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*Editor's Assistant's Note*

My mom, the President, as well as Chief Financial Officer, Merchandise Manager and Editor of this newsletter, finally got all the Christmas decorations put away – on April 10<sup>th</sup>! Room had to be made in which to set up and inventory the donated items that have been coming in for Casino Nite. She is a busy lady, especially now that

Debbe Begley, *AGR's* cofounder and second-in-command as Director of Operations, has been diagnosed with cancer. Debbe is still able to handle a few things, but the bulk of event organization and preparation has fallen on my mom. Won't you please help? I'd like her to have some time to take me and my brothers and sister for a walk once in awhile! Actually, she hardly has time to pet us!

You know those Meet-and-Greets that happen several times a month at various *PetSmart* and *Choice Pet Market* locations? These are every bit as important – and fun! – to attend as the big events like Casino Nite. I love going to those “little events”! I get petted by lots of kids, and adults just like to cuddle with me and sigh as they stroke my soft fur. Some even cry – I guess that's because I remind them of a dog they used to have – but my mom just encourages them to apply to adopt a dog. Maybe they'll be lucky and get one like me! Please volunteer to come, so that my mom doesn't have to go to every one!

Of course, I didn't used to be my sweet, well behaved self that I am now. In fact, my label when I came into Rescue was “hyper, destructive and unmanageable.” Yep, people don't believe I was all that and more almost 12 years ago, but I was. I had severe separation anxiety, and my owners left me in the back yard by myself. They came out to feed me once a day, and I was so happy to see them I jumped all over them and raced around the yard. They weren't happy when they saw the siding I'd torn off their house and the holes I'd dug in the yard because I was anxious and bored. They didn't bother to teach me that behavior like that was unacceptable – they just got rid of me. I sometimes wish they could see me now! They might be amazed at what training can do!

When I arrived at her house, my mom set the limits and enforced them. She taught me that a crate is a good place to be when she isn't home. She spent months desensitizing me to her leaving – now I know she will always come back, but I still have to follow her around everywhere she goes in our house, just because I like to be close to her. Even though she had already trained many dogs, some that even got obedience titles in real dog shows, she took me to a formal obedience training class. I did not like meeting some

of the other dogs that came – I felt compelled to protect my mom from them by growling and snarling and pretending to attack them. So, my mom started doing some exercises with me that proved to me I don't have to act like that. Once I was convinced she was a stronger “alpha” than any dog could possibly be, I became the sweet, gentle, accepting guy I am now. Training is what it took – training for me, and for her as well. Her motto is: “Every day is a training day in our house.” It should be so in your house, too. Believe me, you'll be a lot happier and so will your family!

*Wags and Woofs*

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Carol Allen, Chairman of the *Golden Retriever Club of America's National Rescue Committee (NRC)* and member of the *Golden Retriever Rescue of Central New York*, recently said, *I keep thinking if I could be more creative, smarter, a better salesperson, kinder, then I could recruit better. But it's just not happening! I've seen a change in the spirit of volunteering in this country over the years I've been doing this... no one wants to be tied down in any way – financially, time-wise, etc. Makes me sad.*

Most rescue groups have the problem Carol addressed. In fact, on the *NRC* Rescue Presidents' e-group, there has been a thread regarding the possibility of paying people to foster dogs. Carol responded, *Paying foster homes would be a nightmare. Then how about all the other people (officers, coordinators, newsletter editors, transporters) who give so much time? Where does it stop? In the ideal world, fostering is something that fits in with our normal daily routines anyway, especially if the FH has other dogs – and most do.*

*AGR* is an all-volunteer organization. We do not pay anyone for anything except preapproved expenses for veterinary care or event production (over the years, we've learned that we have to spend money to make money). Some time ago, it was not made clear to one of our fosters what expenses *AGR* would cover and what we would not cover for a foster dog. The foster requested reimbursement for such items as toys (to keep the dog from getting bored and, therefore, destructive when the foster was at work), a Laser-brite leash and collar for being “visible” when walking at night, grooming tools, a high-quality food purchased from a pet supply store, treats, and Pill Pockets® – most, if not all, of these items many of us would want to buy for our own dogs. Because it had not been made clear to the foster that these are all considered “normal” expenses that a dog owner (or foster) has, we did issue reimbursement (to the tune of several hundred dollars). We also revised our *Adoption Application*, our *Home Evaluation Form*, our *Foster/FWITA Home and Vet Care Agreement* and our *Terms*

and Conditions of Adoption Contract. All of these documents now include a clause specifying what expenses **AGR** will cover while a dog is in foster care either with a foster-only family or with a foster-with-intent-to-adopt (FWITA) family. A potential adoptive family will not only have multiple chances to read this clause, but also will hear it from their Home Evaluator.

We are sorry we cannot pay our “help.” We are sorry we cannot reimburse our transporters for the gas they use in getting our rescued dogs from Tucson to Phoenix, or Chandler to Yuma, or Scottsdale to Sedona or even from <sup>85308</sup> to <sup>85310</sup>. We are sorry we cannot reimburse everyone for the gas they use in getting to Meet-and-Greets or taking foster dogs to the vet. (Keep a record of your mileage when doing anything for **AGR** – mileage accrued for a nonprofit organization like ours is tax deductible.) We are sorry we cannot usually pay for the food that foster dogs consume – the exception to the “food rule” is for food that a veterinarian prescribes and which must be purchased from a vet.

In the <sup>21</sup> months between March <sup>2009</sup> and December <sup>2010</sup>, we rescued <sup>119</sup> dogs. We spent \$<sup>139,986</sup> on those dogs, an average of about \$<sup>1085</sup> per dog. Just those vet expenses alone are <sup>2-6</sup> times the entire annual operating budget that many other Rescue groups have. We are blessed with many volunteers – some help only once a year, some do work for **AGR** every single day, but we get help when we ask for it. I am grateful for all the support each of you has given, be it a little or a lot, be it financial or time-wise or both. What we do for the dogs is important and worthwhile. How we do what we do is envied and, yes, even copied. It doesn't matter, as long as it is the dogs who benefit. In **AGR**, the dog is always the #1 priority.



### *Who Let the Dogs Out?*

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### ***The Show Must Go On***

By now most of you are aware that I am going through a serious medical crisis. Let me briefly bring you up to date. Our sweet old **Sandy** broke her leg in late July <sup>2010</sup>; I had no choice but to carry her in and out of the house. With lots of help from Connie McCabe, Bob and Kathi Youhas and my brother Jack, we were able to move her several times a day until she was allowed to put weight on her leg. By the end of November, my back started hurting. Understandably so. I never gave it any thought. Back strain from lifting the dog. During December gift wrapping, I was really hurting, but I managed. In January, I decided to go see Dr. Steve Erickson, chiropractor/**AGR** member. He was able

to get my back straightened up enough that I could walk in the *Parada del Sol Parade*, but it was quite a brutal day for me. One week later, I collapsed. Kathi Youhas took me to Urgent Care. My equilibrium was messed up and I had double vision. The doctor said, “I really can't help you with the vision thing. You need to go to the emergency room.” The next day, that is where we went.

They did a quick CAT scan and after a few hours of waiting, some guy came in and said, “We do not have a neurological ward here, so we are going to transport you to Banner Good Sam. We are showing that you have a brain tumor that is coming from cancers growing in the lower lumbar region. The ambulance will be here shortly. Good luck.” I still have no idea who he was.

Once I was at Banner Good Sam, they found cancer in my L<sup>3</sup> region, my right shoulder and right lung, as well as in my brain. They are calling it a rather aggressive cancer, but it has responded well to the radiation treatments we have done so far. They also removed the brain tumor with no difficulty. I have now had my <sup>2nd</sup> chemotherapy session. That is very rough. It takes about a week to really recover from it. Our hope is to stop the growth of the cancer and maybe put it in remission. All of my doctors are very optimistic, so we could be looking at a year plus. I do have this vision of both me and **Sandy** participating in at least one more parade and all of you wonderful people right there with us.

Now that you all know I am doing as well as can be expected, we have work to do. We have a lot of major events coming up during the balance of this year. Our <sup>2nd</sup> Annual Casino Nite is scheduled for May <sup>7th</sup>. You should have received an invitation in the mail.

### **The Show Must Go On PLEASE RSVP IMMEDIATELY**

If you have not already responded to the invitation (either Yes, I'm coming, or No, I can't come”), please do so immediately. Deb Orwig and Katie Donahue will be chairing the event and need all of the help and support they can get. In between treatments and if I am having a good day, I will be able to make follow-up phone calls, write letters and post things to the master spreadsheet. I will not be able to do any donation gathering, so that is where we desperately need ALL of you to help us out. Just because I cannot drive the bus does not mean it won't go. We all have to go the extra mile for sake of the dogs. [*Ed. Note: See NOTICE on p. 5*]

Just because I am going to be a bit limited as to how much I am going to be able to continue doing for the organization does not mean that we will struggle. You are all so very capable of pitching in to help. Soliciting donations is not something everyone enjoys doing, but if we don't ask, we do not give our supporters the opportunity to help us. And believe me, folks, they really want to help our dogs.

Donation letters will be made available to you – just ask. Please

carry a supply in your car at all times. You would not want to miss any opportunity to request a donation from any business you visit. Most restaurants require that you ask in person for a gift certificate. *Eat first, ask afterwards* often works very well. We must be aggressive and creative. The economy is still not good, and it is getting harder and harder to convince businesses to donate. Go in with a plan. Ask for the manager or the person who has authority to approve donations. Speak only to that person. You may have to go back several times to speak to the right person. Ask for specific items.

Check around your house to see if you have some nifty décor stuff that no longer suits you. Someone else may think it is perfect for their home. Check your closets and cabinets for gifts you've received but never used. The full retail value of such items is tax deductible even if the item was a gift.

Put together a theme basket to honor one of your own dogs. Food and liquor or dog items are always good for those types of baskets.

Offer your time for an afternoon to help assemble baskets so we don't get behind and have a lot of catching up to do at the last minute. You can also help me with follow-up phone calls to remind people to attend and confirm that they are going to volunteer to work at the event.

We will need this same kind of help for the golf tournament scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>.

There are also all kinds of other events on our calendar. The *PetSmart* and *Choice Pet Market* Meet & Greets are all being handled as before, but we are going to need someone to step in and help with the other things like the *PACC* <sup>911</sup> events, such as the adopt-a-thons at the *Franciscan Renewal Center* and the like. We will also need a strong and vocal chairperson to handle *PACC* <sup>911</sup>'s annual *Bowl-a-Rama* scheduled for Saturday August 6, 2011. Bob and Kathi Youhas, who are my caregivers, will no longer be able to help transport a lot of the equipment to events, so I am requesting an additional equipment manager to help us out.

Now is the time for all of you to step up to help with the behind-the-scenes chores. If just a few of you can do a little for each of these events, that will go a long way, and my absence will barely be noticed. Please let me know if you are interested and willing to help with any of these jobs. We really do need your support and assistance. Fundraising means chairing events, setting up events, gathering donations and attending events. Please help.

## NOTICE

Due to lack of response, we have been forced to cancel the Casino Nite we had planned to host on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Members need to be aware that in order to plan for food, the gaming tables and the night's activities, we need to know attendance weeks prior to the night's event. Three weeks before the event we had received only <sup>20</sup> reservations, four of which were from outside the *AGR* membership. We needed a minimum of <sup>125</sup> guests to attend in order to cover the cost of the facility and the gaming tables. Obviously, we only got <sup>1/10</sup> that number.

A lot of work went into preparation for this event. Connie made the flyer and was starting to work on the table sponsor signs. Deb produced the registration form and cover letter, got them copied along with the flyer, and prepared the mailing which was distributed to almost <sup>400</sup> people on our mailing list. Dana and his son Dana Craig spent an inordinate amount of time figuring out how to make registration work from our website. Katie made phone calls and started the spreadsheet to keep track of guests. Debbie made phone calls to try to drum up some registrations. Deb sent e-mails and made phone calls to line up the gaming tables and discuss the facility layout. John sent out dozens of requests for support to golf club managers. Deb sent out dozens of donation requests to businesses that have supported us in the past. Beverly and Jessica, Linda and Bill, Julie, Jodi and Jay, Sue, Louise, Jim, Liz, Kimberly, and Beth collectively spent countless hours "beating the streets" and tapping the shoulders of friends and clients trying to get donations. They got a lot of stuff which we will now save to use at the golf tournament on September 24<sup>th</sup>. In order to plan a successful fund raising event it is necessary to spend some money up front. Up to the three weeks before Casino Nite, *AGR* had spent \$<sup>1347.23</sup> for the nonrefundable facility deposit of \$<sup>1000</sup> (which we paid almost a year ago to secure the facility for the date we chose), copying, envelopes and postage. This money is lost to us – we no longer have it available to help our dogs, and we no longer have a way to recover these expenses through the proceeds of what was to be a very fun event. It makes us sad.

Instead of just outright asking members to make a donation to *AGR*, we tried to come up with a fun activity in which members could participate and have a good time, while helping to raise money to support our dogs. Now, we have no choice but to just ask for donations; we will also be asking for donations to support our participation in the *Bowl-a-Rama* in August as well. Please send whatever you can now or later. We will take cash, checks, money orders or credit/debit cards. For all donations made by credit card to help cover the expenses of the Casino Nite event that is not taking place, we will not charge you the normal 3% convenience fee. You can make your donation through our website via PayPal, also without the convenience fee. Any amount will help. If every member donated just \$<sup>25</sup>, we would raise over \$<sup>9,000</sup> and would not have a need to do all the work involved in producing a fundraising event. All donations are tax deductible.

We need ideas for another type of event that will generate some income. If you have a fundraising idea, please contact Deb at [dorwigaz@cox.net](mailto:dorwigaz@cox.net) or call her at 623-693-0589.



### Second Time Around

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Most rescued dogs already have been housetrained and a few have been through obedience training. But what if you adopt/foster a puppy or slightly trained adult dog? Or, after a month or two, the dog decides he is in charge of the house? Rescues have had dogs returned because the dog has taken over the house or won't listen to anyone in the home. We have had young dogs surrendered to **AGR** because the dog is too much for the current household. All of those conditions can be linked to no training and not stopping bad behavior from the beginning.

**AGR** has several experienced volunteers who can give adopters/fosters training tips, and we have a behavior specialist, Teryl Hall, who can give hands-on advice. But the best way to ensure you have a great companion is to do formal training. **AGR** can recommend professional trainers that members have used with their own dogs (see pages <sup>20</sup> - <sup>21</sup>).

One of the questions asked on the Adoption Application is, "If adopting, will you agree to take the dog to obedience classes if recommended by *Arizona Golden Rescue*?" The **AGR** Contract for adoption contains the statement, "As the ADOPTER, I/we agree to train or retrain the dog to be a good companion." Ignoring those two items can lead to an unhappy dog and family. You are the one responsible for making sure all is going well for you and your new dog.

Over the last <sup>35</sup> years, I have housetrained all my dogs and done basic obedience with most of them. While my new puppy, **Augie**, learned to use the dog door his first month and didn't have house accidents, he proved to be a little harder to tame in terms of listening to me, so off we went to class. In two short lessons, **Augie** is a changed dog and will continue to get better. We will continue to practice and go to class until he turns into the dog I know he can be. I am now trying some of those techniques with my other dogs as a refresher course for them. One of the difficulties in a multi-dog family is to train one without interference from the others; that is where a formal class really helps.

Many applicants want to adopt a young dog under two so the Golden can grow with the family. That usually means the dog will need to be trained so he or she will be a great companion for everyone. This is also a good way to form a bond with your dog, and Golden's love to please and be active.

Many rescued dogs have been backyard dogs or come from a

situation in which they have been ignored. Training helps them gain confidence and allows them to blossom into wonderful dogs; it just takes time. Every foster or FWITA should have received **AGR**'s *Your New Dog* manual. The manual has an entire section called Training and Behavior that gives adopters specific ways to train their dog or correct behavior problems that can crop up. If you did not get a manual, let us know and we will send one to you.

