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Alexis St Onge (center) and Karina Helm followed by Dean Mortimore with Sugar



Larry Orwig with Duffy, Viki Snedden behind them

Singing and dancing to the music played by the vocal/guitar duo *Desert Nights* during the Parade of Rescue at *Paws At The Park* – read the article on pages 33 - 36

Editor's Assistants' Notes



Asher, Vin and Duffy Orwig

We were so happy to be able to attend several AGR events during the first quarter of 2022! We got lots of petting from lots of people and helped raise some money for AGR, too, by wearing donation vests. We also got to see several of our Golden friends and meet some new ones – joy! We supported PAC911 by going

to three of their adopt-a-thons – one in Anthem, one in Avondale, and one in Chandler – and we even walked in the Parada Del Sol, where we were, as always, the most popular group in the parade! Our favorite event is always Paws At The Park. Along with 18-month-old toddler Nora Natwick, who danced and clapped, we were rockin' to the great music provided by the Desert Nights guitar & bass vocal duo of AGR member Mike Harman and his friend John Mann. The food was fabulous, too – we snuck some tidbit handouts occasionally, but chef Jeff Guilbault wouldn't give us a whole hamburger or hot dog (aw, gee). It was a great day! We hope you will come next year! In the meantime, please put our upcoming events on your calendar – we'd love to see you this fall!

Wags and Woofs

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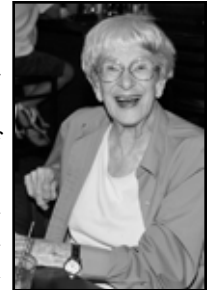


Today, April 16, 2022, I joined Connie McCabe, Liz Tataseo, and Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer along with their certified service dogs, Golden Retrievers Joie and Sucky, at the Celebration of Life ceremony for long-time AGR member Ruth Pulliam. The wonderful ceremony was arranged by her son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Sherrie McCoy, who had made the decision to honor Ruth's love for Golden Retrievers by suggesting to their friends and families that donations in Ruth's memory be made to AGR – we have received several. They also made the trip from Tempe to my home in North Glendale to pick up some 2022 calendars to distribute at the ceremony.

Even though Connie and I knew Ruth for almost 20 years, we found out today that we didn't really know her. Years ago, she was a home evaluator for a while – the "evaluator from hell", as she was dubbed by some. She was picky and strict. She wanted to make sure every family was in compliance with our high standards for approval so that every dog could be matched with the

right family.

Ruth lived in Tempe and attended virtually all Meet-and-Greets and other events we had in the East Valley area. The last time we saw her was before the pandemic hit – we arranged for a ride for her to the golf tournament we hosted in east Chandler – thank you April Crow for going out of your way to transport her. She was so appreciative of our efforts on her behalf – thanked me over and over – and thoroughly enjoyed socializing throughout the dinner. Although she never owned a Golden Retriever, she was passionate about them and strongly supported AGR for rescuing them.



Ruth Pulliam at 2019 golf tournament dinner

We learned a lot about her life at the ceremony today. Among other things, she was a world traveler, spent some time living in Saudi Arabia, and volunteered for quite a few organizations besides AGR. She was a lover of music and the arts, and was a volunteer hostess at Gammage Auditorium and the Tempe Center for the Arts for many years. We will surely miss Ruth's smiling face at our events.

The next time you attend one of our events (we hope you will start coming in the fall when our events resume), take some time to get to know one of the other volunteers a little. You may be surprised to find – as we did about Ruth Pulliam today – that there is a lot more to a person than what meets the eye.

Speaking of resuming events... Our next scheduled event is our major fundraiser for the year, our annual Fore! Paws Golf Tournament. We have already started advertising this tournament – you will find a postcard with all the details included with this newsletter. If you are a golfer, we hope you will golf with us – bring a friend, bring a foursome! If you don't golf, we hope you will attend the fantastic dinner that follows the tournament. During dinner, we will be offering a spectacular selection of raffle and silent auction items, so plan to bring your checkbook or credit card. You can also support the tournament by purchasing a hole sponsorship (\$250) or one of the other available sponsorships. The deadline for our "Earlie Birdie" registration is August 17; after that the price goes up, so be sure to register before mid-August. Please read the article on pages 26-27 for more details about the tournament.

One "WOOF!" I do not want to forget is to commend Debbie Ball for taking on the task of reworking our Policies and Procedures documents. Early on with help from Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue, which had an excellent document they were willing to share, we put together a manual for our own purposes. Our policies and procedures have evolved as we have learned what works best for us, so our manual really needed to be updated.

Debbie has taken on this chore and has done an excellent job collating ideas and comments from the relevant Board and Team members. A big tail wag for Debbie's efforts!

A "WOOF!" also goes out to Connie McCabe. Connie does so much for our organization in addition to serving as a Board member. Although she does not want the title, when our Transport Manager resigned a couple years ago, Connie basically took on this position. She does 90% of the transports – doesn't matter where the dogs need to come in from (California, Lake Havasu City, Flagstaff, Prescott, Queen Creek, anywhere in the Phoenix Metro area, Tucson, etc.), she will drive to get them. She also does many home evaluations and has gone out of her way to train two new Home Evaluators, Sarah Brown and Liz Harman. In addition, she does the graphic design for our newsletter covers, the golf tournament postcard, and any signage we need for advertising purposes on the website, Facebook, or for table displays at events. She also does our calendars and takes most of the photographs for the calendar and at most of our events. She deserves a huge tail wag for all she does. Thanks, Connie!



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One of my goals for my position as Director of Operations is to review and revise our various documented Policies and Procedures. It has been some time since many of these were originally written, and updates are needed to incorporate how tasks are currently handled in our new database. I also want to review with each of the Teams what procedures are working well, what maybe is not working so well, discuss what we can do differently to improve our ability to work cohesively with other teams, and be the most efficient and effective in doing what we do... while remembering that what we do is "all for the dogs!"

On Wednesday March 30th, I met with the Placement Team members Joni, Keri, and Candy at a local restaurant in Tempe. We reviewed the first draft of the revised Policy & Procedures for the Placement Team, discussed updates, and a final revision will be created soon. This document will be useful for training any new Placement team members, as well as provide a reference tool for ensuring correct procedures and policies are being followed. Sections include an Overview on Purpose; Structure and Rotation; Policies; and Steps to Making a Placement from the notification of a dog needing a home, how to use the Excel file to identify a family for the incoming dog, reviewing the Home Evaluations, contacting the prospective family, documentation, and follow-up with the adoptive family during the foster period; and the Placement Manager's responsibilities.

Regarding the topic of Placement, a recent issue of the **Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue's** newsletter perhaps says it best: *Like so many key decisions in life, matching dogs with new families tends to be two-fold: part "science," part "art". The "science," or objective element, involves looking at each dog's specific needs and comparing them to the adopter's lifestyle, work schedule, family structure, etc. The subjective, or "art," element centers on the emotional connection made between the dog and human(s) first meeting. By "connection," we are referring to that "intangible spark" or proverbial "gut feeling" that may or may not always occur. Both the objective and subjective elements come into play when finding that perfect match!*

In the coming months, I plan to review and revise the Policies and Procedures for other teams including Home Evaluations, Intake, Transport, and Membership. And I want to update and publish the various files on our Mission Statement, Code of Conduct, Board of Directors policies and other general topics as files on our database, so that all of these will be readily accessible to the various Team volunteers for reference. A daunting task indeed!

As of this writing in early April, we have taken in 21 dogs so far in 2022, which is an average of approximately 7 dogs per month. As new dogs come in via the Intake team, the Placement Manager is notified and assigns the dogs to a Placement Team volunteer to work on finding an adoptive family. We cannot predict whether the volume of dogs will increase in the near future, but we are always interested in "lessening the load" on our existing volunteers. If you have an interest in volunteering with our Placement Team, or any of the other various Teams listed on the inside front cover, please contact either me or Connie McCabe, our Human Resources Director.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

"The Golden Hours" at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel
Saturday, April 30th – 4 PM to 7 PM

Team-building Meet-and-Greet at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel, Wednesday, May 18th – 2 to 3 PM

Saturday, September 17th – 1 PM to 8 PM

Fore! Paws Golf Tournament: at the spectacular **McCormick Ranch Golf Club** in Scottsdale; dinner will be available for non-golfers as well as for golfers. Read the details on the enclosed postcard and on pages 26-27. Please plan to attend!

Sunday, November 6th – "Dine Out With The Dogs" at Paulie's Little Bite of Italy, 15456 N 99th Ave, Sun City, AZ

Saturday and Sunday, November 12th and 13th – "Phoenix Holiday Pet Expo" at Bell Bank Park, Mesa

Check the website calendar for more events!



Goldens on the Go!

**By Carolyn Brown,
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- G** – Getting Together
- O** – Outdoors or In
- L** – Loads of Fun
- D** – Demonstrating New Tricks Learned
- E** – Enjoying Being with People and Pups
- N** – New Friends and Old
- S** – Socializing Once Again

- O** – Opportunities to Help
- N** – Now and in the Future

- T** – Telling the **AGR** Story
- H** – Helping Raise Funds
- E** – Encouraging Others

- G** – Generating Energy
- O** – Open to Volunteering

As we get back on track after two years of Covid, West Nile and venue restrictions, we in **AGR** look forward to seeing more members out at upcoming events. As more are added to the calendar, we will continue to need volunteers to help make them successful.

All our events focus on three points:

1. Providing a fun, safe environment where our members can bring their Goldens and interact with other members and socialize their Goldens in public settings.
2. Promoting *Arizona Golden Rescue's* mission and telling our story so that more people are aware of it and support us.
3. Presenting fund-raising events to raise the monies necessary to cover the medical expenses we incur with the Goldens and Golden-mixes we rescue.

So, to help our members learn about these events and what type of help we need at each one, I have established a special e-mail address just for event information. It is AGRactivityinfo@gmail.com. If you have not been receiving e-mails about events over the last few months, please make sure **AGR** has your correct e-mail address. Simply send your name and e-mail address to AGRactivityinfo@gmail.com and I will make sure the e-mail address you sent is the one currently in the **AGR** database.

Once events are confirmed, they will also appear under the “Calendar” section of the **AGR** web page (www.ArizonaGoldenRescue.org). Summer will, of course, have very limited activities since the heat makes it too hard on both pups and people. Fall will be filled with plenty of fun activities, starting with the **AGR Fore! Paws Golf Tournament**. So, mark your calendars to golf or volunteer on Saturday, September 17th at the spectacular **McCormick Ranch Golf Club** in Scottsdale. See the postcard insert enclosed in this newsletter and the article on pages 26-27, start putting your foursome together and get registered!



The Information Highway

**By Adam Cardinal,
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Making Peace With Social Media

If you have been engaging with **AGR** for six months or more, I think you likely can see we are not a “bleeding edge” or even a “cutting edge” organization. And I think we are okay with that – being on the forward curve of change involves taking risks that we would prefer not to take. One of those is financial risk – when we know that each expense on new services, new engagement platforms, new fundraising or delivery products directs funds away from dog care, we think long and hard. We look to see how other organizations sharing common characteristics as ours use social tools to achieve the goals we have set for the organization. We look to understand their business model and how they plan to generate profit. Far too many organizations have traded away good will – and their members and volunteer support – by sharing data they have been entrusted with (member data, credit cards, bank account info) to a service provider who is not only not properly vetted, but also who has an established interest in deriving income from core activities. If one of their core activities is data aggregation and data sales for marketing purposes, you have to have known that the selling of your donor lists, volunteer contacts, etc. was part of the plans. We don't do it.

One of my pet peeves is when a business I patronize asks me to “Follow Me on Facebook.” I can only wonder why they wasted my time and theirs by engaging in an activity without a supporting strategy.

The most common goal/strategy for social media use is called “customer engagement.” At its most basic, customer engagement is a method to remain “front of mind.” Marketing studies show consumers are likely to forget the business from which they made a one-time purchase of goods and services – regardless whether they are satisfied or unsatisfied with the transaction. Because of consumer forgetfulness, businesses, by inference, must commit to

steady state, ongoing advertising, visibility marketing and public relations activity if they hope to attract new customers while keeping existing customers.

Studies have shown that businesses with the highest rates of repeat customer activity on infrequent purchases (2X a year or less) are those who regularly engage with their customers – not just in promoting additional goods and services, but also in making the consumer feel that they have built a connection with the business – so when they think about a repeat purchase they won't go out searching again for the lowest price, nearest provider etc. Through ongoing engagement, the consumer remembers the business and can recommend it to other friends, neighbors etc. Ongoing interaction makes the consumer feel like an "insider" – someone who is privy to advanced notice of new products, locations, features. All of this is done at a higher conversion rate than with media (television, radio, newspaper), direct mail (junk mail, postcards, coupon services), and visual advertising (billboards, road signage, lobby cards, dinner menus, etc.).

Far too many businesses adopt a social media presence without a plan to do the primary thing that keeps customers engaged – make updates. When I look at the businesses I follow, the majority never appear on my Facebook feed. When I visit the page, I see content that is 2 to 3 years old. I see merchants posting the same content over and over again for weeks – or even months – until the consumer visually tunes out the merchant when looking at his or her newsfeed.

There are some frequent behaviors effective users of social media employ to create engagement. These are some of the most common:

1. Engage – don't advertise

To create relevant and engaging social media content, a business must include showing its posters and readers that they care about them. The focus should be on starting and joining conversations, not advertising services. The more events and appeals are limited, the more power they have when you post them. Recognize the type of content that is relevant to your followers.

2. Emotion matters

Social networks allow people to build profiles that are extensions of who they are. People interact with and share content that communicates their desired identity. Think about what your product or service says about those who use or buy it.

3. Keep content current

Use current events and trending subjects in a creative way to engage users and join conversations. Activity on pages – along with interactions with that content – drives social media logic to make the business site more visible in the feeds of followers and potential followers.

4. Laugh (or cry)

Humor – you don't always remember the jokes, but you remember that you laughed. Similarly with sadness – or outrage. The emotion your content elicits will create a memory.

5. Take a stand

Showing support for a cause is something that people are eager to express. Let the passion you have for your organization shine by highlighting the services your organization provides. Be inspiring and your readers will be inspired to share.

6. Keep it positive

Being positive promotes engagement and encourages sharing.

If you are looking for samples of this content in action take a look at the *AGR* Facebook page. *AGR* is fortunate to have Kathy Blue as a volunteer social media coordinator. She has helped make *AGR's* page a place people want to visit even when they are not actively looking to adopt a Golden. They will find great Golden photos and short videos, personal recollections, referrals for vets, groomers and other service providers, discussion about medical treatments, feeding, treats and supplements along with warnings about seasonally relevant dangers and how to keep your pet safe.

To make sure that content appears in your feed, don't just read posts – interact with them. Like a post that catches your eye – post a question; respond to someone else's question. But most of all, see what a great job Kathy Blue has done in building our social media presence.

I also want to alert you to a feature on *AGR's* Facebook page – the **DONATE Button!** Whenever *AGR* accepts a donation that is processed via credit card, the card processor and web merchant take at least 4% off the top – some take more. That is why we assess a fee to use credit cards on our website or when Deb Orwig processes a transaction – so that we get the actual amount specified. Facebook is processing payments for nonprofits with no fee. Facebook says this is their "current" policy. But if you have been meaning to make a donation and have not yet mailed in a check because you didn't want to pay the credit card fee online, there is another reason for you to visit the *AGR* Facebook page – a fast transaction with no fee!

