and Karen Davis with **Caesar** and **Star**. We only made a little over \$80 but were very busy talking with potential fosters and adopters. And thank you to Nick for helping me as usual.



October group: Don, Rusty, Gail, Dana, Tony, Teri and Liz

It was a gorgeous day on October 28th, just the right temperature

for setting up outside under our big tent. Lots of people stopped by to admire the dogs and hand us a dollar here and there. Joining me (Teri) and my furkids **Fresno** and **Jackson**, were Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie**, Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, Don and Rusty Krause with **Sunshine** and **Stormy**, Ingrid and Karie Wilson with **Sammy**, and my kids, Michelle and Jared Miller, with baby Lucas! We only raised \$62 but had a great time! Thanks to Connie for stopping by and taking the group photo.



Back: Denny with Jake, Dana with Riley, Tom and Sally with Molly and Rocky; Front: Cynthia with Tag, Deb with Mufasa, Kim with Indy, Tony with Daisy, Maddy and Malloy (with friend Megan) and Casey.

Mayo Blvd – Denny Myrick

On an unbelievably humid Saturday, July 14th, at the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart** store, the following **Arizona Golden Rescue** volunteers and their amazing Goldens set up outside: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Sally and Tom Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Kim Lindenmeyer with **Indy**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Deb Orwig with **Mufasa**; Donna, Maddy, and Malloy Sells with **Casey**; Pam Spicer with **Lexi**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Tag**. Despite the heat, many customers came to the store. We did a lot of talking and collected a total of \$225.94. Pam Spicer was again our terrific photographer.

The Meet-and-Greet on August 11th was a bust. Deb Orwig took over for Denny, who was out of town, and as it was too hot to be outside, the store manager had us set up in the very back of the store in front of the grooming salon and next to **Banfield Vet Clinic**.



Tony, Gail, Dana, Deb, Sally, Tom and Cynthia

Despite our banner being prominently displayed in the aisle facing the front of the store, just about the only people who came to the back were people who had vet appointments. There were more **AGR** members in attendance than people we spoke to during the three hours we were there. Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Sally and Tom Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, Deb with **Mufasa**, and Cynthia Wenström

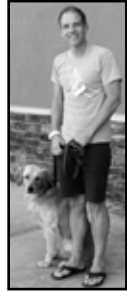
with **Bailey** attended, and Pam Spicer joined us for a while and took photos. The \$8 the group collected were not worth their time to be there. As a result, we have decided to cancel our appearance at this **PetSmart** store next year if it is too hot to be outside.



Rich with Chance, Gail with Molly, Mike (Coco hiding), Cynthia with Tag, Denny with Jake, Diane with Moon and Sally with Rocky

On an early fall day with temps “only” in the high 90s at the Mayo Blvd **PetSmart**, we were able to set up outside. Eight **AGR** volunteers and their dogs collected \$134

in donations and sold two T-shirts for a total of \$166. The following participated:



Rich with Chance

first-time volunteers Mike and Gail Galbreath with sisters **Coco** and **Molly**; Sally Fetherston with **Rocky**; Rich Milling with **Chance**, also with us for the first time; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Pam Spicer (photographer); Diane Traxler with **Moon** (formerly **Amika**); and Cynthia Wenström with **Tag**.



Mike and Gail with Molly and Coco



Tom, Sally, Liz, Cynthia, Denny, Larry, Deb, Ginny and Win; dogs are Molly, Rocky, Trip, Gonzo, Bailey, Jake, Lexi, Ladybird, Troy, Hayden, Mufasa and Tasha

and me were Ginny and Win Copeland with **Tasha**; Sally and Tom Fetherston with **Molly** and **Rocky**; Deb and Larry Orwig with **Hayden**, **Ladybird**, **Troy** and **Mufasa**; Diane Traxler and Michael McDonald with **Moon**; Pam Spicer with **Lexi**; and Cynthia Wenström with **Bailey**. Dana Haywood stopped by briefly with **Connor**, whom he had picked up at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale and was transporting to Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart** to transfer to Jim Henkel, who was going to take **Connor** the rest of the way to his FWITA in Gilbert. What a cute little guy **Connor** is and so friendly! Liz arrived after a while with **Gonzo**

October weather is why we enjoy living in Arizona! It was a perfect day to be outside. Joining **J a k e**



Ladybird at only 48 lbs was considerably larger than 7-month-old Connor – he will not be very big when full grown!

and **Trip** – the electricity had gone out on her street and she couldn’t get her car out of the garage until it came back on shortly after noon. We collected \$112.87 and talked to a lot of people, in particular a family with a young Goldendoodle who may be interested in acquiring another.

Tempe Marketplace – Angela Palumbo

It was really hot on Saturday, July 21st! I want to thank Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**, Jim Henkel with **Winston**, Dan Womack and Becky Philips with **Tucker**, Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**, Dan Farkas with **Abbi**, Maggie Muller with **Benzo** and **Elsa**, and Robin and



Tony Cotner with Daisy (behind chair) and Rocky, Dana Haywood, Jim Henkel with Winston, Dan Womack with Tucker, Becky Philips and Gail Haywood with Riley



Our Donation Vests fit much better on Abbi Farkas than on Razyzy Lee, but they both helped collect donations for **AGR**!

Linda Lee with **Razyzy**. It was great to have some new faces, and I think everyone had a good time despite the heat! We took in \$161! Awesome!

