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Fore! Paws Golf Tournament coming up on September 22, 2018. If you have any new item you don't want or credit card points you could use to purchase gift cards, please contact Deb Orwig at dorwigaz@cox.net or call 623-693-0589.

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Editor's Assistants' Notes



Vin, Duffy, Mufasa and Dolly Orwig

We had a terrific first quarter of this year with lots of exciting opportunities to participate in *Arizona Golden Rescue* events – you can read about all of them starting on page 27. Usually the Orwigs just take lucky furkids **Duffy** and **Vin** to events. Because Mom knew there would be **AGR** members attending without dogs to help with extras, **Dolly** and **Mufasa**, who usually stay home, got to go to the *Parada Del Sol* and *Trail's End Festival*, and **Mufasa** also went to **PACC911's Petco Pavilions** Adopt-a-thon.

We love meeting-and-greeting with the public! We are always on our best behavior and serve as ambassadogs for **AGR**, helping to promote Rescue. We show the public what great dogs they can get if they apply to adopt. We get lots of petting and loving, and we help collect donations by wearing spiffy donation vests. In this way, we “pay it forward” to help with the medical expenses of new intakes, just like other dogs helped collect money to help with our expenses.

There are two **AGR** events coming up that we want you to put on your calendar so that you will plan to attend with your dog(s). The first is the *Phoenix Pet Expo*. This is a fabulous event held at *WestWorld* in Scottsdale. This year it will be on Memorial Day weekend, May 26-27. Yes, it is a 2-day event, so we will need a lot of help in our booth and with dogs wearing donation vests walking around to collect donations. Please plan to contact Cindy Pavero (mcsindyp1@yahoo.com) and let her know you are coming!

The other event you must, must, must put on your calendar is our *Fore! Paws Golf Tournament*. It has been two years since we held a golf tournament, so dust off those unused clubs and get ready to play! If you don't golf, then just join us for dinner and our usual spectacular silent auction and raffle. The tournament will be at *Lone Tree Golf Course* in Chandler on Saturday, September 22, 2018 with a 1 PM shotgun start, 4-person scramble format. We guarantee a good time for all!



Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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Spring is a wonderful season in Arizona – yes, we do have spring here! The other day I looked out at the lake behind my backyard fence and saw a pair of Canada geese with 14 goslings (I counted them all three times!) paddling around and there was another adult pair with four babies – a veritable population explosion! The flowering plants are also exploding but with colorful blooms – gorgeous! Of course, our Midwest and East Coast members/supporters will be snickering back at us during the summer when it can be as hot as 120° here, but last week I had to snicker when the announcer for the *Arizona Diamondbacks* said it was only 37° at game start in St. Louis, and here we were on the first 100° day yesterday in Arizona sitting out by the pool watching the dogs swim! Life in Arizona is good – this time of year!

We had a very busy first quarter of this year, and I thank everyone who attended any of our events. Activities will now quiet down for a while, with only two events scheduled until the fall other than our regular monthly *Petco* meet-and-greets. The low number of events is not necessarily a good thing for *Arizona Golden Rescue*. It means there will be little opportunity to remind the public that we exist and little opportunity to collect revenue either from merchandise sales or donations to support the rescues we anticipate making during the summer, our busiest intake time. Please consider sending in a donation, especially if you did not contribute on *Arizona Gives Day*.

I want to mention how much the service of Board members and other volunteers for **AGR** is valued. All the Board members and Team Managers do a fabulous job, many of them spending many hours per week on **AGR** business. Please review the list of volunteers on page 2 of this issue.

Connie McCabe is our Human Resources Director. It is her job to find volunteers to “fill in the holes” when there are vacancies on the Teams. In addition, she does many home evaluations, chairs the monthly *PetSmart* Meet-and-Greet, takes photos at most of our events, creates the newsletter cover and writes a column for each issue, prepares graphics, such as hole signs and table signs for the golf tournament and creates our calendar. Connie and husband Nick Dodson have driven countless miles to transport many dogs to vets or to new homes. They also often haul our trailer with merchandise and booth set-up equipment. We appreciate what they do so much!

Sue Vallie, **AGR's** Director of Dog Care, oversees all the Teams: Home Evaluations, Intake, Placement, Transport and Health Care. She also finalizes all adoptions. In addition, she spends a great deal of time responding to people who send us e-mails with general

interest in adopting, interest in a particular dog, and questions about our adoption process. She is very patient and responds promptly and with courtesy, which really helps maintain **AGR's** good public image.

During the last year, Cindy Pavero, Director of Activities, has done a good job recruiting volunteers for our various events. Thanks to her efforts, we have never been understaffed. Due to health issues, Cindy is sometimes not able to attend every event, but she does her best to encourage members to come and help.

Adam Cardinal, Director of Information Management, not only deals with database issues, but it is also his job to send out e-mails to our entire membership, sometimes with little advance notice. We want to keep everyone informed about upcoming events, and Adam does a great job in this regard.

All our Team Managers do a wonderful job for **AGR**. Sheila Joyce has been serving as Home Evaluations Coordinator since our inception. I alert her when an applicant has paid the application fee, and then she makes sure that the home visit is done as soon as possible. Without her efforts and her group of evaluators, we would not have excellent, safe homes into which to place our rescues.

We would not have dogs to place were it not for the great work of our Intake Co-Managers, Sharon Flores and Judy Petitto, and their Team members. All are very considerate, compassionate and courteous to surrendering owners, many of whom are very sad to have to give up their pet. We have a wonderful reputation for caring due to their work with these families.

Placement is one of the most difficult jobs in our organization. Team Manager Tiffany Berry had the terrific idea to change the way Placement operates. Instead of each Placement volunteer serving for a week and having to deal with whatever dog or dogs came in during that week (or, in some weeks, no dogs), now each member is assigned to a specific dog when it comes into our program. This volunteer follows this dog from the time we are notified it is coming in until it is adopted. The continuity of this approach is proving to be very beneficial. Thanks, Tiffany, for helping us see that the way we had been handling placement could be done better.

Liz Tataseo serves as Health Care Manager. She is also the liaison to **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale, **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale, **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital** in north Phoenix and all vets that we deal with outside the Phoenix Metro Area. In addition, she keeps hard copies of all the medical records of all dogs that come into our program. Unrelated to her health care responsibilities, Liz does all out-of-area home evaluations by arranging for a Facetime walk-through of an applicant's home and yard. Liz also helps me put together raffle and silent auction baskets for the various events where such are presented. Your help is invaluable, Liz!

Sharon McKenzie is **AGR's** behavior consultant. Basically self-taught through diligent reading and astute observation, Sharon has been asked to provide behavior-modification advice many times. Over the last year, Sharon made 26 separate visits to potential adopters homes or to observe and interact with dogs we had at **Partners Dog Training School** or boarding at **Academy West Animal Hospital**. She has driven from her home in central Phoenix or her workplace in Tempe to Gilbert, Mesa, Sun Lakes, Fountain Hills, Scottsdale, Glendale and Cave Creek! She has spent many hours on the phone or writing e-mails to families she did not actually visit, and she writes detailed notes for our database records. Those individuals and families with whom she has consulted have benefitted greatly, and we consistently get messages of thanks from the families for Sharon's efforts. She also manages the Transport Team volunteers and does numerous transports herself (a total of 16 during the past year). Oh, and by the way, she works full time! Thanks, Sharon, for all you do for **AGR!**

Patrick Doyle is an ever-present volunteer. Even though he has not had a dog for well over two years, he comes to every event, stays all day and helps with set-up and break-down. He also will handle any "extra" dogs that come. Often he is called upon to help transport equipment and supplies and does it all willingly. He is a gem of a volunteer! Thanks for all your help, Patrick!

We have several other unsung heroes who do a lot in our organization behind the scenes. Karen Davis handles all the follow-up calls to FWITAs to determine if they are ready to finalize an adoption. Karen also sends a sympathy card to every member family whose dog, whether an **AGR** dog or not, has passed away.

Jolene Schlichter is our Grant Writer and keeps on top of grant opportunities for which she can apply. Jolene also is a tremendous help with the solicitation of items we can offer in raffles and silent auctions.

Sandra Hansen makes sure our membership roster is kept updated in our database and sends out reminder letters to members when their membership is about to expire. Sandra also takes care of registering or re-registering micro-chips with the appropriate company and ensures that our primary vets have a supply of our micro-chips to use for our rescues.

Kathy Blue manages all our social media, including Facebook and connections to Adopt-a-Pet, Pet Finder and other Internet sites.

Sharon Flores answers our WAGS Line phone. Numerous calls about all kinds of different subjects are made to that general information line! I asked Sharon to tell me about the strangest call that has come in. She said, *The strangest call I have had was the guy that called and I thought he was asking about shelters for a dog, but he said no I need a shelter. I did not have an answer for him, so that afternoon I researched homeless shelters in the Valley, and if that situation ever happens again I am ready. I have had calls*

about a snake, a turtle, and a parrot. Wasn't able to help them at that time but did research on that, and now I have a list of rescues for snakes, reptiles and exotic birds and I have been able to give people contact information. Also, I have a resource list of 30 cat rescues, as I get lots of calls about cats. I feel I need to help anyone that calls, if possible. What wonderful initiative Sharon has! We have received many compliments about the fact that a live person answers our phone and compliments about how nice, courteous and helpful Sharon is.

Dana Haywood continues to manage the website and makes appropriate changes on our Events calendar.

Thank you all for your assistance in helping to make our organization a "class act."



It's a Ruff Life!
By Cindy Pavero
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We have the greatest members! No matter what the event is, we can always count on some of you to be there. For each event, we need volunteers to help set up our booth, sell merchandise, sell raffle tickets, promote our Rescue, walk our dogs that are wearing donation vests and break down the booth. With all of you coming together, we make each event a success!

Please contact me if you can help at any time over Memorial Day weekend when we will have a booth at the *Phoenix Pet Expo*. We will be setting up at *WestWorld* on Friday, May 25th at 1 PM. On Saturday, May 26th, the event goes from 10 AM to 5 PM and on Sunday from 11 AM to 4 PM. Volunteers will be needed on all three days.

This year we have not yet been told if we will be given vendor parking passes, which will save you \$5 if we get them – if you offer to volunteer at this event we will e-mail you a parking pass if these are distributed.

In addition, I am sorry to say that there will be an admission charge for the first time. If you get your tickets early, it is only \$6 per day or \$9 for both Saturday and Sunday. Some of the ticket money will be donated to *Nowzad*, an organization that rescues and supports dogs in Afghanistan. Tickets can be purchased on the *Pet Expo* website: www.phoenixpetexpo.com. Even with the admission fee, the event is still very worth attending. Here are some of the things you can expect: tons of exhibitors; fabulous prize giveaways and fun for both the two-legged and four-legged visitors; dog costume contest; adoption options from dozens of rescue groups and a mega-adoption event; discounted vaccinations; micro-chipping; heartworm and flea preventatives; free nail trims; live entertain-

ment; obedience demonstrations; author readings/book signings; and the latest and greatest pet products. Learn about pet care, volunteerism, grooming, pet behavior and training, traveling with your pet, how YOU can make a difference, different types of pets/breeds, and veterinarian FAQ. There will be fun activities for you and your pet: a flyball tournament, lure course, disc dogs competition, dock diving and an outdoor doggie water park complete with water sprinklers, fountains and pools! If you bring your dog(s), you will need to provide proof of current vaccinations. A Pet Waiver form is available on their website – you will have to print off one of those and submit it along with your dog's vaccine information.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monthly Meet-and-Greets at the Northern Ave Petco
Check website calendar for dates and times
www.arizonagoldenrescue.org

Phoenix Pet Expo at WestWorld

Saturday May 26th, 10 AM - 5 PM
and Sunday, May 27th, 11 AM - 4 PM
16601 N. Pima Rd, Scottsdale

Contact: Cindy Pavero at mscindyP1@yahoo.com, 602-430-7777

Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

Lone Tree Golf Course, Chandler
Saturday, September 22, 1 PM shotgun start
4-person scramble format

Early-bird registration deadline of September 10th
will be strictly enforced – fee for golfing or just for dinner
will increase significantly after that date!

Registration will open in July

Help Needed for Golf Tournament!

**#1 Job Ahead of Time is
Solicitation of Items
for the Raffle, Silent Auction and Golfers' Prizes**

**#2 Job is Securing Hole Sponsorships and
Other Levels of Sponsorship**

**Anyone can help with either or both jobs –
solicitation letter templates
are available now!**

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Paws Forward

By Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care

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Every one of us has a mental picture of the “perfect Golden.” Each person’s image of that dog is slightly different. One person’s focus may be on appearance – on color, size, and gender – and only purebred will be considered. Another person’s desire may be for a particular age, manners, playfulness or dignity. Given a choice, most people would prefer completely healthy dogs. Some will only accept precisely what they have designated. My term for this is “prescription adopter.” They want to order a dog like one might a car. Rescue doesn’t work that way.

A prescription adopter is the person who inquires, *Do you have a healthy two- or three-year-old dog that is half English?* In this comment, you know they do not want to deal with the work and health uncertainty of getting a puppy and may realize that certain health issues tend to be more common among the British Crème dogs. Some add that they want to begin therapy work or need assistive ability immediately. Another prescription adopter can be identified by the fact that they are unwilling to accept even minor health issues, including those which can easily be treated with medication. It makes me hope their kids and other family members are healthy so they are acceptable.

One out-of-state Rescue recently was asked if they had six puppies for a child’s birthday party. It is unknown whether these pups were to be given as party favors or simply borrowed for the duration of the party for entertainment. No reputable breeder, much less a Rescue, would consider such a prospect at any price!