ResQwalk is a free app, available on Android and iPhone, to track your walking, running or biking. After you download the app on your phone, select *Arizona Golden Rescue* as your preferred organization. On Android: <http://goo.gl/utJI>; for iPhone: <http://goo.gl/OmvG8H>. Before starting your walk, run or bike ride, turn the app on and GPS will track your distance. **ResQwalk** will map your walk and keep track of your total distance over time. Each mile turns into \$\$ for *AGR*!



The Human Connection

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

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

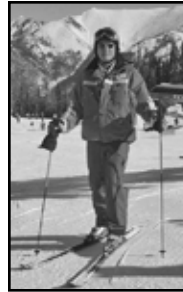
So, since this is the "Human Connection" column, in every issue I am going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and stories about some of the people you think you know. Hopefully you will learn something new about them and gain more insight into how they got here. I have generally been going in order of membership number, beginning at "one" and featuring several members every column. You may notice that there are some missing member numbers. I know there are a lot of people who really just wanted to adopt a dog and have no interest in participating in **AGR** activities. I will respect the privacy of those who prefer not to be active and just concentrate on those who are, or have been, most active in the organization.

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



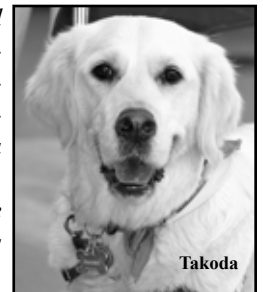
Let's start off with Mike Wilson. You may have seen Mike with his beautiful best girl, **Takoda**, at one of the many **AGR** events he attends.

In Mike's words, *For 28 years after college, I worked for Chevrolet Motor Division in their marketing department with various field and headquarters management assignments. 18 months after being brought back from the Denver field office to Headquarters to launch a new product distribution program, I decided to take advantage of a special early retirement at the ripe young age of 50 and returned to my Colorado mountains teaching skiing in the winters and golf in the summers. Living the dream!*



*There I got my first Golden, **Bailey**, who enjoyed 12 wonderful years of Colorado summers and Florida winters after I gave up teaching skiing. After **Bailey** crossed the Bridge, I decided to move my winters to Arizona because I love the West so much. One night at the course, a golf club member said I needed a new Golden and got me in touch with her friend at the **Naples Humane Society** and I adopted **Amy**, who was the poster dog for **The City of Naples'** first cell dog program where inmates learn to be dog trainers.*

*In 2016, I moved to **Sun City Festival** and sadly lost **Amy** at age 7 the following summer. I found **AGR** and got on their adoption list. Since no young dogs were coming in, Deb encouraged me to search for a puppy, and I found **Takoda** in San Jacinto, CA. I was able to get her just 3 days before Christmas in 2018. The name **Takoda** is Sioux for "Friend to Everybody."*



*In 2018, I sadly left Colorado behind due to altitude intolerance and became a full-time Arizona resident. **Takoda** loves attending **AGR** events and playing with her "cousins". Every day she climbs right in the golf cart to head to a play date at our community dog park with her BFF, **Mayzee**, a Goldendoodle. **Takoda** always pouts when I head out to play golf, but she's looking forward to being a host at this year's **AGR** Golf Tournament, since I will be recovering from back surgery and not playing (darn)!*

Next, meet Thomas Glenn and Lindsay Gross.

From Thomas: *Hi, **AGR** Members! Our names are Thomas Glenn and Lindsay Gross. We were **Rambo's** adoptive parents. I own a remodeling company, and Lindsay is an Assistant Director of Operations. We are both 34 and live in Chandler.*



*My childhood dog was a Golden we took in from family in Kansas, so I knew how wonderful the breed is. Before we found **AGR**, we were going back and forth about adopting another Pug but didn't have a positive experience with a couple of local Pug Rescues. I randomly did a google search for "Golden Retriever Rescue AZ" and **AGR** came up!*

*We submitted the application with a special interest in **Rambo**, because our Pug at the time was also a senior. We were very impressed with how thorough and kind everyone who we communicated with was from start to finish. I believe it took less than 10*

days after we submitted the application to have **Rambo** become the 4th member of our family.



Rambo was a perfect fit for our lifestyle and personalities. We never realized how fulfilling adopting a senior was going to be. There is a good feeling you get knowing that you'll be providing a loving home for a dog in their golden years, but it becomes more gratifying than that. It was completely obvious that **Rambo** was truly happy after he knew he was going to be with

us long term. Golden retrievers are very expressive, and he truly showed his happiness. He thanked us every day by loving us with all his heart. We are so thankful for all the time we shared with him.

We'll forever be **AGR** members and have so much gratitude for what this organization does for the good boys and girls, and the families they end up with.

Thank you, Thomas and Lindsay, for giving that great old man the best home he ever had.



Health and Safety

By Liz Tataseo, Health Care Manager

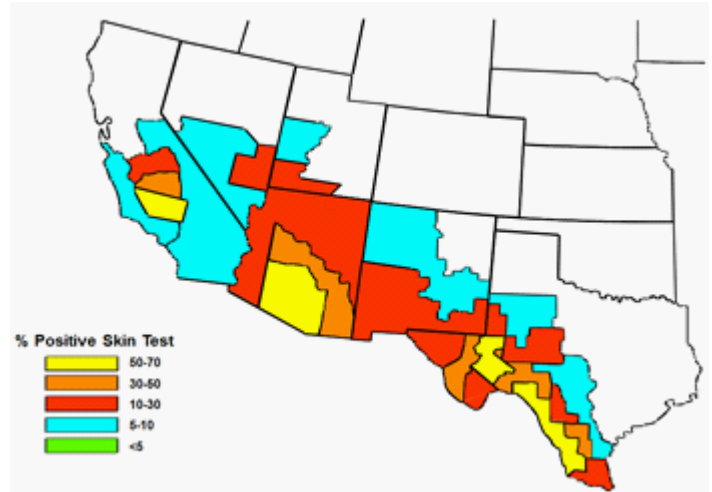
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Valley Fever (Coccidiomycosis)

Three dogs, three different manifestations, and all of them with the same disease: valley fever (VF). **22-007 TK** was surrendered in an extremely severe condition because he had been without treatment for over one year. His titer was initially 1:256, the highest that can be measured by testing. He had lost over 30 lbs, was skin and bones and could not walk. X-rays showed he had bone lesions in most of his bigger bones and jaw area.



22-008 Madonna, when surrendered, had a titer of 1:128, the second highest measurable titer. She was not in an extreme condition, but she was lethargic, lacked energy and developed an actual fever (some don't get a fever). After several vet visits and tests, she was diagnosed with a probable bone lesion on her breastbone and mammary tumors that might be related to



the VF. **22-013 Oliver** came in with a known titer of 1:32 and had no overt symptoms. However, his original vet had said the VF had lodged in his eye, and **AGR's** ophthalmologist is sure he is blind in that eye.



Because valley fever is endemic to Arizona, one of the blood tests that **AGR** asks all of our vets to do is the cocci test. If you look at the map above, you can see the percentage of dogs positive for valley fever in various areas of the Southwest. Arizona is one of those areas that have a high percentage of dogs that have been found positive for the disease. Many dogs have no symptoms for the disease even though positive, which is why **AGR** has every rescue over 6 months of age tested. Some exhibit classic symptoms such as coughing, limping, lack of appetite and energy and possibly fever like **Madonna**. Valley fever is not contagious and cannot be passed from animal to animal or to people.

What is valley fever?¹ Valley fever in dogs (and humans) is caused by the fungus, *Coccidioides spherules*, which grows in the soil and can become airborne during wind, construction, or farming. Infection occurs when the individual, whether dog or human, inhales the spores. Valley fever symptoms can occur within three weeks of inhalation and the first sign can be a lingering cough. About one-third of individuals can fight off the respiratory infection caused by the fungus, which often presents as a prolonged case of flu. Risk factors for dogs are young (under 6 yrs of age), large breed and dogs that are active as working or sporting breeds. Dogs that are outside during the day are five times more likely to become infected and walking in the desert increases the risk of getting VF. About 70% of dogs who inhale the fungus do not become sick. In others it can be a mild case or prolonged, debilitating and potentially lethal. Valley fever incidence is one of the reasons **AGR** considers all dogs adopted to be inside dogs.

Valley fever titers. Valley fever levels are measured by a ratio called a titer, which measures the antibody levels in a dog's blood. The titer results are on an exponential scale. When a dog has been exposed to the fungus, their immune system begins to produce antibodies to fight the fungus. Dogs that are positive for valley fever at the 1:2 or 1:4 titer levels are considered exposed but without an active disease and usually do not receive medication, but **AGR** does have the dog return for a retest in three months to make sure the titer is still low. Exposure levels of 1:8, 1:16 and up are given an antifungal drug called fluconazole (which is the generic form of diflucan). **AGR** recommends giving a dog milk thistle and Sam-E or Denamarin (combo of both) to offset any liver issues that can be caused by the fluconazole.

Most dogs will have to take the anti-fungal medication for several months up to 1-2 yrs. Some that have a very high initial titer may have to be on the drug for a longer time. Dogs with the more common respiratory infection will usually start feeling better in one to two weeks but must remain on the medication to completely eradicate the fungus. **TK** has had 6 weeks of Abelcet IV infusions, a stronger antifungal drug, has gained about 20 lbs and is getting more active. His recovery is still considered guarded.

Disseminated form of VF. Dogs and people can also get the disseminated form of valley fever if left untreated for a long period of time, as in **TK's** case. Valley fever can most often spread to the bones of an individual and cause lameness or swelling of the legs, and at its worse, bone lesions and calcification. But it can infect almost any organ in the body including the eye, as it did for **Oliver**. Dogs with disseminated valley fever are usually prescribed pain medication to support the time required for the anti-fungal medication to work. The time needed for a dog to be on medication for the disseminated form is usually a much longer period of time. All three of the dogs mentioned in this article have the disseminated form; **TK** will probably never get off the meds.

The **Valley Fever Center for Excellence**, located at the **University of Arizona** in Tucson, was established to address the problems caused by the fungus, *Coccidioides*, the cause of coccidioidomycosis (valley fever). Two-thirds of all infections in the United States occur in Arizona, mostly in the urban areas surrounding Phoenix and Tucson. The **Center's** mission is to mobilize resources for the eradication of valley fever through:

- 1) the development of public awareness and education about valley fever
- 2) the promotion of high quality care for patients with valley fever
- 3) the pursuit and encouragement of research into all aspects of *Coccidioides* sp. and the diseases that it causes.¹

AGR feels that all dogs going to their forever homes should be given the best chance to have a long and healthy life. While we cannot predict or account for health issues that develop after a dog

is adopted, by doing blood work (which includes a valley fever test and a snap test that checks for both heartworm and tick fever), vaccinations, a complete health exam and treatment of any injury or condition a dog initially brings into Rescue, adopted dogs are given a solid chance for a happy, healthy life.

You may have read or heard about a vaccine for valley fever and YES there is one – it is not yet widely available but should be soon. Excerpt below of VF Vaccine story from AZ Central by Melina Walling².

Dr. Lisa Shubitz and Marc Orbach didn't set out to make a vaccine, much less the first vaccine of its kind in the world. But that's exactly what they did, thanks to Orbach's connection with a corn geneticist, Shubitz's lifelong passion for animals, a novel method of vaccine manufacturing and the fundraising efforts of a determined cadre of pet lovers.

*Now their team at the **Valley Fever Center for Excellence at the University of Arizona** has announced that their new vaccine is highly effective at protecting dogs against valley fever. The vaccine, the researchers say, is the first to combat a fungal disease of any kind, a landmark step in vaccine research and genetics.*

*Orbach and his team set to work tweaking the DNA of the fungus based on what scientists studying corn fungus discovered. When they deleted the gene of interest, called *cps-1*, they realized that mice infected with the "deleted gene fungus" didn't get sick. Mice that had been previously given the "deleted gene harmless strain of valley fever" didn't get sick when exposed to the disease-causing strain.*

"It's spores in a bottle ... We just grow the spores and that's the vaccine," Galgiani said.

*That process is revolutionary in its own way, explained Dr. David Bruyette, chief medical officer at **Anivive Lifesciences**. Normally, Bruyette said, fungus is the last thing vaccine manufacturers want in a facility, because it's considered a contaminant for viral or bacterial vaccines. So, they had to create a new way to mass-produce and package the harmless *Coccidioides* spores. After putting the right number of spores into a vial, manufacturers will deep freeze the vials in a special process that preserves the fungi without using water. That turns them into a powdery substance that a veterinarian can later turn into an injectable form using a saline solution.*

At this point in time, **TK**, **Madonna** and **Oliver** are still undergoing diagnosis and treatment to help them achieve the healthiest lives they can have. Currently, all are eating well, enjoying life and thriving in their new homes.

¹ www.vfce.arizona.edu/GeneralInfo/WhatIsValleyFever.aspx

² AZCentral: Melina Walling is a bioscience reporter who covers COVID-19, health, technology, agriculture and the environment. You can contact her via email at mwalling@gannett.com or on Twitter @MelinaWalling

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

As you can see by reviewing the financial table on page 11, our vet expenses for just the first quarter of 2022 were about \$52,616. At this rate (which hopefully will not continue, but who knows?), we will spend over \$200,000 just for vet treatments before the end of this year, and this amount includes the discounts given to our Rescue by our generous vets. Yeow! We had some really expensive dogs during the first quarter!

We will not skimp on expenses for our rescued dogs – we do for them whatever our vets recommend. You can see where most of the money has gone for the 22 dogs we have rescued so far this year by reading the *Diamonds In The Ruff* column on pages 12-13. We don't even have expenses recorded by the end of March for several of the dogs we rescued in March.

Please read the article on page 11 and contribute whatever you can to our *Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs*. We need your help so that we don't go into the red during the summer.



The Betty White Challenge

Once someone has had the good fortune to share a true love affair with a Golden Retriever, one's life and one's outlook is never quite the same.
~ Betty White

Betty White, a champion of animal welfare and a fellow Golden lover, passed away on December 31, 2021. Her 99th birthday would have been on January 17, 2021. In order to honor Betty, many Golden Retriever Rescue groups, including *AGR*, issued a challenge to their members/supporters to make a donation in Betty's memory. Notification about this Challenge went out at the beginning of January, and people really came through: we received a total of **\$4,270.85** from 95 Facebook donors, 18 PayPal donors and 5 checks being sent! We were thrilled, as we'd had no idea this challenge would be so successful! Nationwide, Golden Retriever Rescue organizations (there are over 100) collected over a million dollars! Betty would have been astonished and grateful that she could engender such loyalty for a cause she believed in. As a result, the collective group of Golden Retriever Rescues nationwide have agreed to host a similar fundraiser every year to honor Betty White's birthday. All who donated to *AGR* in Betty's memory are listed on page 38.

Arizona Gives Day: April 5-6, 2022

This year, *Arizona Gives Day* went from noon on Tuesday, April 5th to noon on Wednesday, April 6th. However, the early-donation window opened on March 17th; we had far more donations ahead of the actual "day" than we did during the designated 24-hour period for giving. *AGR* did not quite reach the goal I had set when I registered the organization, \$8,000, but we came close: \$6,790 through *AZGives* by the close of the donation period. However, we also got \$95 from checks sent in that specified *AZGives Day*, and three donations came in after noon on April 6th totaling \$620, all of which brought our total for this fundraiser to **\$7,505**. We will actually receive the *AZGives* donations 4 to 6 weeks after the close of the donation period, and then it will not be until the end of June when we receive that \$620 which came in after the close of the 24-hour *AZGives* period. Incentive prizes for total number of donations, as well as in many other categories, had not been announced as of this writing. Individual donations to *AGR* ranged from \$5 to \$500 – all donations were important and gratefully received. We sincerely thank all of you who donated.