One tip to help your dog be the best behaved he can be is not to set him up for failure. Don't leave clothes, trinkets or other items that a dog can put in his or her mouth lying around the house. Chewed-up items are not only annoying to you and can result in the loss of something expensive, they can also lead to medical problems for your dog. You don't want your dog to have to undergo surgery for eating something that gets lodged in his intestines.

If your dog gets bored and destructive when you leave the house for several hours, either try crate training or confine him to one part of the house with a gate; or maybe he just needs more activity/play time with you. The *Your New Dog* manual can help with destructive behavior, or contact our behaviorist for training tips.

Old dogs can learn new tricks, and a busy dog is a happy dog, so it is never too late to start training. Many dogs love training in agility, especially young, energetic dogs. Most dogs have a great time just learning to fetch or walk beside you while you get exercise. They want to be with you and love to please their family members. Training doesn't have to be excessive or long term, but you do need to be consistent. Even walking for short periods can reinforce the basic commands of heel, sit, stay, down and come.

There is nothing better than seeing your dog look at you adoringly when he or she is praised for doing well, and how good it can make you feel as this dog becomes your "perfect" dog.

### The Information Highway

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I would like to introduce myself to everyone, although I believe most of you who are active members have already met me and my wife, Gail, as we are at most of the major events and many of the Meet-and-Greets. I have taken over the position of Director of Information Management, effective at the Membership meeting at this year's *Paws At The Park* picnic.

Our association with *Arizona Golden Rescue* started early in October <sup>2009</sup>, a month after we had lost our very-much-loved

Golden Retriever suddenly and were left with a huge void in our lives. I believe that anyone who has ever owned and lost a Golden knows exactly how we felt. Several weeks went by and we realized we just needed another Golden in our lives, so the search began.

We found *Arizona Golden Rescue* on the Internet, and this discovery started a change in our lives that we had never anticipated. We were expecting to find a dog and take it home and life continues as before. Were we ever wrong! Next thing we knew, we were invited to participate in a *Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping* in Gilbert and were advised that we were welcome to come to the Holiday Party at Deb Orwig's home. By this time, we had met many fellow Golden owners and knew we wanted to be more involved in the organization. We immediately upgraded our membership to a Household membership and starting attending more events. Next thing we knew, Deb was asking Gail to take over as Transport Manager, which she agreed to, and, of course, I became part of the Transport Team, as Gail knows how to find me when no one else can be found.

Now for the present.....

It was a beautiful warm, sunny day in January at an Adopt-a-thon in Anthem. Deb motioned to me that she wanted to talk to me in private. Now at this point I was thinking, am I in trouble, or what can she want me for? I felt much relieved when she asked me if I would consider taking over as the Director of Information Management for the group, as Nick Dodson had already indicated he did not want to continue in the position after his term ended in March. Less than a minute later I had my answer for her. YES! And so my future began – I now would actually be responsible for that same website on which I found our dog **Riley**.

Anyone who has checked out the website recently has found that there have been a lot of changes on it. We are taking the site from a mostly informational site to a much more interactive site. We are using the power of the website to handle registration for events, as well as administrative management duties. We have added Facebook, Twitter, and Yahoogroups links to the homepage and posted links to sites that support us through grants and services. You will see many more changes as we continue to update this site. We are currently building a new site on another host server with a newer version of the software that offers us more site security and advanced features.

I do not want to take credit for everything that you see on the site. It has taken a lot of work to get it where it is, and it will take a lot of work to improve it. I would like to thank Nick Dodson for his time in fulfilling this position last year and, among all his other duties, communicating with the Webmaster to propose changes. I would like to acknowledge and thank Ryan Englin, who served as Webmaster and did most of the work on the website and made sure it was stable. Ryan has helped fix a few issues I let him know about until I could get access to it.

I would like to thank Connie McCabe for all her contributions. Not only does she do a great job with all the photos and graphics projects such as the annual calendar, but she is also always willing to produce graphics as we update the website and has been very helpful. Thanks Connie!

I cannot take full credit for all the work that is done on the website. I come up with a lot of the ideas and get ideas from others, but it is my son, Dana Craig Haywood, who is the actual Webmaster now and does most of the detail work on the site. I am learning from him, but he has been working on his own website for many years and has the knowledge to run *AGR*'s, as it uses the same software that he has been used to.

If at any time you have an idea for the website regarding something we might be missing, or if you find an error on the site, please e-mail [webmaster@arizonagoldenrescue.org](mailto:webmaster@arizonagoldenrescue.org) with your information.

### *The Human Connection*

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This column is titled “The Human Connection,” and for this go-round I’d like to write about people. We spend so much time focused on our dogs, what they’re doing, what they’re eating, what events they’re going to, what bandannas they’re going to wear when they go out, sometimes we forget about the two-legged individuals who are responsible for our four-legged friends. We are a Golden Retriever Rescue, so the dogs should be our number one priority, but we can’t do much for them if we forget about ourselves.

One of the things that’s most important for our dogs is equally important for us – socialization. We always make sure puppies, puppy mill dogs, and our fosters get out to meet other dogs and people, but do we make sure we, ourselves, get enough socialization? Having an active social life with forays into intelligent conversation and debate can help stave off depression, dementia, and Alzheimer’s disease. I love my dogs, but **Ginger** definitely can’t carry on intelligent conversation.

So, how can you socialize your dog and yourself at the same time? You knew I was going to mention it – volunteer! You don’t have to come out for all 12 hours of Casino Nite or spend eight hours at the *Phoenix Pet Expo*. You can if you want to – we won’t say no! But you and your dog can join us for a few hours at a Meet-and-Greet on a Saturday or Sunday at *PetSmart* or *Choice Pet Market*, or you can join us for part of the day at one of our larger events. Personally, I think the best thing about *Arizona Golden Rescue* is the fact that we’re such a social organization. I have made more

and closer friends in this organization than I did through almost <sup>12</sup> years of higher education. I encourage everyone to come out to at least one event and see how much fun you can have. You know you'll have at least one thing in common with everyone there – your love of Golden Retrievers.



### *Health and Safety*

By Teri Guilbault,  
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Recently, we had the opportunity to rescue a Golden from a terrible hoarding situation. When this young lad came to us, we already knew that he was suffering from mange. Mange? What is mange? This was our first experience with this disease since the incorporation of our organization.

Mange is caused by mites that live on the skin of animals as parasites and can quickly and easily infest an animal's entire body. There are three types of mange: sarcoptic, which is also called "scabies;" demodectic, or "red mange;" and cheyletiella, or "walking dandruff." Common symptoms of mange include hair loss, itching and inflammation, dry, crusty and thickened skin, and sores or blisters.

**Sarcoptic mange** is caused by mites burrowing into the skin. Dogs with this type of mange tend to have a moth-eaten appearance as clumps of fur fall out, but eventually, if left untreated, dogs will continue to lose their fur until it is gone. Dogs of all ages and breeds can contract sarcoptic mange, and it is easily transmitted to dogs or people who come in contact with an infected animal. With this type of mange, there is extreme itchiness, rash with irritated and inflamed skin, scabs and hair loss. Areas most affected will be ears, elbows, hocks, abdomen and chest. Dogs that have this disease are likely to develop "hot spots" as they lick the areas that bother them. Treatment for this type of mange is medicated baths which kill the mites, and a systemic pesticide called Revolution®. During an outbreak, the dog's immune system may become depressed, so steroid treatment may not be advisable. Sarcoptic mites are one of the most destructive parasites because they can spread over the dog's entire body, causing life-threatening skin infections.

**Demodectic mange** is not as severe as sarcoptic mange, and veterinarians say that this disease is most common in puppies aged <sup>3</sup> to <sup>9</sup> months old. It often appears around the eyes or the corners of the mouth, and on the forelimbs and paws of the dog. Left untreated, it can cover the entire surface of the skin. The main difference between demodectic mange and sarcoptic mange is itchiness. Demodectic mange doesn't itch at all. Even though there are no signs of itchiness, however, it still causes discomfort

to the dog. Also, unlike sarcoptic mange, demodectic mange is not contagious. Demodectic mange is often treated with medicated shampoos if the dog has minor, localized areas. With this type of mange, infestations often resolve themselves within several weeks in young dogs as their immune system develops and kills off the mites on its own. However, treatment is still advised.

**Cheyletiella mange** is also called "walking dandruff." The mites causing this type of mange do not burrow into the skin but live on the top layer, and their entire <sup>21</sup>-day life cycle is on the one animal they infest. They cannot survive off of a dog for more than <sup>10</sup> days. These mites are highly contagious and transferred by direct contact with an infected animal. Symptoms of this type of mange are regular sneezing and rubbing the face area; there may also be hair loss around the eyes and nose. Treatment is weekly bathing with a medicated shampoo and dips over regular periods for three weeks.

As with any other type of skin issues, it is always best to consult your veterinarian when symptoms appear. Early diagnosis and treatment is always the quickest and easiest way to keep your dog healthy and happy.

### *Service Paws*

By Wendy Enos  
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### **REVISED LAWS FOR SERVICE DOGS**

Government change... is it ever a good thing? Once in a blue moon, yes it is, and it has been a long time coming.

Effective March <sup>15</sup>, <sup>2011</sup>, the United States Department of Justice changed its guidelines regarding service animals.

Previously, the definition of a service animal was "any animal individually trained to perform tasks for a person with a disability." Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) revised regulations, the definition of service animal is now limited to "a **dog** that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability." In some cases a miniature horse may be used in place of a dog guide. Gone are the days of "service" snakes, cats, rabbits, rats, ferrets, camels, guinea pigs, frogs, monkeys, tarantulas, pigs, elephants, or any other amphibian, arachnid, reptile, or noncanine, nonequine creature that people have been getting away with for years.

Under the ADA, comfort, therapy, or emotional support animals do not meet the definition of a service animal. This applies to ADA accessibility issues only, and does not necessarily exclude



a person with a psychiatric disability. Fair Housing laws are different. In such cases, a physician’s letter stating the medical need for the dog may make it acceptable to keep the dog at home, but does not give it public access rights.

Most of the other laws remain the same.

- The dog must be leashed or tethered, or otherwise kept in full control. Businesses may also exclude the dog if it isn’t housebroken.
- A business owner or employee may ask only two questions: “Is the dog required because of a disability?”... and... “What task is the dog trained to do for you?”
- Proof of the dog’s certification or of a person’s disability is not required.
- Accessibility laws vary from state to state so, before traveling, it’s advisable to research that state’s regulations. For instance, where Arizona permits access to service dogs in training, many other states do not.

Other considerations include airports, the FAA, and individual airlines. A service dog is permitted in the general public areas of an airport but, upon arrival at Security, the ADA laws no longer apply. It’s critical to maintain absolute control through and past the checkpoint, as the dog can be excluded for any reason without violating any accessibility laws.

Some airlines accept only fully-trained dogs in the cabin, while others welcome dogs in training. In any case, the airplane’s captain has the final word on whether or not the dog is accepted to fly.

ADA law is a separate entity from “reasonable accommodation” at work or school. We’ll cover that at another time.

For more information on ADA, please visit [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov) Have a great summer and, if you haven’t already done it, invest in a good pair of booties for your dog. Wouldn’t want to blister those Golden paws!

### **Homemade Liverwurst Pill Pockets**

*These “pill pocket” treats are really simple to make. When it’s time for your dog to take his medicine, simply take a “dough” ball and hide the pill in the center. Then offer it to your dog like a treat.*

- ¾ cup plain shredded wheat cereal
- ³ ounces Liverwurst (room temperature)
- ² ounces cream cheese (room temperature)

Place shredded wheat in a bag and crush using a rolling pin. Mix liverwurst and cream cheese together until smooth. Mix with shredded wheat. Roll into small balls the size of gum drops. Store in the refrigerator in a resealable plastic bag or container. Will last ⁷ to ¹⁰ days.

## *The Financial Picture*

### **Reporting period: January ¹, 2011 - March ³¹, 2011**

**Total Assets as of April ¹⁵, 2011: \$71,927.82**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Adoptions	\$3,437.00	
Calendars – Sales & Sponsorships	280.00	
Casino Nite	300.00	\$ 83.89
Credit Card & PayPal Processing		287.82
Donations	7,909.54	
Dues and Subscriptions (Quickbooks Online)		176.46
Golf Tournament 2010		300.00
Golf Tournament 2011		265.00
Insurance		252.00
Interest	13.74	
Memberships	5,680.00	
Merchandise	2,982.51	877.44
Newsletter Subscriptions	16.00	
Office Expenses & Misc.		449.71
<i>Parada del Sol</i> Parade & Booth		144.42
<i>Paws At The Park</i> Picnic 2011²	623.00	
<b><i>PetSmart Charities</i></b> PetWalk	325.00	
Postage & Shipping		534.68
Santa Claws Photos taken in 2010³	560.00	
Stationery & Printing		971.95
Storage Facility Rental		200.00
Telephone		162.43
Tickets, Coyotes	162.00	
Tickets, Phoenix Mercury		100.00
Tickets, Raffle⁴	1,550.00	
Vet and Dog-related Expenses:		
Collars, leashes, collar tags		620.08
Medallions		103.95
Microchip expenses		12.95
Veterinary services		15,778.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,838.79</b>	<b>21,321.44</b>
<b>NET INCOME: \$2,517.35</b>		

**Checking Account on 4-11-11: \$27,717.21**  
**Savings Account on 4-11-11: \$42,053.61**

¹ Income is from ² table sponsorships; the \$1000 expense for the facility was paid in 2010

³ Income does not include raffle ticket sales

⁴ Some of the Santa Claws Revenue from 2010 was received in Feb. 2011, some in March and some in April (an additional \$600), which is not accounted for here \$740 from Celebration Party and \$810 from *Paws At The Park*

***If you want to change your dog’s behavior, don’t complain... train!***

## MAGIC MOMENTS

By Dr. Katie Donahue

*Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from January 6, 2011 through April 14, 2011. All adoptions finalized after April 14th will be in the next issue.*



Joe was sullen, unhappy, unsociable and seriously overweight when he was sprung from the puppy mill

foster, **Joe**, took a trip to Yuma to keep Katie and **Jake** company. Two weeks later **Jake**, **Joe** and Katie took another trip up to Phoenix to bring **Ginger** home and take **Joe** back to Deb's. Well, as you can probably guess, at the end of the weekend, **Jake** and Katie brought both **Ginger** and **Joe** home to Yuma. **Joe** is a puppy mill refugee rescued in June 2010 with the assistance of members of **Sooner Golden Retriever Rescue** in Oklahoma. He had been used as a stud dog for his entire six years of life, so his only socialization was with female Golden Retrievers. He didn't get along very well with males, and he wasn't at all sociable with humans. He spent a couple months with foster Teryl, then



A very happy boy after a couple months of socialization and losing 20 pounds; he has since lost 10 more

moved to Deb's over Labor Day weekend. Both fosters helped **Joe** come out of his shell and start enjoying life. Deb took him to dozens of events, where he learned that people really are nice, and he now actively seeks out human companionship and loving. **Joe** is enjoying being part of his new pack at Katie's. He



Joe between Ginger and Jake

gets to spend most of his day running in the back yard chasing after **Jake** and taking walks in the neighborhood. Soon he'll get to travel to California when they move there so Katie can complete her residency. But most important, he often gets to travel to Phoenix to visit all his friends in the Orwig household and at **Arizona Golden Rescue** Meet-and-Greets.

**10\_050 Hazel** is a lovely 10-year-old mostly-Golden lady. She came into Rescue from the shelter last year in August. She enjoyed life at foster mom Joyce's house for some time before visiting two potential families, neither of which worked out. The third time was the charm for both ladies, as **Hazel** decided to stay with Joyce. She made herself right at home with her other



two senior canine siblings, **Ben** and **Rosie**. She occasionally likes to herd her new family, giving us a hint of her other-than-Golden heritage, and she loves belly rubs. New mom Joyce writes: *She has the biggest smile I've ever seen, which I first noticed when I was correcting her for her excessive barking at the dog park. She picked up the correction immediately, and it worked well for several weeks until one day she "forgot."* I took her off to the side and corrected her again (shaking her nose and saying, "I said no bark." The next day she ran to the park gate, turned around to see if I was watching her; didn't let out a sound, ran, sat in front of me and grinned the hugest smile I've ever seen as if to say, "See, I can be a good, good girl!" and rolled over for a tummy rub. Boy, does she know how to send an arrow right into your heart! She fits right into my existing family with **Ben** and **Rosie**, all seniors, and has made herself quite at home.