No, we are not a department store for dogs where someone can shop for what strikes their fancy. We have dogs that need loving homes. The good news is that most prescription adopters fall out of the process before completing the qualification process. Sometimes it seems they expect us to take their word that they are truly qualified to be the best home for any perfect dog.

We are a *rescue* organization. Our application gives each prospective adopter an opportunity to express what they prefer. As a starting point, this is important. But perfectly trained, completely healthy, purebred Goldens rarely end up in Rescue. Occasionally it does happen, but that is the exception, not the rule. Our Placement volunteers have to extrapolate what might be acceptable. In pushing the preference envelope, people frequently end up with what they need, the perfect loving dog for their home, even if he or she is not quite what they asked for.

Sometimes people’s requests are not realistic. We have had adopt-

ers with physical limitations, either because of health or advanced age, ask for young dogs, especially if they have recently lost an older dog. Guess what? The young dogs we get in usually are NOT well behaved and trained. Most have been relinquished because the former owners discovered just how much time and effort goes into raising a well-behaved companion. Placing a typical “wild child” with some families is not safe, not because there is any meanness, but because even adults can get knocked down or pulled over.

Our family recently found ourselves in what can only be described as culture shock. Having recently lost an elderly lady, we adopted a young pup who had not yet learned the rules of polite life in a family. The only problem with this new girl is that all the rules came at her at once. Slowly, we are getting it all sorted out, and her middle name is now less often “NO!” She’s beginning to wag her tail more, and we are smiling a lot more.

While your preference might be healthy purebred dogs, by getting a dog from us you usually know what issues the dog has. **AGR** picks up some rather astounding vet costs to address known issues, as well as for medical conditions that become apparent after the dog comes to us. I have incredible admiration for those who have willingly taken on very time-intensive and difficult rehabbing of dogs from severe injuries requiring major orthopedic surgery and therapy. It is not surprising how frequently the patient manages to worm their way permanently into the caregiver’s home, because such working together is its own form of bonding. The big plus in such a case is a dog that may have fewer mobility problems than many apparently “healthy” dogs, but it takes caring work to get there. Others who deserve a hug and pat on the back are those who accept a dog we know is not healthy, perhaps one that has cancer. Such dogs may survive only a short time – days – or for several years, but the family goes into the adoption knowing time with the dog is limited.

Prescription adopters have forgotten the purpose of Rescue. It is

When I Got My New Dog

I asked for strength that I might rear her perfectly;
I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.

I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.

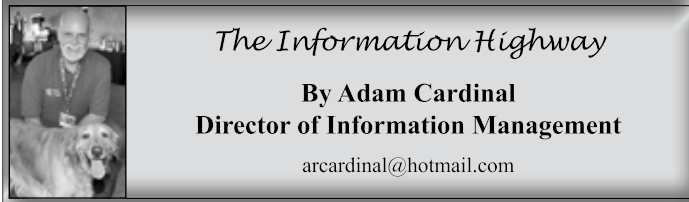
I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;
I was given a clown that I might laugh.

I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.

I got nothing I asked for,
But everything that I needed.

~ Author Unknown

not to provide a shopping resource for picky prospective owners. It is to provide a loving home for a dog, who through no fault of its own, has found itself unwanted or homeless. Our purpose is to provide caring homes for dogs so they can show their Golden hearts!



Editor's Note: When I asked Adam to write about Bitcoin, I knew virtually nothing about it and, consequently, had no inkling that this topic would require extensive research and generate a lengthy explanation. My thanks to Adam for the time he took with this topic, as I think the information may be very useful to many of you.

Working in technology, with an emphasis on computer security, I have been aware of cryptocurrency for several years. Cryptocurrency went mainstream in 2017 as the price of Bitcoin, the most popular cryptocurrency, soared over 13-fold during the year. I performed my first Bitcoin transaction in early 2018 in order to better understand the process to purchase Bitcoin using US Dollars and then exchange Bitcoin for a physical good via mail order. It was not the easiest thing to do – but I also realize that much of what we take for granted as US citizens isn't readily or available at all in other countries – especially in new economic players often referred to as emerging markets. By reviewing some key components of this new currency, I will highlight why Bitcoin is so revolutionary both to users and to gatekeepers in our current financial system.

What is Cryptocurrency?

It is sometimes referred to as “digital gold,” as some of the characteristics of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies are similar to the ways precious metals like gold, silver and platinum are valued on a global price exchange. Most countries print their own currency in order to conduct commerce and use a central bank that is responsible for managing the country's financial presence in the world. Much of that commerce takes place inside the country issuing the currency. Once currency must be exchanged, cross-border challenges begin to surface.

Central banks are not just economic but also political institutions. They issue currency that is backed by the presumption that the “good faith” of the country of issuance will honor the currency. An independent arbiter known as the **Bank of International Settlements** is tasked with calculating the relative value of currency issued by major economic powers (normally a G-6 nation) relative to each other. Once these “banking standard” currencies are valued, the value of less-common currencies can, in theory, be valued based on the market's faith in the issuing country and in

the frequency with which currency exchanges are made.

Sudden spikes in exchanges of currency from a small issuer's currency to that of a banking-standard currency indicate a “flight to safety” by banks, merchants and investors and can cause currency values to fluctuate – sometimes wildly – based on the economic policies of the issuing country. In 2017, Venezuela experienced an inflation rate of 653% from the previous year – meaning you would need 6.5 times the amount of Argentine pesos to purchase a loaf of bread this year than what was needed last year.

Currency exchanges also provide global networks for the electronic exchange of value from one currency to another. They charge a fee for that service and establish a set of rules the banks, financial institutions and central banks must follow. When those rules are not followed, a currency can be suspended from trading – and rendered essentially null and void on a global exchange.

Cryptocurrency is an electronic cash system that does not rely on central banks or trusted third parties to verify transactions and create new units. Instead, it uses cryptography to confirm transactions on a publicly-distributed ledger called the blockchain, enabling direct peer-to-peer payments. That definition might seem downright cryptographic right now, but bear with me – I will try to break it down.

The Early History of Cryptocurrency

In 2009, a programmer using the pseudonym Satoshi Nakamoto created Bitcoin, the first-ever cryptocurrency. Satoshi also created the blockchain technology, which makes all decentralized cryptocurrencies possible.

The blockchain was created as a solution to the “double-spending problem,” which arises in virtual currencies because it is easy to duplicate digital information. A person could make a copy of his or her digital currency information and send both the original and the copy to separate parties.

Blockchain was also developed to eliminate the need for trusted third parties to prevent double spending – adding cost and complexity to currency exchange processes. The goal of cryptocurrency was to develop a decentralized currency, which meant finding a way for the network of Bitcoin users to verify transactions.

By using a network of timestamp transactions, digital certificates and a hashing function, (which I will describe momentarily) anyone in the exchange process can validate all the original elements – creating a tamper-proof attestation that the values recorded are accurate – also known as a “proof of work”.

Why is it called a blockchain?

A block is a collection of transaction data on the cryptocurrency network. It basically says Person A sent this much to Person B,

and Person X sent this much to Person Y. It also includes important information that allows the rest of the network to verify the validity of the block – such as the solution to a complex math problem – called a proof-of-work. While the math problem is hard to solve, it is very easy for others to verify a valid solution. New blocks cannot be appended to the blockchain without a valid solution.

A block also includes a reference to the block that immediately precedes it. Thus, the blocks create a chain linking one to another through those references. The reference to the preceding block is accomplished through something called a cryptographic hash function. A hash function takes a set of data and maps it to a string of letters and numbers called a digest. If anything in the data changes, the resulting hash digest will change as well.

Chaining blocks together by using a hash function to reference the preceding block adds a great level of security to the system. To change a block in the ledger, a hacker would have to reproduce the entire chain of blocks following it, since it would create a chain of invalid hash values referencing the previous block.

As more computing power joins the network, the blockchain grows longer, and as the amount of calculation required to solve the math problem and add a block increases, it becomes increasingly difficult to change data in the blockchain. A hacker would require a majority of computing power on the network to effectively alter transactions.

How does a cryptocurrency transaction work?

Cryptocurrency is used for direct peer-to-peer payments anywhere in the world. The speed of transactions varies based on currency and confirmation requirements, but it is generally very fast compared with traditional banking systems. Where banks can take days to transfer money, cryptocurrency transfers happen in minutes.

In general, cryptocurrency transactions go through the following steps before they get added to the blockchain.

- A person requests a transaction, and the request is sent to the entire network.
- Each computer on the network collects all concurrent transactions into a block, along with a timestamp for each transaction.
- Each computer works on solving the difficult math problem to add the block to the blockchain. This process is called “mining.”
- Once a computer finds a valid solution, it broadcasts the block to the rest of the network.
- The network checks the solution, as well as compares transactions in the block against the current blockchain to prevent double spending.
- The block is added to the chain, showing the transaction was completed. Once a block is added to the chain, that

block gets hashed and is used to create the next block. The process continually repeats itself.

As such, transactions are practically irreversible, much the same way as if you give someone cash (hence calling it an electronic cash system). As mentioned, the chaining of one block to another means someone would have to edit the entire chain of blocks to change a transaction.

Every transaction needs a signature. Just as credit cards use your signature to verify that you authorized a purchase, cryptocurrency uses a signature as well – a digital signature.

Transactions are secured through a cryptographic public key encryption system. Each user has both a public key and a private key associated with his or her account. To authorize a transaction, users must prove they know their private key by using it as an input into a cryptographic hash function similar to the one used to link blocks together in the blockchain. That is called signing the digest. The private key is used to write that “digital signature,” so it is very important that the private key remains private.

The public key, which is available to all computers on the network, is used to decrypt the data and confirm that the private key associated with the account requesting the transaction was used to encrypt it. The public key cannot be used to determine the private key, ensuring the security of one’s cryptocurrency holdings.

How to buy cryptocurrency

Most individuals purchase cryptocurrency by buying it through a cryptocurrency exchange. A cryptocurrency exchange allows consumers to change their fiat currency, like U.S. dollars, into cryptocurrency like Bitcoin. Current exchange rate (as of April 13, 2018) for Bitcoin is 1:8076.16, meaning that one Bitcoin is equal to \$8,076.16 U.S. Dollars. Individuals purchasing Bitcoin for use in commerce are not required to purchase a single Bitcoin and manage all associated activity. Consequently, most buyers (myself included) hold only a fractional number of Bitcoins.

A cryptocurrency exchange works just like any other exchange, such as a stock exchange. It matches buyers and sellers based on a book of orders. As orders are added to the book, the exchange matches buyers willing to pay the same amount (or more) than sellers are requesting. The price of cryptocurrency is determined solely by what people are willing to buy it for. As such, the price quoted by one cryptocurrency exchange with one book of buy orders can be drastically different from the price of another exchange with another book of buy orders. Theoretically, exchanges with the highest volume of buyers and sellers will produce the most accurate price.

What does this mean?

Operating independently of central banks and associated govern-

mental oversights, cryptocurrency allows users to move money independently of those laws. If you have family members in Iran or North Korea you might find it next to impossible to transfer money due to the U.S. embargo on financial transactions to those countries. In support of U.S. national security and financial policy objectives as a result of economic and trade sanctions, the U.S. Treasury Department, in conjunction with the Federal Reserve Bank, maintains a list of individuals and institutions with which it does not permit financial transactions. Depending on your political views, or your economic interests, you may find these restrictions unfair or they may prevent you from conducting business as usual.

Cryptocurrency is also completely transparent. Countries throughout the world have had leaders who have used central banks to obscure the degree to which country assets have been transferred to the personal holdings of the ruler – think of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines or the Duvalier family in Haiti. The use of Cryptocurrency makes it impossible for these world leaders – and the financial institutions that they rely upon – to obscure the transactions they are conducting from the larger, connected exchange.

It is an unfortunate political reality that financial donations to political parties, charitable organizations, and trade associations have been used to identify individuals as members of one or more ideological, sociopolitical or “activist” groups. Historical examination of controversial events in American history, such as the House Un-American Activities Committee, have established precedent that donation information obtained from banking and taxation records can be used punitively – especially against high-profile individuals. In order to address privacy concerns some charitable organizations seen as political actors, not just social services organizations – like *Greenpeace*, *National Rifle Association* and *Sierra Club* – are implementing services to accept donations in cryptocurrency. For large-dollar donations or for high-donor volume / high political visibility there can be a compelling business driver to accept payments that are not traceable through the federal banking or taxation system. Charities must retain this information – but disclosure of this information would likely require a higher standard for initiation of a request for detailed information reporting, such as a search warrant.

Should Our Nonprofit Accept Bitcoin Donations?

Right now, accepting or not-accepting Bitcoin donations is not likely to be a make-or-break decision for most small to medium sized nonprofits. If a nonprofit’s donors tend to skew younger or are generally tech-savvy, accepting Bitcoin for donations could appeal to the donor base and lead to more and larger donations. If the nonprofit is one that receives donations from outside the United States (*AGR* does not), or disburses financial gifts to individuals or institutions with a country that does not have a strong financial exchange relationship with the United States (*AGR* does not), it might be advantageous to support Bitcoin.

There also comes a question of record keeping. How would the nonprofit account for transactions using Bitcoin? Some institutions have chosen to track the donations as cash, thus obscuring the identity of the counterparty of the financial transaction based on the privacy and security concerns of donors and the Board of Directors of the charity in question.

Most likely in the foreseeable future, *Arizona Golden Rescue* will not develop the process of accepting Bitcoin transactions.

The Human Connection

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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 in 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.