Becky Allegra
Peggy Alexander
Anonymous
Teddi Axne
Nancy Bae
Anita and Bryan
Bakke
Debbie Ball
Kathryn Blue
Ann Bogle
Sharon Briggs
Holli Bronaugh
Patricia Brown
Carolyn Brown
Beth Chaffee
Jon Chaffee
Joni Cipollone
April Crow
Karen Davis
Phil Davis
Andrea Decker
Jill Deluce
Katie Donahue
Patrick Doyle
Emilie Duncan
Mary Engstrom
Nicole Fair
Beverly Farrar-Host
Adrienne Farrell
Isabel Fastiggi

Brenton Fischer
Sharon Flores
Patricia Forte
Thomas Glenn
Carol Gora
Lindsay Gross
Teri and Jeff Guilbault
Kay Hale
Steph Harding
Bonnie Hargrave
Liz and Mike Harman
Sheila Joyce
Beverly Kelly
Rochelle Kelman
Terry Kelman
David Kimmel
Donna Kozel
Bonnie Kreger
Kaitlyn Landess
Mary Lisman
Karie Lurie
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Reporting period: January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022**Total Assets as of April 20, 2022: \$308,458.07**

	Income	Expenses
Adoption Application Fee	\$1,200.00	\$ 775.00
Adoption Income	5,401.00	
Calendars		
Sales	241.00	
Credit Card & PayPal Expense		379.50
Donations		
General Fund	17,372.85	
Honorary	2,435.00	
Memorial	3,308.00	
Summer Fundraiser		
Event Expense		100.00
Grants	22,900.00	
Interest	6.04	
Internet Services		163.80
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Memberships	7,315.00	
Merchandise & shipping	3,411.00	
Office Expenses		396.16
Paws At The Park	1,430.80	230.49
Auction	1,020.00	
Donations	457.34	
Prizes	810.00	
Postage		337.89
Rent or Lease		827.94
Stationery & Printing		2,253.23
Telephone		55.08
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		140.00
Boarding		588.00
Food (Rx and for Puppies)		697.57
Grooming		85.00
Microchip Expense		69.83
Veterinary Services		52,615.67
TOTAL	\$67,308.03	\$59,725.16
NET INCOME: \$7,582.87		
Checking Account as of 04-20-22:	\$163,177.52	
The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 04-20-22:	\$ 21,141.32	
Savings Account as of 04-20-22:	\$124,139.23	
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 04-20-22:	\$ 24,329.92	

Vicki Nelson	Christine Spiel
Wendy Nelson	Marla Spriggs
Jeff and Kelli Nowak	Kerri Swischuk
Deb and Larry Orwig	PDO/Mariah McCormick
Denise Padavano	Joan Takamine
Patrick Parker	Liz Tataseo
Fred Prose	Sanja Tetaric
Jocelyn Raught	Cindy Tigges
Amanda Romano	Jane Triplett
Josephine Sala	Janelle Weaver
Cindy Sandner	Mary Whitmer
Terry Sandidge	Joseph (Mike) Wilson
Jolene Schlichter	Kathi Youhas
Vicki Snedden	
Kim Spehar	<i>Thank you, all!</i>

Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs

If you are an **AGR** adopter, you will receive a mailing in July about our *Summer Fundraiser for Special Needs Dogs*. The letter is basically a plea for donations to support our 2021-22 Special Needs Dogs, including many of those mentioned in *Diamonds in the Ruff* columns in the last year.

Years ago when **AGR** co-founder Debbe Begley passed away, we established the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. The money in this account has been used for dogs coming into Rescue with cancer (we have had several) or to help with medical bills that amount to over \$5,000 for any one dog (again, several dogs are always in this category in a given year). In years past when we hosted *Paws & Pasta* or *Dine Out With The Dogs*, we deposited that revenue in the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*. We have also occasionally received individual donations to this fund outside of dedicated events. With the numerous expensive-to-treat dogs we have taken in since last July, we have really hit this Fund hard.

During the summer, we usually take in more dogs than in any other 3-month period, but we have no significant fundraisers between April and September. Even the Meet-and-Greets are cancelled due to the extreme heat. With very few of our rescues, the amount of money we need to spend to ensure that the dog is healthy is less than the dog's adoption fee. However, for the majority of dogs we have placed in new forever homes, our costs have been more than the adoption fee, and in some cases thousands of dollars more.

We do not for a moment begrudge any amount of money we have spent improving the health of our rescued dogs. But the money we have spent above and beyond what was covered by the adoption fees has to be recovered by other means, and those means are our fundraisers.

You do not have to be an adopter of an **AGR** dog to help us raise some needed funds at this time of year when nothing much is coming in. If you can help **AGR** financially, please send your check to **AGR**, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308. Or, you can contact Deb Orwig by e-mail (dorwigaz@cox.net) or phone (623-693-0589) to let her know you want to donate using a credit card. Zelle transactions (Chase bank, **Arizona Golden Rescue**, info@arizonagoldenrescue.org) are also gratefully received as they do not cost the donor or **AGR** anything. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. All donations that are sent in during July and August will go into the Debbe Begley Memorial Fund.

Announced on 4-21-22 by **AZGives**: **AGR** received a \$500 prize in the Small Organizations category for Early Giving "Most Unique Donors"

Calendar Sponsorships

By Connie McCabe

photocraf@aol.com; 602-509-6428

Would you like to help sponsor the *AGR* 2023 calendar? And have your dog's photo in the centerfold Sponsor Gallery?

If you would like to sponsor your dog(s) in the centerfold Gallery of our 2023 calendar, let me know as soon as possible. I would like to have all of the spots filled by **July 15**. We have plenty of photo spots available – don't be shy! The total number will be limited to 44 spots, first come, first served. Photo spots are reserved for *AGR* members only, but the dog (or other pet) does not have to be from *AGR*, and they do not have to be a Golden Retriever. Any breed, any species except human.

Donations for the sponsorships are fully tax deductible if you are able to itemize deductions on your tax return. A photo may show more than one dog. Since printing costs have gone up significantly and the Gallery photos help pay for the printing of the calendar, each photo is now **\$60**, no matter how many dogs are in the picture. The photo may be of a dog or any other animal you currently have (doesn't matter if it's a Golden or not) or may be of one who has gone to the Bridge. No people in the photos, please. You don't have to have a photo in order to reserve a spot – your payment is your reservation. However, please do not submit payment until you have verified via e-mail, text or phone that there are spots remaining, as they sell out quickly. If you have no suitable photo, I will be happy to help you get one. Or, we have several photographers around the Valley who might be willing to help. If it's an *AGR* dog, then I probably have a photo that would be suitable. If you have a high-resolution photo you want to use, e-mail it to Connie McCabe at photocraf@aol.com or send a glossy hard copy photo to our PO Box. Or, let me know if you need help with getting a photo.

If your *AGR* dog was adopted in the second half of 2021 or first half of 2022, their photo may be in the calendar anyway at no charge, either as a small photo or a feature photo. But you are always welcome to buy a sponsorship photo, too, or sponsor another dog (or any other pet). You can always check with me at photocraf@aol.com to verify if your 2021/2022 dog will be in the calendar anyway. Remember, your money is your reservation! Please secure your reservation by sending your check, using Zelle, or calling Deb Orwig (see below).

Please send a check for **\$60** per photo to *AGR*, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308 or call Deb Orwig with your credit card information: 623-693-0589. If you pay by credit card, we charge a 4% convenience fee, which will make the cost of one sponsorship **\$62.40**. Please do not e-mail credit card information! You may also pay by Zelle: our bank is **Chase**, our account name is Arizona Golden Rescue and our e-mail address is info@arizonagoldenrescue.org.

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Debbie Ball

“Diamonds in the Ruff” are dogs on which *AGR* has had to spend at least \$2,000. Please consider donating to help with the expenses of a specific dog, or just designate *Diamonds in the Ruff*. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and will be acknowledged.



21-011 Toyko/Raya came into Rescue as a beautiful, young, 9-month-old female purebred Golden who was an emergency surrender by her owner in late March 2021, due to his living arrangements. She was initially boarded at *Kenel Care* in Chandler, and subsequently received initial vetting at *Four-Legged Friends* for some tests and medications related to an apparent “bug.” In

May 2021 after a surgical consult and radiographs were done, it was determined that she would need to have two hip surgeries for hip dysplasia, with the right one being worse than the left. In June 2021, she had her first hip replacement and that procedure alone was over \$8,700. In January 2022, she had an epispioplasty (vulva fix) due to persistent urinary tract infections. **Toyko** is currently being fostered by Teri and Jeff in Sun City who plan to adopt her and have renamed her **Raya**. First quarter 2022 expenses cost *AGR* **\$3,415**. Total expenses for Raya since Intake have been \$15,904. *Editor's Note: Raya had her second hip surgery on April 14th. The cost for this second hip replacement was \$8659.44, making Raya's total cost to date \$24,563. Teri has already brought Raya to several AGR events to help replace some of this money. The Golden Retriever Foundation helped us with a total grant of \$1,200 towards Raya's expenses.*

22-005 Belle was an estimated 12-year-old female purebred Golden rescued from the *Maricopa County Animal Care & Control* shelter. She did have some serious medical concerns, but her behavior was noted as easy and friendly. She had received her vaccines at the shelter. However, she had to have a visit to the ER at *Scottsdale Vet Clinic* for bloodwork,



cocci screen, X-rays, and some medications. She was found to have spondylosis in the lumbar spine, compromised lung issues, pneumonia, valley fever, and mammary cancer which had metastasized. A few days later, she was seen at *Phoenix Mountain*

Animal Hospital for a complete diagnostic profile and additional medications, since eating was a challenge for her. **Belle** was lovingly fostered by Mike and Lew in Scottsdale and renamed **Bella**, but after only a short few days it was felt best to send her to the Bridge, as she was declining quickly. Expenses for sweet **Bella** have cost **AGR \$2,132**. We are grateful to the **Golden Retriever Foundation's April Fund** for a grant of \$600 and for a grant of \$1,000 from **Phoenix Animal Care Coalition (PACC911)** to help with her expenses. In addition, we would like to thank the generous doctors from **All About Restful Pets** who helped send **Bella** peacefully to the Bridge at Mike and Lew's home and made a donation to **AGR** in her memory.



22-007 Trunks is a 4-year-old male purebred Golden. He had been diagnosed with valley fever 1½ years ago and was put on Diflucan, but the owners stopped giving him the medication after three months because they could no longer afford the expense. **Trunks** had sores on his legs which were kept wrapped so he wouldn't lick them. He was initially vetted at **Animal Medi-**

cal & Surgical Center in Scottsdale as an emergency intake due to his condition, as he hadn't eaten any food or drunk any water in two days. An exam was done along with bloodwork, radiographs, hospitalization and medications. **Trunks** was diagnosed by an internal medicine specialist to have a severe case of valley fever with an initial titer of 1:256, complicated with bone lesions, and MMM, Masticatory Muscle Myositis, meaning the dog cannot fully open his mouth to eat. Oral anti-fungal meds were continued and infusion medication Abelcet was added for a more aggressive approach. No cancer was noted and his thyroid tested normal. **Trunks** received a total of 12 infusion procedures (twice a week for 6 weeks) at **VetMed**, with the last one on March 24th. He is currently being fostered by Liz, our Health Care Manager, who fondly renamed him **TK**. Liz reports that **TK** is doing well, is able to eat three times a day, is gaining weight, and is much more active. Further medical evaluation is needed before we can search for a forever home for **TK**. Expenses so far for **Trunks/TK** have cost **AGR \$16,066**. We are grateful to the **Golden Retriever Foundation's April Fund** for a grant of \$600 and to the **Phoenix Animal Care Coalition (PACC911)** for a grant of \$1,500 to assist with his expenses.

22-008 Madonna is a 2½-year-old unspayed white female Goldendoodle. She was surrendered by her owner due to financial problems and having to move to an apartment. **Madonna** was known to have valley fever. She received her initial vetting including updated vaccines, grooming, and other routine tests at



Academy West Animal Hospital. In mid-February, she was found to have a lump near a mammary gland, which was examined and Cytopoint injections given along with Carprofen. In early March, **Madonna** was taken for an emergency exam due to bloody stool, not eating and lethargy; medications were given and it was recommended to have her mammary chain removed. Her cocci titer remains high at 1:128 and she remains on fluconazole for treatment. X-rays have revealed she has a breastbone mass that may be bone lesions from the valley fever. **Madonna** is being fostered by Janet and John in Mesa, and they plan to adopt her. Expenses for **Madonna** so far have cost **\$2,121**, and will increase as she still needs to be spayed and have the mammary chain removal surgery.

22-011 Chewy is a large 1½-year-old unneutered white male Goldendoodle. He was surrendered by his owner who had received him from a relative to avoid the dog being put on Craigslist. He is a sweet and gentle boy, but very vocal and in need of training, a big counter surfer and chewer if not supervised. **Chewy** received his initial vetting at **Academy West** and was initially



fostered by Cory and Matt in Scottsdale, but they decided he was not the right dog for them. A second foster home was found with Mike and Kendall in Scottsdale who plan to adopt him and have renamed him **Theo**. **Chewy** was examined at **Phoenix Mountain Animal Hospital** due to vomiting, diarrhea and not eating; radiographs were done, but no blockage was found. His neuter surgery was scheduled but aborted due to his undescended testicles. On March 28th, Dr. Jay at **AMSC** performed an exploratory laparotomy and ultrasound and removed the undescended testicles. **Chewy's** first-quarter expenses have so far totaled **\$6,058**.



22-014 Apollo is a 7-month-old unneutered black male Goldendoodle. He was surrendered by his owner who could not afford the surgery after **Apollo** broke his leg (femur) after jumping from some stairs to a hard floor below. **Apollo** was taken immediately to **VetMed** for an emergency exam and radiographs, and surgery was done the next day to stabilize the broken femur with an open reduction

and internal fixation via interlocking nail. Our **AGR** transporters, Connie and Nick, agreed to foster **Apollo** for two weeks and keep him quiet and stable while he initially healed. Currently, **Apollo** is being fostered by Diane and Todd in Phoenix, who plan to adopt him and have renamed him **Bentley**. He is still being kept confined while he heals, but is looking forward to when he can run and play with his "sister" Doodle **Sedona**. Expenses for **Apollo/Bentley** so far have cost **\$6,447**, but he still needs to be neutered.

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Deb Orwig

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for; perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from January 15, 2022 through April 15, 2022. All adoptions finalized after April 15th will be in the next issue.