**10\_068 Lexie** is a 6-year-old female who came to **Arizona Golden Rescue** in September 2010. She is one of our fabulous "black golds," a mix between a Golden and an Aussie. **Lexie** spent some time in boarding and with foster folks Rebecca and Chris before finding her forever home. While in foster care, she had some issues with bladder stones and incontinence, and her fosters were key in



helping her recover. She now takes a daily pill and is on a special food to help prevent further bladder problems. **Lexie** has found her permanent home with Wayne and Lisa in Laveen. She has fit right in with her new parents and their resident dog and enjoys daily runs with Wayne. Lisa says: *She is very happy. It took a few days for her to adjust but now it feels like she has*

*always been here! She is sweet and has so much love to give, LOVES the snow and running free with us in the mountains; she rides in a car like a dream, and she is learning new things every day. She is very intelligent, and we feel blessed to have her in our lives.*

<sup>10\_069</sup>: You've been reading about **Lucinda** almost since she first came to **AGR** in October <sup>2010</sup>. Her original owners relinquished her to us because they were unable to afford the surgery she would need to lead a pain-free life. **Lucinda** was born without hip sockets on either of her hind legs. The heads of her femurs (the long bones in her back legs) were wearing away on



the bones of her pelvis. **Lucinda** went to live with new parents Don and Carol, and they happily saw her through surgery on both hips. **Lucy** had her first surgery in early November and was well enough to travel to Texas for the holidays. She had a lovely time playing with family members and impressing them all with her antics. Her second hip was repaired in late January, and now she is back to being an active, happy, playful puppy. Proud parents Carol and Don have this to say about their little girl: *If you didn't know about **Lucy** before, she was born without an acetabulum (hip socket) on either side. Surgery could not rebuild what wasn't there, so her hips had to be modified. The vet removed the ball from the hip joint and repositioned tendons and muscles to hold the leg in place where a hip joint would normally be. She was not allowed to put any weight on the hip, so we used a sling that Carol made specially for **Lucy** so she could go out back to do her business. She spends her days on her bed in the front room with us or in my studio with me. If she wanted to be closer to us, she knew she should not walk so she scooted to us on her bottom. She is now <sup>2</sup> weeks into her rehab and she is allowed to take short walks without the sling. She has done wonderfully through both surgeries and recovery periods. Being only one year old, she is still a puppy and loves to play. Because of her physical restrictions she can't run around, so she hauls all of her toys to the bed and lies on her back throwing them this way and that. On occasion she loves to play "mouth/finger wars" with our hands. I know that all of you think you have the perfect dog, but I'm sorry to have to tell you you're all wrong – Carol and I have that honor. Thank you all for the prayers and thoughts for our little*

*girl during her surgeries. They worked, and **Lucinda Angelica** is on the mend and loving life. For the first time in her life, **Lucy** is pain free from the socket deformity. She seems to know that the worst is behind her, and before her are golden days.*



<sup>10\_072</sup> **Yeager** (left) and <sup>10\_073</sup> **Dillon** (right): I'm not one to keep m u m about my Golden Retrievers and the great Rescue organi-



zation I volunteer with, so when a friend of mine in Yuma mentioned she was interested in adopting a dog, I blissfully pulled out one of our business cards. A busy mom with three active kids, Angela had always been a fan of Golden Retrievers and was hoping for a mellow dog for her kids to play with and take on walks around the neighborhood. On Thanksgiving Day, Angela and her kids met Dana and Gail in Gila Bend to pick up the newest additions to their family: **Yeager** and **Dillon**. These boys are a bonded pair whose original owner had passed away about a week prior to Thanksgiving. The owner's adult children were not able to care for the dogs and asked **Arizona Golden Rescue** to find them a home where they could continue to live together. **Yeager** is a <sup>5</sup>-year-old Golden and **Dillon** is a <sup>5</sup>-year-old Golden and Lab mix. Unfortunately, **Dillon** tested positive for heartworm, but after a month of treatment and quiet cage rest, he is back to normal and enjoys playing with his human and canine siblings. Angela sent us this note about life with their new extended family: ***Dillon and Yeager** came to us on Thanksgiving Day. I met with **AGR** halfway to pick them up. I was very nervous, as there were two of them, and I am a single mom of <sup>3</sup>. I wasn't sure that I was going to be able to care for them. After hearing their sad story and knowing that they could not be separated, I had to give it a try. I could tell that they had both been well loved by their previous owner, but there was still a great sadness – I could see it in their mood. They were very quiet and reserved, didn't play much at all. Slowly they started to come out of their shells. They pretty much followed me everywhere. At their initial vet visit we learned that **Dillon** had heartworm. We scheduled the treatment. The first <sup>30</sup> days were rough; poor **Dillon** had to stay crated <sup>99%</sup> of the time. He is such a great dog, and I felt so bad putting him in there. He just had his second treatment on February <sup>14</sup><sup>th</sup>, and the doctor believes he is going to be just fine. They both love to give kisses and be as close to you as possible. **Dillon** is a couch dog for sure, which is fine with me. **Yeager** is a pillow stealer – the second you leave the bed he is right there in that warm spot. The kids and I love them both, and I believe it was one of the best decisions to adopt them. I am hoping we have many years together.*



<sup>10\_074</sup>: If there is another Golden who can give **Lucy** a run for the title "Perfect Golden," it's **Jack**. He's a beautiful 7-year-old male with impeccable manners, a fabulous coat, and a desire to please. His original owners were unable to keep him, as they were moving to a smaller home and **Jack** has always enjoyed a large yard in which to frolic. We were able

to find the perfect dog the perfect home with Monica and Eric in Phoenix. There, **Jack** can again enjoy playing in the yard and he has found a new playmate in their resident Westie. Monica and Eric feel **Jack** is right where he belongs and he couldn't agree more!



<sup>10\_075</sup> **Liberty** (left) and <sup>10\_076</sup> **Sadie** (right) are another bonded pair who were unable to stay with their original owners due to a move to a smaller home. Fortunately, **AGR** was able to accept both 6-year-old Golden



**Liberty** and 6-year-old not-so-Golden **Sadie**. The girls went to live with foster parents Ronnie and Mike and human brother Brendan. They also joined canine sibling **Indi** and feline siblings Lilly and Socks. While they enjoy spending time with Mom during the day, they spend their nights keeping Brendan company. Once Brendan realized the girls were mature but not geriatric, he decided they should stay forever. Ronnie and Mike joined the ranks of foster failures, and **Liberty** and **Sadie** are now happy in their forever home.



<sup>10\_077</sup>: Several weeks before Christmas, a family found a young, stray female Golden. As the family had two resident males, they were unable to keep a third dog. We took **Noel** to Tim and Karen in Gilbert, where she made fast friends with Tim and one of her new human brothers. She even posed for holiday pictures under the tree! Dad Tim says: *Noel came to us the week of Christmas and was*

*a true present. She was found in Maricopa, lost and alone. She moved in and got comfortable right away. We changed her name to **Wrigley** (Cubs fans that we are), and she has been doing great. She has a friend in **Libby** (a 6-year-old Miniature Schnauzer), and both follow each other around all day. Right now it's a competition over who can take out the most toys. She hasn't tried the pool yet but she's very patient and calm, a true Golden.*



<sup>11\_001</sup> **Sebastian** was our first intake of the New Year. His original owner was not able to give this 18-month-old Golden mix the time and attention he needed. Rather than let **Sebastian** languish alone in a house while he was traveling, he asked **AGR** to find **Sebastian** a home where he could enjoy the company of people and perhaps even a canine companion.

After a short stay at foster mom Deb's house, **Sebastian** found his forever home up in Prescott with Kathi and Jay. He enjoys daily runs with Kathi and burns off excess puppy energy playing with his new Jack Russell sibling. His new human sister Elizabeth has started taking him to agility classes, which he loves. We wish him a happy new life!



<sup>11\_002</sup> **Mary Kate** (left) and <sup>11\_003</sup> **Ashley** (right) joined the **Arizona Golden Rescue** family in a rather interesting way. On his way to our Holiday/Celebration party, Larry Jessup found these two young



female Golden Retrievers wandering on a busy road in Sun City West. Another driver helped him coax the girls into his truck, and they became the guests of honor at our party. As the soiree wound down, they headed home with foster mom Michele, so she could post them as found and see if anyone claimed them. When no owner stepped forward after a week of advertising everywhere we could, 18-month-old **Mary Kate** and 2-year-old **Ashley**, who may well be **Mary Kate's** mother, became available for adoption. Mary Jo and John decided their home desperately needed two young Golden to keep them and their senior Golden **Bella** active and on the go. The girls settled in quite well and enjoy playing chase and fetch in the yard and are learning their manners from older sister **Bella**.



<sup>11\_004</sup> **Angie** (on left) and <sup>11\_005</sup> **Missy** (on right). We had a lot of pairs come in this quarter. Fortunately we were able to keep all of our bonded couples together. **Angie** and **Missy** came to us because of a divorce in the family. Neither partner was able or willing to care for the 7-year-old girls. Both girls were in need

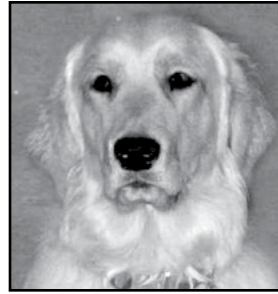
of some vet work, including spays and dentals. They needed some quality time with the green bean diet and a lot of exercise, as both girls were significantly overweight. They're getting both with new parents Sandra and Bill in Surprise. The girls are doing exceedingly well with their new mom and dad. Their personalities are blossoming, and family and friends are all in love with them. **Missy** is the lover and enjoys sharing a toy or bone with her parents. **Angie** is more independent but still enjoys lots of pets and snuggles. Mom and Dad write: *Dear Family and Friends! Please help us welcome these two very special Golden Retriever rescues into our family. They come to us from Arizona Golden Rescue, they're sisters – littermates – 7 1/2, and just PERFECT! They are friendly, calm, well mannered, VERY well trained, fun, smart... well, OK, you get the idea! After only two days, they have fallen right into our daily routines. They're loving our home here and our back yard (wait until they see Sequim!). We're positive that Daisy had her paw in the four of us joining up. We are all thrilled! Thank you, God, once again, for letting us share in the lives of these two very special beings. Hugs and love to all, Sandy and Bill.*

<sup>11-007</sup> **Sunshine** came back to **AGR**, as things were not going well for her in her previous home. She spent some time at foster mom Deb's where she was able to work on her socialization skills and attended a Meet-and-Greet at **Choice Pet Market** where she met her new parents. Rusty and Don drove to Glendale from Sun City to meet 7-year-old **Sunshine** and spent almost 2 hours with her.



**Sunshine** was completely thrilled with the attention. She sat between the two of them and alternated resting her head on Don's knee then on Rusty's. When Deb brought her to their home, Don greeted her with a rousing rendition of "You Are My Sunshine." She made her debut as an official family member at *Paws At The Park* and enjoyed meeting many rescue buddies. Her parents wrote: *Sunshine is a 7-year-old red female beauty who sadly had to leave her former adoptive home. Her Forever Folks saw her picture on the AGR available list, found out she would be at the Pet Market on Sunday and spent 2 hours with her. It was mutual love at first sight. She may be a bit timid and frightened by sudden moves and loud noises, but she is training her Forever Folks how to pet and scratch her constantly. In return, she is making sure that no marauding rabbits are eating Mom's flowers. Dad has told her about their summer lake cabin where she can swim a lot. She is learning to use the doggie door and has definitely found a home in her Forever Folks' hearts.*

<sup>11-009</sup> **Kasey** is another victim of downsizing. His original owners were moving to a smaller home and were unable to take him with them. As he was used to having a dog door and a large yard to run in, they asked **AGR** to find a more suitable



home for him. We had just the right family waiting for an active, happy-go-lucky 4-year-old. Stephanie and Greg were looking for a companion for their resident dog, **Bandit**. After an eventful transfer, during which **Kasey** was a little exuberant and pulled transporter Tony over, leading to one chastised dog and one broken Tony-cheekbone, everyone settled down for the evening. **Bandit** and **Kasey** are now enjoying each other's exuberance by sharing toys and chasing each other around. Everyone in his new home feels he is the best dog ever and is thrilled he's there to stay. We wish him a happy new life!

## Diamonds in the Ruff

By Deb Orwig

*Diamonds in the Ruff* are rescued dogs that require **AGR** to spend at least \$<sup>1000</sup> on their health care. In our February issue, we featured <sup>10-030</sup> **Scooby**, <sup>10-069</sup> **Lucinda**, <sup>10-070</sup> **Bella** and <sup>10-073</sup> **Dillon**. To follow up... All are doing very well, and all except **Bella** have been adopted. We continue to monitor **Bella's** seizure medications. In addition, we have had her tested for allergies. She is now taking a customized serum in the form of drops to help desensitize her allergies.

Several dogs that have come in during the past quarter have tested positive for valley fever, and medication has been prescribed for all but those whose titer was <sup>1:2</sup> – those with that titer will be retested <sup>30</sup> days from the date of their first test: <sup>11-004</sup> **Angie**, <sup>11-011</sup> **Prince**, <sup>11-012</sup> **Rocky**, <sup>11-014</sup> **Tucson Bear**, <sup>11-015</sup> **Colt** and <sup>11-016</sup> **Remington**. **Prince** is the one Teri Guilbault referred to in her column (page <sup>8</sup>) that came in with sarcoptic mange. All of these dogs have some health issues that collectively cost us some significant amount of money. <sup>10-065</sup> **Mandy** will soon have her second surgery – the first was to repair her knee, which is healing nicely; next will be to reconstruct her hip, and that is expected to cost close to \$<sup>3000</sup>. <sup>11-004</sup> **Angie** and <sup>11-005</sup> **Missy** are also *Diamonds in the Ruff*. Both girls had to have all the standard vet work done: vaccines, testing for heartworm and valley fever (**Angie** has it; **Missy** doesn't), microchipping and needed to be spayed as well. Both girls also had serious dental issues requiring treatment, and **Angie** had to have an extraction. **Angie** also has some chronic ear infections which we are still treating. **Angie's** bill has amounted to over \$<sup>1300</sup>; **Missy's** was almost \$<sup>1100</sup>. Please help if you can with a tax-deductible donation in any amount. You can also help by attending our events, small or large, and collecting donations from the public.

# OVER THE RAINBOW

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

Big Carter / Carreiro



Zoie DeMarco

Montana Holland / Craven



Skip King

Clifford Newton Farrar  
Beloved father of AGR Members  
Beverly Farrar Host and Kevin Host

Henry Kupczak  
Beloved father of AGR Members  
Mary Kupczak Engstrom and Bert Engstrom

## 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.

### If I had my dog to raise all over again...

I'd stroke him with my fingers more, and point the finger less.  
I would do less correcting and do more connecting.  
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.  
I would care to know less and know to care more.  
I'd take more hikes and throw more balls.  
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.  
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.  
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.  
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.  
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.  
I'd teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love.

Adaptation by Deb Orwig from  
*If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again* by Diane Loomans

***I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY***

Author Unknown

*Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.*

*As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.*

*As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.*

*She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.*

*Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.*

*I rescued a human today.*

***Considering the Purchase of a Pet Door?***

If you are interested in getting a pet door, **Hale Pet Door** has added **Arizona Golden Rescue** to their Pet Rescue Program. Anyone who has adopted from **AGR** will get 100% off the retail price of a pet door, PLUS 100% of the retail price of the purchase will be donated back to **AGR**. So if you are interested in a pet door and contact **Hale Pet Door**, don't forget to mention that you are an **AGR** member and adopter and would like to be sure to have your purchase apply to this program.