On August 18th, it was warm but, amazingly, not too hot to be outside! Joining me were Melissa Beceiro, Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Rocky**, Gail Haywood with **Riley** (Dana had to work), and Diane and Jim Henkel with **Winston**. As

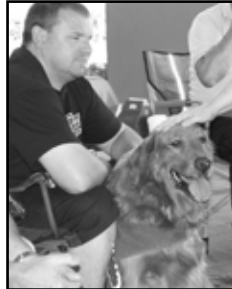


Tony, Jim, Diane and Melissa; Jim and Diane’s daughter and granddaughter stopped by to say hello and pet the dogs



Diane Henkel and Melissa Becciro talking with store manager Don Tatarelli

September was also warm but not too hot to be outside. Joining me were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley** and Darrell Marshall with **Shadow**. We took in \$109!



Darrell and Shadow

Due to a conflict in schedule on the third Saturday, our October Meet-and-Greet had to be held on Saturday the 13th instead of on the 20th. Unfortunately, because of the change of days, Angela had to work, so Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley** hosted in her place, and they were joined by Tony Cotner with **Daisy**. Unfortunately, no photos were taken that could be used here.



By Liz Tataseo



Gail Haywood with Riley and Tony Cotner with Daisy usually greet customers at the entrance

Since just after Memorial Day, **Trendy Pet & Rescue** in **Scottsdale Fashion Square** has hosted **Arizona Golden Rescue** each Monday from 12 - 4 PM as a regular Meet-and-Greet location. From July 16th through October 29th, a small group of **AGR** members and their dogs enjoyed meeting all the people, and an occasional dog, who dropped in to see the Goldenes and discuss Rescue. **Trendy Pet & Rescue** does not sell pets



Dave Engelhardt with Rex

usual, store manager Don Tatarelli came out to say hello and pet the dogs. We collected \$98 and had a nice day.



Beverly Host with Hayden Orwig

Regulars included Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Dave Engelhardt with **Sage** or **Rex**; Deb Orwig with **Mufasa** and **Hayden**, **Ladybird** or **Troy** depending on the day; Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** or **Trip** or



Deb with Mufasa and Ladybird

and has had rescues in the store Mondays (**AGR**) and Thursdays through Sunday (**Arizona Animal Welfare League/SPCA** Thursdays - Saturdays and **Lost Our Home Pet Foundation** on Sundays). They sell a wide variety of pet accessories, Earth Blend dog food and gourmet treats, as well as some boutique-type items.



Kathi Youhas with Maura, Dave with Sage and Sheila Joyce with McKenna

Sweetie; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; Sheila Joyce with **McKenna** or **Tessa** or **Holly**; and Beverly Host. Also attending sometimes were Katie Donahue with new adoptee **Samantha**, Denny Myrick with **Jake**, Cindy Tigges with **Charm** and Kathi Youhas with **Carter** or **Maura**.



Liz dispensing treats to an eager crowd



Holly and friend

Along with the younger contingent, both **Rex** at 13 ½ and **Holly** at 14 are great ambassadogs for **AGR** and receive much attention from the visitors. **Mufasa**, a.k.a. mountain goat, **Trip**, who likes to shove his way through people, and **Daisy**, who "talks" to the customers, make their presence known to everyone. We have had the privilege of meeting many international visitors and vacationers during our various Mondays there, and we have had several people return just to see and love on the dogs.



Store manager Millie Lopez with Hayden, Troy and Mufasa

We certainly appreciate the opportunity **Trendy Pet & Rescue** has given us to find potential adopters and raise awareness about rescued Goldenes that will help all the dogs we have taken in and placed this year – a record number of 131 already, and the year has two months to go! Our association with this store has ended, though, because they have found another group that will be doing on-the-spot adoptions there Mondays - Wednesdays.



Meet-and-Greets at The Pet Shop

By Dana Haywood

In August, we started doing Meet-and-Greets at **The Pet Shop**, a family-owned pet supply store at 2235 S Power Rd, Ste 107, Mesa, AZ 85209. The owners, Vanessa and Dylan Schmidt (photo at left), who have three Golden



ens, have been in business for just over a month and want to be a big help to Rescue. August 12th was a hot and fairly slow day, according to Vanessa, but it gave us the opportunity to get the feel of the place. Our brochures and business cards are on a table by the store entrance even when we are not there; plus there is a sign on the wall with our schedule. We

have also been included on their Facebook page and their website. We took in \$40, which was not bad for a first time on a slow day. In addition to the Haywoods, who brought **Trina Kearney** along with **Riley**, attending were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Judy Petitto with **Sandy Joy**; Rusty Haller and Cherri Beuke with family and **Murphy**; Jeff Sager with **Orion** (at right); and Tim Holt with **Wrigley**. Connie McCabe was also there for a short time in the beginning to take some pictures. We met there on August 26th as well.



On September 8th, a lady from Chandler, who had found out about us and had filled out an application online that morning, was waiting to meet us, as well as a couple of other families who had learned of us, one from the listing of our appearances on the bulletin board at the store

and one from the website. We had several new members join us, as well as one of my favorite rescued dogs, **Buddy** (f.k.a. **Caleb**) with his owner Sandra Miller. Joining us for the first time were Bonnie and Steve Hargrave with foster **Cassidy** and their resident Golden, **Lillianna**. Mike and Gail Galbreath, recent adopters of **Coco** and **Molly**, also came; Judy Petitto brought **Sandy Joy**; and Jim Henkel was with us for a while. We collected \$29.65 in donations.

Unfortunately, at subsequent Meet-and-Greets both the number of volunteers who came and the revenue collected decreased. Consequently, we have suspended our presence there until next year.



Golden Hearts



We are so grateful to everyone who has given us their support. You all truly have hearts of gold! All donations to **AGR** are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between July 10 and October 10, 2012. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

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From the Editor's Desk

By Deb Orwig

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

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