Above: Goldie and Dude at intake
Below: Goldie and Dude after grooming to remove their very matted and dirty coats



21-041 Goldie and 21-042 Dude, who have been together their entire lives, were surrendered last October because the husband has health issues but wanted to travel more when he was well. The dogs had been kept in the back yard all the time. They were adopted as a pair by Mary in Scottsdale. They are both 8-year-old Golden-doodles – **Goldie** is blond, **Dude** is grey. Their coats were so dirty and matted, the groomer had to shave them down. Neither dog was up to date on vaccinations, and both needed to be tested for valley fever and heartworm. **Goldie** was not spayed and was obese at 85 pounds –

our vet said she needs to lose 20 pounds before she can be spayed, so we provided an adoption addendum for the spay. By the end of March, she was down to 71 lbs – at the weight-loss rate she has had (14 lbs in 5 months), we should be able to have the spay done in another couple of months. The adopter will be happy about that, since **Goldie** has already gone into heat once since being placed. Fortunately, **Dude** is already neutered, so we do not have to worry about any mating accidents. **Goldie's** teeth were OK, but **Dude** needed a dental and ended up having 6 teeth extracted.



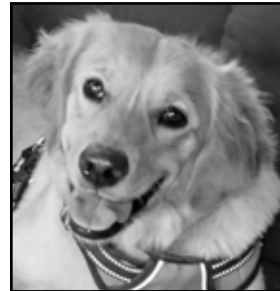
Goldie

Although he has been asymptomatic, **Dude** tested positive for valley fever with a titer of 1:8, so he was started on fluconazole. After 3 months on



Dude

the medication, he tested at 1:2 but the vet recommended that he be kept on the fluconazole for another 3 months. Hopefully, at that time he will again have a 1:2 titer and, if so, will be taken off the medication. We will recommend retesting every 6 months. Very shortly after she received the dogs, Mary let us know she was thrilled to have them. She said **Dude** was able to get up on her bed by himself but **Goldie** needed help. Now that she has lost some weight, **Goldie** can jump up on the bed without assistance. The dogs enjoy romping with each other around Mary's large back yard. We are happy for everyone that this placement has worked out so well.



21-044 Penelope, now called **Belle** (left), and **21-045 Athena**, now called **Abby** (right), are



a bonded pair of 1½-year-old purebred Golden sisters. **Penelope** has a little zipper of fur on her nose, and **Athena** has a “put food here” spot on her tongue; otherwise the girls look very much alike. In order to keep them straight, a pink harness was put on **Athena** and a purple one on **Penelope**. Their owner is in the military and was stationed in Hawaii. She had a pet sitter caring for the dogs in Arizona but the pet sitter was moving. The owner could not make any other arrangements for the pair, so she surrendered them to **AGR**. They needed our standard vet work-up with all vaccines and tests for heartworm and valley fever. Fortunately, both tests for both girls were negative. We had to wait for over a month to have the girls spayed because **Penelope** went into heat; **Athena** had gone into heat shortly before the dogs were surrendered. At the time of spay, both girls also needed umbilical hernias repaired. They were first placed in a home that had an old dog and a cat. The sisters ignored the resident dog but wanted to chase the cat, so that placement didn't work out well. Now, they are living with Nancy and Mark in Goodyear, where they have their new owners



Abbey and Belle – always together whether resting or running!



and home all to themselves. Nancy and Mark wrote: *We were so fortunate to adopt these two sisters at the same time. They are so energetic and funny. We can spend hours just watching them play. We could not be any happier that they came into*

our lives. Abbey is the (sloppy) kisser; Belle is the hugger. They have so much love to give. After work, they greet us with so much enthusiasm that it really makes our day. They are inseparable. They continually play together, and when we are not with them, they like to sleep next to each other. They recently went through an obedience program for their leash manners, and they aced it! They are such wonderful girls, and everyone who meets them loves them. They make a great addition to our family.

21-046 Archer, now called **Archie**, was one of five purebred Golden Retriever puppies that we picked up in Queen Creek last October from a family that had found them on a dirt road; he was the only male and the leader of the pack. Although small, the pups were estimated to be 5-6 months old. All were very thin, shy and rather fearful. None had had any training and were afraid of the collar and leash, none were micro-chipped and most likely had never been vaccinated, and all were afraid to go inside a house. The finder posted on lost dog websites and local Queen Creek sites, but no one ever called. They were all beautiful puppies, and those we have seen have grown up into very nice-looking young adults. Connie and Nick transported the puppies to **Academy West Animal Hospital**. Except for **Archie**, all the pups rode quietly – **Archie** growled, barked and “talked” during the long drive to Glendale. They received all their vaccines and tests for heartworm, valley fever and intestinal parasites. **Archie** was negative for everything except for coccidia, for which he was treated. From his vet visit at **AW**, **Archie** was transported to Tom in Mesa. Besides two children, there were two dogs and two cats in the household. Everybody got along fine. Tom said: *Archie is very appreciative of all he has: food (eats ravenously), toys, bed, other dogs to play with (especially our other Golden, Barley) and attention from the humans. He has become such a homebody that he does not want to go outside. Archie probably had enough of “outside” when he was a stray!*



21-057 Sweedy/Sophie is another dog who was found as a stray. In October 2021, she showed up on the doorstep of a home in

Prescott that was at the end of a long dirt road. She had bloody paws and was dragging a chain that was wrapped around her neck so tightly the finder’s vet had to cut it off with a bolt cutter. The finder checked for a micro-chip (none), posted flyers, checked lost and found sites, and talked to **Yavapai County Sheriff Animal Control** to see if anyone had reported a lost dog – no one had. The



finder was kind enough to bring the dog down to **Academy West Animal Hospital** and surrendered her to Deb, who met her there. When she gave us the dog’s name, she pronounced it “**Sweetie**” but spelled it **Sweedy** on the Surrender form, so that’s what it became. **Sweedy** is a very pretty dog, most likely a Great Pyrenees who may have a little Golden Retriever in her. She is estimated to be 2-4 years old and had not been spayed (she has now). **Sweedy** was a favorite at **Academy West Animal Hospital**. She bonded quickly with anyone who would pay her some attention. She was fostered by several families and each gave us valuable input into her behavior and personality. She played well with other dogs, until she didn’t – when she got overly excited, she would attack; she was food aggressive; she has serious separation anxiety and chronic, compulsive licking. Both of the latter problems have been handled by a low daily dose of floxistine. One foster learned she is an escape artist – she can open crates, French door handles, kennels (at the vet) and can get over baby gates; she would probably bolt out of the front door given the opportunity. We knew the right home for this lovely girl was out there somewhere. Connie prepared a nice ad for our Facebook site; the ad was also posted on our Petfinder and Adopt-a-pet sites. A lady who’d just lost her German Shepherd dog to cancer saw the ad. She then found we would have a booth at the **PACC911** Adopt-a-thon in Anthem that day, January 16th, and showed up there hoping to meet **Sweedy**. We rarely bring available dogs to adopt-a-thons because it’s highly likely for such dogs to have been placed before the interested party would get through the adoption process. So, **Sweedy** was not there, but the lady talked to us about her, then went home and immediately filled out our application and paid the application fee. As soon as we got these, we alerted Home Evaluations that we needed a home visit done ASAP. As she had fostered **Sweedy** for a few days and knew more about her than any of the rest of the home evaluators, Connie did the home visit on Monday, approved the family for adoption, Placement then approved the family for **Sweedy** in particular, and Connie took her to Barbara and Rey in north Glendale on Tuesday. Just after Connie delivered **Sweedy**, Rey took her for a walk around the block. He was barefoot and it was starting to rain a little, but



he didn't care – he was just so happy to have her! The next day when asked how the evening had gone, Barbara related: *Perfectly! She slept in the room with us. She is doing great, such a precious pup! We give her lots of petting and love.* After a couple weeks, Barbara commented: *All is well! She seems to be settling down some, not so anxious when someone leaves the house. If she goes towards the door the person just exited, we just say "no Sophie" and she turns around. She is going into the crate more often and really likes her rope toy. She does very well around other dogs and other people on her walks.* Whew, the process does not usually happen so quickly, but everything fell into place for **Sweedy**, who has been renamed **Sophie**, and she is now loved and cared for in her forever home.



21-058
Belle
(left)
and
21-059
Duke
(right)
are a
bonded
pair of



3-year-old purebred Golden Retrievers that we rescued in December 2021. Their owner was experiencing some life changes and moving in with her parents where having the dogs stay with her was not possible. Both dogs were up to date on vaccinations, but they needed tests for heartworm and valley fever. In addition, **Belle**, who was seriously overweight at 90 lbs, was already spayed, but **Duke** needed to be neutered, which we had done. After their vetting, they were transported to Shauna and Mark in Scottsdale. Shauna immediately gravitated to **Belle** and Mark to **Duke**. Despite her weight, **Belle** is very athletic and loves to play with a ball. She also likes to stand on the step of the pool but quickly trained Shauna to net the ball out of the pool for her – over and over! **Duke** saw the pool and drank out of it but did not want to go in. We'll be interested to know how they do around/in the pool once the weather gets hot. The day after delivering them Connie called the family to find out how they did overnight. Shauna said the pair had slept in their bedroom, gobbled their breakfast, and were just playing and playing with each other. We are so glad we are able to find families who are willing to adopt a bonded pair so we can keep the dogs together. Shauna and Mark are a young couple with an active lifestyle, just perfect for this pair of beautiful dogs! We wish you all every happiness.



Red Belle and white Duke are a striking pair

22-001 Baron is a 10-month-old Goldendoodle who favors his

poodle parent. The owner also has **Baron's** sister and decided that two dogs was one too many when his wife passed away. A friend, who is a dog trainer, kept **Baron** for a couple weeks while the owner dealt with his wife's death. The friend sent some behavior notes, which were very useful to our Placement Team. **Baron** walks on a leash well most of the



time. *If distracted, he will jump but just turn in a circle and start walking straight again and he refocuses quickly. He knows sit, down, and heel (still needs some work but okay most of the time); stay needs some work. Has met a cat while in the sit position; the cat sniffed Baron and Baron sniffed the cat, and both were okay with the meeting. He is crate trained – will go in the crate willingly and when the crate door is opened, he will wait until invite to come out. He is house trained. He travels well in a crate – tell him "Load up" and he will jump in the SUV and into the crate on his own. He is rambunctious and needs some formal obedience training. He will jump and be distracted if a sudden loud noise occurs (such as a loud car going by). May be under-socialized but with a little work will be fine.* **Baron** was placed with Rhody and Terry in Paradise Valley. After some jockeying for pack position, **Baron** and the resident dog, **Zorro**, are getting along well. **Baron** is a bundle of basically untrained energy, so the family has hired a behaviorist to help them get **Baron** under control – they quickly realized they needed training as much as the dog does!

Baron was finally neutered in March, which will hopefully calm him down some. Rhody recently commented: *Baron has been such a joy to add to our family. He adds energy to our everyday life. Our Portuguese Water Dog Zorro loves having him as a brother, and he's even lost 5 pounds running after Baron in our yard, which he really needed to do. Baron has become an affectionate and loving dog. It was a pleasure dealing with the personnel at Arizona Golden Rescue. They gave us the exact perfect dog for our lifestyle.*



Zorro and Baron



22-004 Riley is a very pretty Red Golden girl with crimped fur on her ears. She is 3 years old, spayed and up to date on her vaccines. She tends to be on the anxious side and cautious when first meeting people and/or other dogs, but quickly warms up. She prefers a quiet environment. She was surrendered by

her owner because of a change in living situation (more people coming in and out). In addition, the owner started an intense nursing program and was unable to give her the attention she needs and desires. **Riley** loves squeaky toys and playing ball. She has had an incident with excessive itching and scratching, for which we suggested trying Benadryl. In fact, we gave the adopters our list of over-the-counter drugs that are OK to use with dogs. The Benadryl worked and there has not been another incident, so **Riley** was finalized without an addendum for an allergy work-up; the adopter thanked us for this and said, "What a great resource!" **Riley** now has her forever home with Nicole and Tom in Gilbert. Nicole said: *Riley has some fear anxiety which we are working through with a trainer. Her favorite outside activity is chasing her large ball – and often we play "monkey in the middle" with her to wear off some energy. Her favorite treats are raw vegetables and we found early on that adding veggies to her meals help her...well, digest. She is so good on walks (except when seeing other people and dogs - but we're working on it) and responds well to commands. We recently took her up to our property outside of Payson and she loves having a little freedom to explore and run...and she is so graceful. We feel beyond blessed to have been given the opportunity to be Riley's new family. We are so impressed with AGR and the people who have helped us.*



22-005 Bella was a 12-year-old unspayed Golden female who came into the **MCACC** shelter as a stray. She had some serious medical concerns. She was easily handled at the shelter by all and was friendly and wanted petting. She was placed with a foster couple, Mike and Lew, who love old dogs. Unfortunately, within a week she started throwing up blood. Lab work and X-rays were not good, showing metastatic cancer in her lungs and spondylosis in her spine. It was readily apparent to all concerned that this lovely girl needed to go to the Bridge. Mike said: *Our hearts are breaking but we wouldn't change anything about taking Bella in. This sweet girl deserved a loving home if only for a short while. The vet will come by the house in a couple days to assist in her peaceful transition. Our main goal from the start was to let her soul transition filled with love. I think we've been able to assist in that we poured all the love we could into her. She will be at peace with a full heart. We thank Mike and Lew for their care of Bella.*



22-009 Nani is a small 2-year-old purebred Golden. She was originally purchased from a breeder. When she started throwing up and having diarrhea, the owners could not afford to have her treat-



ed, so they surrendered her to the vet. One of the vet techs wanted her but soon realized that she could not give her enough attention because she had a toddler, two small dogs, a small yard and worked full time. So, she called **AGR** to take the dog. After we had her vetting completed, we placed her with Sharon in Phoenix. Sharon related: *Every day this precious dog makes me*

laugh. She carries her rope carrot or tennis ball in her mouth everywhere she goes. She is very affectionate and we cuddle on the winter grass in the sun. Happy new life, Nani.

22-011 Chewy/Theo is a 1½-year-old white Goldendoodle. When the original owner could not keep the dog, a relative took him so he wouldn't end up on Craigslist. But this owner couldn't keep him, either, and contacted **AGR**. **Chewy** is reportedly good with kids and cats, sweet and gentle, but he needs training and is a counter-surfer and chewer if not supervised. There was a concern that even though he appeared to be neutered, the vet records we received did not mention any sterilization procedure. Turns out that he is one of the few male dogs we've taken in who were cryptorchid with undescended testicles. These had to come out and did a month later. He recovered from the surgery well. The first home we found for him just was not the right place for him. He was too big and energetic for the family and kept knocking down the children. So he was transported to what we now know is his forever home with Kendall and Mike and two tweenage girls. They renamed him **Theo**. Right away, the family registered for 8 weeks of obedience training that would start in only two weeks – good for them! Kendall commented: *We are so thankful for our Theo. His other nicknames are "Good boy", "handsome gentleman", "Smart boy", or "Tio". From day one, he stole our hearts with his big brown eyes, puppy kisses, and cuddles. He loves car rides with his head out the window (even with a post-surgical cone) and wind in his hair. His every-Sunday-brunch outings at dog-friendly patio restaurants. Movie nights on the family couch. Ham. Ice cubes that fall on the floor. His twice daily walks (that are so routine he will sit and wag by the door when it's time). And watching us melt when he pushes the boundaries... we don't even need to scold him.... He already knows and instantly buries himself into us with love cuddles which is Theo for "Sorry guys, I'm trying. I love you." The quirkiest thing about our Theo is he loves to have his paws cleaned... when we grab his paw wipes he runs toward us and rolls on his side... he will lick our hands while we wipe his paws after walks. Everyone that knows us has quickly realized that we travel with our bud everywhere. If you're not a dog person, you surely will become a Theo*



person once you meet him. Above all, we could not be more thankful for **AGR** selecting us for him. It's like he has always been waiting for us, and we have been waiting for him!