If you would like to view previously featured members and do not have access to the printed newsletters, you can download them from the Information tab on our website.

In this issue, let’s meet Rick Reid and April Crow, who share number 574.



Rick was born in Arizona and has lived all over the country. It wasn’t until he moved back to Arizona in 1991 that he rescued his first Golden Retriever. He realized immediately that he loved the breed and became involved with activities such as agility, tracking, obedience and pet therapy, as well as with

Rescue. Rick has had nine Golden Retrievers and got involved with *Arizona Golden Rescue* when he adopted **Ciara** (formerly **Puppet**) back in April 2012. He also rescued **Jake** (2011) and **Enzo** (2012) from *Arizona Golden Retriever Connection* to complete his pack. Rick has enjoyed volunteering with his Golden Retrievers over the years and being an advocate for the breed.

April was born and raised in Arizona and has had Golden Retrievers her entire life. They were always the family pet, and she knew that a Golden would always be part of her life. April found out about Rescue from her veterinarian back in 2008 and thought what a great way to get involved with fellow Golden lovers. Little did she know that getting involved with rescuing dogs would be a life-changing experience. She became very involved with Rescue and said there is nothing more rewarding than seeing a dog end up in their forever home and sharing this passion with Rescue friends. April adopted **Logan** through *Arizona Golden Retriever Connection* in 2011, and he has kept her busy and entertained ever since he joined the family. April and **Logan** added **Willow** to their family in 2015 – she is a Chiweenie that came into Rescue as a Golden “wannabe” and has stolen the hearts of everyone who meets her.

Rick and April have known each other for years through the Rescue community and got together in 2015. So now they have a blended family consisting of the “Golden Five Pack”. Their combined pack keeps them busy with dock diving, canine freestyle dancing, nosework, barn hunting and pet therapy. They both find pet therapy the most rewarding experience and currently volunteer with *Hospice of the Valley*, *Companion Animal Association of Arizona* and *Gabriel’s Angels*. They enjoy having pool parties and going on beach vacations with their Golden friends. Rick and April both find Rescue to be an important part of their lives and believe these dogs come into our lives for a reason. They are glad to volunteer at events and be a part of *Arizona Golden Rescue*. In particular, April has been a real help in the daunting task of setting up our large events, and her hard work is much appreciated.



Willow, Jake, Logan, Enzo and Ciara

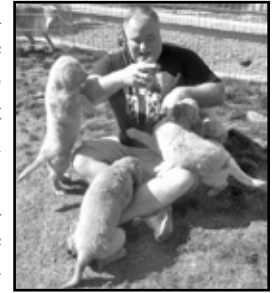
Now, here are Art and Jolene Schlichter, sharing number 754:



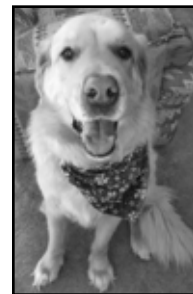
Originally from Long Island, New York, just east of New York City, Jolene and Art Schlichter have lived in the Valley for 22 years. They reside near the Desert Ridge section

of north Phoenix with their son Keith, who is their dog’s best buddy. Another son currently resides in Tempe.

Their first pet together was a cat named **Smokey**, who, Art likes to say, came with the marriage. Once they moved to the valley, Jolene and Art got their first dog, a Brittany named **Zena**. Several years ago, as part of a Cub Scout pack, the Schlichters were in the staging area for the *Parada Del Sol* near *AGR*, where they learned about the Rescue organization. When the time was right, they reached out to *AGR* to adopt a dog. Since then, they have adopted two dogs from *AGR*. The first, **Molly**, crossed the Rain-



Art was one of the many visitors to the Orwigs’ house when they were fostering the St. Pat’s Day puppies in 2013



bow Bridge 4 years ago. The second, **Simba** (at left), has been part of the family for 4 years. Unlike other Golden Retrievers, **Simba** doesn’t like water and stays away from the backyard pool as much as possible. He does, however, love to retrieve balls and toys when thrown. Each evening, **Simba** drops something to throw by the family room sofa where everyone is watching television. Periodically, **Simba** will come over for a hug and a scratch from whoever happens to be nearby.



Jolene assists *AGR* by soliciting donations from businesses for silent auctions and event gift packages. You’ll also find her at some of the *Petco / PetSmart* Meet-and-Greets, as well as assisting with the set-up and break-down of the *AGR* booth at pet events. Jolene also serves as our Grant Writer and has successfully obtained grants from *Petco Foundation*, *Safeway/Albertsons*, *Pedigree Foundation*, *The Golden Retriever Foundation*, *PACC911* and other organizations to assist with medical care for our rescued dogs. *AGR* is very fortunate to have her excellent skills and enthusiasm.

Many of you already know Chris Spiel, number 774.



Chris has attended almost all events, large and small over the past years. And if you have been to any of the ones that she is at, you have probably met **Jack** and **Nash**! In her own words, *I have been a Golden lover all my life and an owner since 1992. My first Golden’s name was Caesar and boy did his name ever fit him to a T! He was 117 lbs at his max and full of Golden love! My next golden was Caesar’s son, Polar Bear, and yes, his name*

fit him to a T as well – he was the whitest Golden I have ever seen to this day. I wasn't in the market to acquire another Golden, but a coworker came into work one day with a female Goldendoodle puppy, **Mystic**, and I fell in love! I instantly called the breeder and the next day I was picking up her brother, **Traveler (Trav)**, at the airport.

Well, searching the Internet when you're bored at work is almost never a good thing, but in this case it was. I stumbled upon **Jack**, my second Doodle. I had recently lost **Caesar** at the age of 15, and it just didn't seem right to have only 8 paws in the house, so **WELCOME HOME JACK!**

Unfortunately, soon after **Jack** entered into the picture, I lost both **Polar** and **Trav** to cancer. **Jack** needed a buddy real bad, and that is when I discovered **AGR**. Again, searching the Internet while I was bored at work, I came upon **AGR** and immediately filled out the adoption application.



Jack and Nash seem to enjoy being in any kind of outfit Chris wants them to wear!

Lo and behold, **BOOM! WELCOME HOME NASH!** 17 days later, and my family was complete again. **Jack** and **Nash** have been best buddies ever since.

Not only did I adopt **Nash** from **AGR** but that also led me to become a very active member with **AGR**. I quickly became part of the Home Evaluation Team, Health Care Team and eventually the Director of Activities as well. **AGR** also led me to meeting many fabulous friends which I now call my Golden Family!



Health and Safety

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What is Bloat?

Bloat or gastric dilatation and volvulus (GDV) is a deadly condition that needs treatment immediately if it occurs in your dog. Reasons for bloat developing are many, and there are many ideas about what can or cannot cause it. Bloat occurs when large amounts of gas expand or dilate the stomach and becomes more complicated if the stomach twists, which closes off both the front and back end. Organs such as the spleen can be torn because of the twisting, and tissues of the intestinal track start to die due to the blood supply being cut off by the dilation or twisting.

Symptoms happen quickly when a dog bloats: retching but unable

to vomit, enlarged abdominal area, tight-as-a-drum abdomen, salivating and pacing. The most susceptible breeds are deep-chested dogs (where the chest is longer rather than wide) such as Great Danes, German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, Bloodhounds, Labradors, Wolfhounds and Weimaraners. Some studies have shown that 7-year-old males, with anxious or fearful personalities, have the most occurrences.

Smaller dogs don't usually have issues, but Basset Hounds and Dachshunds which have long, less-broad chests, are in the bloat-possible category.

Here are some reasons for bloat that most people agree about: genetic disposition, eating too fast and taking in lots of air as they eat, eating one large meal daily, dry food only, overeating, overdrinking, heavy exercise after eating, stress, trauma, fearful temperament and anxiety.

If your dog bloats, you must get him to a vet, preferably an ER, within 30-40 minutes of symptoms starting. A dog will go into shock shortly from GDV, and stabilization needs to happen quickly. If the stomach has already twisted, emergency surgery is needed. Post-surgery complications include heart damage, infection, shock and blood clots. If the stomach has not twisted, decompression of the stomach can be done via a tube into the esophagus. Vets normally recommend having the stomach permanently attached to the inside of the abdomen to prevent future twisting.

What you can do to prevent bloat: give smaller meals rather than one large meal; add liquid to dry food so that the kibble expands before the dog eats it; use a slow-down feeder bowl if your dog is a gulper; normal water consumption; limit or prevent rigorous exercise before and after meals. There are equal numbers of recommendations for elevated feeding bowls as there are not to use them, so their use is your choice. Some dog owners and many vets who have high-risk breeds, have the stomach tacked down as a matter of course.

The majority of dogs, including our great Goldens, will not experience this trauma. However if you have ever had a dog that developed bloat, you will never want to see it happen again! In 40 years of having many dogs in my life, only one has bloated. He was a 7-year-old anxious, alpha male Borzoi mix, very deep-chested. He ate, got into an argument with one of my other dogs, and shortly after that he bloated. We made it to the ER in time and surgery saved his life, but he did lose his spleen. After three days at the ER for the vets to watch for complications, he came home with his stomach tacked to his abdominal wall. He lived to 11+ years after that and was healthy and happy until his journey to the Bridge.

Unfortunately, **AGR** recently heard about a case of bloat that did not end as well. Please read **Jax/Max's** story in *Diamonds in the Ruff* on page 15.

Follow the Lead: Dog Pack Behavior

Editor's Note: The subject of dog pack behavior is one that AGR behaviorist Sharon McKenzie and I have discussed numerous times. Sharon employs a thorough understanding of pack behavior when she assesses the behavior of a rescue dog with which the adopters are having difficulty. Almost always, it has turned out that the adopters do not exhibit strong enough leadership. Once Sharon has given advice on how to change the humans' behavior, the dog's behavior usually changes, as well. Sharon did not write the information below, as she has been overwhelmed with new work responsibilities, among other influences in her busy life. So, with only a few editorial changes, I have excerpted the information from <http://www.dog-health-guide.org/dog-pack-behavior.html>

Dog pack behavior is a process where every dog understands his or her place in the pack including members of your family. It is important to assert that family members are more important members of the pack.

Dogs are pack animals. They have a highly developed social system, with a definite hierarchy within the pack. There is a dominant or "alpha" dog, a "beta" dog, and so on, and at the bottom of the social ladder, an "omega" dog. The alpha dog may be male or female. These social roles are very important to the pack.

Members of your family are considered members of your dogs' pack. They will look to you as a leader of the pack. If you don't act this way, your dog will look to fill that position.

Dogs within the pack usually interact in a predictable way and maintain the social order of the pack. Much of their behavior is aimed at maintaining their social status, or sometimes at improving it. When the alpha dog dies or becomes old or is otherwise unable to continue in his position, there is competition for the top position. Likewise, when a new member is introduced to the pack, there is a rearrangement of social status and some challenge to positions.

The alpha dog will communicate his or her dominance to other dogs in the pack. Displays of dominance include placing a paw on other dogs, standing over other dogs, making eye contact, circling and sniffing other dogs, and urine marking.

Showing submission to the alpha dog is another important part of communication within the pack. A dog will lie on his back, spread his legs, and expose his belly to the alpha dog. At other times, the dog will simply lower his head. He is acknowledging the alpha dog's dominance. The alpha dog usually responds with signs of friendliness and tolerance.

You may notice your dog behaving this way toward you. He may be acknowledging your dominance at times (you definitely want to be the "alpha dog" in your house). At other times, he may simply

be asking for a belly rub!

Puppies begin learning about ranking and social order from the age of about four weeks. They learn about this from their mother and from their littermates. It is important that puppies not be separated from their mother and littermates too soon, or they will not learn this valuable lesson. Even if they will not eventually be living with other dogs, they need to learn about social order because they will view the people they live with as members of their "pack".

Changing Dog Pack Behavior

If your dog sees you accept another person or animal, then your dog will see that you are still the leader and will exhibit the appropriate dog pack behavior. If they don't see you interact with other people, then they will step into the void. For example, your dog may go after the mailman if when you weren't present their barking caused the mailman to leave. Over time, the uniform becomes a symbol of an invader of your dog's territory. To change this behavior your dog has to see you as the leader of the pack accepting people in uniform.

If the dog is acting as if he or she is the leader of the pack over you, then you need to establish a clear set of rules for your dog so that he understands who is boss.

Send a Signal to Your Dog: Do not play "tug" with your dog or encourage bad behavior. Keep your dog off your bed and off furniture. Those places are reserved for human leaders of the pack.

Provide Clear Structure: Train your dog to follow simple commands such as sit and stay. Any time your dog is acting out of line, invoke the commands to control the situation. Reward your dog with treats for conforming behavior.

You can enforce this structure when walking your dog. According to the *ASPCA* you should change walking directions if your dog is moving too far ahead. If your dog blocks you with his body continue to lean forward. To exert control, insist that your dog sit at every corner and every time you stop walking. Vary the speed of walking so that your dog is forced to follow your lead.

Aggressive Dog Behavior vs. Dog Pack Behavior

If you are unable to correct the dog pack behavior and there are other signs such as snarling or baring the teeth, then your dog could be exhibiting aggressive dog behavior. If the behaviors are provoked or triggered by circumstances in the home such as the entrance of strangers or anxiety, then medications or behavioral modification could help. If the aggression just appears unexpectedly or uncontrolled, then your dog should be carefully evaluated, particularly if you perceive a threat to your family.

The bottom line is, establish control – you are the boss and your dog has to believe this!