**Hale Pet Doors** are energy efficient, secure, attractive and come in 11 standard sizes. They can be installed in doors, walls, French doors, patio doors and screen doors.

To contact **Hale Pet Door**, call 623\_463\_6700 or 800\_636\_4773.

***The following was found posted very low on a refrigerator door...***

Dear Dogs and Cats:

The dishes on the floor with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Placing a paw print in the middle of my plate does not mean it is suddenly your food, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a race-track. Racing me to the top of the stairs is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out on the other end to maximize space that you are taking up, is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is no secret exit from the bathroom! If, by some miracle, I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge in an attempt to open the door. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years – canine/feline attendance is not required.

The proper order for kissing is: Kiss me first, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough.

***Finally, in fairness, dear pets, I have posted the following message on the front door:***

TO ALL NON-PET OWNERS WHO VISIT AND  
LIKE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR PETS:

- (1) They live here. You don't.
- (2) If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. That's why they call it 'fur'-niture.
- (3) I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
- (4) To you, they are animals. To me, they are adopted sons/daughters who are short, hairy, walk on all fours and don't speak clearly.

### **Possible Remedy for Storm Anxiety**

Pat Hastings, a respected AKC dog show judge, breeder and handler, swears by this remedy for dogs with storm anxiety. Get a bottle of peppermint oil from the health food store. When a storm is approaching, put a drop or two of the oil on the bottom of each foot of the dog, right on the pad. While no one knows why this works, once the oil is on for a bit, the dog no longer cares about the thunderstorm. And she'll smell very nice! Others besides Ms. Hastings have testified that this home remedy works. Surely, it is worth a try!

### **Common Dog Myths**

By Dr. Debra Primovic

#### **1. Dogs should have a litter before they are spayed.**

This is not true. Dogs that have a litter before they are spayed are not better for it in any way. In fact, spayed dogs are at lower risk for breast cancer and uterine infections.

#### **2. Dogs are sick when their noses are warm.**

The temperature of a dog's nose does not indicate health or illness. It also does not indicate if they have a fever. There is an "old wives tale" that cold wet noses indicate good health and that warm or dry noses indicate a fever or illness. The only accurate method to assess a dog's temperature is to take it [anally] with a thermometer. Normal dog temperature is <sup>100.5</sup> to <sup>102.5</sup> degrees F.

#### **3. Mutts are always healthier than purebred dogs.**

This is not true. Both mutts and purebred dogs can be either healthy or unhealthy. However, mutts generally do not have many of the genetic diseases that may be common in purebred lines.

#### **4. All dogs like to be petted on their heads.**

Some dogs do like to be petted on their heads but many do NOT.

#### **5. Happy dogs wag their tails.**

This may be true, but aggressive dogs often wag their tails too. There are several physical body motions and cues that help dogs communicate their intent. A wagging tail can mean either agitation or excitement. A dog that wags his tail slowly and moves his entire rear end or crouches down in the classic "play bow" position is usually demonstrating a friendly wag. Tails that are wagged when held higher, tails that "twitch" or a wagging tail held over the back may be associated with aggression.

#### **6. Only male dogs will "hump" or lift their leg to urinate.**

This is not true. Female dogs, especially dominant female dogs, will lift their leg to urinate and "hump" other dogs or objects. This can be true even in spayed female dogs.

#### **7. Table scraps are good for dogs.**

Some table scraps such as bones and pieces of fat can be dangerous to some pets. Dogs may not digest the bones, and the fat may cause gastrointestinal problems such as pancreatitis.

#### **8. Garlic prevents fleas.**

Garlic has NOT been proven helpful for flea control. Large amounts of garlic can even be harmful.

#### **9. Household "pet dogs" don't need to be trained.**

This is not true. Every dog should be trained.

#### **10. Dogs eat grass when they are sick.**

Dogs descended from wild wolves and foxes that ate all parts of their "kill." This included the stomach contents of many animals that ate berries and grass. Many scientists believe grass was once part of dogs' normal diet and eating small amounts of grass is normal.

#### **11. Dogs like tasty food.**

Dogs have very poor taste buds and eat primarily based on their sense of smell.

#### **12. Licking is healing.**

It is natural for a dog to lick its wound but this is not necessarily always "healing." Too much licking can actually prohibit healing.

#### **13. Dogs will let you know when they are sick.**

This is not true. Dogs generally are very good at hiding that they are sick by survival instinct, thus not to appear vulnerable to "prey." Often by the time they show you they are sick, their disease or condition is quite advanced.

#### **14. Dogs that are mostly indoors don't need heartworm prevention.**

This is not true. Indoor pets are also at risk for heartworm disease. Heartworm disease is spread by mosquitoes, which can come inside. [And all dogs have to go outside to do their business!]

#### **15. Dogs eat rocks, lick concrete or eat their or another animal's stools because of nutrient imbalances.**

No one knows why dogs eat "stuff" that they should not eat. Some veterinarians believe that some dogs that eat "things" may be trying to get attention or acting out of boredom. It is important for dogs to eat a well-balanced diet that will fulfill their dietary and nutrient requirements and have plenty of opportunities for play and exercise.

#### **16. Dogs don't need to be housebroken – they naturally know where to go.**

Oh... if only this were true. You need to train your dog where to go. This preferably happens when you start at a young age and give your dog positive encouragement for jobs well done.

### **Training Tool – The Newspaper**

A rolled-up newspaper can be an effective pet training tool when used properly. For instance, use the rolled-up newspaper if your dog chews up something inappropriate or has a housebreaking accident. Bring the dog over to the destroyed object (or mess), then take the rolled-up newspaper and hit yourself over the head as you repeat the phrase, "I forgot to watch my dog! I forgot to watch my dog!"





## People Saving Pets™

by Deb Orwig

The *People Saving Pets*™ movement is empowered by *PetSmart Charities*, the largest funder of animal welfare in the United States. An independent

<sup>501(c)(3)</sup> organization, *People Saving Pets*™ has a mission to create and support programs that save the lives of homeless pets, raise awareness of companion animal welfare issues and promote healthy relationships between people and pets. *PetSmart Charities* created and funds the program, including the development of the advertising, branded marketing materials and all tools available to the partners.

*AGR*'s partnership with *People Saving Pets*™ will provide us with some powerful advertising both in print media circulated locally and in paid TV ads, as well as increased opportunities to recruit new volunteers and new donors.

As part of our Pet Partnership with *People Saving Pets*™, we will have access to their Volunteer Network powered by VolunteerMatch. We will also soon be receiving a \$1000 credit for spays and neuters of incoming rescued dogs that have not yet been "fixed". Right from the get-go, *AGR* has had a policy to spay/neuter every dog that comes into our care. Our Intake Team members could tell you that it is not uncommon for Intake to get a call or e-mail from someone wanting a rescued dog to use as a breeder dog. Of course, we tell these folks that we spay/neuter all our dogs. Because we have this policy in place, we immediately qualified for the highest adoption reward compensation (\$15 per adoption) from *PetSmart Charities*, and now we qualify as Pet Partners with *People Saving Pets*™.

*People Saving Pets*™ was created to bring together people who want to help end pet homelessness. Their goals are a mirror of goals *AGR* has already had in place: to celebrate the joy pets bring to our lives; to help us understand the issue of pet homelessness and give us easy ways to make a difference; to fundamentally change how our communities think about and value homeless pets; to inspire people who love pets to take action working together with the same goal – saving the lives of homeless pets. As members of *AGR*, you are already helping us achieve these goals. Those of you who are *AGR* adopters are special people who have brought us one step further in our goal to "Leave No Golden Behind."

## Help End Pet Homelessness

**Join the cause:** Visit <http://www.peoplesavingpets.org> to sign up and join us in the effort to end pet homelessness.

**Share the news:** Spread the word about *People Saving Pets*™ by inviting your friends and family to join. We now have a link to their site established on our Facebook page. Share your commitment to save pets' lives with your Facebook friends and Twitter followers.

### Adopt a pet.

Be sure all your resident dogs and cats are **spayed/neutered**.

**Volunteer:** *AGR* can use your help! Let us know about your talents and your areas of interest.

**Donate:** If you don't have time to volunteer but you still want to help, send us a donation.

## Some Common-Sense Training Tips

**Train every day** – rain or shine, snow or heat – for <sup>10</sup> to <sup>20</sup> minutes. The younger the dog, the shorter the sessions should be. If using <sup>10</sup>-minute sessions, try to do them twice a day; stop before the dog gets fidgety or uninterested and starts ignoring commands.

**Be patient and consistent.** Use the same word for the same command every time. Use short, crisp words, e.g. "down" not "lie down."

**Begin training sessions in a quiet area.** As your dog's responses become more dependable, train in areas where there are more distractions. Open-air shopping malls where there is both vehicle and people traffic are good locations – for the dog's safety, don't train off leash in public places. In downtown Phoenix, dogs are allowed throughout the Biltmore Fashion Park shopping center.

**Use different tones of voice** to elicit the desired response from your dog. A high-pitched, happy tone that will motivate your dog to move works well when teaching "heel", "sit", and "come". Use a low-pitched, firm command when teaching "down" and "stay".

**Do not repeat commands.** If you do, your dog will learn it is not necessary to obey until multiple commands are given. If the dog does not respond after the first command, issue a correction and put the dog into the position you want. Praise for good response.

**Praise, praise and more praise.** Treats are not necessary, and if you use them as a reward for compliant behavior, it may be difficult for you to wean the dog from treat expectation. The dog should respond only to please you.

**More Than 100%**

What makes 1000%? What does it mean to give MORE than 1000%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 1000%? We have all been to those meetings where someone wants you to give over 1000%. How about achieving 1030%? What makes up 1000% in life? Here's a little mathematical formula that may help you answer these questions:

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

are represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22  
23 24 25 26

Then:

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E  
 $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 960\%$

H-A-R-D-W-O-R- K  
 $8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 980\%$

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E  
 $1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 980\%$

So,

V+O+L+U+N+T+E+E+R = 1320%

**Cell Phones**

1) Veterans, active-duty personnel, and nonmilitary age 65 and older may be eligible for a 10-15% discount cell phone plan. **Verizon**, **AT&T**, **T-Mobile** and **Sprint** all have such programs, but you have to ask and not give up if the first employee you speak with says the company doesn't have such a program. Most services require a military identification card, veteran identification card or military discharge papers as proof of veteran status. Some companies require online registration to get the discount. It never hurts to ask, and you may save a few \$\$, which, of course, you could then donate to **AGR!**

2) **AGR** is now participating in a cell phone recycling program that will bring us some cash. We have been approved to participate by **GRC Wireless Recycling**. They will pay us \$2 - \$10 for a regular phone and up to \$50 for a Smartphone, Blackberry or the like. If you get a new phone, save your old one and turn it over to us at any of our events or membership meetings. Thanks!

**If I Did Not Have Pets...**

1. I could walk around the yard barefoot in total safety.
2. My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.
3. All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of pet hair.
4. When my phone rings, it wouldn't sound like the Humane Society answering.
5. When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through furry bodies who either beat me there or who are running away to escape strangers.
6. I could sit on the couch the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several furry bodies would need to get comfortable.
7. I would not have strange-shaped presents under my Christmas tree like doggie bones, scented stuffed animals, catnip balls and string toys.
8. I would not be on a first name basis with my vets.
9. The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: "no", "out", "sit", "down", "come", "stay", and "leave him/her/it ALONE".
10. My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.
11. My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, dog treats and an extra leash.
12. I would no longer have to spell the words O-U-T, B-A-L-L or G-O- F-O-R-A-W-A-L-K/R-I-D-E/S-W-I-M or T-R-E-A-T-S.
13. I would not have as many leaves and sand INSIDE my house as outside.
14. I would not look strangely at people who think having their ONE pet ties them down too much.
15. I'd look forward to spring and the melting of the snow instead of dreading "mud season."
16. I'd look forward to sleeping in and never having a cold nose press against my arm at 5 AM with a tail wagging at the other end of it.
17. I would not have to answer the question, "Why do I have so many pets?" from people who will never have the joy in their life of knowing they are loved unconditionally by something as close to an angel as they will ever get.
18. How empty my life would be.

Life may not be the party I had hoped for... But while I'm here, I might just as well listen to the music and dance!

**Training Tip**

The most important aspect of dog training is to **do** it. The two most important concepts of dog training are **consistency** and **persistency**. Use one-word commands (sit, stay, down, off, come, etc.). You can even use nonsense words, as long as you use the same word to mean the same thing every time.

### **Keeping Your Dog If You Must Move to a Rental**

Especially during the last year, the most common reason we have heard for surrendering a dog to Rescue is *I am moving to a smaller home/apartment and cannot take the dog*. Most dog owners would prefer to keep their beloved pets, though, so if you are ever in such a predicament, it would not hurt to try to convince your landlord to allow you to bring your dog. Following is a résumé suggested by the Humane Society of the United States. Be sure to include a recent photo of your dog.

#### **Sample Résumé for Your Pet**

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#### Résumé of “Buddy”

##### *Description*

“Buddy” is a mature, well-behaved, friendly Golden Retriever who enjoys being indoors with his humans. When he’s not busy sleeping in the sun, he enjoys playing with his toys, gazing out the window, and watching TV. He is housebroken and always lets his owner know when he needs to go out. “Buddy” has been the beloved animal companion of [Ms. Pet Owner] for seven years.

##### *Health and Grooming*

“Buddy” is neutered and flea-and-tick free. He enjoys regular grooming and is a longtime patient of veterinarian [Dr. Vet’s name].

##### *About “Buddy’s” Caregiver*

As a responsible caregiver, “Buddy’s” owner always carries disposable bags when taking “Buddy” out or on his daily walk. “Buddy” is groomed monthly, and he was a star pupil at his doggie obedience class. When his owner travels, “Buddy” is cared for by a professional petsitter who also brings in the mail, waters the plants, and keeps an eye on their home, or he stays at the home of a friend. [Ms. Pet Owner] is willing to pay an extra security deposit for the privilege of having “Buddy.”

##### *References*

Their current landlord can be reached by phone at [xxx-yyy-zzzz]. Attached are letters of reference from former neighbors, “Buddy’s” petsitter, and health records from “Buddy’s” veterinarian documenting that he is neutered, is current on his vaccinations, and receives regular health care. [Ms. Pet Owner] would be happy for a potential landlord to meet “Buddy” and thanks you for considering them as prospective residents.

### **Peter Wong’s Dog Training Tips**

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Dog training is a skill, one that can only be acquired from constant learning and with an open mind. Good training is no big secret. There are three important ingredients that are vital to good dog training.

**Patience.** Rome wasn’t built in a day, and neither will you be able to train your dog in a few days. Basic obedience requires <sup>8-10</sup> weeks to complete – the amount of time depends on breed of dog, age of dog, age of handler and competence of handler. You must be willing and able to work the dog every single day, rain or shine, including weekends, birthdays, holidays, etc. Don’t be fooled by trainers who tell you an obedience-trained dog can be trained in a few days. A true obedience-trained dog is capable of performing all the obedience commands flawlessly off lead with plenty of distractions around – strangers, other animals and in any type of environment, whether at busy shopping centers, schools, busy traffic, etc. Be patient and take the time to train your dog correctly.

**Consistency.** The handling of your dog while in training is critical. You must be able to correct and offer praise at the right moment. If not, then the dog will not associate what is required of him with the correct action, and, thus, you will create confusion in his mind. Your actions should always be mechanical, not emotional. Don’t attempt to reason with your dog – it won’t work. Dogs are not humans and lack the capacity to think like humans.

**Praise.** Praise is one ingredient you never want to omit. Praise at the right moment and often enough will motivate your dog like nothing else. Keeping the dog motivated with plenty of praise will encourage him to look forward to the training sessions. However, you only want to offer praise when a job is well done. Don’t offer praise for the sake of praising. Only praise when a command is executed. It is not a good idea to praise him for doing nothing, as this sets the stage for your dog to expect something for nothing.