22-012 Sophie is a 4-year-old spayed Golden female. The owner and his wife were getting a divorce. He kept the German Shepherd, but the wife got an apartment that would not allow dogs, and he could not afford to keep both dogs. He told us **Sophie** is timid, shy and a bit nervous and thought she needed a home where someone has time for her, give her the exercise she needs and the attention she wants so much. We think we have



Big Sophie ignoring the two "littles," as Connie McCabe calls small dogs

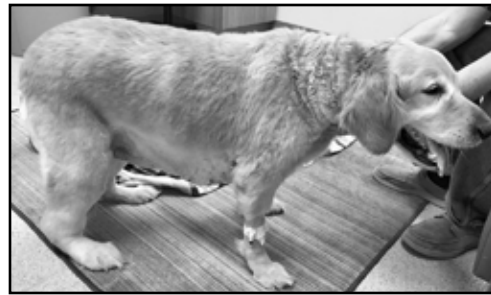
found the perfect home for her with Karie and Jake in Goodyear. They have two small dogs, indoor cats and two teenaged children. **Sophie** was skittish when she first arrived, but after a day or so she seemed to settle down. Once she

discovered the couch, she made that "her place." She just needed our standard vetting, but because she was quite overweight, we had her thyroid tested. Turns out, she just needs exercise and the green bean diet. We are sure the family will give her both. After a couple days, Karie said: *She loves being brushed and gets so happy for the short walks we have been taking her on. She looks so much better after brushing and getting out her mats. The bubbles in the water container and car doors scare her, but she's come far. We are all in complete love with her.* Recently, we received another message from Karie: ***Sophie** may be four years old, but coming to live with us has been a rebirth of puppyhood for her. She was shy and quiet at first, but now she is curious as a cat. Our home has kitties so maybe she caught on. She goes crazy chasing a laser light pointer along with the cats. Everything fascinates her from a lizard on the fence to a reflection from a mirror. She came to us as a big girl of 91 lbs but goes on daily walks with our other two little pups and her human mom and dad. She has lost weight enough to hop into the van to go for car rides, and it's so tough to tell her no when she's determined to go. Strangest thing about our girl is she doesn't understand turning around, instead she always backs her way out of spaces. Her human family also has two teenage boys who love to play tug of war with her. We can't wait for it to warm up enough to swim as we think she's going to love joining. We are confident that **Sophie** will love participating in whatever adventure awaits her with this family.*

22-018 Goldie was a very sad case. To recap... many of you may remember **Dallas**, the puppy who was surrendered to **AGR** in 2019 at 7 weeks of age because he was born without an anus. Surgery enabled him to survive for another 18 months. **Goldie** was the mother of **Dallas**, who was one of 8 puppies in her second-to-last litter. Yes, she was used as a breeder dog for many



years. She was now 8 years old and quite overweight. She could not stand up by herself and she could barely walk. She had developed a mammary tumor for which the owner had surgery done (the surgery site looked like she'd been attacked with a saw and her belly and right hind leg were very swollen).



During the surgery, the vet found more tumors. The owners said they could not afford to have the rest removed, and that is when they called **AGR** to take her. Deb Orwig went to get her and knew as soon as she saw her that **AGR** would most likely have to send **Goldie** to the Bridge. **AGR** had her evaluated at **VetMed**. They confirmed that cancer had spread throughout **Goldie's** system and that the kindest thing we could do was to have her euthanized. Deb and Larry, who had adopted **Dallas**, adopted **Goldie** right then and were with her when she was sent to the Bridge.

And Now for a Feel-Good Moment...

Sharon Flores, Intake Co-Manager, answers the **AGR** telephone. A police officer who found a German Shepherd puppy stuck in a fence called the WAGSline. Sharon explained our Rescue and sent him our Resource List. He was so happy to talk to a live person! He sent her an e-mail: *Thank you so much for your help. I was able to use the info you gave me and she was adopted today by a veteran and his family that were looking for a service dog. They were about to head back to Texas, but I got hold of **Freedom Brothers Rescue** [one of the groups on **AGR's** Resource List] just in time. They came over and wanted to adopt right away. Since I work overnight shift, the gentleman at **Freedom Brothers** told me to reach out if I ever come across another dog on shift similar to this situation where I have no other option to take him or her. Just wanted to say our short conversation today was very helpful all around and found this lucky pup a good home. Thank you again!*



OVER THE RAINBOW

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

09-010 Emma Tetaric



09-038 Bella Bower



12-125 Jasper Prose



12-133 Hannah Wenström-Lane



13-001 Levi Tucker



13-007 Eddie Reilly



18-010 Jake Link



19-007 Kelsey Fee



19-010 Sophie Smith



19-030 Spirit Engstrom



19-079 Lucas Abell



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.

20-004 Madden Cagle-Sierra



21-016 Rambo Gross-Glenn



21-033 Bennett



22-005 Bella



22-018 Goldie Orwig



Bevo Chaffee



Molly Miller



Safety First!

Editor's Note: *In view of the fires that have already had a terrible impact on Arizona's landscape, I thought it prudent to re-print an article on fire safety from a past newsletter because it never hurts to read this more than once. There are also repeats of other safety articles. We can never be too careful when it comes to our dogs!*

Fire Safety

In the event of fire, do you have an evacuation plan and an escape route for yourself and your pets? The more important question is, *Have you practiced it?* Your ability to get out of your home during a fire depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Pull everyone in your household together and make a plan. You might find the Escape Grid printed on page 21 useful. If you live in or near wooded areas in the Arizona mountains, a fire escape plan is essential to ensure that your family and pets are able to leave the area safely if you are called upon to evacuate.

Does your dog have a favorite or safe spot in your home? That is where he/she is likely to go in case of fire. Do you have smoke detectors? If not, get some. When Daylight Saving Time ends (first Sunday in November even though Arizona does not implement Daylight Saving Time), be sure to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms. Have a leash in the vicinity of your escape route, so you can grab it to ensure your dog cannot bolt, because the alarms and fire truck sirens can scare him/her. Also, it would be a good idea to put a Pet Safety Alert decal on ground-floor windows at the front and back of the house alerting first responders to look for a dog or other pet in the house. You can purchase a 2-pack of such decals on smile.amazon.com for \$4.99.



Your dog could inadvertently start a fire if left alone in your home. Don't allow the dog to be unattended even for one minute around open flames (BBQ or fireplace), range burners that are on, ovens,

or even candles. If you want to use candles, get the kind where the wax and wick are enclosed in a glass container and keep the container high up where the dog cannot accidentally knock

it over. Consider covering or removing stove knobs, as the dog could jump up on the stove and knock them into the ON position. Have you seen the commercial on TV where a pizza box containing a slice of pizza is pulled off the stove by a dog, the box catches fire, then the house catches fire? It could happen. Fortunately, the dog in the commercial gets out of the house safely, but your dog might not.

Be sure electrical cords are covered or otherwise secured so your dog cannot chew on them. Also, get plug covers to put in outlets that are not in use.

The **National Fire Prevention Association** has some great information and advice about fire safety on their website: <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/>

Other Considerations for Outdoor Safety

Pool Safety. Always be present by your pool and paying attention (no talking or texting on a cell phone or reading a book) when your dog is swimming. I have known a Golden who was a good swimmer but lost her balance and fell into her pool at an angle from which she could not recover. Fortunately, her owner knew CPR, but though the dog did not drown, she ended up with brain damage.

Be careful not to allow your dog to over-do in the length of time they play/swim in the pool – many of them don't know when to quit, so you must make them before they exhaust themselves. If your pool is not fenced, it is imperative that you teach your dogs not to go into the water unless they are invited. The first time they go in without your permission, haul them out as quickly as possible and admonish them with a stern, "NO POOL!" You may have to do this more than once to get the message across. Have some toys that are only for pool use. Bring out these toys and throw them into the pool when you are available to watch the dog in the water. Whenever the dog sees those toys, he/she will know it is OK to go swimming.

Exposure and Heat Stroke. Limit your dog's exposure to the outdoors during the summer. If you have to leave the house, close your dog door. Do not leave your dog outside even if there is shade in your yard and you have a mister system on your patio – these are not enough to keep your dog from developing a heat-related condition. The **Humane Society of the United States** cautions dog owners to respect the heat. Dogs do not sweat as humans do. They lose heat only through their paw pads and by panting. Dogs can get heat stroke and/or become dehydrated. Always keep fresh, cool water available for your dog and limit outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day. A dog can even get overheated swimming in a pool if the pool water is quite warm, so be careful with the duration of pool play, also.

Extreme temperatures can cause heatstroke. Some signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, (continued on page 22)

Pet Fire Safety Day is July 15

Why not resolve now to have all the fire safety tips described here in place by this date?

How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan



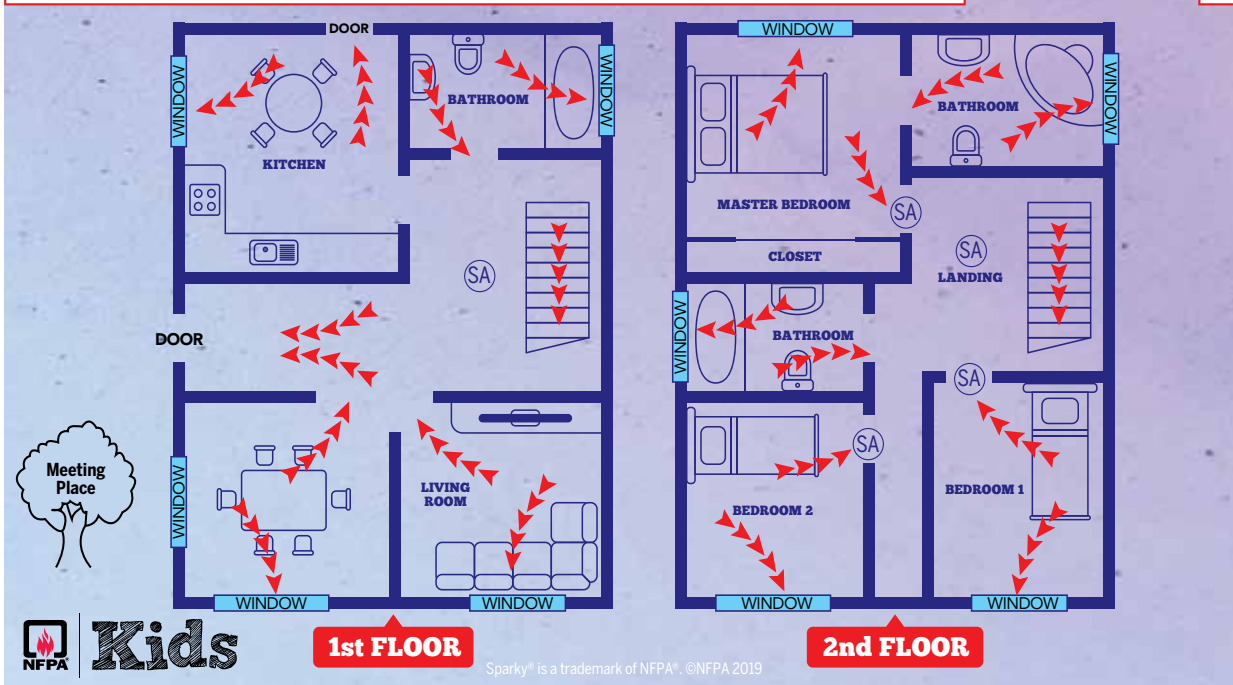
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- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

Sample Escape Plan



a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness. Dogs that are very old, very young, overweight, not conditioned to prolonged exercise, or have heart or respiratory disease are more prone to developing heat stroke. If your dog does develop any of these symptoms, move the dog into an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to head, neck, and chest or run cool (not cold) water over him/her. Encourage the dog to drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Visit a veterinarian as soon as possible.



To shave or not to shave? Sometimes a new intake has a coat loaded with ticks or has horrible mats and has to be shaved for treatment or for its own comfort like our Goldendoodle, **16-036 Zoey**, in the photos here. **Zoey's** coat is like her poodle parent – she has hair instead of fur, and at intake she looked like a “Rastafarian sheep dog” accord-

ing to the transporter, so we had the vet's groomer shave her down (photo at right) to get rid of all the unsightly, and most likely uncomfortable, mats. Goldendoodles that favor the poodle parent must have their hair trimmed on a regular basis. If you could see the “shaved” photo of **Zoey** in color, you would notice that her skin is very pink, so to prevent the development of skin cancer, it will be extremely important for her adopters to limit her exposure to the sun until her hair grows out some.



If Golden were meant to be shaved, they would have short fur to begin with! ~ Anonymous



13-006 Sammy McCabe / Dodson had a very thick coat and was much more comfortable with a summer cut

Arizona Golden Rescue does not recommend shaving a Golden, especially in the summer. A Golden's coat actually insulates the dog from the heat as well as from cold – if you have your Golden shaved, he may get even hotter than if you had left the coat alone. If your dog is constantly in the pool and has a thick coat that never seems to dry out, that is not good either, as the dog can develop fungal infections of the skin. If your dog is an avid swimmer, consider having a

reputable groomer give your dog a “summer cut” which will just shorten the fur, not take it down to the skin. In addition to possibly getting overheated, shaved Golden are susceptible to sunburn and, therefore, to skin cancer.

Insects and related critters. Bugs can be a problem in the summer. Biting flies, mosquitoes, bees, ticks and fleas are all more abundant at this time of year and can be more than just a nuisance. Good protection against ticks and fleas will be provided by Frontline Plus®; if you're hiking in the woods with your dog, you might consider a tick collar as an extra protection.

Mosquitoes and ticks may carry diseases, in particular heartworm or West Nile virus, and tick fever, respectively. Be sure there are no areas on your property where water can collect and stagnate – that is the type of place in which mosquitoes will breed. If you have a lawn, keep the grass cut short to minimize the possibility of ticks and other insects. Do not use fertilizer or pesticides unless these specifically state on the label that they are safe for pets, and then allow your pets on the grass only after the spray has dried.

Vehicle Safety

Suppose your dog is riding with you in your vehicle and you are in an accident. You are hurt and are unable to get to your dog; the dog may or may not be hurt. Are there instructions regarding your dog in your vehicle's glove box? That is most likely where First Responders would look.

If you are going on a trip (long or short) with your dog, make a copy of the dog's vaccine records, and include a sheet with the following information: your name, address, phone number and e-mail address; the dog's name, breed, gender, age, weight, what kind of food the dog eats and how often, and brief description of the dog; note any medical conditions that must be treated and a list of meds with dosages; your veterinarian's name, address and phone number; in addition, list the name, address and phone number of someone to contact if you are unable to attend to the pet due to injury or death. Sign and date the document. Put a copy of these papers in your glove box, in your wallet or purse, and with the bag of your dog's food, or tape the form in an obvious place.

Never leave your dog alone in your vehicle even for a minute and not even with the windows down or the air conditioning on. On a 90-degree day, the interior temperature can reach as high as 160 degrees in ten minutes. Animals can sustain brain damage or even die from heatstroke in as little as fifteen minutes. If you see a dog left alone in a hot car, write down the car's color, model, make, license plate number and specific location. Have the owner paged in the nearest buildings; call local humane authorities or police. Have someone keep an eye on the dog. In Arizona, it is legal to break a car window in order to remove a dog or a child left inside. However, it would be better if a police officer would do the breaking! Don't leave the scene until the situation has been resolved.