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The Laws

The *Americans with Disabilities Act* of 1991 (*ADA*), improved the rights of everyone with a disability. A disability under the *ADA* is defined as physical or mental impairment that significantly limits day-to-day activities. This definition includes but is not limited to seeing, hearing, or being confined to a wheelchair (Lee, 2017). It provides the same rights for those with a disability to attain employment, attend school, and conduct daily activities as those without a disability, thus giving equal rights to all Americans.

This act defines service animals as, “any guide dog, single dog, or other animal trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability” (Lee, p. 328, 2017). At this time, there were no limits placed on the types of animals used or the type of disability claimed, meaning someone with an emotional disorder, such as anxiety, could have a “service animal.” The 2008 revision to the *ADA* limited the type of service animals to only include the use of dogs and in some cases miniature horses. In this revision, the public can ask owners of service animals two questions: Is a service animal required because of a disability? and What work or task is it trained to perform? (Goren, 2014) Owners of service animals are required under the *ADA* to have total control of their animal, and the animal must not make a mess or damage property (Glenn et al, 2017). If a dog does not behave while in a public place, the owner of the establishment is permitted to ask the service animal and handler to leave. The new revision to the *ADA* was a means of protecting the rights of those who used service animals and it ultimately led to further legislation.

The *Fair Housing Act (FHA)* was passed in 1988 for the purpose of providing access and accommodations for people with disabilities. In 2002, the *FHA* added a service animal and emotional support animal clause similar to the *ADA*. This act specified that service dogs are not considered pets (Glenn, 2017). The *FHA* included the

use of emotional support animals within homes and apartments. Homeowners and landlords can require a letter from a doctor stating that there is a need for an emotional support animal (ESA), but they are not allowed to ask for documentation in regard to service animals (Lee, 2017). This addition to the *FHA* allowed animals other than dogs to be considered as an ESA (Powers, 2014). Landlords can restrict the ESA's rights based on breed; for example, a pit bull can be excluded from a residential area (Goren, 2014).

The *FHA* also created a test for determining discrimination against individuals with a disability which states that the “plaintiff is handicapped, defendant knew or should reasonably be expected to know of handicap, the accommodation is necessary to afford the resident equal use and enjoyment of housing, the accommodation is reasonable, and the defendant refused to grant accommodations” (Glenn, p. 20, 2017). The *FHA* does not apply to those who are incarcerated because these people do not have freedom of choice. Prison and jails are also viewed as a means of punishment (Powers, 2014). That is why people who are incarcerated are not protected under the *FHA*. This act was a milestone in improving living conditions for people with disabilities, thus allowing service animals and emotional support animals within each dwelling place.

Other important federal laws are the *Air Carrier Access Act* of 1986 and the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* of 1975. The *Air Carrier Act* and *IDEA* added service animal and ESA provisions after the *ADA* was created. Like the *FHA*, the *Air Carrier Act* required airlines to allow service animals and ESAs onto aircrafts. Individuals who own emotional support animals must provide papers and notify airlines 24 hours in advance (Glenn et al, 2017). The *Air Carrier Act* set rules and legislation that prohibited airlines from discriminating against people with disabilities. The *IDEA* allowed people to access education with the use of service animals (Powers, 2014). *IDEA* also gave students the right to live with emotional support animals on college campuses. However, schools are permitted to restrict ESAs from entering public buildings other than where the student is living. Students who experience anxiety or depression could bring their dog into the dorms (Powers, 2014). Colleges require owners of ESAs to provide paperwork proving that the animal is not a pet. Requiring paperwork on ESAs is designed to reduce fraudulent misrepresentation of ESAs; however that is not always the case. These two pieces of legislation adopted important statutes that included ESAs and service animals, which continued to expand equal rights to those with a disability.

Ultimately, there is a clear difference between service animals and ESAs. Service animals are trained to perform a specific task for the owner. These animals are well trained and they listen to commands given to them by their handler. The handlers are not required to demonstrate paperwork or proof that the animal is indeed a service dog. ESAs are different – these animals are not allowed to travel in public places. They are not considered service animals protected

under *ADA* laws. ESAs are permitted to reside with their owners free of cost, like service animals; however, the owner must provide paperwork. In many cases, owners must provide a doctor's letter stating that the animal is necessary for the owner's mental health. Many people confuse the difference between service animals and ESAs. Some believe that owners of ESAs are allowed to travel anywhere with their dog, but that assumption is incorrect.

In the next issue: **Problems within the Law**

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Arizona Gives Day: April 3, 2018

By Deb Orwig

Since I was *AGR's* administrator for *Arizona Gives Day*, it was a thrill for me to get notices of donations all day on April 3rd! There were six that came in right after midnight, as they had been pre-scheduled by the donors, and what a great start that was to this day! There was one donation at 5:54 AM, then at least one every hour starting at 7:00 AM and going through 11:22 PM! Forty-five individual donations later, we had been supported to the tune of a total of **\$7,874.70** – that is the amount we will get after *AZGives* administration fees are subtracted (the actual amount donated was \$8,285.24). WOW! This total was more than double what was donated in 2017, so we reached our goal! Thanks so much to all of you who donated on this occasion! Donors are listed below.

AGR will, of course, accept donations at any time during the year. You can either send a check, in which case we lose nothing from the amount you donate (no bank fees for deposit of a check). Or, you can go to our website and click on the yellow DONATE button. If you do that, PayPal will deduct 3% for their administrative fee from the amount you specify. The same will happen if you call me with your credit card information – 3% is subtracted from the donated amount for the credit card processing fee. Here are the ways you can donate:

Do you have extra credit card points? Donate gift cards for the golf tournament!

**Arizona Golden Rescue
5350 W. Bell Rd., Ste. C122-158
Glendale, AZ 85308**

www.arizonagoldenrescue.org
DONATE button

Call Deb Orwig, 623-693-0589, with your credit card information.

Several considerations:

- If sending a check, please include Suite C122-158 in the address, or we will not get the mail.
- If donating from our website, have your credit card ready. It is a secure site.
- If called, Deb shreds the credit card information after it is processed successfully.

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Last year *Arizona Gives Day* was April 4, 2017; we received the donated monies on May 5, 2017. So, this year, we should be getting the donated funds on or around May 4th. As you can see by looking at the Net Income figure in the Financial Picture table on page 15, were we to already have received the *Arizona Gives Day* revenue we would be in the black by \$216.55. However, between now and when we actually have the money in our bank account, we will undoubtedly have spent more money on vet bills, among other things. So, if you can make a donation now, please do so.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Reporting period: January 1, 2018- April 12, 2018

Total Assets as of April 16, 2018: \$212,339.02

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 2,200.00	
Adoption Income	7,474.00	
Adoption Fee Refunds		\$ 250.00
Bank Charges (PayPal & Credit Card fees)		253.03
Calendars – Sales	480.00	
Donation Income, General	5,829.35	
Honorary	5,647.90	
Memorials	2,800.61	
Dues and Subscriptions	16.00	200.37
Event Expense		50.00
Grants	686.97	
Insurance		44.00
Interest	79.87	
Legal and Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	7,085.00	
Merchandise	2,939.50	777.45
Paws At The Park 2018	2,446.96	533.11
Office Expenses & Supplies		471.44
Photos with Santa ³	492.00	
Postage		410.19
Rent or Lease		936.39
Stationery and Printing		1,045.28
Telephone and Website		48.15
Dog-related Expenses		
Boarding		445.00
Leashes and Collars		43.01
Veterinary Services		40,536.39
TOTAL	\$ 38,145.66	45,803.81
NET INCOME: - \$7,658.15		
Checking Account on 4-16-18:	\$ 99,401.16	
Savings Account on 4-16-18:	\$100,272.83	
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 4-16-18:	\$12,665.03	
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 4-16-18:	\$10,671.39	

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Debbie Ball

Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on which AGR has had to spend at least \$1,000 during one quarter. In all of 2017, 25% of our total veterinary expenses were for just four dogs. Three of those four, 16-043 Sandi, 17-003 Juggy and 17-056 Whisky, were featured in prior issues of this column. The story of the other one of those four, 17-063 Rufus, continues below, along with the other first-quarter 2018 dogs on which we spent in excess of \$1,000 each. Please consider making a donation to help with the expenses of a specific dog, or just earmark it for Diamonds in the Ruff. All dona-

tions are tax deductible, of course, and will be acknowledged.

To recap fourth-quarter 2017's Diamonds in the Ruff...

16-043 Sandi unfortunately went to the Bridge. 17-056 Whisky is feeling much, much better and is now eating well and has a lot of new-found energy. 17-065 Zoey finished her program at Partners Dog Training, and her adopters have continued taking her there for follow-up training. She is doing very well. 17-073 Mary Kate recovered well from her deep dental cleaning, removal of some oral growths and extraction of a couple of teeth. 17-082 Pilgrim, now Teddy, has been adopted and will be starting obedience classes in April. 18-001 Jessie was in such terrible shape when we rescued her we could not save her, despite spending \$6,774 trying to do so.



17-063 Rufus is a 7-year-old rescued last August from the Eastside MCACCS shelter. He has been a medical mess – see his previous write-ups in the November 2017 and February 2018 columns of Diamonds in the Ruff. When he first came to AGR, he had black skin from hyperpigmentation, hair loss, multiple mats, strong foul odors, ear discharges, and he was seriously underweight. He was

treated for allergies and skin growths, along with squamous cell carcinoma. After oncology exams and radiology scans, Rufus has begun regular chemotherapy treatments. Rufus has been placed under our Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption program with Nicole and Chris in Mesa, whereby AGR pays for his cancer treatments only. First quarter 2018 expenses for Rufus were \$1,670, and his total medical expense since intake has been \$9,572.

17-078 Jax, renamed Max by his adopters, suddenly developed bloat in mid March. He had surgery to tack down his stomach, but two weeks later just when he was going to get his staples out, he bloated again. Their vet determined that nothing else could be done for him, so his adopters helped him to the Bridge.



Max's expenses for first quarter 2018 amounted to \$3,401, and his total for all medical issues since intake is \$6,198. We are thankful for Jax/Max's adopters' generous contribution toward his medical expenses.

17-089 Bailey is a 7-year-old purebred female rescued in December as an owner surrender. She had a noticeable limp. Initial medical evaluation, tests and vaccines were done by Kennel Care in Chandler. X-rays revealed a possible tendon tear in the right knee area and excessive arthritis in the left hip area. Due to her joint issues, further follow-up and evaluation were done at Animal Med-



ical & Surgical Center in Scottsdale where **Bailey** was diagnosed with a ruptured cruciate ligament in her knee. TPLO surgery (tibial-plateau-leveling osteotomy) was done to stabilize the joint, and **Bailey** is now doing great in her adoptive home and right on track post-operation! **Bailey's** medical expenses amounted to **\$4,345**.

18-002 Lucky Magoo is approximately 10 years old. He is a purebred Golden found as a stray near Bisbee, AZ. The finder searched in vain for Lucky's original owners, and after contacting **AGR** drove him to Glendale to **Academy West Animal Hospital** for evaluation in January. **Lucky** had very cruddy ears and did not hear well. At **Academy West**, he was neutered, had his teeth deep cleaned with two extractions, and given all the routine tests and vaccines. Later after a couple of foster homes and evaluation at **Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital**, he was found to have severe spinal arthritis, an ear infection, enlarged prostate, and a couple of cysts which needed removal. Surgery was done to remove the two masses along with ear cleaning, a urine culture, radiographs, and medications. **Lucky** has since found his forever home with Sharon and Joseph in Mesa! His medical expenses have totaled **\$2,103**.



18-010 Jake is a 7-year-old purebred male rescued in January as an owner surrender who could not afford his needed medical expense. **Jake** came into Rescue with very itchy skin inflammation and weight loss. After transport to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale, **Jake** was diagnosed with allergic dermatitis combined with yeast and bacterial infections. He was given a Cytopoint injection, medicated baths, eye antibiotics, and other allergy medications along with a special diet. He is continuing to improve in his new home with Margaret and Guy in Mesa. Medical expenses for **Jake** have amounted to **\$3,162**. We very much appreciate the financial assistance given to us by **Jake's** adopters.

18-013 Gavin, now renamed **Teddy**, is another 7-year-old who was found as a stray and rescued in December. He was a big boy, weighing in at 106 lbs, but described as a friendly, gentle dog. He had a large growth on one eyelid and a black



tumor on his foot, so he was taken to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale for evaluation and surgery. With surgery, he was neutered, the eye mass removed, and one toe amputated which was diagnosed as an aggressive cutaneous form of melanoma, for which he has begun getting the melanoma vaccine. He also had some lumps aspirated which turned out to be simply fatty lipomas. **Teddy** has found his forever home with Karen in Peoria, who has also generously agreed to donate coverage towards his bills. Medical expenses so far for **Teddy** have cost **AGR \$5,382**.

18-025 Lady is our most recent expensive rescue. She is a



Golden mix rescued from Westside **MCCACS** and is judged to be about 12 years old. She was in decrepit condition when we got her. She had had one eye removed some time ago, but we don't know why. Her coat was terrible, as were her teeth. Her liver enzymes were high and white blood cell count low, which can indicate some type of infection. X-rays and ultrasound showed nothing abnormal except for a growth on the liver – a fatty lump or due to trauma – the radiologist does not believe it is a cancer. **Lady**, now renamed **Emily**, will have her blood retested in May. Denamarin for liver protection and Rimadyl for arthritis pain were prescribed. So far, **Lady** has cost **AGR \$1,735**. We have received a grant of \$500 from **PACC911's Golden Angel Fund** to help with this cost, and we thank them for their generosity.

DOG WISDOM

BE BRAVE no matter your size.

Take a nap. **HIDE YOUR FAVORITE SNACK.**

Make your own fun.