*Ed Note:* Peter Wong is an **AGR** member who has been training dogs since 1971. Those of you who have seen his Border Collie, **Joey**, in action at our *Paws and Pasta Spaghetti Dinner*, at Meet-and-Greets at **Choice Pet Market** in Glendale or at our *Paws At The Park Picnic* have really had a treat. Peter’s experience includes three Utility Dog titles and one CDX (Open) title in formal obedience, and he has judged all levels of obedience for AKC sanctioned matches. He taught basic obedience for **Petco** for eight years. He is also experienced in training dogs for film and commercial work.

### **Cesar Millan’s Tips for Dog Training**

Cesar’s tips, outlined in his books and emphasized on his TV show, “The Dog Whisperer”: **Exercise, Discipline and Affection**, in that order. His books, *Cesar Millan* and *Cesar’s Way* are both interesting reads. His philosophy: “It’s not about the dog. It’s always about us. It’s always about the owner. It’s up to us to create an environment and circumstances in which the dog can thrive and be itself.”

### **Peter Wong, On Retrieving**

Retrieving comes naturally for some dogs. Ball playing is great fun for them. This activity reinforces the bond between owner and dog. Additionally, it provides excellent exercise for the dog. Fifteen to twenty minutes twice daily of this activity will satisfy his exercise requirement.

The Play Retrieve when compared to the Forced Retrieve has its limitations:

- The Play Retrieve is not reliable. What if the dog doesn't feel like it?
- The Play Retrieve is not a result of formal training, in which a dog is trained to retrieve under the most tempting distractions. In other words, it is a retrieve that cannot demonstrate any reliable outcome.

The Forced Retrieve has these advantages:

- The Forced Retrieve-trained dog is reliable to retrieve under heavy distractions – he is trained to ignore distractions and focus only on retrieving. He can be trusted to perform that task effectively and swiftly with no hesitation.
- The Forced Retrieve is important in that it is a prerequisite in mastering other important behaviors; such routines as picking up objects and dropping them into a box, the Basketball Trick, the Numbers Trick, Mail Box Trick, etc. Once a dog has mastered retrieving, it's simple to teach him to retrieve anything he is capable of picking up and carrying.

The teaching of retrieving is a rather long endeavor requiring <sup>5</sup> to <sup>6</sup> weeks of daily training. Patience and time are essential to success. The dog must be worked with all types of distractions and any hesitation should be met with a swift, inescapable correction. When commanded to retrieve, your dog's focus is to retrieve and ignore everything around him. This is truly what makes a trained dog a trained dog. Nagging or yelling is just no way to train a dog.

I use the "ear pinch" method to teach retrieving. This method is marked with controversy among some trainers. However, it's safe to say that most trainers utilize and support this method. When done correctly, it produces a reliable working dog. Most trainers I know swear by this method. I used it on my rescued Golden **Sandy** (now retired), who, as many of you know, is a reliable trained dog.



The Play Retrieve has its place in your relationship with your dog. It's for play only, and it helps create a tight bond with your dog. The Forced Retrieve has its place, too: for serious work.

### *Training Facilities and Trainers*

Sheila Joyce with **Tessa** and Liz Tataseo with **Augie** just finished a basic obedience course with an excellent trainer, Christine Filler. Unfortunately, she is leaving the state for the next <sup>7</sup> months. However, she gave them a list of trainers and training facilities that she recommends. Other trainers recommended by members who have used them are listed here as well. Costs vary considerably.

Both Sheila and Liz have taken formal obedience classes with other dogs they have owned, so it is not as though either is a novice dog trainer. However, both know that formal classes are important not only for brushing up on training techniques, but also for the socialization of the dogs.

#### ARIZONA DOG PRO NETWORK

**Raechel Clevenger** rlclevenger<sup>75</sup>@gmail.com <sup>602\_502\_3545</sup>  
**Desert Winds Dog Training** www.desertwindsdogtraining.com  
<http://mindofmentalchaos.blogspot.com/> (blog)

- Currently at <sup>67th</sup> Ave and Happy Valley Rd but moving to Black Canyon City in the near future.
- Covers Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix or Scottsdale, doesn't mind traveling; also as far north as Prescott and including New River, Carefree, Anthem, Black Canyon City and Cave Creek.
- Adjusts training methods to fit the dog and the family's needs; has a very holistic approach and looks at all aspects of the dog's life to help meet the needs of the dog as best as possible.
- Has some training in TTouch.
- Over <sup>8</sup> years experience as a vet tech.

**Christine Filler** cfiller<sup>1</sup>@msn.com <sup>602\_717\_7909</sup> **Christine's Obedient Buddies** www.obedientbuddies.com

- Covers the north loop of the <sup>101</sup> to New River and I-<sup>17</sup> to Fountain Hills, but will be out of Arizona until November <sup>2011</sup>.
- Old-fashioned, nothing-fancy trainer; no treats; plenty of correction and praise.
- Experienced in obedience and conformation showing.

**Lori Kay Hein** lkcrittercare@cox.net <sup>623\_849\_6414</sup> **L.K.'s Professional Pet Sitters** (Note: Lori Kay does pet sitting as well as dog training) www.lkcrittercare.com

- Covers west Phoenix (<sup>51st</sup> Ave to <sup>199th</sup> Ave and Buckeye Rd to Bell Rd), Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Tolleson, Peoria and Surprise; would consider someone just outside those areas.

- Uses slip, martingale, pinch, buckle, and Gentle Leaders; adjusts method to fit the situation.

**Tawni McBee** thegreatfuldog@yahoo.com 480\_586\_5819 *All Greatful Dogs, Inc.* www.allgreatfuldogs.com

Covers Gold Canyon Ranch to Ahwatukee and some east Phoenix, maybe 44th St and Indian School to Ahwatukee, Shea Blvd to Riggs Rd, Apache Junction, Gilbert, Chandler, Mesa, Tempe, some Phoenix, Ahwatukee, some Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, some Queen Creek; will do Fountain Hills but prefers not; will also meet people to train if necessary, but prefers in-home.

- Some classes, including CGC prep and test – she is a CGC evaluator for AKC.
- Does dog training and body care (Kokoro body care) for pets including dogs, cats, and some others (no reptiles or birds); can do training and body care at her home in Mesa near Val Vista and Southern.
- Balanced, holistic trainer with customized fee structure; usually charges for evaluations; will do consultations, especially for puppy starters.
- Preferred equipment: nylon slip, martingale, Starmark pinch or electronic collars; can work with Gentle Leaders, Haltis, clicker and harness, with adaption as needed.
- Also teaches massage classes for dog owners to learn how to do some massage themselves.
- Has an e-newsletter that goes out as needed and runs social walks usually once a month to which anyone with a well behaved dog can come.

**Kathy Smith** stekat3@directv.net 623\_523\_3467 *Crickhollow Academy of Dog Training*

Is in Wittman at Dove Valley and Hwy 60 (Grand Ave); can do Anthem and New River, if necessary, as she works a full time job at I-17 and Carefree Hwy.

Covers west of Central in Phoenix, Goodyear, Tonopah, maybe Wickenburg.

- Runs a group class at 35th Ave and Pinnacle Peak on Sundays to which any trained dog is welcome with prior notice to her; problem dogs should be accompanied by their trainer the first couple of times; contact her for more information.

**Stacie Strauss** itraindogs@live.com H 480\_998\_9377 (try first) C 480\_326\_3505 *Pawsitive Performance Dog Training*

In Scottsdale and will travel approx. in a 25-mile radius to N & S Scottsdale, Phoenix, Fountain Hills, Paradise Valley, Queen Creek, and willing to meet clients if it's too far.

- Methods to fit what the dog needs and a variety of equipment including slip, martingale, Halties, clicker, harnesses (on little dogs), pinch and electronic collar (but is not yet comfortable doing a lot with e-collar).
- Shows her dogs in obedience, rally and agility, so would be able to help clients get into those.

Also recommended by members:

**Shawna Swanson, Maverick Dog Training** <http://www.maverickdogtraining.com/> 623\_694\_9094

- Covers West Valley
- Group classes in Surprise and Glendale
- Offers in-home training, too

**Master's Kennels Dog University**, 17309 S 144th St, Gilbert 480\_917-DOGS <http://www.doguniversity.com/>

Train dogs from all over the country, as well as offer boarding services.

- Credits include numerous CD, CDX, WC, and WCX titled dogs in addition to therapy dogs for local hospitals.
- Proven training methods were developed over the years from experience and through close association with other successful trainers: no stress to you or your dog while making learning fun!
- No choke chains or pinch collars are allowed
- Group and private training available
- Offers Snake Avoidance Training

Basic obedience classes are also offered at *Villa La Paws*, one of our sponsoring partners. Located at 10640 N 32nd St, Phoenix 602\_442\_7833 [www.VillaLaPaws.com](http://www.VillaLaPaws.com)

## ON YOUR OWN

If you prefer training on your own or just cannot afford the time or the expense of taking your dog to classes, there is now an audio-visual program available online called *Basic Residential Obedience*. It was created by Connie Cleveland, who writes a regular feature column called "Around the Obedience Ring" in the *Golden Retriever News*, the bimonthly publication of the *Golden Retriever Club of America*. The program was reviewed by Edell Schaefer in the most recent issue of *GR News*. When you purchase the program, you are given a key code which will give you access to a "well organized progression" through seven basic desirable behaviors: sit, down, stay, come when called, walk on a loose leash, learning to be quiet, and not jumping on people. The lessons use text, links to further explanations and clarification of concepts, and video clips to illustrate those concepts and the training techniques. The video clips are "exceptionally well done with respect to content as well as technical execution, professional, clearly audible and clearly illustrate the exercise being taught." Ms. Schaefer compliments Ms. Cleveland for "moving dog training, particularly for novices, into the 21st century." The cost of the program is \$30, far less expensive than the fee for a typical live class series, and is available from <http://www.dogtrainersworkshop.com/online-store.php> The disadvantage of training on your own, of course, is the lack of socialization for yourself and your dog.

**#1 Training Tip: Do it!**

**Heat and Your Dog**

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If you are thinking about running errands on a hot day – or even a warm day – and you are thinking of taking your pet along, THINK AGAIN!

Pets need three elements in order to help them beat the heat... air, water, and shade. Pets need air circulating in order to breathe, and, therefore, that means absolutely NO TIME CLOSED UP IN A PARKED CAR, GARAGE, OR ATTIC.

Animals CANNOT tolerate heat as well as humans. Imagine yourself, in a heavy winter coat, seated stationary in a non-operational vehicle. Not much circulating air helping to cool you even with the windows slightly down, is there?

Police and animal control officers confirm that leaving your window down an inch or two IS NOT ENOUGH to provide a safe environment for your pet. Even if the air outside feels cool, the temperature inside a parked vehicle can heat up to a deadly level in just minutes. On an <sup>85</sup>-degree day, temperatures in a parked car (even in the shade) can reach <sup>102</sup> degrees in just ten minutes, and the temperature could escalate to <sup>120</sup> degrees and higher after thirty minutes.

Every year, many pets suffer irreversible brain damage or death after being left in the car.

If you see an animal in a parked car that appears to be in distress, or could soon be in distress, call <sup>911</sup> immediately. Then, the following actions are recommended:

- If the car is in a retail or business parking lot, get a full description of the car.
- Go to the store or business's manager and have the car owner paged.
- If possible, stay at the scene until the police arrive so you can help them identify the vehicle.
- If the animal acts despondent, weak, or extremely overheated, a

**Summer Is Coming – Be Prepared!**

Compiled by Deb Orwig

veterinarian should be consulted immediately.

BE AWARE! Leaving your pet in a parked car can be a deadly mistake. Report pets in hot cars!

**NOTE:** Arizona law allows for a car window to be broken in order to remove a pet that has been left in a hot vehicle. Arizona Revised Statute <sup>13,2910</sup> A<sup>7</sup> says: *A person commits cruelty to animals if the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly leaves an animal unattended and confined in a motor vehicle and physical injury to or death of the animal is likely to result.* Subsection D of this Statute provides that: *A peace officer, animal control enforcement agent or animal control enforcement deputy may use reasonable force to open a vehicle to rescue an animal if the animal is left in the vehicle as prescribed in subsection A, paragraph 7 of this section.*

**Walking Your Dog**

Should you and your dog do without the beneficial effects of walking during the summer? No! Very early in the morning is the best time to walk. Even after dark, asphalt pavement and concrete sidewalks will retain heat for hours. The rule of thumb is if you, yourself, find the ground uncomfortably warm to walk on with bare feet, you should not allow your dog to walk without some foot protection. Booties for canines can be purchased from **Choice Pet Market** or from several online sites. Most Golden Retrievers will wear size large. If you buy booties, label each one of the four with the foot that will wear it: RF for right front, LR for left rear, etc. Put the booties on the dog and immediately start walking. The dog will probably balk, so have some treats handy, but don't give in to the balk, just walk. The dog will get used to the feel of the booties

fairly quickly. If you hike with your dog, booties can be useful for protecting your dog's feet from rocks and cactus spines. Booties can also be used in winter if you visit snow country.

Last year, **Jimmy** wore booties during an afternoon in July when he had to walk from the parking garage to



to **Chase Field** to help **AGR** at the **Diamond-backs Community Corner**. It was amazing how many people stopped to ask what was wrong with his feet or why he was wearing the booties. The response was, "Would you have walked here from the parking garage with bare feet this afternoon?" Once informed, many wanted to know where to purchase booties for their dog.

**Heat Stroke in Dogs**

Dogs don't have skin like humans do and they can't perspire. We have sweat glands all over our bodies, so we can cool ourselves down much quicker. Dogs don't have the luxury of overall cooling because their bodies have very few sweat glands, and most of these are in the footpads. A dog's body can be easily overwhelmed by heat, often causing the dog to suffer from heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke. The main way dogs cool themselves is by panting and breathing, so the moist lining of their lungs serves as the evaporative surface (much like our skin). Many people believe that a dog's tongue contains sweat glands, but this is not true. Dogs also dissipate heat by dilating (expanding) blood vessels in their face and ears. This helps to cool the dog's blood by causing it to flow closer to the surface of the skin. Excessive play on a hot day can lead to overheating (hyperthermia) and eventually to heat stroke. A dog that is overheated will seem sluggish or perhaps confused. His gums and tongue may appear bright red, and he will be panting hard. The dog may vomit,

collapse, have a seizure or go into a coma. Do not treat an overheated dog with ice or ice water – these can cause cramps and actually make the dog worse. Offer tepid water to drink and put cool water on the dog's belly, feet and ears. When a dog becomes overheated, it is a real emergency situation. If this happens to your dog, get him to a veterinarian immediately.

### **Critters and Beasties**

If you live anywhere except in a strictly residential area in Arizona, you are strongly encouraged to get your dog “snake trained.” Actually, it is more accurate to call the procedure “snake avoidance training.” Most trainers use a shock collar and train the dog to avoid the odor of a rattlesnake and a Sonoran Desert Toad, rather than avoid by sight.

Snake Avoidance Training is offered by the following: **Partners Animal Training** in Cave Creek [http://www.partnersdogtraining.com/snake\\_proofing.html](http://www.partnersdogtraining.com/snake_proofing.html) 480\_595\_6700

**Southwest Snake Avoidance Experts** serves southern Arizona, including Tucson, Oro Valley, Green Valley, Marana, Avra Valley, Sierra Vista, Catalina, Oracle, Bisbee, Tubac, Rio Rico, Arivaca and other communities. Also will serve Chandler, Mesa, the Greater Phoenix area and most western states if class sizes are large enough. <http://snake-avoidance.com/> 520\_449\_4200

**Master's Kennels Dog University** (see training reference on page 21)

### **Ticks**

Ticks abound in Arizona, unfortunately. They carry diseases such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, tick fever and Lyme disease (the latter does not occur in AZ). Many dogs that come into Rescue have tick fever. Usually a 30-day course of the antibiotic doxycycline will be enough to cure tick fever, but there can be short-term and long-term side effects of the disease, so it's best to help your dog avoid getting it. We recommend regular use of *Frontline*. This

medication is applied on the dog's coat in between the shoulder blades once a month and is available at most pet supply stores. If your dog goes hiking with you or you take him out in the country or even to a dog park to romp, check him carefully for ticks once you are home – you want to avoid introducing ticks to your yard and home, because it can be very expensive to eradicate them, as a professional pest control service will most likely need to be hired.