Secure the dog in the vehicle. If taking your dog for a ride, please be sure your dog is secured in the back part of your vehicle. Use a crate if your dog is a nervous pacer – a pacer will distract you and his/her nervousness may cause you to have an accident. If your dog is a good rider, then secure the leash to a tie-down somewhere in the back or, if you have a sedan, on the back seat with a seat belt harness. Please do not allow the dog to ride in the front passenger seat, or, even worse, to ride in your lap between you and the steering wheel even if the dog is secured with a seat belt harness. If you had to stop suddenly and the air bag deployed, it would probably kill the dog.

Water on trips. On any length trip, carry water and a water bowl in your vehicle to make sure your dog stays hydrated. There are no-spill water bowls available from pet supply stores, or you can order one from smile.amazon.com. A good idea is to fill a large water bottle half full (an empty half-gallon or gallon juice bottle with a screw-on lid works well) and freeze it overnight, then top it off with cold water. Such water should stay cold for most of a day-long trip.

Windows up, please! When you are on a trip, your car windshield acts as a bug collector, doesn't it? Has your car windshield ever needed to be replaced because it was dinged or cracked by debris thrown back by vehicles traveling in front of you? Have you ever driven through a dust storm? In Arizona, it is common to have blown stuff damage your windshield. Can you imagine what would happen to your dog's eyes if the same stuff hit them as what hits your windshield and causes it to crack? As much as he/she might enjoy it, please do not allow your dog to ride with his/her head hanging out the window! His/her eyes could be damaged by just about anything in the air, including dust, rocks and bugs.



Connie McCabe took this adorable photo of 18-074 Riley, 19-083 Bowie and 19-053 Jackson for the 2021 AGR calendar cover; Connie and Nick would not allow them to ride with their heads out of the window like this! Imagine what might happen if a rabbit chanced to run by the vehicle when the dogs were hanging out of the window like this!

If you have an impact or slam on the brakes suddenly, the dog can fly out the open window even if it is just sitting in the seat. This happened to Connie McCabe who had to stop suddenly. Her Golden **Honey** literally flew out the window and rolled down the street. Fortunately, drivers managed to avoid her and she only had mild abrasions, but it was a scary incident! I, too, had a dog fall out of an open car window years ago (before I knew better). I was going only about 5 mph in a parking lot when the dog, who was balanced on the window ledge, went over, landed wrong and broke a leg. Also, please do not allow your dog to ride in the open back of a truck or in a convertible. Love your dog... keep him/her safe!

Providing for Your Dog if Something Happens to You

Do you have provisions for your dog(s) or other pets in your will? Upon your demise, the executor of your will must know what to do with your animals and, obviously, get the animals out of your home as soon as possible, so they can be cared for properly. Someone has to be informed about your pets. If you have an **AGR** dog and something happens to you to render you unable to care for the dog, the dog must come back to **AGR** – this stipulation is in the adoption contract you signed. Please be sure a family member or a lawyer who handles your estate knows that the dog must be returned to **AGR**. If your dog is not an **AGR** dog, please have a plan in place that someone else knows about, so that your dogs are cared for (and not turned over to a shelter) in case of your incapacity or death.

If you adopt an AGR dog and something happens to you – serious and/or chronic illness, physical impairment or death – so that you are unable to care for the dog, the dog must be returned to AGR!

An incident like this happened three years ago. The adopter of **19-081 Riley** and **19-082 Cassie** passed away in her home very suddenly and unexpectedly. Family members from out of state came in to deal with the disposition of the woman's estate. None of the family members knew the dogs and we did not know any of the family, had not interviewed them or done home evaluations. So, even though one of them wanted to keep the dogs (they live in Florida), we insisted the dogs be returned to us. When we presented the signed copy of the adoption contract, they had to release the dogs to us. The dogs now have a wonderful home with Sharon Flores, our Intake Co-Manager.

Does someone among your family or friends or in your neighborhood have a key to your home? Suppose you were seriously hurt or killed in a car accident or had to go to the hospital for a medical emergency, would anyone know you have dogs at home and how to get to them? Have you left written instructions regarding the care and feeding of your dog(s) someplace in your home where someone could find them? I recently had to pick up a Golden that belongs to a friend who had to go to the hospital for emergency surgery. I had never been to her home, but she left a key with a neighbor and had thorough instructions regarding the dog typed on a paper folded up to fit in an empty pill bottle and labeled **K-9 Vial of Life**. This pill bottle was inside the door of the refrigerator. On the paper folded up and enclosed in the pill bottle, she had filled in all the information I described on page 22 under "Vehicle Safety." It took me only a short time to collect the dog and all her necessities. Do yourself and your dog a favor and make a **K-9 Vial of Life**.





Training Your Dog



Editor's Note: On the Internet, there are hundreds of articles on dog behavior and training. Having trained Golden Retrievers for 44 years, I think the following offer some good advice and may increase your success with training.

Is Your Dog Causing You Frustration? 8 Reasons Why Your Dog Doesn't Listen

By Lynne Federick CPDT-KA, Animal Wellness Magazine.com

It can be frustrating when your dog doesn't listen to you. Sometimes, it's a command you know the dog knows because he does it perfectly at home, in the backyard, or at dog classes. Just not now, when you need him to do it.

Is it a dominance issue when your dog doesn't listen? Not according to the world's leading canine ethologists (scientists who study dog behavior). These experts agree that dogs are never out to dominate their owners. What's more, attempting to dominate our dogs can be confusing and frightening to them. Such confusion can elicit aggressive-looking behaviors aimed at self-defense. Why don't dogs obey our commands?

When dogs don't listen to us, it has more to do with weaknesses in our training strategies than anything else. So, let's look at the real reasons dogs don't listen to us.

1. Your dog has unmet physical needs.

If your dog has unmet physical needs, he won't be able to focus on the behavior you want him to perform. If he seems incapable of listening, he may be:

- tired
- hungry or thirsty
- needing to eliminate
- full of energy he needs to burn
- not feeling well
- anxious or nervous

2. He does not have your full attention.

If you are busy fiddling with your phone or taping a TikTok video of your training session, your attention is not fully on your dog. When you're training, you aren't present for your dog if you're thinking about something else. Your dog needs you to be fully there whenever you are training or issuing a command.

3. You don't use reward markers.

A reward marker tells the dog that he'll get a food reward every time he does a particular behavior. Many dog trainers use a clicker or verbal marker to let the dog know a specific behavior will earn him a "prize." The reward marker always happens at the beginning of a behavior and never after the behavior is complete. Dogs always do more exaggerated forms of the behavior that gets them

something they want. When initially training the dog to perform a behavior, reward markers communicate what you want very clearly to the dog. Additionally, reward markers cement that behavior in the dog's mind as a fun activity that he loves doing.

4. Your dog is not motivated.

From a dog's perspective, any reinforcer loses value when it is always the same or always available whenever he chooses to comply. Ways to build value in your reinforcer's motivational value:

- Keep training sessions very short (between 2 and 5 minutes) and frequent (6-10 times per day).
- Food rewards should be tiny, fragrant, and generously given for successful behavior.
- Food rewards should be varied.
- Food rewards should be dispensed fairly, considering the difficulty of the behavior performed.

5. You are asking too much too soon.

It can be easy to forget that your dog is a member of a foreign species that has no intrinsic way of understanding our language or our ways. Here are some ways we ask too much of our dogs:

- Increasing the level of distractions too soon.
- You didn't proof the behavior sufficiently with graduated introduction of distractions.
- He isn't entirely clear on the necessary behavior yet.
- He has had many reinforced repetitions of a behavior you are trying to get him to stop doing.

6. The dog is worried about discomfort.

If your dog has been punished during training, any future training can cause anxiety and make it difficult for him to focus and listen. Also, if the behavior itself will bring discomfort, don't expect your dog to respond. For example, cueing a short-coated dog to "down" on a cold, wet sidewalk.

7. You didn't let him get used to a new environment before you cued the behavior. Let your dog adapt to an environment for a few minutes before cueing the behavior you want.

8. You are telling him NOT to do something.

Dogs think proactively – they are doers. They don't know the meaning of stopping any activity or behavior. They do things because those behaviors have been inadvertently reinforced in the past. When we say "No!" or "Stop that!" it can temporarily interrupt a behavior the dog is doing, but that doesn't mean he has any idea what you are on about. Instead of telling the dog to stop doing something, consider preventing it from happening for the duration of training so that he can learn a preferable behavior.

Improving Your Dog

By erangadot -17 November 2021 on <https://4PETS.org>

Improving your dog's well-being through things like bodywork, diet, and quality time enhances her learning ability – and her quality of life!

Do you have the power to enhance your dog's learning ability?

The short answer is “yes”! While some breeds such as border collies and German shepherds have a reputation for being the “smartest” canines, the truth is that all dogs are capable of retaining and applying a lot more knowledge than you might think. And we can sharpen their intelligence even further! While using the right training approaches is important, you can also enhance your dog's learning ability by supporting her body, mind and soul.

Body

Illness and injury can hinder your pup's willingness and ability to learn and behave, so keeping her healthy is vitally important. Not only will it make her a more successful student – it'll make her a happier dog!

Make sure she gets enough exercise

A bored dog is a bad-mannered dog. The easiest fix? Exercise! Not only will daily walks keep your pup fit, they'll burn off her excess energy so she'll be less scattered during your training sessions.

Feed her a high quality diet

A well-balanced, biologically appropriate diet will vitalize your dog from the inside out, enhancing everything from her physical health to her attention span. Certain supplements can also increase her learning ability. Omega-3s, for instance, support cognitive function, behavior and memory in dogs as they age.

Offer her regular bodywork sessions

Bodywork modalities such as massage, acupuncture, chiropractic, Bowen therapy, Reiki, and T-touch help improve your dog's wellness on a “whole” level. Depending on what type of bodywork you choose, it can offer help to balance your dog's energy, reduce pain from injuries and muscle tension, induce relaxation, and improve focus – all factors that contribute to an enhanced learning ability.

Use the right training tools

Gentle, size-appropriate tools will protect your pup from harm and encourage her to learn through supportive encouragement rather than manipulation. Prong collars and choke chains, for instance, should be replaced with harnesses and clickers.

Perform regular health checks

In addition to bi-annual vet appointments, performing regular health checks at home can help ensure your canine companion stays in peak physical condition. Remember – the healthier she is, the more ready and able she'll be to absorb what you teach her! Learn how to do an at-home health check at animalwellnessmagazine.com/home-health-check-dog-cat.

[zine.com/home-health-check-dog-cat](http://animalwellnessmagazine.com/home-health-check-dog-cat).

Mind

Psychological enrichment plays a key role in your dog's learning ability. Here are some tactics you can apply to keep her on her mental game!

Buy her some interactive toys: Engage your pup's mental faculties on a frequent basis by investing in some interactive puzzle toys! You can also turn supptime into a skill-testing nose work game by hiding pieces of kibble around the house or yard for her to sniff out. Activities like this will keep her brain sharp and teach her that learning can (and should) be fun!

Be consistent: Always use the same cues and hand signals, and make sure the whole family is on board. Dogs learn through repetition, so it's important to be patient and repeat the same requests until she catches on. And whatever you do, don't change the rules! If she's not allowed on the bed, making an exception on “special occasions” will only confuse her.

Give her time to rest: Dogs need down time, too! Prevent physical and mental burnout by designating plenty of time for her to relax throughout the day.

Keep it challenging (but not too challenging): To keep your pup engaged during training sessions, find the sweet spot between too easy and too difficult. If she's struggling to learn, ease up. If she's catching on too quickly and getting bored, up the ante!

Socialize, socialize, socialize! No matter how old your pup is, continually expose her to different dogs, people, places, sounds, smells, and other stimuli. Socialization creates positive associations with different experiences so she'll have less trouble adapting to new environments and requests.

Visit animalwellnessmagazine.com/dog-better-student for even more ways to boost your dog's learning ability!

Soul

When it comes to teaching your pup, don't overlook the importance of her emotional health! Dogs may not feel in the same ways we do, but studies have shown that they have the capacity to experience joy, fear, anger, disgust, and even love. An animal that feels happy and safe will be much more open to learning than one that's scared or angry, so take steps to nurture her soul.

Use essential oils

Certain essential oils like lavender, vetiver, and valerian are known to improve focus and promote a sense of calm. Diffuse them before training sessions or dilute them and rub them into her coat.

Spend quality time with her

We all know how tough it can be to carve out time in our busy

schedules to just be with our canine companions. But building a better bond with your pup will make her feel more fulfilled and eager to please you!

Choose praise over punishment

Positive reinforcement is starting to reign supreme over punishment-based training methods – and with good reason. Humane techniques instill positive behaviors and make training more fun for both of you.

Stick to a routine

Our canine companions thrive on sticking to a routine, so try to establish one that works for both of you – and stick to it! If your schedule is sporadic, try your best to keep feeding, walking, and training times consistent.

Keep her well groomed

Do you feel your best when your hair is matted and you’re covered in dirt? No – and neither does your dog! Boost her mood and behavior with consistent grooming. Some breeds need more attention in this area than others, but as a general rule of thumb, don’t go more than a week without brushing her coat. Nail trims, ear cleaning, and teeth brushing can be left to once or twice a month.

11th Annual Fore! Paws Golf Tournament to Benefit Arizona Golden Rescue

McCormick Ranch Golf Club

7505 E McCormick Ranch Pkwy, Scottsdale

Saturday, September 17: 4-person Scramble Format; Shotgun Start at 1:30 PM (check-in noon - 1:15 pm)

How You Can Help Make The Tournament a Success

Starting June 1:

Solicit or donate items

For Golfers' Goodie Bags

For Golfer Prizes (1st, 2nd & 3rd place; closest-to-the-pin; longest drive)

For the Raffle and Silent Auction



Register to Play Golf (includes dinner) at golf@arizonagoldenrescue.org

Early Bird fee until August 17: \$140 individual, \$552 foursome

From August 18 to September 7, fees increase: \$160 individual, \$632 foursome

If you don't play golf, Register for Dinner at golf@arizonagoldenrescue.org

Early Bird fee until August 17: \$45 (includes tax and gratuity)

From August 18 to September 7, fee increases to \$55

Become a Sponsor – all sponsorships must be paid by September 1

Tournament Sponsor * \$5,000

English Cream Sponsor * \$2,500 - \$4,999

Field Red Sponsor * \$1,001 - \$2,499

Tail Waggin' Sponsor Any amount in \$10 increments up to \$1,000; any amount of \$250 or more gets a complimentary hole sign

Dinner Sponsor \$500

Hole Sponsor * \$250

Bar Sponsor \$125

*** Includes a complimentary hole sign**

More Golf Tournament Details:**Game Improvement Package**

**\$20 if paid for with registration;
if purchased at tournament, \$25,
limit one package per golfer**

Includes: one mulligan; one ticket to move up one tee box; one ticket to throw the ball from a sand trap or out of bounds; one 4-foot string to move up to 4 feet on a short putt

**Mulligans may be purchased at the tournament for \$5 each;
limit two per golfer**

Dinner Menu: Golfer's Mixed Grill Buffet

Mixed Green Salad
Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressings
BBQ Ribs and Chicken Combo
Baked Potatoes
Cowboy Beans and Corn on the Cob
Warm Rolls with Sweet Creamery Butter
Warm Peach Cobbler

No Host Bar**Spectacular Raffle and Silent Auction**

will be available from 6 PM to 7:30 PM

**Registration opens June 1, 2022; register online at
golf@arizonagoldenrescue.org**

Day of Tournament Help will be needed for:

Set-up at 10:30 AM
Golden Retrievers to be present during check-in
Golfer Check-in starting at Noon
Selling Golf Improvement Packages during check-in
Eyes on raffle and silent auction items during day
Selling raffle tickets during dinner
Check-out and payment by Silent Auction winners
Pack-up of raffles and silent auction items not claimed

Contact AGR President Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net or call 623-693-0589 for more info or to pay with credit card (4% convenience fee added)

Payment can also be made by sending a check to
AGR, 5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308
OR

Use Zelle: Chase Bank, Arizona Golden Rescue,
info@arizonagoldenrescue.org

**A Visit to Heidi's Village**

By Deb Orwig



On Saturday, April 2, five of us – Debbie Ball, Carolyn Brown, Connie McCabe, Deb Orwig and Liz Taseo – made the trip to **Heidi's Village** at 600 N 40th Street in Phoenix. This facility

was having an open house BBQ event for Rescue groups to tour and evaluate potential usage. We were met by the CEO, Cindy Quenneville, were given a tour through the entire facility by Chief Development Officer Gordon Sims and were treated to lunch.