Have a mind of your own.

UNLEASH your talents.

LEARN NEW TRICKS, Dig life. no matter your age.

Make new friends.

SNIFF OUT OPPORTUNITIES.

Chase after your dreams.

WHEN LOVED ONES COME HOME always run to greet them!

MAGIC MOMENTS

By Mary Engstrom

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 17, 2018 through April 12, 2018. All adoptions finalized after April 12th will be in the next issue.



17-058 Ducky is a 2½-year-old return-to-Rescue Golden mix. It just wasn't working out in his previous home, so he needed to spend some time with a foster family. This petite guy was originally found as a stray playing with children in a parking lot. The Good Samaritan who found him couldn't keep him, so **AGR** was contacted. After spending time with one of our wonderful foster families, it

was decided **Ducky** would do best in a home with an "alpha" human and another dog to show him the ropes. Happily, Jill, Michael and four resident dogs of Peoria welcomed this sweet guy into their home. **Ducky** is flourishing in his new forever home!



17-065 Zoey is an 18-month-old purebred Golden who came into Rescue due to her high energy that was too much for the surrendering family. She was vetted at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale and was brought current on vaccinations and had a micro-chip implanted. **Zoey** is a puppy without an "Off" button, so it was decided to send her to **Partners Dog Training School** in Cave Creek for five

weeks of intensive training. Now it was time to find a family who was up to the challenge of a high-energy puppy, albeit a much better behaved one, and continue eight more weeks of training at **Partners** that had already been paid for by **AGR**. Peggy and John of Scottsdale fell in love with **Zoey** and continued with her training even after the obligatory 8 weeks. **Vin Orwig** and **Zoey** recently completed the Level 2 class together at **Partners**, and both will be continuing with Level 3. Another **AGR** success story!

17-075 McKayla is an adorable 13-month-old very petite Golden. She came into Rescue because she suffers from megaesophagus and needed someone who would be home with her to keep her away from things that are not good for her and feed her in a vertical position. She is a very happy puppy who does not realize she is different. She received her vetting at **Midwestern Uni-**

versity Companion Animal Clinic in Glendale. It was discovered she had pneumonia and was prescribed a regimen of antibiotics. **McKayla** was fortunate to have **AGR's** Health Care Manager, Liz, as her foster mom. Liz lovingly kept **McKayla** nourished with a diet of small food balls and hydrated with Pedialyte and gelatin. **McKayla** also required

spay surgery and to be brought current on her vaccinations. Now it was time to find a very special home for a very special girl! **McKayla's** foster mom fell in love with her and decided it was only appropriate that she join her canine family. **McKayla** is happily residing with Liz and her other four **AGR** rescues in Glendale. **McKayla** hit the jackpot!



17-078 Jax, now **Max**, was a handsome four-year-old Golden lad. He was surrendered to **Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix because his owner could not afford the surgery he required for an intestinal blockage. This was to be his fifth surgery for such a blockage! In fact, **Jax** had had to have surgery every year of his life due to the same issue – he ate

anything he could put in his mouth, much of which was indigestible. In fact, his fifth surgery involved the removal of a tube sock! **Jax** recovered from his surgery and was ready to find his forever home, but our vet cautioned that he could not tolerate another such surgery. His new home would need to be a home free of clutter and without children, not because he didn't like them but because children always leave stuff lying around. **Jax** found a new home with Leslie and Clay of Sun City West. He enjoyed going for walks and playing in the park. However, after being in his permanent home for only two months, **Jax** developed bloat. His family rushed him to the emergency vet, where he had surgery to untwist his stomach and tack it down. Recovery seemed to be going well, but two weeks later just when his stitches were going to

be removed, he bloated again. This time, there was no fix, and his family sadly sent him to the Bridge. Please read about bloat in the *Health & Safety* column on page 11 of this newsletter.



17-081 Charlie is a 7-year-old Golden lad who was returned to Rescue. **Charlie** suffered from separation anxiety. He was on Prozac to help alleviate his anxiety. His vetting was current and he required only an adjustment to his Prozac dosage. Our behavior specialist, Sharon, decided to foster him and work with him on his separation anxiety issues. **Charlie** adapted so well to

his foster home that Sharon and Michelle of Phoenix decided their home would be his forever home! It's just wonderful that **Charlie**, who was given a new start in life with a new name, **Zane**, has finally found his place! With the loving attention by the humans and companionship of their pack of three dogs and a cat, **Zane** no longer needs the Prozac.

17-082 Pilgrim, now renamed **Teddy**, was a rescue from the shelter in Casa Grande. A volunteer from another Rescue offered to bring him to Scottsdale for us. He was named **Pilgrim** because he came to us the day before Thanksgiving. He is about 2 years old and a small Golden-mix male. He limped on his left front leg, and his left back leg was not very steady either. The orthopedic vet at **AMSC** in Scottsdale, Dr. Jha, examined him and determined that he had probably been hit by a vehicle some time ago and never treated – there was considerable muscle mass loss in the left front leg, and an X-ray revealed that the elbow was completely out of the socket. After surgery, Dr. Jha told us that it was one of the worst elbows he had ever seen! Cindy and Gary in Scottsdale fostered **Pilgrim**, whom they called **Hopper**, for three months and saw him through rehab therapy. After an unsuccessful trial at a first potential adoptive home where he tried to dominate the young resident dog, which caused problems, he was placed in a no-other-dog home with Larry in Sun City. His adoption included an addendum for 3 months' of pain meds. Larry reported that he and **Teddy** are having a good time. They go on two walks a day and like to play ball. **Teddy** is availing himself of Larry's lap and the three dog beds in the house. He is good in the house when Larry goes out, and his only issue is being very exuberant when he greets people. Larry walks fast and **Teddy** stays up with him, although he wants to stop and meet everyone. Larry says **Teddy** is very smart and learns fast. On his own, Larry wisely decided to start taking **Teddy** to basic obedience classes at **Partners Dog Training School**; classes started on April 7th. Good for Larry, and best of luck to both him and **Teddy**.



17-088 Charlie is a 7-month-old adorable Golden. His owner was sad to surrender him. However, she had moved to an apartment and there was nowhere for him to run and expend his puppy energy. He received his vetting at **Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix. He only required a second leptospirosis vaccine and will have neuter surgery at the appropriate age, about 11 months. **AGR** granted an addendum for the neuter. Now it was time to find the perfect home for a puppy that was not house trained, or crate trained. Stacy, David, and resident dog, **Oscar**, of Phoenix were very excited to welcome **Charlie** into their home. **Charlie** is ecstatic to have a yard to run in and a companion to play with!



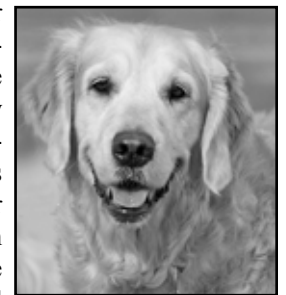
17-089 Bailey (right in photo) and **17-090 Maddie** (left in photo) are a bonded pair of Golden Retrievers. **Bailey** is 7 years old, and **Maddie** is 8 years old. They came into Rescue because their owner felt they needed more room and more attention. They were vetted at **Kenel Care** in Chandler. **Bailey** tested positive



17-089 Bailey

for valley fever and was started on fluconazole. She also had a limp in her right leg and excessive arthritis in her left hip area. **Bailey** was referred to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale to evaluate the valley fever and limping issues. She was diagnosed with a ruptured cruciate ligament in her knee. The cruciate in her knee was completely

torn, so she had TPLO surgery performed with great results. No problems were discovered when **Maddie** had her vetting at **Kenel Care**. Rita and Tom of Scottsdale were ecstatic to welcome these two girls into their home. Rita and Tom related: *It has been a whirlwind two months with **Maddie** and **Bailey** and we are so happy and grateful to have them in our lives. They are both beautiful, typical good-natured Golden Retrievers, but they each have their own unique and precious qualities. **Maddie** is very loving and gentle, despite being a very large dog. She loves to lean in close and put her paw or head on a lap. We think she may be a therapy dog someday. **Maddie** apparently tells time because at 7:00 AM she lets us know it is time to get up by putting both paws up on the bed, and the*



17-090 Maddie

minute I open my eyes she lets out a happy yelp. **Bailey** is sweet and playful. If she gets someone's attention, she immediately drops to the floor and rolls over for a belly rub. Both girls have learned to walk on leash, which has been a bit of a challenge with all the rabbits and quail in our neighborhood! **AGR** behaviorist, Sharon McKenzie, has been very helpful teaching us the right techniques for leash training and teaching us leadership skills to help **Bailey** be less possessive of her toys. **Maddie** and **Bailey** have developed quite a fan club in our neighborhood, and everyone likes to guess which one is which when we are out on our daily walks. They both get along with our Golden boy, **Cosmo**, and they seem very content together. When either of us leaves the house, there is nothing like the greeting we get from this trio when we return! Now in week 7 of her recovery from the surgery, **Bailey** is doing very well. The challenge has been keeping her calm so she will heal properly. She is on a green bean diet, meaning some of her food is being replaced with green beans. **Maddie** is also on the green bean diet and is recovering from an ear infection. Other than that, the girls are happy and healthy, and we are very grateful to **AGR** for bringing these bundles of joy into our lives! We are very impressed with **AGR's** very informative newsletter, and we also want to say that we greatly appreciate the help and support of everyone with whom we have connected in your organization. Sharon Flores, the girls' foster has been a wonderful support along with Teri and Liz on the vet team and Sharon McKenzie. You are all amazing, and we thank you!



18-002 Lucky McGoo is a 9- or 10-year-old Golden lad who was found in the middle of a traffic intersection in Bisbee. A kind person saved him from the traffic and took him home in hopes of finding his owner. After numerous failed attempts to find his owner, the Good Samaritan contacted **AGR** as they would not be able to keep him. Quite generously, his finder drove him to **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale where she met Connie and Deb. **Lucky** received the standard vetting, was neutered and had a dental done there. Later after a successful placement, the vet at **Four Legged Friends** discovered he had an ear infection and two lumps. They removed the lumps which were, thankfully, benign. Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with severe arthritis and prescribed medication to alleviate the symptoms. He found his new home in Mesa with Sharon, Joseph and resident Golden, **Dixie**. He truly is one lucky boy!



18-003 Crosby is a two-year-old handsome, ginger-colored Golden. He was brought into Rescue because his current family did not have the time to give him the attention he so rightly de-

served. He received his vetting at **Kennel Care** in Chandler and was in perfect health. He was brought current on the leptospirosis vaccines. He is getting plenty of love and attention at his new home in Gilbert with Doreen and Ed. Doreen relayed: **Crosby** is a great dog, and we can't imagine our family without him! Seems like he's always been here. Thank you, **AGR**, for another wonderful placement!



18-004 Crosby (different dog from above) and **18-005 Callie** are a bonded pair. **Crosby** (left in the photo) is a 7-year-old Golden mix, and **Callie** (right in the photo) is a 4-5-year-old Golden/Australian Shepherd mix.

Unfortunately, their owner had a change in her life situation that included working long hours.



18-004 Crosby

She felt this duo deserved more time and attention than they were currently getting. They both received their vetting at **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale.



18-005 Callie has very striking eyes and several "put food here" spots on her tongue

They were brought up to date in on their vaccinations and tested

negative for valley fever and heartworm. Since it is **AGR's** policy to keep bonded pairs together if at all possible, it was time to find the perfect home. This pair are now happy to be residing with Michael in Tempe. Great news – they remain a dynamic duo!



18-006 Gordon, is a 6-year-old large Golden mix who sadly ended up at the **Bisbee Animal Shelter** after being found as a stray. Our terrific transport angels came to the rescue and made the journey to bring this boy to the Valley in search of his forever home. His first stop was **Academy West Animal Hospital** in Glendale to complete his vetting. He received the remainder

of required vaccinations and had neuter and entropion surgery for his eyes. **Gordon** was now ready for his new family and was eagerly received by Nancy and Mike in Tempe. **Gordon** is enjoying going for walks and playing with toys. He has also been enrolled in basic obedience at **Master's Kennels Dog University** in Gilbert and is learning to be a really good boy. Another great "happily ever after!"



18-007 Murphy is a handsome 8-year-old Golden-Irish Setter mix – his mother was a Golden and father an Irish Setter. He is a mellow dog, gentle, and wants to please. His owner was in poor health and going into assisted living, so she could no longer care for him. She had taken great care of him, though, making sure he was neutered and had all of his vaccines. Valley fever often does not present any symptoms,

which is why **AGR** has every adult dog tested. If the dog is asymptomatic, many owners would not think to ask their vet to test for valley fever during the dog's annual exam, and many veterinarians do not think to suggest doing the test. After we took him in, **Murphy** tested positive for valley fever, so he was started on fluconazole, the drug of choice for treatment. His adoption addendum provides for a retest and three months of medications. He has mild allergies, so we have also provided three months of allergy medications. In addition, he has some fatty tumors (lipomas) characteristic of older dogs, as well as an eye skin tag – if the latter becomes bothersome to him, we will have it removed. Connie and Marshall take him for walks every day where they live in Sun City West, and he behaves well on leash. Connie and Marshall are both retired, so **Murphy** has company all the time. He is enjoying his new digs and is a very good boy.



18-008 Gypsy (at left) and **18-009 Apollo** (below right) are Golden littermates that are 8 months old. Unfortunately, their owner developed some medical issues that would make it difficult to take care of two bundles of energy. They received their vetting at **Four-Legged**



Friends Animal Hospital in Phoenix. They were both current on vaccinations and were micro-chipped. However, they both received the leptospirosis vaccinations that all dogs coming into **AGR** are given.