### **Heartworm Disease**

Heartworm is a very nasty disease that once contracted by a dog will be fatal if not treated. It is transmitted from one infected dog to another by mosquitoes. So, as the mosquito season arrives, the incidence of heartworm increases. Although not common in Arizona, heartworm does exist. The arsenic-based treatment is very expensive – up to \$1000 – and can be very risky to your dog. Following treatment, the dog must be kept as inactive as possible (i.e. crated) for a month and taken out only to go potty. Preventative medicine is best – use Heartgard® or another ivermectin-containing medication monthly year round in Arizona and have your dog tested for the disease once a year.

### **West Nile Virus**

West Nile Virus is another disease carried by mosquitoes. It causes encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain. No treatment is currently available. You can decrease the chances of your dog being exposed to the virus by decreasing her exposure to adult mosquitoes. The best way to do this is by removing any potential sources of water in which mosquitoes can breed. Dispose of any water-holding containers, including discarded tires. Drill holes in the bottom of containers that are left outside. Clean clogged roof gutters on an annual basis. Turn over plastic wading pools or wheelbarrows when not in use, and do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths. Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not in use, and be aware that mosquitoes can breed in the water that collects on swimming pool covers. Use

landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property; mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that lasts more than 4 days. Thoroughly clean livestock-watering troughs on a monthly basis. Local mosquito-control authorities can help in assessing the mosquito breeding risks associated with your property. If your dog is elderly, weak, or has a compromised immune system, such animals will be more susceptible to all illnesses, including West Nile Virus. Fever and weakness are two warning signs that may present in a case of canine West Nile Virus. Muscle spasms and a loss of muscle coordination may also occur. A number of neurological signs can also be indicative of West Nile Virus, including behaviors such as head tilting, circling, and trouble with walking. Depression, a loss of appetite, and other neurological disorders including seizures or an apparent personality change can also occur when a dog is suffering from this mosquito-transmitted disease.

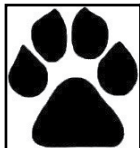
### **Thunderstorms and Fireworks**

Noises of summer will terrify some dogs. If your dog exhibits “noise anxiety” there are several things you can try. One remedy is suggested on page 16. If peppermint oil on the footpads doesn't work, you may want to try a prescription medication known as Clomicalm® (clomipramine), a tricyclic antidepressant used to treat obsessive-compulsive disorder and other anxiety-related behaviors. The effectiveness of Clomicalm® must build up in the dog's system, so it is usually recommended to start the medication a month before thunderstorm season. Some have found that an anxiety wrap is very effective in treating noise anxiety: <https://anxietywrap.com/default.aspx>

Avoid exposing your dog to fireworks. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, keep the dog at home and in a safe place where he cannot hurt himself if he gets scared. If he is crate trained, be sure to crate him if you go out, even if he has not been in a crate for a while. Some dogs find comfort in lying in an empty bathtub. We have good information on thunder phobia on our website: [http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/attachments/048\\_Thunder%20Phobia.pdf](http://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/attachments/048_Thunder%20Phobia.pdf)

**HERE and THERE**  
 Events from mid-January 2011  
 through mid-April 2011

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



**Celebration Party**

By Deb Orwig

Due to the loss of several of our members' Golden Retrievers during the holiday season, we postponed our annual Holiday Party until January 16<sup>th</sup> and renamed it a "Celebration Party." It was, too, as we did a spectacular job of fundraising during the holidays with over \$12,000 raised!



Carol & Don Thompson and Joyce Hubler



Joyce Pence and Sheila Joyce watching Hayden eye the food

We had a fun time with over 50 guests at our house, and the Orwig canine four and Donahue three all enjoyed the attention – we know they got some "sneaked treats" too! At the behest of Debbie Begley and Kathi Youhas, who helped me put up my Christmas decorations in early December, I left the decorations up, so the house was festive. The food everyone brought to share was fantastic and the company was terrific! Michele Wehry, our

fabulous Placement Manager, was presented with a T-shirt designed by Jenny McMurtrie that says, *I Spy a Forever Home*. Don Thompson, AGR member and artist extraordinaire, gave Connie McCabe an incredible painting of Grizzly. In addition, the Board members gave me a great windbreaker that they had had our logo embroidered on with the extra words Pack Leader. I love it!

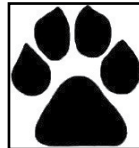


The hit of the party, though, was Larry Jessup's arrival with two beautiful Golden girls he had found wandering on El Mirage Blvd on his way over to my house. Michele ended up taking the girls (later named Mary Kate



and Ashley) home to hold for the 6 days required for attempting to find their owner – no one ever responded to any of the publicity we issued.

We had a nice raffle that Katie Donahue, Teri Guilbault and Liz Tataseo helped me put together – the raffle made almost \$750, and we sold \$437 of merchandise, for a party total of \$1187! Thanks for the support to all who attended. We hope more of you can come to the next one.



**PACC 911 Adopt-a-thon at Anthem**

By Deb Orwig



Every year on the last Saturday of January, PACC 911 sponsors an Adopt-a-thon at the Community Center Park in Anthem. It's a nice, large venue, and there are usually at least 60 rescue groups represented. This year,

the weather was fabulous, so there was a huge crowd in attendance and our dogs got a lot of attention, as usual. It was a fantastic day for AGR on January 29<sup>th</sup> in many ways. We got one new Household member – we now truly have an international membership with members Sonomi and Keiji Narihara, who live in Japan (yes,





Sonomi and Keiji with Ladybird and Troy

they were OK after the earthquake and tsunami). We also received \$<sup>140.77</sup> in donations and sold \$<sup>476.23</sup> of merchandise for total of \$<sup>657</sup>. In addition, due to the adorable presence of **Sebastian**, we received three



Sonomi modeling her new AGR T-shirt

applications for adoption within hours of the event. The following **AGR** members attended: Debbie and Rick Ball with **Shiloh**; Debb



Begley and Patrick Doyle with **Annabelle** and **Sandy**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Katie Donahue with **Jake** and **Joe**; Teri Guilbault; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Jodi and Jay

Koblick; Linda and John Milner with **Molly**; Keiji and Sonomi Narihara; Deb Orwig with **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird**, **Troy** and foster **Sebastian**; Susan Parker and daughter Andrea with fosters



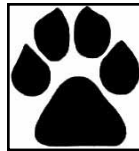
**Ricky** and **Lucy** (at left); Liz Tataseo; and Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Krissie**, **Leo** and **Miki**. Tony's sisters, Jen Gittings and Jan Newland, were also with us for most of the day. Dave and Terri Hill came down from Cottonwood to visit with their friends Diane and Jim Fellner and spent a little time with us. Ciara Petronzio, who



had a booth representing her own charity, *Pennies for Puppies*, came by to say hello and play with **Hayden**. Connie McCabe came up to meet with **Jack**, who had been picked up at his foster's home by Gail and Dana, and take him to his new family. It was a really fun day!



Can you imagine anything better than a beautiful day spent with a bunch of Golden Retrievers?!



*Parada del Sol & Trail's End*

By Deb Orwig



Patrick with Annabelle (above) and Katie with Ginger



**AGR's Parada del Sol** entry title this year was, "America's Favorite Dogs Are Trooping to Support Our Troops!" And did we ever! On Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, in red, white, or blue shirts and cowboy hats, <sup>62</sup> **AGR** members with <sup>63</sup> Golden Retrievers walked or rode



Steve Erickson

in a trailer or wagon with our group! We had such a wonderful time!

On Friday, Debb Begley, Patrick Doyle, and Kathi and Bob Youhas took the trailers and wagons over to **Discount Tire** on Oak



StScottsdale Rd and decorated them. The manager of the tire store graciously allowed us to leave the decorated trailers in his garage bay overnight so that we would not have to get there dark and early to put on the decorations. Cristi and Steve Erickson and Ingrid and

Robert Wilson (above with daughter Karie and **Bailey**, **Izzy** and **Jazzy**) were kind enough to let us use their trailers – thanks to the generosity of both families, many of our senior dogs were able to participate in the parade. We also had three



Pat Morgan walking beside Sunny to keep him in the wagon being pulled by Michelle Guilbault



Miki Youhas riding with Sandy Begley/Doyle, who announced our group as we strutted and wheeled up the street

decorated garden wagons, one belonging to **Sandy Begley/Doyle**, one belonging to **Yoshi McCabe/Dodson** and one belonging to **Sunny Morgan**. Pat Morgan donated her wagon to **AGR** after the parade. Patrick Doyle and Katie Donahue had both gotten the appropriate permission to wear their service uniforms in the parade, so we really did represent the troops! What a fantastic sight we were! Jan Newland and I made bandannas for all the dogs out of white fabric with blue bones that we trimmed in red. I had made 15 new red, white and

blue Donation Vests, but we had



been instructed by the Parade Committee that we were not to stop to visit the spectators while we were walking in the parade.

So that we would not be tempted to dawdle at the curbside during the parade, we turned the Donation Vests inside out – the dogs were festively decorated anyway but did not collect donations until after we arrived at our *Trail's End* booth.

*Trail's End* was a big success this year, as the weather was gorgeous rather than rainy like last year. We sold about \$341 of merchandise and collected \$520 in donations. Tony Cotner very generously paid for the booth fee and the Parade participation fee, so minus the cost of the decorations about \$760 was profit! Thanks, Tony!



Beth above; Carol, Sheila and Larry at right

Attending were: Debbe Begley and Patrick Doyle with **Sandy** and **Annabelle**; Candy and Jerry Caldwell with **Buddy Boy**; Beth Chaffee with **Bevo** and **Darby**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy**, **Goldie** and **Rocky**; Mary Jo and John Courtney with **Bella**; Katie



Donahue with **Ginger**, **Jake** and **Joe**; Jackie and Dave Engelhardt with **Jake**, **Maggie** and **Rex**; Deb Fuller with **Vanna**; Steve Erickson; Mary Gazda with **Tucker**; Michelle and Teri Guilbault with **Blossom**, **Fresno** and **Jackson**; Teri's grandchildren Jade,



Jared and Jordan Hilbec; Annie Hall; Teryl Hall with **Amigo** and **Napoleon**; Sandra Hanson with **Jasmine** and **Missy**; Stephanie Harding with **Tag**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Diane and Jim Henkel



and daughter Stephanie Lehmborg and granddaughter Abbey Lehmborg with **Mojo** and **Winston**; Larry Jessup with **Honeybear**; Sheila Joyce and her friend Carol Rohrkemper with **Holly**, **McKenna** and **Tessa**; Dawn Massani with **Rose**; Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with **Grizzly**,



**Sasha** and **Yoshi**; Linda and John Milner with **Molly**; Pat Morgan with **Sunny**; Jan Newland; Deb Orwig with **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird** and **Troy**; Erin Orwig; Susan Parker with **Lucy** and **Ricky**; Barbara, Ciara and Mark Petronzio with **Harley** and **Magic**; Casey, Carrie, Jane and Zach Pulis with **Major**



and **Rocky**; Trystan Schuff; Joy Slagowski with **Bella**, and **Happy**; Rich Stolz with **Riley**; Sam and Felix Takach with **Nala** and **Simba**; Liz Tataseo with **Augie** and **Gonzo**; Michele Wehry with **Ninannie**; Cynthia Wenström with **Bailey**; Ingrid, Karie and Robert Wilson with **Bailey**, **Izzy** and **Jazzy**; Kathi and Bob Youhas with **Krissie**, **Leo** and **Miki**.



Photos on page 26 left column top to bottom: Sandy and Miki; Molly Milner; Riley Stolz; group in booth at *Trail's End*, crowded even though we had a 10' x 30' booth space; Beth Chaffee with Bevo and Darby; Carol Rohrkamp, Sheila Joyce and Larry Jessup with McKenna, Tessa and Honeybear. Right column: Jordan Hilbec and Erin Orwig pulled one of the trailers; Dawn Massani with Rose; Sam and Felix Takach with Nala and Simba; Mary Gazda, Jerry Caldwell, Tucker Gazda, and Candy Caldwell with Buddy Boy; Mary Jo Courtney with Bella; Jake Engelhardt inviting everyone to visit our booth at *Trail's End*; Happy Yoshi McCabe /Dodson in his wagon

**NOTE**

Connie McCabe takes many terrific photos at a lot of our events. They are all so good that it is hard to choose which ones to use in this newsletter. If you want to see all of Connie's pictures, you should subscribe to our yahogroup, because Connie always releases a Kodak Gallery album to that group within a couple days following an event. To subscribe, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/> and put Arizona Golden Rescue in the Search box, then click on *Join This Group* under our logo. In addition to event photos, members share stories, information and advice on lots of topics, most of which concern Golden Retrievers. Join us -- it's interesting, entertaining and fun!



*Stress Relief at GCU*

By Deb Orwig

Well aware of the therapeutic benefits of petting a dog, Beth Jamison (far right in photo), Disability Services Manager at **Grand Canyon University** and a Golden owner, contacted me with the following message: *I saw you and some of your volunteers at the 101 and 67th Ave Choice Pet Store. I am interested in inviting you and your organization to campus. We would like to host your dogs as therapy pets for a few hours during the week of Midterms (and potentially Finals later in the year). I think this would be a great stress reliever for our students and also give your organization an opportunity to get some exposure to our staff, faculty and (of course) students.*



We made arrangements to be on the lovely **GCU** campus at 33rd Ave/Camelback Rd from 9 AM - 1 PM on February 22nd and 23rd. They had us set up on a large lawn area and provided a tent canopy for shade. We had the best time! The dogs

were all well enough behaved that they were able to be off leash,



and they just loved running around on the big lawn, chasing balls, and getting petted by the many students, faculty and staff members who came by to meet everyone. Wearing his



cowboy hat, **Troy** was the center of attention for a whole class of photography students, who brought their equipment out onto the lawn area to get photos



of him and the other dogs. As one who has been to hundreds of Meet-and-Greets, I have to say these

were among the most fun two days I've ever spent!

Joining me and my canine four on Tuesday, February 22nd were: Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Dave Engelhardt with **Maggie**



and **Rex**; Stephanie Harding; Dana and Gail Haywood with

**Riley**; and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo** and **Sweetie**. The next day, **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird** and **Troy** had the company of Linda and Bill Atkinson with **Sam**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Little Rocky**; Cricket Forstrom with **Hoover** and **Kelly**; Karin Forsythe with **Penny**; Stephanie Harding with **Tag**; Dana and Gail Haywood with **Riley**; and Jodi Koblick.



Ms. Jamison very generously supplied pizza for the whole group on Wednesday. Several of the people who came by dropped a donation in the jar we had set on a table with our literature, and one of the

students joined as a new member and promised some volunteer time. We had a wonderful two days and hope we can provide some stress relief for the students again some time in the future.



### PetSmart Charities PetWalk

By Deb Orwig



The *PetSmart Charities PetWalk* was held on February 20, 2011 at Tempe Beach Park. It started out as a cold and gloomy day, which I'm sure kept most people home (the overall attendance at the event this year was significantly

lower than in either of the two previous years), and it even started to rain half way through the *Walk*. By the time our small group of 11 people and 15 dogs got back to the booth, we were all thoroughly soaked, as the rain had caught us by surprise. Everything in the booth was also soaked, unfortunately. Everyone helped pack up, and Connie McCabe and Karin Forsythe offered to take some of the wet toys home to dry them out.

The most exciting part of the day for me was meeting in person Lara Thompson-Kravik (at left in photo), who came down to Tempe from Seattle to represent the *Blue Dog Bakery* company. I have been corresponding by e-mail with Lara for years. She has sent us a wonderful donation of *Blue Dog Bakery* dog treats every time I have requested one.