Heidi's Village is a one-of-a-kind animal welfare organization. They work with existing animal shelters and Rescues to provide temporary boarding when such groups have no room to house animals and their space and resources are limited. They provide low-cost boarding and care for these animals and can provide medical intervention, grooming, behavioral modification and wellness services when needed. Rescue organizations can retrieve their animals and offer them for adoption when they have the ability. **Heidi's Village** will provide veterinary care and behavioral training/counseling to the public to reduce the number of animals that would be surrendered or abandoned due to limited resources.

Heidi's Village was created from a vision of and funding by Virginia (Ginny) Jontes. She founded the Virginia B. Jontes Foundation whose mission is to strengthen communities by supporting social services for at-risk human and companion animal populations. Ground was broken on the 5-acre property on March 27, 2020 and the facility opened later that year.

We were all very impressed with the entire operation and are working on becoming one of their Rescue partners. There are 6 different buildings that could house up to 400 dogs and cats. Each building where dogs are kept has spacious indoor/outdoor runs and a play yard. There is a fenced-in splash pad area, as well. Dogs kept there get at least two walks a day, sometimes 3 or 4. The hospital is state-of-the-art with digital x-ray machines. Onsite veterinary staff can do vaccines, spays, neuters, dentals, and some surgical procedures.


There are 61 paid staff members and well over 100 volunteers who work there.

Check out the **Heidi's Village** website – it's a nice one: www.heidivillage.org

HERE and THERE

Events from January 7 through April 2, 2022

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



**PACC911 Adopt-a-thon
at Anthem**
By Carolyn Brown



Our booth seemed strange without tent canopies overhead!

In fact, when we arrived, the first words we heard from **PACC911** volunteers were NO TENTS – it was too windy. One group that arrived earlier than we did had already had their tent blown over and destroyed. So we managed to set up all our merchandise and arranged it so it wouldn't all blow away. Help for set-up included Carolyn and Peter Brown, Patrick Doyle, Deb and Larry Orwig and Fred Prose; after set-up, Larry and Fred went back home.

The Orwigs brought their three boys: **Asher**, **Duffy** and **Vin**. In the morning starting at 10 AM, Jean Klink joined us with **Ginger**, and Dean Mortimore arrived with **Sugar**. **AGR** member Jane Triplett, who also volunteers as a foster for a Greyhound rescue group, stopped by to introduce us to her current foster Greyhound, **Shiner**. Volunteers who came in the afternoon were April Crow, Connie McCabe with **Jackson**, Josephine Sala, Chris Spiel with **Lucy** and Andrea Williams with **Loki**.



Jean Klink with Ginger and Dean Mortimore with Sugar



Lucy Spiel on lure course

Brittany Rescue usually sets up a lure course as a fundraiser for their group. Both **Lucy** and **Jackson** ran the course.



Andrea Williams with Loki

For pack-up at 3 PM, we had help from Carolyn and Peter Brown, April Crow, Karin Forsythe, Deb Orwig and Andrea Williams.



Karin Forsythe with Sugar

We did well with merchandise sales and donations despite the weather, which kept the normally-large crowd away from the event: \$193 in donations and \$532 in sales for a total of \$725!

This was an exciting Adopt-a-thon for us. A lady who had just lost her German Shepherd dog to cancer had seen

Connie's ad for **21-057 Sweedy** on our website. She also saw that we would be at this Adopt-a-thon and came hoping to meet **Sweedy**. The dog was not with us, as we do not bring



Midday group – Standing: Chris Spiel with Lucy, Patrick Doyle, and Carolyn Brown; Seated: April Crow, Josephine Sala, Jackson, Deb Orwig with Asher, Vin and Duffy, and Dean Mortimore with Sugar



Connie McCabe with Jackson – Connie takes most of the photos at most of our events

adoptable dogs to such events. However, Deb spent some time talking with her about this dog. She went home, filled out the application, paid the application fee and by the following Tuesday, we had done her home evaluation and then transported **Sweedy** to the house – the perfect family for her. They were thrilled that the process went so quickly, and so were we. They adore **Sweedy**, who is now called **Sophie** (see her story on pages 15-16), and the dog has a wonderful forever home.

We thank **PACC911** for hosting Adopt-a-thon, as this one produced a great result for us! And, we thank all of you who attended on this cold and blustery day.



Parada Del Sol and Trail's End

By Carolyn Brown



The marching group: Michele Wehry with Callan; Patrick Doyle, banner carrier; Jean Klink (can't see Ginger); Trishia Murphy with Asher Orwig; April Crow, banner carrier, with Jackson McCabe/Dodson; Lauren Rudin; Nick and Anne Pappas (can't see Sam); Bobbi Taylor holding Bryxx Rudin; Sarah Brown with Hazy; Casey Pulis (can't see Calvin); Chris Spiel with Lucy; Sheri Rodeffer with Sucey; Sheila Joyce with Charlie; Karey Rodeffer; Dean Mortimore with Sugar; Peter Brown with dog stroller; Amy Maynard with Bentley; Larry Orwig with Vin

With the wind up their tails, literally, *Arizona Golden Rescue* members, their Golden Retrievers and friends were a hit once again at the *Parada Del Sol* and at the *Trail's End Fair* on Saturday, February 5th in Old Town Scottsdale. It was a great turnout of friendly faces and happy Golden Retrievers. The efforts of all participants are greatly appreciated. Even though they were not allowed to wear the *AGR* donation vests while marching in the parade, our Golden Retrievers and friends were still able to raise \$749.50 in donations before and after the parade. Our merchandise sales totaled \$799.44 for a total of \$1,548.94 for the day's efforts.

As Director of Activities, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this day a success. The transport and set-up volunteers included Carolyn and Peter Brown with **Cody**, **Joey** and **CaliAnne**; April Crow; Patrick Doyle; Nick Dodson and Connie McCabe with **Jackson**; Trishia Murphy; Cynthia Wenström; and Larry Orwig with **Asher**, **Duffy** and **Vin** (Deb was sick and had to stay home). Kathi Youhas (photo at left) became the "Dog-Nanny" by keeping a watchful eye on seven Golden Retrievers as all the other volunteers worked in the early



light of dawn and cold to set up ten tables, 2 pop-up tents and all of the beautiful arts and crafts created by our talented members that are sold to help cover the medical expenses *AGR* incurs in our rescue efforts.

Carolyn Brown with **CaliAnne**, Cynthia Wenström and Kathi Youhas with **Duffy Orwig** stayed behind in the booth. **Duffy** was wearing a donation vest, and someone came by during the parade and put a \$100 bill



Cynthia Wenström with Duffy Orwig

AGR's tentless merchandise sales area was re-set up by Carolyn Brown and Cynthia Wenström after the big wind in it! Cindy Tigges stopped in and brought some Valentine masks. Carolyn Blean and Denise Padavano brought some more microwave cozies, too.

The rest of our volunteers were blocks away getting ready in the queue to begin marching in the parade when a mini-microburst of

wind lifted our two 10' x 10' pop-up tents (that had been banded together) and tossed them into the center of First Avenue. Fortunately, there were some hefty young men and a few older guys in the area who caught the tents mid-air and stopped them from injuring anyone. One was a total loss; a display table was overturned and merchandise was scattered everywhere. But in true "rescue" spirit, we were able to get everything back in order by the time the parade was over and the marchers and Golden Retrievers returned to entertain the crowds.

Our Parade marchers had a ball entertaining kids of all ages before, during and after the parade. April Crow and Patrick Doyle proudly carried the **AGR** banner leading our group that included: Connie McCabe with **Jackson**; Trishia Murphy walking **Asher Orwig**; Larry Orwig with **Vin**; Chris Spiel with **Lucy**; Michele Wehry and



Peter Brown pushing Cody's dog stroller, Joey walking nicely



Kelley Rodeffer with Suzy and Joie modeling their red-spangled tutus

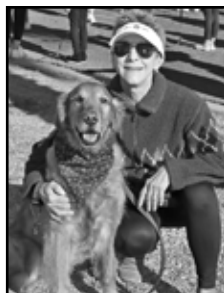
Mark Hill with **Cassie** and **Callan**. Jean Klink walked with **Ginger**; Peter Brown with **Joey** and **Cody**, who proudly rode in his bright blue stroller, popping his head out to melt the hearts in the crowd. Karey, Sheri and Kelley Rodeffer decked out **Suzy** and **Joie** in red tutus and drew oohh's and aahh's as they passed by the crowds.

With her pink ears and fuchsia tail, **Sugar** was escorted by Dean Mortimore down the route. Amy Maynard brought **Bentley** and Casey and Jane Pulis came with **Calvin**, a black Lab who has a Golden heart. Lauren Rudin walked with **Bryxx**, and her friend and new **AGR** member, Bobbi Taylor joined the fun. Anne and Nick Pappas marched with **Sam**; Sheila Joyce brought **Charlie**; Karina Helm had a hard time finding a parking place and scrambled with **Colbert** to catch up with the group; and Sarah Brown walked with her cute-as-a-button little Goldendoodle **Hazy**.

Thanks to everyone who came back to the



Casey and Jane Pulis with Calvin



Amy Maynard with Bentley



Lauren Rudin with Bryxx and Bobbi Taylor with Jackson McCabe/Dodson



Karina Helm with Colbert running to catch up with the marching group

booth area after the parade to socialize to share the **AGR** story with onlookers and deck out their dogs with donation vests. Cassie and Lily Barnett also joined us after the parade.

Help for booth tear-down and loading the trailer included Nick Dodson, who also hauled the **AGR** trailer to and from the event; Connie McCabe, who also took some fantastic pictures (see them on the Arizona Golden Rescue Facebook page); Chris Spiel; April Crow; Larry Orwig; Patrick Doyle; Peter and Carolyn Brown; and Kathi Youhas, who once again played "Dog-Nanny" to several very tired pups.



Our parade theme was "Golden's Are All Heart"; each dog who walked with us was given a heart-themed bandanna made by Deb Orwig – the owners had their choice of about 30 different fabrics; here are Callan and Cassie Wehry-Hill modeling theirs

goldenrescue.org) for information on upcoming events.

And a special note of thanks to one of the nearby vendors, Scott Rudesill of **Party Professionals**. He



As this was his first parade, Sam Pappas had undoubtedly never seen a miniature horse before, so he investigated it very carefully – probably thought it was just another big dog!


A sincere thanks to everyone who participated. We hope to see everyone next year for this family-oriented, fun-filled event. Be sure to check the **AGR** Events tab on the **AGR** website (www.arizona-



Hazy Brown

was there when our pop-ups were airlifted by the mini-microburst. He has generously donated eight industrial sandbags and two pop-ups to **AGR** so that we never lose another tent to the wind again.

Be sure to join us in this fun activity next year!



*PACC911 Adopt-a-thon
at Friendship Park, Avondale*

By Deb Orwig

The second **PACC911** Adopt-a-thon of the season was held on February 19, 2022 at **Friendship Park** in Avondale. This venue had not been used by **PACC911** for several years. It is a nice park with lots of amenities that appeal to families, but it is sort of off the beaten track and a little hard to get to if you're not familiar with the area. Attendance at this event was fairly light all day, even though – or maybe because – the weather was nice.



Mike Wilson with Takoda

When the event started at 10 AM, joining Carolyn, Patrick, Trishia and me (I had **Asher**, **Duffy** and **Vin** with me) were Karina Helm with **Colbert**, Jean Klink with **Ginger**, Debbie Marcotte with **Maverick**, Dean Mortimore with **Sugar**, Chris Spiel and friend

We had a good contingent of volunteers, though – a new venue, some new faces! Set-up help came from: Carolyn Brown, Peter Brown, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, Mike Wilson and Kathi Youhas.



Kathi Youhas, Debbie Marcotte with **Maverick**, Dean Mortimore with **Sugar**, Trishia Murphy, Patrick Doyle, Carolyn Brown, Chris Spiel with **Lucy**, Camber Newbern, Karina Helm with **Colbert**; **Duffy** in front with friend, **Asher** and **Vin** in shadows



Patrick Doyle; Dean Mortimore with **Sugar**, who was eyeing Patrick's lunch; Jack Craven holding an **AGR** calendar; and Cara Holland in the middle of the Orwig dogs **Duffy**, **Vin** and **Asher**

Akenhead arrived with **Happi** and stayed to help Carolyn, Peter, Patrick, Trishia, Deb, Chris and Janelle pack up. Thanks to all for coming!

Janelle Weaver with **Asher**



Camber Newbern with **Lucy**, Janelle Weaver and Mike Wilson with **Takoda**.

In the afternoon, Teri Guilbault came with **Raya**. **Cara Holland** and **Jack Craven** stopped by and hung out with us for a while. **Sue** and **Keith**

During the day, our dogs collected lots of petting and \$173 in donations. Plus, we sold \$329 in merchandise.




Vin getting pets



Ooh, Sugar is so huggable!



Kathi Youhas, Debbie Marcotte with **Maverick** and young friend, and Dean Mortimore with **Sugar**



*PACC911 Adopt-a-thon
at PetSmart in Chandler*

By Deb Orwig

Yes, **PACC911** schedules quite a few Adopt-a-thons during the cooler time of year! Although there were a couple others, this is the last one we attended, and we almost did not go to this one – Carolyn and Peter Brown were unable to be there, and Patrick Doyle was not available to help, either. However, I got some wonderful support from East Valley members, because it had been years since we have done any kind of Meet-and-Greet in this area. The fact that we could not sell anything due to restrictions from **PetSmart** was what tipped the balance towards going, because we would not have to transport any merchandise or set up more than one tent.

The weather prediction had been for cloudy with a chance of showers, but it was a gorgeous day for most of the time we were there, coolish during set-up but warmed up nicely. The wind picked up some in the afternoon and clouds did start rolling in around 2 PM, but no rain, at least until after we packed up the tent, table, literature, newsletters and calendars, which we gave away.