Gypsy did require spay surgery and **Apollo** was neutered. The perfect home was found that was up to the challenge of two puppies. Nancy and George of Cave Creek were excited to welcome these two darlings into their home. Nancy wrote: *We are so grateful that **Gypsy** and **Apollo** have joined our family. They warm our home with their loving Golden personalities. We have been working on puppy training and making progress. (No more jumping on counters or furniture, at least while Mom and Dad are watching.) It's amazing how quickly and how deeply we've bonded. They have charmed our adult children and are now working their magic on our neighbors. We are so grateful to **AGR** for bringing them into*

our lives. Sounds like another perfect match!



18-010 Jake is 7 years old, a handsome redheaded Golden. He came into Rescue because he had severe allergies, and his owner could no longer afford to seek out the cause. This poor boy had rubbed off a lot of his fur and was constantly chewing or scratching himself. **Jake** was taken to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale for an evaluation. He had lab work done for allergies, and the list of allergens was quite extensive! He received a Cytopoint injection, was prescribed antibiotics and began receiving daily medicated baths. Happily, he started to feel better immediately! After spending time with one of our wonderful fosters, **Jake** was ready for his new home. **Jake** is now living in Mesa with Peggy, Guy, resident Golden, **Abby**, and resident Maltese, **Muppet**. **Jake** is loving his new life and feels like a new Golden since his allergies are being controlled. An addendum was granted for allergy follow-up, prescription food if needed, and 3 months of medications for allergies.



18-013 Gavin, now **Teddy**, is a 7-year-old Golden mix who was found as a stray. The kind person who found him was unsuccessful in finding his owner. She was unable to keep this lad, so it was **AGR** to the rescue. Sadly, this guy was in dire need of medical care, which is most likely why he found himself as a stray. He was taken to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale to

be evaluated. He had surgery to remove a cyst on his eye (after he was placed, his FWITA had to have a corneal ulcer treated). He was also neutered at **AMSC** and had a toe amputated due to cutaneous melanoma – the toe looked nasty! Even though the report indicated clean margins on the toe tumor excision, this type of melanoma is aggressive, so **Gavin** was referred to **AZ Oncology** for treatment. He was started on a series of melanoma vaccines. **Gavin** has been placed in **AGR's Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption** program. At the meet-and-greet, Karen and her Shepherd mix, **Jacob**, hit it off instantly with **Gavin**. Karen adopted him and renamed him **Teddy**. Karen wrote: ***Teddy** is truly a blessing, and I am the lucky one in this adoption. He will have a loving home for hopefully many years. I appreciate all the great work everyone at **AGR** does to take such good care of these special souls.* Happily, **Teddy** is being loved and receiving outstanding medical care at his home in Peoria. Thank you, **AGR**, for saving this sweet boy! **AGR** would like to thank Karen for her significant financial contribution towards the cost of **Teddy's** medical expenses.

18-014 Molly, is a 16-month-old Golden youngster. Her own-



ers decided they wanted to travel and would not have time for this cutie. She was vetted at **Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix and received the required vaccinations. **Molly** is happy to call "home" with Sue, Roger and resident canine, **Oliver**, in Goodyear. Sue related: *Thanks to advice from AGR's behaviorist, Sharon, Molly is beginning to understand the concept of limits while being*

allowed far more freedom from her crate, and big brother Oliver is beginning to heal the wounds sharp teeth inflicted before she understood any of this." Sue is now taking **Molly** for weekly obedience lessons with **Vin Orwig** and **Rhys Cardinal** at the Orwigs' house. An addendum was granted for a DHPPL vaccination. Thank you, **AGR**, for adding to this family!

18-016 Lady, now **Finley**, is an adorable 5-month-old Golden puppy. This youngster found herself in need of a new home because her owner did not have time for her and felt she was excessively urinating. She was whisked away to **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale to determine the cause of her excessive urination. All her testing was normal, and it was determined she just had a small bladder. Now she was off to her new forever home in Scottsdale with Shannon, Sean and daughter. **Finley** is now one happy puppy!



18-017 Honey Bear, now **Sherman**, is a 2-year-old red-headed Golden male. His owner sadly needed to relinquish him because her daughter was allergic. The transport angels quickly picked him up and took him to **Four-Legged Friends Animal Hospital** in Phoenix for vetting. He was given the required vaccinations and was tested for heartworm and valley fever. Thankfully, those tests were nega-

tive. However, he did have an ear infection and a mass on his right elbow. The mass, a benign hygroma, was successfully drained. Now this handsome boy was ready to start his new life. Dan, of Phoenix, welcomed him into his home and they are living happily ever after!

18-018 Molly, is a 3- or 4-year-old Golden girl. Her owner felt she would benefit from more attention, and she was also an escape artist due to her separation anxiety. Since this was a 911 pickup



she was taken directly to **Kennel Care** in Chandler for boarding and vetting. She was a healthy girl and just needed to start the leptospirosis vaccine series. **Molly** was excited to be moving to Tempe with Theresa. **Molly** is also happy her new mom works from home and feels secure in her new environment.

18-020 Foster, a mellow 6-year-old male, mostly-Golden mix, came into Rescue in early March. He was an unusual surrender – he was already neutered, up to date on all the standard vaccines, already micro-chipped, and had had a 6-month protection shot against heartworm; the only thing **AGR** had to do was test him for valley fever (fortunately, negative) and start his leptospirosis vaccines. Two of the latter are needed for full protection, so his adoption finalization included an addendum for the second vaccine. His owner was going through a divorce and moving to a small apartment without a yard and she felt a home with yard would be much better for him. He has been adopted by Jennifer and Joel in Gilbert. They have a nice yard, a 10-month-old female Golden puppy for **Foster** to play with and a pool, which we are sure he will enjoy when the weather warms up. Happy new life!



Snake Avoidance Training

If you live anywhere except in a strictly residential area in AZ, or if you like to hike with your dog, we strongly encourage you to get your dog "snake trained." Most trainers use a shock collar and train the dog to avoid the odor of a rattlesnake and a Sonoran Desert Toad, rather than to avoid one by sight. Contact the following to arrange for training:

Partners Dog Training School in Cave Creek, <http://www.partnersdogtraining.com/snakeproofing.html> 480-595-6700

Viper Voidance in New River (43226 N 7th Ave; 480-215-1776; www.vipervoidance.com)

Master's Kennels Dog University, 17309 S 144th St, Gilbert, <http://www.doguniversity.com/> 480-917-DOGS

Southwest Snake Avoidance Experts serves Tucson, Oro Valley, Green Valley, Marana, Avra Valley, Sierra Vista, Catalina, Oracle, Bisbee, Tubac, Rio Rico, Arivaca and Chandler, Mesa, the Greater Phoenix area and most western states if class sizes are large enough. <http://snakeavoidance.com/> 520-449-4200

If your dog gets bitten, the antivenin can cost upwards of \$2,000! The couple hundred dollars that snake avoidance training costs is nothing compared to that, nor to the pain, possible disfigurement, or death that a snake bite might cause.

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



11-096 Stormy Krause



13-047 Ryder France



14-014 Aries McBroom



15-067 Austin Bart



15-068 Teddy
McCabe / Dodson



16-043 Sandi
McKenzie / Pousson



17-032 Brando Cardinal



17-078 Max Mowers



17-083 Molly McDermott



18-001 Jessie McDermott



Nala Wieser

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.

So Hard To Say Good-Bye

By Shelly Guidotti

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I had to say good-bye today to the dearest friend I've known
And no one understands like me why my heart feels so alone
By my side to comfort me when I wasn't at my best
You even loved me when I'd shout "Stop being such a pest!"

I won't forget the games we played or your favorite place to sleep
The hardest part will be coming home and you not there at my feet
Everyday that precious face filled my world with gentle love
Now you're with the angels up above

(Still) It's so hard to say good-bye

Like my shadow I could count on you to be there

So don't mind the tears that I cry

It may take a little while to remember you and smile

It's the selfish part of me that wants you right here back with me

Yes right here by my side

It's so hard to say good-bye

There will be days I know as I learn to let go

The rain in my heart'll feel like a river

Then like a soft gentle wind from the warmth of a friend

Instead of tears I'll remember you and smile

*Paion Veterinary
A New Concept in Veterinary Medicine*

President's Note: Some of you know Dr. Rory Lubold from when he was practicing veterinary medicine at *Animal Medical & Surgical Center* in Scottsdale. He left for a couple years to create a state-of-the-art veterinary facility in Pennsylvania. Now, he is back in Arizona with a mobile concierge-concept for veterinary practice. For those who contract his services, he will be providing preventative care as well as complete medical care in the comfort of your home or office. His practice is called *Paion*. Dr. Lubold explained to me that Paion was the physician responsible for keeping the Greek gods healthy. Basically he was the original personal physician in Greek mythology



Dr. Rory Lubold gave a presentation about *Paion* at Paws At The Park – see page 33

From Dr. Lubold: *Paion* (pie-on) *Veterinary* is the next evolution of full-service veterinary care. *Paion* provides preventative care as well as complete medical care in the comfort of your home or office. A membership with *Paion* includes everything you need to keep your pet healthy. Routine checkups, flea, tick and heartworm medications, vaccines and blood testing are provided at no charge. *Paion* has a staff of experienced emergency care doctors as well as a team of specialists in all fields of medicine. With this level of experience, and a fully equipped mobile hospital, they will provide on-going care for pets with medical conditions or when they get sick.

The *Paion* team is led by Dr. Rory Lubold. Dr. Lubold is an emergency veterinarian with years of experience in some of the top referral hospitals in the country. He provides lectures and coaching to veterinarians internationally and has authored many articles on pet health and an upcoming book on pet nutrition. Dr. Lubold has advanced training in stem cell therapy, rehabilitation therapy, wound care and hemodialysis for treating kidney disease. He also has additional training in nutritional management of disease, endocrine diseases, neurologic and gastrointestinal problems. Dr. Lubold leads a growing team of veterinarians and technicians that have diverse backgrounds and interests in all fields of medicine. Nobody will work harder for your pet than the *Paion* team!

Dr. Lubold says: *We will help your pet achieve optimum health for whatever their joy is. We have patients that are world-class canine athletes competing at the national level and couch potatoes that are content to lounge about. For our concierge client, we provide all wellness and preventative care services according to your schedule and at your home or office. You will have access to our top doctors and technicians – anytime, anywhere. Paion Veterinary is equipped to treat the full spectrum of general health issues for your pets. In addition, our veterinarians are partnered with over 30 specialists to provide immediate consultations for any condition. Our team has a fully equipped mobile hospital with the ability to take medical care wherever necessary. If your*

pet should ever require a visit to another hospital or to see a specialist, we will help coordinate care, communicate with the doctor on-site and attend those appointments with you. Our rehabilitation therapists, trainers, nutritionists, technicians and veterinarians will work with you to develop a plan for therapeutic exercises, diet plans, sleeping environment, behavioral management, and an exercise plan that will keep your pet healthy for years to come.



Three levels of membership are available. *Paion Wellness* is \$39 per month or \$420 per year (a 10% discount) and includes an in-home or in-your-office visit every 6 months; veterinary access through live chat and e-mail; preventative medicine for fleas, ticks and heartworm; heartworm and fecal testing; all regular vaccinations; and access to all prescribed medications, which will be hand-delivered; nutrition consultation.

Paion Plus is \$89 per month or \$960 per year includes in-home or in-your-office visit every 3 months; everything in the *Wellness* plan; titer tests for adult dogs to limit unnecessary vaccinations; 15% discount on all medications, supplements and prescription and wellness diets; wellness and preventative bloodwork every 6 months; valley fever testing every 12 months; heartworm and fecal testing; 15% discount on radiographs, ultrasound, CT and MRI; cold laser treatments; real-time online support during ER visits.

For total peace of mind, there is the *Paion Elite* plan for \$149 per month or \$1,650 per year. This plan includes up to 20 home visits per year; personal veterinarian and technician that you will see every visit, with cell phone access to the vet 24 hours a day and specialist telemedicine consultation; everything in the above two plans; 20% discount on all medications, supplements and prescription and wellness diets; comprehensive bloodwork every 6 months; valley fever testing every 6 months; urinalysis, thyroid and SDMA every 6 months; 25% discount on radiographs, ultrasound, CT and MRI.

Other Membership benefits include discounted pet insurance, EKG and blood pressure monitoring, health certificates and travel recommendations, complete custom nutritional plan, and accompaniment to specialist consultations.

For every member of *AGR* who joins as a member, *Paion* will donate 10% of their membership fees to the Rescue. This money can then be used for medications, vaccinations, examinations, anything that *Paion* offers to treat a Rescue-owned dog.

You can learn more about *Paion Veterinary* and sign up for membership online at www.paionvet.com or call 480-296-0278.

Some Tips to Help with Thunderphobia and Noise Anxiety

Editor's Note: The following is excerpted from the #AskLeightonShow on Facebook. Leighton Oosthuisen is the owner of *Partners Dog Training School* in Cave Creek, AZ.

Here are some suggestions to help you and your dog through the stress of summer thunderstorms and Fourth of July fireworks.

Keep Calm. One of the worst things you can do for your dog is to play into their emotions when they are stressing out. The best way to deal with any anxiety-filled situation is to keep calm and collected. This will position you as the authority and your dog will feed off that energy.

Keep your dog busy. By channeling their energy into something productive, it will get your pup's mind off of the loud noises and back into work. I HIGHLY recommend developing an obedience pattern that you can use as a default behavior whenever you are in a stress-filled environment.