Joining me, **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird** and **Troy** were Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Katie Donahue



with **Jake** and **Joe**; Karin, Rachel and Jacob Forsythe (who each walked an Orwig dog); Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson with **Grizzly** and **Sasha**; Joy and Todd Slagowski with **Amber**, **Bella**, **Happy**, and **Sweetie**; and Michele Wehry with



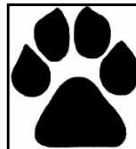
fosters **Mary Kate** and **Ashley**, who made their debut as Donation Dogs. A few of our walkers got people to make pledges for their participation, and a couple who registered to walk did not show up because of the weather. Altogether, we raised

\$375 in offline donations, \$525 in online registration fees and donations, \$91 in merchandise sales before the *Walk* began and \$44 in anonymous donations collected by at the event by our Donation Dogs for a total of \$1035. Thanks to all for your support!

Donating to help the **Lucky Memorial Fund** were Tony Cotner, Katie Donahue, Berneil Drake, Mary and Bert Engstrom, Karin Forsythe, Virginia Gibney, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Mary Murray and John Donahue, Deb and Larry Orwig, Joy and Todd Slagowski, Liz Tataseo and Michele Wehry. If anyone else made a donation to *AGR* online through the *PetSmart Charities PetWalk* website, please forgive me for not acknowledging your generosity. We were unable to get into the website after the event to get a list of online donors, so please let me know if you did, indeed, make a donation online.



Everyone was as wet as **Sasha** and **Grizzly**, so none of us stayed for any of the after-Walk festivities



### PACC 911 Spring Fling at FRC

By Deb Orwig

On Saturday, March 5th, *PACC 911* held their annual Spring Fling Adopt-a-thon at the *Franciscan Renewal Center*. The weather was gorgeous, which, perhaps, kept some of the anticipated crowd away – it didn't seem



Gail, Dana, Tony and Bob



Diane and Troy

like as many people came as usual. We were assigned a fabulous location for our booth, on the end facing the entrance! Helping me set up the booth were Tony Cotner, Katie Donahue and Bob Youhas. To keep **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird** and **Troy** company, Tony brought **Daisy** and **Little Rocky**; Katie was accompanied by **Ginger**, **Jake** and



Joe; and Bob had **Krissie** with him. Joining us a little later were Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**, and Diane and Jim Henkel with **Winston**. The Henkels' daughter Stephanie Lehmberg and her daughter Abbey stopped by for awhile. All things considered, we did fairly well, with \$<sup>140</sup> in merchandise sales. Our Donation Dogs, who took strolls around the grounds every now and then, came back with a total of \$<sup>105</sup> in donations. We talked to several people interested in adopting a Golden; two actually followed up by sending in an application after the event. It was really a lovely, low-key day and nice just to sit and visit with friends and enjoy being around our gang of Golden.

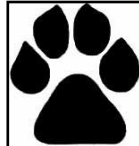
Katie petting a rat



Jim and Rocky



Lily and Belle Palumbo



### Paws At The Park

By Deb Orwig



Grizzly McCabe/Dodson



Raffle Tables

*Paws At The Park*, held at Papago Park in Tempe on March <sup>13th</sup>, was such a fun event this year! Over <sup>100</sup> people attended with that many and more Golden, as quite a few of us brought multiples. We had fabulous weather, wonderful food and a very nice raffle. My thanks to Katie Donahue, Teri Guilbault and Liz Tataseo for helping me create the raffle baskets. Many thanks to Robert Wilson (family photo below), an *AGR* member and owner of the *Arizona Culinary Institute*, for providing all the hamburgers, hotdogs and condiments. In addition, we served coleslaw from *KFC*, potato salad and Bush's beans. Dennis, the manager at the *KFC* at <sup>9039</sup> W Olive Ave, Peoria, gave Connie McCabe such a fantastic price for the coleslaw, she ended up



just donating the cost – thanks, Dennis and Connie! The Board members and a few others brought desserts to share. Soda and water were donated by the Orwigs. Due to the fact that almost everything for the picnic was donated, we made a significant profit of about \$<sup>1711</sup>, even though it was not conceived as a fundraiser. We sold \$<sup>810</sup> in

raffle tickets, \$<sup>811</sup> in merchandise, and got \$<sup>125</sup> in donations.

Thanks to Erin Orwig, who lives in Tempe, for getting the park permit. Thanks for set-up help from Tony Cotner, Katie Donahue, Dana Haywood, Teri Guilbault, Angela Palumbo and Bob Youhas, who also served as one of our grillmasters, the other being Jeff Guilbault. Thanks, also, to Larry Jessup, the Erickson family and the Wilson family for lending their trailers. Turns out we didn't need to use the Ericksons' trailer, but they were gracious enough to bring it over to my house just in case we needed it.



Bob and Jeff



I just love it when someone who isn't assigned a duty comes to me and says, "What can I do?" When he arrived, I asked Rich Stolz to handle registration, since the person who was

originally going to do it notified me at the last minute that she would be unable to attend. Rich and his *AGR* boy **Riley** willingly manned the registration table for several hours. Thanks, Rich and **Riley!**



Before and after lunch, Peter Wong entertained the crowd



with his well-trained Border Collie, Joey.

Anthony Pagliuca from the Scottsdale Police Department came around noon with his K-<sup>9</sup> Therapy Dog, **Fozzie**. Anthony answered some questions about what he and **Fozzie** do, and **Fozzie** got to meet and greet many



canine friends. He especially liked the girls! We appreciate them coming.



After lunch, our Secretary, Teri Guilbault, stood in for Nominating Committee Chairman Kathy Blue, and read the nominations for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors. The members present unanimously approved the nominees:

Deb Orwig, President; Debbe Begley, Director of Operations; Liz Tataseo, Director of Dog Care; Dana Haywood, Director of Information Management; and Katie Donahue, Human Resources Director. To thank him for his year of service,



Liz, Katie, Deb and Dana; Debbe couldn't attend

Deb presented outgoing Director of Information Management, Nick Dodson, with a throw that had his newly adopted **Grizzly's** photo on it. She also gave some small gifts to the new incoming Board members.

Following her *State of the Organization* address, Deb emceed the Rainbow Bridge Ceremony recognizing dogs lost by members in the past year. Each family that had a Bridge dog was presented with a lovely rainbow rosette and a commemorative booklet with stories about all the Bridge dogs. Deb then



called upon

all **AGR** adoptive families to present their adopted dogs. Each dog received a beautiful paw print medallion and the family got an official Adoption Certificate. Families that have adopted



**AGR** dogs must attend this event in order to receive these items.



Ginger comforting Katie as she holds her Bridge rosette and booklet in a moment of reflection about Conrad, whom she lost very unexpectedly in December

Although we

invited several other organizations and some vendors, the only one that was able to come was **Happy Tails Service Dogs**. They said they enjoyed the opportunity to relax and socialize.



The Fullers with Vanna



The Holts with Wrigley

We're glad they were there to provide information about what

**STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION ON MARCH 13, 2011**

When Debbe Begley and I stood before a group of 30 of you on March 14, 2009, what we were able to tell you was this:

- We had incorporated a new rescue group on March 11, 2009.
- Thanks to Nick Dodson, we had a name: **Arizona Golden Rescue**.
- We had an address (which had to be changed last year because the mail box facility closed down).
- We had a phone number with a catchy name: 623-566-WAGS (9247).
- Connie McCabe had designed a gorgeous logo and had chosen our colors of rust, gold and cream to symbolize the spectrum of colors of Golden Retrievers.
- We had written By-laws.

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, those in attendance at our first membership meeting paid dues and elected officers: me as President; Debbe as Director of Operations; Liz Tataseo as Director of Dog Care; Debbie Ball as Director of Information Management; and Louise Carter Carreiro as Human Resources Director. The only title you were familiar with then was President; the rest sounded kind of weird. No Secretary on the Board? No Treasurer on the Board? No, but the Board then appointed Teri Guilbault as Secretary; a short time later, Cindy Tigges offered to be our Organization Accountant and her appointment was made by the Board. We have found this arrangement to work extremely well.

So, we were off and running. Only about two weeks later by the end of March 2009,

- We had 121 members in 77 families.
- We had an Intake and Placement Manager, Michele Wehry; a Home Evaluations Manager, Sheila Joyce; a Health Care Manager, Susan Parker; and a Membership Manager, Kathy Blue; and Larry Jessup was handling the WAGSline calls; after a few months, Susan realized she was overcommitted and Teri Guilbault took over as Health Care Manager; Fred Brown came on as Transport Manager and stayed in that position until last year when he had to resign to take another job – at that point Gail Haywood came on as Transport Manager.
- We had an operational website.
- We had taken in \$4,189.
- We had even rescued our first dog, thanks to a connection made by Cynthia Wenstrom.

NOW, today...

- We have 350 members in 233 families, including 6 out-of-state: 2 in PA, 2 in TX and two in Japan!
- We earned \$110,808 in 2009 and \$162,609 in 2010 for a total earned income in 21 months of \$273,418!
- Our bank account today holds \$33,356 in checking and \$39,686 in savings for a total of \$73,042! Yes, it sounds like we're flush. However, if we take in 77 dogs in 2011 as we did in 2010, we will need \$83,545 to take care of them all.
- We have rescued 129 dogs.
- We have spent \$139,986 on those dogs – yes, that averages about \$1085 per dog.

- Our website is terrific and getting better all the time.
- Our database is nearing completion.
- We are on Facebook, Twitter and GoodSearch.
- We have done 53 Meet-and-Greets at **PetSmart** stores, 35 at **Choice Pet Market** in Glendale and Paradise Valley, 8 **PACC 911** events including the Bowl-a-Rama, **Franciscan Renewal Center** in October and March, and the Adopt-a-thon at Anthem in January.
- We had a booth at the *Glendale Firemen's Parade* and walked in the *Parada del Sol* in 2010 and 2011 and had a booth at their *Trail's End* event.
- During the holidays, we took Photos with Santa at 4 different **PetSmart** stores, did gift wrapping at 3 different **Barnes & Noble** bookstores, and participated in the *Holiday Pet Festival at WestWorld* and the Grand Opening of the newest **Choice Pet Market**, which is in Paradise Valley.
- We have sponsored two *Fore! Paws Golf Tournaments* in August of 2009 and 2010, participated in the **PetSmart Charities PetWalk** in February last year and this year, and held our first *Golden Paw Saloon & Gambling Hall Casino Nite* last June; we also had a booth at last year's spectacular *Phoenix Pet Expo*.
- We are Adoption Partners with **PetSmart**, Community Partners with **PACC 911**, Charitable Partners with *People Saving Pets* and are sponsored by **Choice Pet Market**; we have rewards programs set up with numerous businesses whereby if one of our members uses the business or makes a purchase from it, **AGR** gets what amounts to a commission.

I would like to thank all 167 of you who have volunteered for one thing or another, many of you for many things, and I would like to encourage the rest of you to get involved. In particular, I would like to thank the 2010-2011 Board Members: Debbe, Liz, Nick, Louise and, when Louise could not continue due to personal time constraints, Katie. Also, we have a fantastic group of team managers: Michele Wehry as Intake and Placement Manager; Sheila Joyce as Home Evaluations Manager; Gail Haywood as Transport Manager; and Teri Guilbault as Health Care Manager. Teri also does double duty as Organization Secretary and chairs the monthly Meet-and-Greets at the **Lake Pleasant PetSmart**. Thank you, everyone!



they do.

Thanks to all who attended. We hope to see an even bigger crowd in 2012!

*Editor's Note: Robert Dickinson, Nick Dodson, Mike Lane and Connie McCabe all took many great photos*

*at this event; the canine portrait shots were especially good – many are shown on the cover. There just isn't space in this newsletter to do any of the photographers justice, but I have used at least one photo from each one, as well as a couple of my own. Thanks to each of you who brought your camera!*



### Meet-and-Greets at Choice Pet Market

By Deb Orwig



Liz, Tony, Dana, Gail and Jay are regulars in Glendale

**Choice Pet Market** has been a wonderful supporter almost since we incorporated in 2009. We now go to two different stores for regular Meet-and-Greets. This past quarter, we were at the Glendale store (20028 N 67th Ave) on January 8th, February 5th, March 6th and April 9th and we were at the Paradise Valley store



This man had just lost a Golden and spent about 2 hours petting ours

on the NW corner of Tatum Blvd/Shea Blvd on January 22nd, February 26th and March 26th. We have adopted three dogs to families who met us at the Glendale store and have received numerous applications from others. **Choice Pet Market** gives **AGR** a \$50 gift card every time we set up there and a 200% discount on anything we buy. All **AGR** members also get a perpetual discount on **Choice Pet Market** merchandise; once



Jan, Gail, Dana, Jay and Jodi



your name is in their computer, you will get the discount at any of their three stores. The donations that come from **Choice Pet Market** customers, as well as from people just stroll-

ing by the attractive storefronts, have been great, too. We thank **Choice Pet Market** for their terrific support! We encourage you to shop there if you are anywhere within a reasonable distance of any store (there is a third one at 72nd St/Shea Blvd in Scottsdale).



Tony, Liz and Jodi in Glendale on April 9th, the coldest Meet-and-Greet all quarter!



Sebastian was surrendered to us at **Choice Pet Market** in PV; he was a hit wherever he went with us

Members who have helped out at the Glendale store during the past quarter include Debbie and Rick Ball with **Shiloh**; Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Little Rocky**; **Katie Donahue** with **Ginger, Jake** and



Tony, Tim, Debbie and Cricket

**Joe**; Teri Guilbault with **Blossom, Fresno** and **Jackson**; Gail, Dana and Dana Craig Haywood with **Riley** and Golden Wannabe **Gonzo**; Jodi and Jay Koblick; Jan Newland; Deb Orwig with **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird, Troy** and whatever foster dog she has at the time (**Sebastian** or **Sunshine** during this quarter); Liz Tataseo with **Augie, Gonzo** and **Sweetie**; Ingrid Wilson with **Bailey** and **Jazzy**; Peter Wong with **Joey**.



At the Paradise Valley store, helpers included Tony Cotner with **Daisy, Goldie** and **Little Rocky**; Debbie and Tim Fuller with **Vanna**; Cricket Forstrom with **Hoover** and **Kelly**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Deb Orwig with **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird, Troy** and foster **Sebastian**

or **Sunshine**; Pam Spicer with **Comet**; Liz Tataseo with **Augie, Gonzo** and **Sweetie**; Cindy Tigges with **Charm**; Ingrid Wilson with **Bailey** and **Jazzy**; Peter Wong with **Joey**.



Not all of these folks came to every Meet-and-Greet, and not all who did come

brought the same dogs every time, but we usually had three or more people and anywhere from 6-12 dogs. During our seven appearances, we collected over \$500 in donations and earned seven \$50 gift cards from **Choice Pet Market**.







All scheduled dates at both locations are on our website events calendar. Please check to see if you can attend. We'd love to have your company!



**January, Bell Rd (Glendale) Store on 1-9-11**

Connie said, *this was our first Meet-and-Greet at the Bell Road store, and it went very well. Susan Parker brought her fosters, **Ricky and Lucy** (photo below left). Karen Davis brought **Caesar**; and Sheila Joyce brought teenager **Tessa**. Jodi Koblick came too, but had no dogs, so she helped the rest*



*of us with ours. I had **Yoshi and Grizzly**. We brought **Sasha** too, but Nick took her with him after he helped me set up. She was pretty antsy in that new environment, and it was better for her just to be home. We met*



Caesar with arm around Griz

*a lot of very nice people, gave out some apps and collected \$104.25 in donations and calendar sales. Thank you, again, to everyone.*

**January, Peoria (Lake Pleasant Blvd) Store on 1-15-11**



Teri reported, *Although we only took in \$21 in donations, we had one very serious potential adopter who said she was going home to fill out an application right away. It was a beautiful day today.*



*Joining me and **Blossom** were Jodi and Jay Koblick; Liz Tataseo with **Sweetie**; Katie Donahue with **Jake** and her newly adopted **Joe**; and my daughter, Michelle, brought **Goldie**.*

**February, Bell Rd Store on 2-13-11**

Debbe Begley and Bob and Kathi Youhas were there and collected \$69. They had **Sandy, Krissie, Leo and Miki**.