Helping me with set-up were Ellen and Jeff France, Thomas Glenn,

Jean Klink with **Ginger** and Keri Marchant – Thomas had to go to work, but the others



Jean Klink with **Ginger**, Ellen France with **Duffy**, Keri Marchant with **Asher**, Dean Mortimore with **Sugar** and Jeff France with **Vin**

stayed with me and my boys, **Asher**, **Duffy** and **Vin**, until



Keri Marchant with Asher; Keri is a new member of AGR's Placement Team

late morning. The event went from 10 AM to 3 PM. Those who joined us for the morning were Kim McVeigh with **Dublin** and Dean Mortimore with **Sugar**. Sharon Flores arrived with beautiful **Cassie** and **Riley** around 11 and stayed for a couple hours. At noon, Robin Mish came with lovely **Lily**; Jackie and Dave Engelhardt



Dean Mortimore with Sugar and Kim McVeigh with Dublin



Asher Orwig loving attention from Robin Whitmore

AGR functions, as **Ginger** loves to ride in her truck, and Jean knows **Ginger** can benefit from the socialization. Connie also usually attends **AGR** activities. But it was so nice to finally meet Thomas and Lindsay and to



Patty Forte

reconnect with Jackie, Dave, Patty, Ellen, Jeff, Keri, Kim, Robin and Robin.

Jackie asked me if I knew why she and Dave had not heard from anyone on our Home Evaluations Team since Sharon had done their home visit. I emailed Sheila Joyce, our Home Evaluations Coordinator, to find out. Turns out that Jackie and Dave were supposed to send a photo of their back yard where an oleander had to be removed. They had had the work done but forgot to send the photo. Once we had the proof that the oleander was gone, we placed a dog with them just a couple weeks later. Good thing Jackie asked!



Jackie and Dave Engelhardt



Robin Mish with Lily -Robin is on our Transport Team; Deb Orwig; Cindy Tigges sitting with Natasha, Lucy and Casey; Asher looking at the calendars; Jackie Engelhardt with Duffy; Robin Whitmore; Dave Engelhardt with Jackson; Patty Forte with Vin

brought me lunch, which was very nice of them; Patty Forte came at noon also, followed by Cindy Tigges with **Casey**, **Lucy** and **Natasha**; Robin Whitmore arrived around 1 PM and Connie McCabe brought her camera and Jackson at 2 and got a group shot. Unfortunately, all our morning volunteers were gone by



Robin Mish shows us how to get your dog's attention: hold a treat!

then, but I had gotten a fairly decent photo of the morning crew. At 3PM, Thomas Glenn and Lindsay Gross both came to help pack up.

I see Dean a lot because his motto is, "Have Rescue Dog, Will Travel to **AGR** Events!" He rarely misses one no matter how far it is from his home. This one was almost in his back yard! Cindy also attends quite a few **AGR** events with her girls, and



Connie knows the treat trick well!



Sharon Flores with Cassie and Riley

she and I sew together sometimes, so I do see her quite a bit. Jean brings **Ginger** to many



Lindsay Gross and Thomas Glenn



Cindy Tigges with Natasha and Lucy

Despite not being able to sell any of our merchandise, we (I should say the dogs...) collected \$233 in donations, which included a very generous one from Robin



Duffy photobombing this picture of Casey Tigges, who preferred to hang out away from the crowd

Whitmore. Thanks to all of you who came that day. If **PACC911** and Chandler **PetSmart** co-sponsor an Adopt-a-thon next year, we will surely attend!

The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too.
~ Samuel Butler



Paws At The Park

By Deb Orwig



The West Ramada at Eldorado Park in Scottsdale is in a lovely setting with shade trees scattered around and a nice view of the lake

It was the best day ever! On March 13th, **AGR** hosted our annual *Paws At The Park* at the West Ramada of **Eldorado Park** in Scottsdale. It was a glorious-weather day in the low 80°s with a light breeze, and the trees surrounding the ramada had started to leaf out. All in all, it was a beautiful setting for a wonderful event, which was made even better this year by the addition of the vocal and guitar music of *Desert Nights* with **AGR** member Mike Harman and his friend John Mann. The music was terrific!



Carolyn and Peter Brown with tripod Cody, tripod CaliAnne and Joey

A total of 98 reservations came in ahead of the event. Five of these folks were not able to attend (their event fee became a donation), but we had six walk-ins, so we enjoyed the company of 97 adults, one toddler and one other young child. As we had two tripods (**Cody** and **CaliAnne Brown**) in attendance, the paws contingent included 48 dogs with a total of 190 paws on the ground!

It takes a big effort from a lot of members to help with the planning, preparing, setting up and taking down this event – hopefully, I will not forget to mention anyone.

Carolyn Brown and I selected the raffle and silent auction items and made up the baskets, bows and labels. Fortunately, we had quite a few of the baskets already prepared, as we had created them last year and saved them when we did not have the event due to Covid-19 restrictions. We tried to produce the event in October, but because of the prevalence of West Nile virus borne by mosquitoes, we had to cancel again. This year, nothing stopped us from having this fantastic event!

Even though two tents got damaged during the wind-storm at *Trail's End* and were replaced by one of the vendors there, we decided we needed to rent a couple more tents, so Carolyn and Peter Brown made the arrangements and picked up the tents in South Phoenix. In addition to Carolyn and Peter, we had help from Adam Cardinal, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Deb and Larry Orwig, and Liz Tataseo when we loaded up our trailer with tents, tables, and all our sale merchandise on Saturday at the Orwigs' house. Nick drove the trailer, which he and Connie store in the side yard at their home.



Kaitlyn Landess, April Crow, Gina Landess, Mike Wilson and Trishia Murphy setting up the tents



Set-up starts with unloading our trailer and the vehicles that transported everything

On the day of the event, everything had to be unloaded from the trailer and 7 other vehicles that were used for transporting our multitude of items. Tents and tables had

to be set up and arranged; the raffle and silent auction items had to be put on tables and labeled; all the merchandise we sell had to be displayed; the food-service area had to be organized – it's a big job. Fortunately, we had a lot of help (but could have used a few more hands, and we should have started a little earlier). Set up volunteers started arriving at 8:30 AM: Debbie Ball, Carolyn and Peter Brown, April Crow, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Ellen France, Liz Harman, Jean Klink, Gina and Kaitlyn Landess, Sarah Martin, Connie McCabe, Denise Padavano, Deb and Larry Orwig, Cindy Tigges, Mike Wilson and Kathi Youhas.



During the day, Debbie Ball (photo at left) was our registrar and Sarah Martin (photo at right), who brought **Bunny**, served as our cashier. Deb Orwig was the MC for the "business" portion





The musicians, Mike Harman and John Mann, played terrific toe-tapping, hand-clapping classic rock music

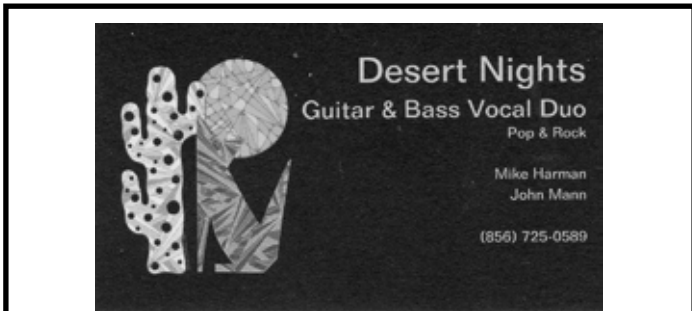
of the event. Mike Harman and John Mann set up the sound equipment and provided two 45-minute sets of some toe-tapping "classic rock" music. They also gave us a bonus of a few tunes while we were taking down and cleaning up after the event. Whistle while you work really does make the job easier!



Mike Harman



John Mann



Mike Harman and John Mann met in another band Mike was in. They decided to form a duo band to be able to do the type of music they wanted to present. They have both been playing for many years but together they have been *Desert Nights* for about two years. They have played at open mic nights but are looking to play at HOA events and parties such as *Paws At The Park*. Mike is a retired IT professional in healthcare and John is a retired dentist turned artist and sculptor. We thank them so much for providing such great music at our event! If you would like them to play at an event you are hosting, please call Mike at 856-725-0589.

Our all-you-can-eat food buffet was fabulous! Chef Jeff Guilbault expertly handled the grilling of hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs. April Crow managed the "kitchen staff" consisting of herself, Denise Padavano and Debbie Marcotte. *AGR* bought



Chef Jeff Guilbault



April Crow handled the "kitchen" with help from Debbie Marcotte and Maverick



the meats, condiments, buns, beans, chips, cakes and water, but everything else was donated by members. We had pasta salad made by Carolyn Brown, who also donated the lettuce, tomatoes

and onions; fruit salad made by April Crow; coleslaw made by Connie McCabe; and carrot-raisin-pineapple and potato salads made by Deb Orwig. Trishia Murphy took care of heating up the beans in crockpots at her home and brought them to the event. The Orwigs donated all the soda and some Danish; the Browns donated doughnuts. Some purchased cookies and brownies also appeared on the food tables, but we did not know who brought them, so whoever did – thank you!

The merchandise set-up was supervised by Carolyn Brown, who, with her marketing background, always produces the most eye-appealing displays. She was assisted



Above: Carolyn Brown supervised the set-up of our large collection of high-quality handmade items; Left: Cindy Tigges showing off one of the gorgeous tote bags made by Connie Wozniak

by Gina and Kaitlyn Landess, Sarah Martin, Denise Padavano, Cindy Tigges and Jane Triplett, as well as everyone who pitched in to unload all the merchandise from the trailer.

Trishia Murphy managed the set-up of the raffles and silent auction items with help from Ellen France, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, Jane



Above: The raffle and silent auction crew: Kathi Youhas, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, and Trishia Murphy; Left: Kim McVeigh sold raffle tickets



Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson – our Rescue would not have been nearly as successful had we not had so much help from this couple

Triplett and Kathi Youhas. During the event, Trishia sold raffle tickets, as did Jane Triplett and Kim McVeigh.

Connie McCabe took photos throughout the event. She apologized that she missed getting pictures of everyone who attended. All photos can be viewed on the public portion of our SmugMug photo site: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/03132022-Paws-At-The-Park/n-67R8DZ/>

At the end of the day, those who helped with the take-down and pack-up included: Debbie Ball, Carolyn and Peter Brown, Adam Cardinal, Nick Dodson, Patrick



Above: Mark Hill and Michele Wehry with Cassie and Callan – they took the dogs home then Michele came back to help with the pack-up; Nels Dutton arrived with Carter near the end of the event and stayed to help
Left: Chris Spiel with Oliver and Lucy



Doyle, Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Nels Dutton, Deb and Larry Orwig, Chris Spiel, Michele Wehry and Kathi Youhas. We really appreciated the “fresh faces”

of Adam, Nels, Chris and Michele, since the rest of us had been there all day.



New members Jim Cogan and Emilie Duncan with their handsome boy Oliver

The program for the event included music from 11:15 to noon, food service from 11:30 to 1:15, and another music set from 12:30 to 1:15. During the “business” part of the event, Deb Orwig acknowledged the two non-member couples who had seen the event advertised on our Facebook page and invited them to join as members – one of them did! Several other non-member guests came in support of the band, which was really nice!

Deb gave a brief history of **AGR**: we incorporated in March 2009; as of March 13, 2022 we had rescued 1048 dogs – Mr. #1,000, Jackson McCabe / Dodson was with us today. The Board members were introduced: Debbie Ball, Director of Operations; Carolyn Brown, Activities Director; Adam Cardinal, Director of Information Management; Connie McCabe, Human Resources Di-

rector; and Deb Orwig, President. They received a vote of confidence from the members for their service for another year.

Deb then gave a “commercial” about some of the really expensive dogs we have had during the last year: She made a plea for donations and encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming *Arizona Gives Day* on April 5-6.



The 2022-2023 Board: Adam Cardinal, Carolyn Brown, Connie McCabe, Debbie Ball and (seated) Deb Orwig

- 21-011 **Raya** = \$15,108.75
- 22-007 **TK** = \$13,503.54
- 22-008 **Madonna** = \$1,446.38
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- 22-011 **Theo** = \$1,412.80
- 22-014 **Apollo** = \$6,446.88

Note: read more about these dogs in the *Diamonds in the Ruff* column on pages 12-13

Deb then hosted the Rainbow Bridge ceremony. She recognized the attending members who had lost a dog since our previous *Paws At The Park* in 2019, and each was presented with a beautiful rainbow rosette. She apologized for not having copies of the commemorative booklet she usually produces – these will be distributed later by mail. She also read a list of the 19 **AGR** members who had passed away. The moving music of “Too Hard to Say Goodbye” by Shelley Guidotti was played and more than a few tears were shed. Unfortunately, we did not get a photo of those who participated in the Rainbow Bridge ceremony.



There were many more who have adopted a dog from **AGR** since March 2019, but here are those who were able to attend PATP in 2022: Sharon Flores with Cassie and Riley; Jean Klink with Ginger; Jeff France with Rose; Connie McCabe with Jackson; Larry Orwig with Asher; Viki Snedden with Hope and Sadie; Carolyn Brown with CaliAnne; Rebecca Mackerman with Valor; Chris Spiel with Lucy and Oliver; Dean Mortimore with Sugar; Sheila Joyce with Kiki

We always end the event with happiness. New adopters were recognized: names read and each dog received a paw-shaped medalion.

Then everyone who had ever adopted a dog from anywhere was invited to join our Parade of Rescue, the best part of the event.



Deb led the Parade with **Asher** by her side (**Duffy** walked with Larry and **Vin** was handled by Trishia Murphy) to the tunes “Rescue Me”, I Want To Love Somebody” and “Who Let The Dogs Out?” played on the boom box. It was such fun and so heartwarming to see all those gorgeous rescued dogs prancing through the park!

At 2:30, the raffle winners were drawn and silent auction winners announced. At the end of the day, our profit for the event was **\$4,171.82**. Our sincere thanks to everyone who donated money or goods that day or ahead of the event and to those who came to support our very worthwhile cause. We hope to see many more of you at this event next year.

Below are some candid shots of some of the others who attended – see more photos on page 2



Fred and Jill Prose with Gracie II and Jasper



Beth Chaffee



Cara Holland and Jack Craven with Jackson McCabe/Dodson



Michael Feight and Jill Imler with Zoey, Ginger and Oakley



The Snedden family with Hope and Sadie



Joni Cipollone, *AGR's* Placement Manager, and Pamela Roberts had known each other when both were members of the now disbanded *Arizona Golden Retriever Connection*; Pamela came to our event with Ellen and Jeff France, who are her neighbors and who adopted Rose from *AGR*



Sheri, Kelley and Karey Rodeffer with Sucusy and Joie



Ellen France



Jeff France with Rose, one of 10 dogs *AGR* rescued from China in 2019



The Frances also brought their neighbors Missy and Bob Putnam



Leslie Carson came all the way from Flagstaff with Sally



Jocelyn and Tia Raught with Mimi



Barsetti family with Hugs



Cynthia Wenström and Mike Lane



Lucy and Natasha, Gary Tigges, granddaughter Nora Natwick, daughter Alison Natwick, and Cindy Tigges



The Farkas family with Doro – years ago, Dan and Kathi adopted a dog from *AGR* and moved out of the area but they are now back; Kathi is a cousin of John Mann, one of the musicians, so they came to the event to support the band and *AGR*; Dan does therapy work with Doro at a local hospital



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~ Unknown

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