Take precautions. If you are not going to be home, make sure your dog is in an area that they have no chance of breaking out of. When dogs get stressed out, anything can happen, I have even heard stories of dogs that have chewed through walls to escape the house. Which brings me to my next point...

Micro-chip. Please make sure your dog is micro-chipped and that the chip is registered to your name (I can't tell you how many dogs I have come across whose micro-chips weren't registered). In the event that your dog does get out, it could be the one thing that brings them back to you. (*NOTE: All AGR-rescued dogs are micro-chipped. The chip is registered in the name of Arizona Golden Rescue first and the adopter second, a necessary protection for the dog if the adopter moves and forgets to notify the chip company.*)

Don't trust E-Fences. This is a pretty segmented point, but if you know someone who uses an E-Fence with their dog, please point out to them that while electronic (invisible) fences are a great idea, they are unreliable on an anxious dog trying to escape loud noises. What will happen is your dog will run right through the stimulation (shock) the collar provides before they even realize it, and if they try to run back the E-Fence could prevent them. Simply, not a good situation.

Thunderjackets/Thundershirts. This is a great calming device for dogs. It works by essentially wrapping your dog in fabric that provides a calming effect, much like a hug would. You can order one from Amazon.com; some local pet stores may also carry them (higher price most likely, though). It works, so get one before the noisy season starts!

Other Summer Protections for Your Dog

Canine footwear.

If the pavement is too hot for you to walk on with bare feet, then it is too hot for your dog to walk on without foot protection – booties. The best ones are available online from any number of websites. Amazon.com carries an assortment of canine footwear, as do Chewy.com. and Doctors Foster & Smith. The Muttluks Official Site, <https://muttluks.com/pages/dog-boots-size-chart>, gives instructions on how to measure your dog's feet. Some dogs, like **Dolly Orwig** who has huge front paws, need a different size bootie for front feet than for back ones. *Aussie Boots, Kurgo Step & Strobe Dog Shoes, Muttluks, Summit Trex or Grip Trex Ruffwear*, or other brands with leather or rubber soles are most desirable. Do not buy fleece booties or booties with plastic soles – these will not offer adequate protection. Get your dog used to wearing booties by putting them on in the house and only on the front or back feet at first. Make the dog walk around by attaching the leash to the dog's collar. Once the dog has gotten used to the feel of the booties on two feet, then put the other pair on the dog. At first, the dog may walk like he has a spastic disease, but usually he will settle down fairly quickly and walk normally.

Carry lots of water, at least twice as much as you might need.

Whether hiking or just walking, this is good advice for humans, as well as for your dog. There are many types of water carriers available, even saddlebag or backpack types that your dog can carry. Look around on the Internet to see what is available. Be sure to carry a portable water bowl for your dog, too.

Watch the daily temperature forecast.

The farther Arizona gets into the summer, the hotter it is the earlier in the day it is. We have already had one 100° day in April, with many more to come in May through September. Please do not take your dog out walking or allow him to play at a dog park if the temperature is over 100°; even mid-90's may be dangerous unless you seriously limit exposure. Dogs do not sweat like people do. The only way they have of getting rid of excess heat is by panting, and if they get too hot and can't get rid of the internal heat build-up, they can die, and this can happen very quickly.

Take care with swimming, too.

If your dog is a vigorous swimmer rather than a glider, take care not to let your dog swim too long. A dog can overheat even in a pool, especially if the pool water is quite warm, and the dog can actually develop symptoms of heat stroke or heat exhaustion.

Never, ever leave your dog in your vehicle unattended even for a minute!

What Is PACC911?

By Deb Orwig, President

Each year from October through March, we publish wrap-up articles about **PACC911** Adopt-a-thons that we attend (see pages 27-37). Do you really know what **PACC911** is and why this organization is important to *Arizona Golden Rescue*, as well as to 99 other Arizona rescue groups? I thought I should take this opportunity to explain.

PACC911 is short for **Phoenix Animal Care Coalition**. It was started by Bari Mears in 1999 when the word “rescue” was not in the vocabulary of most Maricopa County residents. Bari, a long-time animal lover and advocate, knew local rescue groups were struggling to survive with limited resources, and many, many animals were being euthanized for lack of rescue assistance. She wanted to develop a nonprofit organization that would collect these groups under one umbrella, promote events that would raise money, and offer financial help that rescue organizations could not get elsewhere. Her background as a Senior Account Executive in the broadcast industry for 26 years provided contacts that were invaluable for publicity and exposure.

As the **PACC911** website states, Bari “envisioned a united pet rescue community where animal organizations could work together harmoniously with a spirit of cooperation. This vision, she knew, would give a louder and more credible voice to the animals who could not speak for themselves. Starting with a few groups, **PACC911** slowly grew to be a major coalition in the Valley and a role model for other cities to emulate – Bari has consulted with Austin, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Missouri to help them develop similar programs. With 100 partnering groups (and a waiting list of more), **PACC911**’s now-well-known Adopt-a-thons have placed thousands of animals into new loving homes. Their *Emergency Medical Fund* has saved countless lives, and in its inaugural year the new *Lulu’s Angel Fund* took twelve hard cases of cruelty and abandonment and brought these animals back to life and love. Mears has authored 7 books with all proceeds going to **PACC911** for the animals (most are available in the **PACC** store online). Named as “Hero of the Year” by *Friends of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control* in 2006, and chosen by *Arizona Foothills Magazine*’s “Women Who Move the Valley” in 2012, Bari lives with her husband, Jerry, their horses and 3 very old dogs.”

PACC911 programs and activities are overseen by a six-member Executive Board of Directors and 10 additional volunteers on an Advisory Board. The résumés of these people are on the **PACC911** website, www.pacc911.org; I encourage you to go there and read about them – you will be impressed! Every year in December, these wonderful folks provide a fabulous dinner buffet with a great free-ticket raffle for representatives from all the Rescue

partner organizations. There is usually an interesting guest speaker and announcements about upcoming events.

Groups that have qualified for extra funds are announced.

How PACC911 makes a difference.

Adopt-a-thons

PACC911 Adopt-a-thons are outdoor events which are scheduled during “the season” once or twice a month from October through March. In order to qualify for an annual disbursement of money from the **PACC911** *Emergency Medical Fund*, Rescue groups are required to attend at least three such events per year. If a group participates in more than five, they become eligible for more funds. Each Rescue must provide proof of their 501 (c) (3) nonprofit charitable status and that they have at least \$1 million liability insurance coverage on which **PACC911** must be listed as an “additional insured.”

In the past several years, the base annual grant per Rescue has been \$1,000; additional attendance at these events can earn a Rescue up to \$300 more. So, to get a \$1,000 grant, all a Rescue has to do is sign up, show up with a tent canopy and the rest of their set-up equipment, and stay from 10 AM to 3 PM. Occasionally, the weather will curtail event hours, as it did in October 2016 (very hot that day in central Phoenix) and in March 2018 (very windy in Fountain Hills). The annual \$1,000 grant from the *Emergency Medical Fund* comes with no strings attached. A Rescue group may use this money for anything related to a rescued dog’s care, including medical expenses, training or necessary boarding. The Rescue does not have to account to **PACC911** for how the money is spent.

In addition to “earning” this monetary aid from **PACC 911**, Rescues that participate in adopt-a-thons may bring adoptable animals (or not), sell merchandise, and collect donations from the public. In addition, there is no booth/space fee for Rescue groups. Those Rescues that do on-the-spot adoptions are usually successful at these events – the average number of adoptions is around 70. Groups like **AGR** that do not do on-site adoptions have the opportunity to distribute literature and talk to people who might be interested in adopting an animal (mostly dogs, but there are Rescues representing cats, rats and hamsters). And, of course, **AGR** always has already-adopted dogs with us as “display samples” (my term) or “floor models” (Liz Tataseo’s term). Our 4-legged ambassadogs get lots of attention and are really good at promot-



ing the idea of “Adopt, Don’t Shop.”

At the Adopt-a-thons, **PACC911** usually has a raffle with some very nice prizes. The money they raise from the raffle goes into the *Emergency Medical Fund* (at the **Petco Pavilions** adopt-a-thon, for \$20 in raffle tickets, I won a fantastic Italian Gourmet basket valued at \$105!). **PACC911** does all the publicity for each event: radio spots, TV spots, and newspaper announcements, as well as social media coverage.

The **PACC911** Critical Care Program

The *Critical Care Program* provides **PACC911** partners with resources to rescue those desperate animals that have been victims of cruelty, abuse or severe medical neglect. Such animals, most often found in our shelters or abandoned on the street or in the desert, incur high-cost veterinary bills that all too often put these suffering pets beyond the reach of help. With this aid to **PACC911** partners, more of these severely traumatized animals can be saved.

PACC911’s Critical Care Program is helped by contributions from the *Lulu’s Angel Fund (LAF)*, *Heidi’s Healing Fund (HHF)*, the *Lazin Alive & Well Fund (LAW)*, the *Golden Angel Fund (GAF)* and the in-house *Glimmer of Hope Fund (GHF)*. **PACC911** is also supported by and dependent upon contributions from the public to help save at-risk animals in need. Monetary donations can be made directly through their website: www.pacc911.org

In 2012, the *Lulu’s Angel Fund* was created by a generous grant from the **Timothy T. Day Foundation**. It was named after the Days’ beloved Pug, **Lulu**. This fund was specifically designed to help groups rescue animals that were victims of cruelty, abuse and severe medical neglect. The animals supported by this fund are in terrible shape when they are rescued, would not be adoptable “as is” and would most likely die if they do not receive significant medical attention. Many Rescues might not have the financial wherewithal to support what usually amounts to expensive medical treatment, so they may apply for help from this fund. In 2016, **Arizona Golden Rescue** received a \$1,000 grant from this fund to help with **16-082 Rudy’s** considerable medical expenses, which totaled over \$2,950. When rescued from the Eastside **MCCACS**, **Rudy** was suffering from tick fever, disseminated valley fever and heartworm; he was also not yet neutered. After eight months in foster care, **Rudy** is now the beloved companion of Tom and Tom’s neighbor Gigi in Tempe. Tom says, “**Rudy** is an awesome dog!”

In 2015, a generous grant from the Jontes family helped create the *Heidi’s Healing Fund*. In 2017, the **Lazin Foundation** funded the beginning of the *Lazin Alive and Well* program. **Arizona Golden Retriever Connection** disbanded at the end of 2017 and donated monies remaining in their bank account to start the *Golden Angel Fund*. Recently, medical expenses of one of our shelter rescues, **18-025 Lady**, were helped by a \$500 grant from this latter fund (thank you, **AZGRC** and **PACC911!**). Yet another source which

will support animals in need is the *Lucy Legacy Fund*, which will be available in 2018. So as to be able to help more groups save more animals, **PACC911** puts a cap of \$500 per grant from one of these funds. Each application is reviewed by Bari Mears and, if approved, is then sent to the **PACC911** grant administrator. Monies are provided immediately upon submission of the grant proposal, which requires proof of veterinary expenses and “before” and “after” photos of each animal.

Two Other Sources of Funding for **PACC911** Aid Programs

Rescued Treasures, a Charity Boutique

Aptly named, this “treasure” of a thrift store is located on the SW corner of 40th Street and Thunderbird Road in Phoenix. Some incredible deals are available here – it is not your everyday thrift store! Some of the clothing items, much of which are “high end”, still carry the original price tags but are sold for as little as 1/10 the value (a couple years ago I bought a Chico’s blouse with a \$200 price tag on it for \$20!). In addition to ladies’ clothing, they carry accessories, home furnishings and accent pieces, animal-related books and animal boutique items. Check it out Monday through Saturday from 10 AM – 5 PM. All profit from the store is added to **PACC911’s Emergency Medical Fund**, so you will be helping save more animals with your purchase. The creation of the store was primarily that of Deanne (“Dee”) Umpleby, who serves as store manager. Dee has a background in interior design, and it really shows in the way items are displayed in the store.

Glimmer of Hope

This event has been held every other year for eight years. It has been offered as a dinner twice and a luncheon twice. There are incredible silent auction items and a few live auction items. All profit from this major fundraiser is added to the *Critical Care Program*.

Another special program: **Chuck Waggin Pet Food Pantry**

Chuck Waggin Pet Food Pantry, the brain-child of President and Founder Donna Barker, is a pet food bank that primarily serves low-income, and homeless people with donations of food for their pets, thus helping to ensure the pets can stay with the people who love them. In addition to pet food, *Chuck Waggin* provides bedding and other animal-related items, and will arrange for low-cost spay and neuter services and other veterinary help for the underprivileged in the community. To donate, contact Donna at 602-686-8104 or e-mail donna@chuckwaggin.org Donna has even been known to pick up donations if they cannot be dropped off at a designated location.

Arizona Golden Rescue sincerely appreciates the resources and opportunities offered by **PACC911**. We will continue to support this wonderful, important organization in whatever ways we can. Thank you, **PACC911!**

Editor’s Note: This article was reviewed and approved by Bari Mears.

HERE and THERE

Events from January 14 through March 31, 2018

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 Cindy Pavero



Winnie on the ground; Larry Orwig with Vin and Duffy; Patrick Doyle checking out the AGR merchandise



Cindy Pavero with Honey and Daisy

On Saturday, February 3rd, Arizona Golden Rescue participated in the first PACC911 Adopt-a-thon of the year, this one at Anthem Community Park in Anthem. This PACC911 event is always one of the best-attended ones during the season, both by the number of Rescue groups (about 50) that set up tents and also by the public. Several retail vendors of dog-related items were also there, as were representatives from Daisy Mountain Veterinary Hospital, the Sheriff's MASH Unit, and Phoenix Dog Magazine. Petco was the major sponsor of this adopt-a-thon.