**February, Northern Store (Glendale) on 2-13-11**

From Connie: *We had a very nice day at the Northern store today.*



*Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart*

By Connie McCabe, Teri Guilbault, Angela Palumbo and Deb Orwig

We now do Meet-and-Greets at four different **PetSmart** stores. Connie McCabe chairs the store at 5707 W Northern Ave. Teri Guilbault was doing the store at 25372 N Lake Pleasant Rd in Peoria, but in April she switched from that store to the one at 7290 W Bell Rd in Glendale – the Lake Pleasant store was just not a good venue for us. Angela Palumbo chairs the store at Tempe Marketplace on Rio Salado Parkway. The newest store in our retinue, which is being chaired by Denny Myrick, is the one at 7077 E Mayo Blvd in Scottsdale. We had our first appearance at the Mayo Blvd store on April 2, 2011. The regularly scheduled dates for all **PetSmart** store appearances are shown on our website's events calendar. Occasionally, we will change the date to accommodate **PetSmart's** request to be at the store during their National Adoption Weekends held four times a year. Usually, we meet in the afternoon on the second Sunday of every month at the Northern Ave and Bell Rd stores and on the third Saturday at Tempe Marketplace. Denny's dates for the Mayo Blvd store are on the website calendar. Debbe Begley, who chaired the 91st Ave store, made her last appearance there on January 9th; we are no longer going to that store.

**January, 91st Ave (Peoria) Store on 1-9-11**



Debbe Begley chaired and came with **Annabelle**; Tony Cotner brought



**Daisy and L'il Rocky**; Deb Orwig had her **Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird and Troy**; and Kathi and Bob Youhas came with **Krissie, Leo and Miki**. Donations: \$110.94.



We collected exactly \$110, thanks to Karen Davis (no dogs – she had a broken arm), Sheila Joyce with **Tessa**, Pat Morgan with **Sunny**, Susan Parker with fosters **Ricky** and **Lucy** (photo at left) and myself with **Grizzly** and **Sasha**. And of course, Nick always helps me set up and break down! We met a lot of

nice people, dogs and really cute kids. This is a great family location. I love that in some cases our dogs are the first ones that the children ever get to touch and hug!



Susan, Sheila, Pat and Karen with Lucy, Ricky, Grizzly, Tessa, Sasha, and Sunny

**February, Peoria (Lake Pleasant Blvd) Store on 2-13-11**



Teri wrote, *Joining my daughter, Michelle, and me were three of our five furry ones, Blossom, Goldie and Jackson. Also along for the afternoon were Katie Donohue with Jake, Ginger and Joe and Liz Tataseo (talking Rescue in photo at left) with Gonzo. It was a lovely day to meet and greet. We talked with*

*some nice people, collected \$60.82 in donations and enjoyed our time out in the open.*

**February, Tempe Marketplace Store on 2-13-11**

This was the most financially lucrative **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet ever! **Belle Palumbo**, who came with Angela (photo at right), stationed herself right at the doorway into the store, and the customers just could



not resist putting a donation in her vest – most of the \$207.13 that was donated was a result of **Belle's** winsome smile! In addition, Tony Cotner was there with **Daisy**; Gail and Dana Haywood brought **Keegan** and **Riley**; Dawn and

Dakota Nonakeo, the Haywoods' daughter and her son, Dakota (photo at right with **Troy** and **Nana**) came with 13-year-old **Nana**, who looks and acts half that age; Deb Orwig also brought **Rocky**, **Hayden**, **Ladybird** and **Troy**!



**March, Bell Rd Store on 3-20-11**



Tony Cotner, Sheila Joyce, Deb Orwig and Liz Tataseo were accompanied by **Daisy**, **Tessa**, the Orwig four, and **Augie** and **Gonzo**. They collected \$91 and



met some very nice people. The group set up just inside the front doors to the right immediately in front of the grooming area and directly opposite the check-out counters, a very good location. There is a lot of both people traffic and dog traffic at this store!

**March, Northern Store on 3-20-11**



Connie reported, *We had a gorgeous day! Thanks to Nick for set-up and break-down help. Karen Davis came with Caesar, Pat Morgan with Sunny and Susan Parker with fosters Ricky and Lucy. Also joining Grizzly,*

*Sasha and me were Greg Korycki (visiting from Austin, TX) with*



*Charlotte (in photo at right above with Greg) and Midge. We had*



Sunny playing with pup

a very steady flow of traffic and collected \$106 in donations. We had several serious inquiries and a super



This little boy loved Tessa!

day all around. **Lucy** is really coming out of her shell and getting into the whole meet-and-greet experience! I love the people at this location. They are always very generous, and always make sure to teach their children to be the same.

**March, Peoria Store on 3-19-11**



Teri wrote, *Joining me with my furry kids Blossom, Goldie and Fresno, were Jodi and Jay Koblick with their newest addition, Micah. Our snowbird friend, Mike Newton (at left with Jodi*



and Micah), also stopped by to say "Hi" and get some serious dog hugs! Although we only took in \$36, we had two people take an application, as both were interested in adopting from our group. It was a beautiful day!

**March, Tempe Marketplace Store on 3-19-11**



Thanks to Tony Cotner with **Daisy**; Gail and Dana Haywood with **Riley**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Michelle Palumbo; and Joyce, Erin and Madison Petrowski (photo below right), who came to help. [Note, all non-member



volunteers must sign a Volunteer Liability Waiver.] We collected \$78 in donations.

**April, Mayo Blvd Store (Scottsdale) on 4-2-11**

Our first Meet-and-Greet at this store was on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a



Pam, Liz, Tony and Denny with Comet, Ladybird, Gonzo, Rocky, Daisy, Little Rocky and Jake

beautiful day and it seemed like a lot of customers going in and out of the store, so it was no surprise that our dogs collected \$117 in three hours.

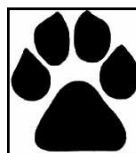


Deb brought Denny Myrick his "event kit" including a fold-up table, tablecloth, donation jar, donation vests for the dogs, business cards, brochures, old newsletters, calendars and informational handouts. New **AGR** member Denny offered to chair this location and make an appearance there once a month; please check our website events calendar for dates. Denny used to chair regular Meet-

and-Greets for the **Arizona Humane Society** at this store, so the store employees and many of the customers know him already, a bonus for **AGR**! Present on April 2<sup>nd</sup> were Tony Cotner with **Daisy** and **Little Rocky**; Denny Myrick with **Jake**; Deb Orwig with **Rocky** and **Ladybird**; Pam Spicer with **Comet**; and Liz Tataseo with **Gonzo**. After doing the transport of two incoming dogs, one from Casa Grande, Dana and Gail Haywood joined us with **Riley** for a little while. It was a lovely day!



Pam practicing "alpha exercises" with Comet



*Santa Claws - Photos with Santa*

By Deb Orwig

**CORRECTION:** Angela Palumbo chaired *Photos with Santa* at the Tempe Marketplace **PetSmart** on three dates, not two as reported in the last issue. Our thanks to Angela, her daughter Michelle, Tony Cotner, Dave Engelhardt and Dana (who played Santa) and Gail Haywood for helping on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Angela and Michelle took 21 pictures and **Daisy Cotner, Maggie and Rex Engelhardt** and **Riley Haywood** helped collect donations (\$113.<sup>75</sup>). They also sold two calendars (\$20). PetSmart has donated \$105 to **AGR** for the efforts of these members on this date. Thanks, everyone!

## A Touch of Gold 2012 Calendar

*AGR's* spectacular graphic artist and photographer, Connie McCabe, has already begun work on our 2012 calendar, *A Touch of Gold*. She has taken some incredible photos of some of our rescues, such as this recent one of **Prince** (the color version that will be in



the calendar is just gorgeous!). If you have an *AGR*-rescued dog that has never been shown in a feature photo (the big one above each month's calendar page), he or she can be considered for one. If you would like Connie or one of our other excellent photographers to try to capture your dog's personality in a picture, please contact Connie at photocraf@aol.com or call her at 602-938-8365 to schedule a photo appointment. If you have a high-resolution photo of your dog that you want to submit for consideration, e-mail it to Connie or send a glossy hard copy of the photo to *AGR's* post office box. In order for Connie to have time to prepare the calendar layout, all photos must be in no later than June 15, 2011.

If a photo of your *AGR*-rescued dog is chosen to appear in the calendar, there will be no cost to you, the owner. However, *AGR* members may again purchase a space for a photo of their own dog(s) in the centerfold of the calendar. A box for one dog is \$50; for a photo of multiple dogs that takes up the same amount of space, the cost is still \$50, but if the photo takes up more space the cost will be \$100 or \$150, depending on whether the photo takes up two or three box spaces, respectively. Members' dogs do not have to be *AGR* rescues, nor do they have to be living (you can dedicate a photo in memory of a dog that has gone to the Bridge), nor do they even have to be Golden Retrievers. The money raised from the centerfold sponsorships will help offset the cost of printing the calendar. The cost for the sponsorship of a photo space is tax deductible. Only 45 box spaces are available. Please send your check to *AGR*, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C<sup>122-158</sup>, Glendale, AZ 85308 as soon as possible.

## Upcoming Events

### Camelback VW/Subaru/Mazda



On the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, *Arizona Golden Rescue* will be hosted by *Camelback VW/Subaru/Mazda* at 1521 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix. General Manager Mark Expo-

sito will set up *AGR* members and their dogs in both showrooms. We will have our literature available and the dogs may wear Donation Vests. The car dealership will donate \$100 to *AGR* for every car they sell during the weekend! Please contact Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net or call 623-693-0589 to let Deb know which day (or both) you will be coming, what time you can be there, and how long you can stay. Last year, we had a great time, and the dealership donated \$2,000 to *AGR*! Hopefully, business will be as good this year. Please join us!

### Phoenix Mercury Dog Days of Summer

A chairman is needed for the seventh annual *Phoenix Mercury Days of Summer* fundraiser, which will be held on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. What do we have to do? Sell tickets. The reserved seats are usually \$49 and all will be in the lower level. Rescue groups have been given a discount price – we will sell the tickets for \$20 each. If we sell 25 tickets, we will earn the right to set up a very visible booth in the foyer of *US Airways Center* and will be able to sell our merchandise and collect donations during the two hours before the game. Last year, we were allowed one dog to represent *AGR* – Sheila Joyce brought **McKenna**, and they did a great job collecting donations! Anyone can purchase tickets from *AGR*. Please ask your family, friends and coworkers if they would like to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to see a terrific team play an exciting game at a really great price. Tickets can be purchased any time up to July 8<sup>th</sup>, when we have to submit the names of ticket purchasers and pay for the tickets. Tickets will be held at Will Call. Please let Deb Orwig know if you are willing to chair this fundraiser.

### PACC 911 Bowl-a-Rama for Animal Rescue

We also need a chairman for this fundraiser, which will take place on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. What do we need to do? Get pledges in support of our special needs dogs. Please contact Deb if interested.



## Golden Hearts



Since we formed *Arizona Golden Rescue* in March 2009, many of our members, as well as some nonmembers, have been extremely generous in helping us financially. There are lots of costs associated with an animal rescue organization and in caring for the dogs that started coming in almost before the ink was dry on the paperwork. We are so grateful to everyone who has taken a chance on our new group and has given us their support. You all truly have hearts of gold! All donations to *AGR* are tax deductible. The donations shown below were made between January 18, 2011 and April 15, 2011. We sincerely apologize if any donors have been omitted.

### General Donations from the Heart

Anonymous (many and generous)  
 Michelle Bailey and Kay Correll (²)  
 Chani and Paul Blakeman  
 Victoria Capps, ***Boston Terrier Rescue***  
 Tony Cotner (⁴)  
 Cricket Forstrom (²)  
 Luciana Funtowicz  
 Julie Hall  
 Krista Hill  
 Lisa Grafitti-Lonius  
 Andrew Jones  
 Greg Korycki and Carrie Foust  
 Anne and Dan Kowalski  
 Pat Morgan  
 Mary Murray and John Donahue  
 Sonomi and Keiji Narihara  
 Denise Padavano  
 Shana Pirtle  
 Janet Smigielski  
 Cindy and Gary Tigges  
***Tranquility Trail Animal Sanctuary***  
 Joyce Weber

### Honorary Donations

*In Honor of Debbie Begley and to wish her well*  
 Krista Cantrell  
 Jackie and Dave Engelhardt  
 Mary and Greg Norby

Note: Debbie has requested that all donations made in her honor be designated to help *AGR* pay the vet bills of dogs that come in with cancer (we have had three so far, two with transmissible venereal tumor and one with a malignancy on her toe, which had to be amputated – we know there will be others)

*In Honor of Rocky, Hayden, Ladybird and Troy's Reading Program with the Children in Desert Foothills Library's After-School Tutoring Group*

Jaime Hansen	Dave McCullam
Susan Hetke	Martha McDowell
Anna Hoffman	Christine O'Mara
Elisabeth Lynn	Barbara Owings

*In Honor of Tony Cotner for turquoise jewelry*  
 Teri Guilbault

*In Honor of Happy Tails Service Dogs*  
 Deb Orwig

*In Honor of Connie McCabe for her photography session with Mary Kate and Ashley*  
 Mary Jo and John Courtney

*In Honor of Deb and Larry Orwig for vacation dog care for Copper and Ripley*  
 Joyce Hubler

*In Honor of Peter Wong's Dogs*  
 Nancy Newton

### Memorial Donations

*In Memory of McGee Brown, an Irish/Golden mix owned by Jenny Brown*  
 Beth and Jon Chaffee

*In Memory of Big Carter/Carreiro*  
 Teri and Jeff Guilbault  
 Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson  
 Deb and Larry Orwig

*In Memory of Angel Hepker*  
 Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson

*In Memory of Montana Holland/ Craven*  
 Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson

In Memory of Australian Shepherd **Skip King**, who helped transport and comfort **AGR** dogs from Tucson to Phoenix

Jane and Gerald King  
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To **Tina Gamez** for donating 14 tickets to a **Phoenix Coyotes** game; **AGR** made \$180 on the sale of these tickets – it was a great game – the **Coyotes** won!

**If you volunteer for Arizona Golden Rescue or any other 501 (c) (3) organization, be sure to keep track of your mileage to and from all activities or events. That mileage is tax deductible at 14¢ per mile, not a lot, but every little bit helps!**

*Congratulations!*

There are some newly-certified therapy dogs in our membership! Our congratulations to **Ripley Hubler**, **Tessa Joyce** and **Sam Atkinson**. All have earned their Canine Good Citizen certificates and have also passed the Therapy Dogs International, Inc. certification test. Joyce Hubler has not yet decided what therapy avenues to pursue with **Ripley**. Along with her Golden sisters **Holly** and **McKenna**, **Tessa** will be volunteering her therapy talents at **Royal Oaks Convalescent Home**. Once **Sam** and his folks, Linda and Bill, return to Arizona from their summer home in Michigan, Bill intends to get **Sam** involved in doing something with kids, perhaps through **Gabriel's Angels**. We have enjoyed the well-behaved presence of all these dogs at numerous **AGR** events and hope they continue to come.



**Ripley Hubler**



L: Sheila Joyce proudly holding **Tessa's** TDI Certificate of Achievement



R: Happy **Tessa** at Bell Rd **PetSmart** Meet-and-Greet



**Sam Atkinson** is a rescued dog but not from **AGR**. He and his folks, Linda and Bill (seen here with **Sam** at the Arrowhead **Barnes & Noble** during the holiday gift wrap season) are active **AGR** members and bring **Sam** to lots of **AGR** events



*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!

Special thanks to Dr. Katie Donahue for compiling the *Magic Moments* section, as well as writing her own column, *The Human Connection*, and to Liz Tataseo for helping me with the *Diamonds in the Ruff* column.

Proofreading before publication is essential. For that daunting task, I thank Dr. Katie Donahue, Teri Guilbault, Erin Orwig, Liz Tataseo, and Carol & Don Thompson.

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