We were given an excellent double booth space about

as close to the public parking lot and loading/unloading area as any could be. It was a beautiful day where numerous people showed interest in adopting a Golden. We distributed a lot of brochures and talked to many people. Donations (\$79) and merchandise sales (\$508.62) totaling \$587.62 were excellent!



Trishia Murphy, one of our dogless members, joins us occasionally so she can get a "Golden fix"



Nash Spiel racing through the lure course

It is a fun event especially for those dogs like Nash Spiel, who loves to run the lure course set up by Brittany Rescue Arizona.

Helping with booth set-up were April Crow, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Nick Dodson, and Deb and Larry Orwig.



Rick Reid and April Crow with Jake



Debbie and Rick Ball with Shelby

During the day, we had numerous volunteers spend some time with us including

Debbie and Rick Ball with Shelby; Anne and Mike Booher with Stanley and Beau;



Anne and Mike Booher with Stanley and Beau



Susan Parker and son Robert with JoJo and Ozzie

with Jake; Patrick Doyle; Kayla and Nicole Hopkins with Daisy and Honey; Dylan Jacobs; Dennis Janes with Deeks; Connie McCabe with Winnie; Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate and Ashley;



Dean Mortimore with Ashley and Mary Kate



Dee Dee and Keith Smith with Dash and Gage

Trishia Murphy; Deb and Larry Orwig with Vin and Duffy; Susan and Robert Parker with Ozzie and Jojo; Dan, Luke and Shaylee Silver with Barnie; Dee Dee and Keith Smith with Dash and Gage; and Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash. Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Nick Dodson, Deb and Larry Orwig and Chris Spiel stayed to help break down the booth.



Luke, Shaylee and Dan Silver with Barnie



PARADA DEL SOL and TRAIL'S END

By Cindy Pavero



On Saturday, February 10th, we participated in the 65th annual Parada Del Sol and Trail's End Festival. It was a gorgeous February day! We had a total of 36 walkers (plus a baby in a stroller) and 28 dogs,

a wonderful-looking group! While we were waiting for the parade to start, Deb Orwig distributed heart-fabric bandannas to all the dogs that did not have one. We had a pretty good spot in the overall parade line-up: #64, right behind, and fortunately not right in front of, Scottsdale Fire Department's bagpipe



Scottsdale Fire Dept bagpipe group played well, but we were glad they were in front of us and not behind!



We always tote two banners in this parade – Patrick Doyle and Rebecca Kemak carried the AGR logo banner and Mark Hill carried our theme banner "Goldens Are All Heart" that was designed by Connie McCabe several years ago



Connie McCabe is usually at our events taking photos



Cindy Tigges with Casey; Connie McCabe is behind them and Adam Cardinal is sort of visible pulling the water wagon



Susan Parker with Ozzie; behind were Lisa Lagerman, April Crow and Keith Smith



April Crow and Lily Barnett pulled Dolly Orwig's wagon; 12-year-old Dolly just can't walk the distance but she sure enjoys the crowd; behind them are Adam Cardinal pulling the water wagon, Michael Feight and Jill Imler



Left: Bob Cain with Murphy; Center: Jill and Fred Prose with Jasper; Right: Jill Imler with Ginger and Michael Feight with Ducky

out for the "turf tacos" and "street hors d'oeuvres" left by the horse groups that preceded us! We stepped off at 10:45 AM and were back at our Trail's End booth by 11:30.



Left: Dean and Marlene Mortimore with Mary Kate and Ashley;



Right: Dolly Orwig in wagon with Lily Barnett



Left: Lisa Lagerman with Emma and Rosey and Ellen Lagerman with Barney;



Right: Mark Hill and Michele Wehry with Cassie

Thank you to those who participated in the parade, helped set up and



Left: Sue Piarulli with Willow and Sheila Joyce with Charlie;
Center: Marlene Mortimore and Sheri, Kelley and Karey Rodeffer with Joie and Sucy;
Right: Dave Williams with Bella



Left: Sandra Hansen with Dolly Orwig; Center: Lauren Rudin with Bryxx;
Right: Chris Spiel with Nash and Dawn Barnett with Cooper

break down our booth and helped at the booth with merchandise sales and collecting donations. Our walkers were Cassie and Lily Barnett – Lily helped keep **Dolly Orwig** calm in the wagon; Dawn Barnett with **Cooper**; Adam



In front: Mike Seichi with Charlie Peck and Carrie Peck; behind, Dawn Barnett with Cooper, dogs Emma and Rosey Lagerman, Larry Orwig waving and Fred and Jill Prose with Jasper



If you're not the lead dog, the view is always the same!

Cardinal (came dogless just to pull the water wagon); April Crow (pulled the wagon with **Dolly** in it – thank you, April!); Patrick Doyle (carried the **AGR** banner helped by Rebecca Kemak); Michael Feight with **Ginger**; Sandra Hansen, who walked **Duffy Orwig**; Jill Imler with **Ducky**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and friend Sue Piarulli with **Willow**; Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with **Murphy**; Ellen Lagerman with **Barney**; Lisa Lagerman with **Emma** (a Collie mix) and **Rosey**; Connie McCabe (our photographer); Marlene and Dean Mortimore



Hillary Wilson with 4 1/2-month-old Jeremiah

with **Ashley** and **MaryKate**; Deb and Larry Orwig with **Dolly, Duffy, Mufasa** and **Vin**; Susan Parker with **Ozzie**; Carrie Peck and Mike Seichi with **Charlie**; Jill and Fred Prose with **Jasper**; Karey, Kelley and Sheri Rodeffer with **Sucy** and **Joie**; Lauren Rudin with **Bryxx**; Dee Dee and Keith Smith with **Dash** and **Gage**; Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**; Cindy Tigges with **Casey**; Michele Wehry and Mark Hill (Mark carried the *Goldens Are All Heart* banner) with **Cassie**; Dave Wilson with **Bella**; and Hillary Wilson and baby Jeremiah. April Crow, Connie McCabe, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Michael



Our Trail's End booth was in a good location on Main St just east of Scottsdale Rd



Nick Dodson with 13-year-old Winnie stayed in the booth and sold some merchandise while the parade was going on



Left: Cassie Barnett's grandmother Kris Thumith and Cindy Pavero stayed in our booth and sold merchandise; Right: Robin Mish came in the afternoon to help



Feight, Jill Imler, and the Orwigs helped with set-up. Merchandise and booth help were provided by Cassie Barnett, Nick Dodson with **Winnie**, Connie McCabe, Robin

Mish, Cindy Pavero with **Honey**, and Kris Thumith. Helping with booth breakdown were Cassie Barnett, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Larry and Deb Orwig and Chris Spiel.



Dee Dee Smith, Chris Spiel and Patrick Doyle relaxing by booth after the parade

Although we spent \$50 to participate in the parade, there was no charge for the *Trail's End* booth, and we thank the *Scottsdale JayCees* for their generosity! We raised a total of \$1,687.51 – \$800.57 in donations and \$886.94 in merchandise sales! A great time was had by all who attended!



PACC911 ADOPT-A-THON at Earnhardt Ford, Chandler

By Cindy Pavero



Jeff Sager with Duffy Orwig, Carrie Peck with Charlie, and Carrie's niece Autumn Peck

On Saturday, February 17th, we participated in the PACC911 Adopt-a-thon at Earnhardt Ford in Chandler. It was a beautiful day with ideal weather. There was a nice crowd of people and dogs. Larry Orwig was kind enough to buy all of us pizza, which had been delivered by Grimaldi's! Thanks, Larry!



Larry Orwig with Vin and Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate and Ashley

Those who helped set up were Patrick Doyle, Ellen Lagerman, Dean Mortimore, Deb and Larry Orwig and Jeff Sager. We couldn't get the day started without these hard-working volunteers!



Patrick Doyle and Cindy Pavero with Honey

During the day, we had members come and go. Those who helped were Cassie Barnett, Dawn Barnett with Cooper, Patrick Doyle, Ellen Lagerman, Connie McCabe, Dean Mortimore with Ashley and Mary Kate, Deb and Larry Orwig with Duffy and Vin, Carrie Peck with Charlie and niece Autumn Peck, Karey Rodeffer with Suzy and Joie, Sheri Rodeffer, Jeff Sager and Cindy Tigges with Pilgrim.



Cassie Barnett with Vin



Dawn Barnett (no relation to Cassie) with Cooper



Karey Rodeffer with Joie and Suzy

Finally, at 3 PM. we had to



Sucy, Vin, Joie, Duffy and Honey: "We're being good - anyone have any treats?"

break down the booth and those who were there were Cassie Barnett, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Dean Mortimore and Deb and Larry Orwig.

Financially, we did pretty well with a total of \$469.56, which included \$115.00 in donations, \$20 in calendar sales and \$334.56 in merchandise sales.

AGR could not thank you more for your time, love and generosity!



Cindy Tigges with Pilgrim



ABRAZO WEST CAMPUS Rescue Roundup Health & Safety Day

By Deb Orwig



Group photo by Liz: Larry Orwig with Duffy, Patrick Doyle with Emma, Shotzie Workman with Ginger, Sue Vallie with Oliver, Jim Workman with Penny, Dee Dee Smith with Gage, and Deb Orwig with Reba

This very nice event was hosted by Abrazo West Campus hospital in Avondale from 9 AM to 1 PM on February 24th. It was actually the fourth annual one of these events but the first time Arizona Golden Rescue had been invited. The day was a little cool,

but at least we had no rain! It was especially good to have an event in the SW Valley - good PR opportunity and outreach for us. We had many conversations with people interested in adopting. Abrazo West Campus provided



The crowd was like this much of the day; if you look carefully, you can see Rebecca Kemak with Murphy, Debbie Ball, Rick Ball with back to camera, Liz Tataseo, and Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash partly hidden



The public was able to get up close to a helicopter used to transport patients

a terrific spread of free food for the vendors and the public. There were many very interesting booths with informational displays on a variety of health and safety topics and lots of free give-aways. Helicopters and fire trucks were also on site.

Our thanks to Chris Spiel, who engineered our appearance at

this event. Chris works in the Cardiac Rehab department at **Abrazo West Campus**. Helping set up our booth were Patrick Doyle, Deb and Larry Orwig, Chris Spiel and Sue Vallie. During the day, those five volunteers were joined by Debbie and Rick



Jim and Shotzie Workman with Penny and Ginger

Ball with **Shelby**, Rebecca Kemak and Bob Cain with **Murphy**, Dee Dee Smith with **Gage**, Liz Tataseo with **Emma** and **Reba**, and Shotzie and Jim Workman with **Ginger** and Penny. Dogs that had come with the set-up

volunteers included **Duffy** and **Vin Orwig**, **Jack** and **Nash Spiel**, and **Oliver Vallie**. Debbie and Rick, Patrick, Deb and Larry, and Chris helped pack up the booth at 1 PM.

This was a good first-time event for **AGR**. We collected \$96.30 in donations and sold \$336.40 in merchandise for a total revenue of \$432.70. We thank **Abrazo West Campus** for inviting us and hope they extend the invitation again in 2019.



Since this event was advertised as a Health and Safety Day, we brought extra copies of our two issues of *The Golden Paw* newsletters whose themes were these subjects; we also gave away copies of our 2018 *Touch of Gold* calendar



Chris Spiel sharing a laugh with Liz Tataseo



This fire truck was right behind our booth; fortunately the siren was not set off!



Nash Spiel



PACC911 ADOPT-A-THON
at Petco Pavillions, Scottsdale

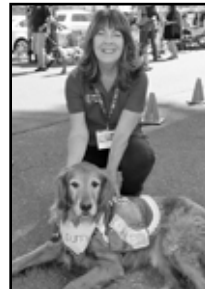
By Deb Orwig



Set-up crew: Marc Watkins with Barkley and Charles, Dennis Janes with Deeks, Beverly Host with Mufasa, Larry Orwig with Duffy and Patrick Doyle with Vin

It was a beautiful day for this well-attended **PACC911** event on March 3rd. One lady showed up at our booth right at 10 AM. She had come to the store the day before to find out if we would be there! She was interested

in adopting a Goldendoodle. We did not have any available at that time, but we encouraged her to submit an application. It was a good thing Chris Spiel



Beverly Host with Duffy

had not yet arrived with **Jack** and **Nash**, because this lady would have been disappointed not to be able to take **Jack** home. During the day, we talked to many people and distributed lots of information. We brought



Marc Watkins with Barkley and Charles

home two registrations for **Paws At The Park**, one Household Membership renewal, \$129.25 in donations and sold \$137.32 in merchandise, which was good considering we were not allowed to sell anything that **Petco** sells (i.e. toys). One couple sent in both an adoption application with fee and a Household membership with fee that evening! Two other applications for adoption came in during the evening, too. **KPMG** sponsored the event for **PACC911**, and I won a huge raffle – a really nice Italian basket. Helping with set-up were Patrick Doyle, Beverly Host, Dennis Janes, Deb and Larry Orwig, Cindy Tigges and Marc and Scott Watkins. Staying all day were Patrick, Beverly, Deb and Larry with **Duffy**, **Mufasa** and **Vin**, and Marc with **Charles** and **Barkley**. Other members who joined us during the day were Cassie Barnett, Dennis Janes with **Deeks**, Connie McCabe, Carrie Peck and Mike Seichi with **Charlie**, and Chris Spiel with **Jack** and **Nash**. Cassie, Patrick, Connie, Deb and Larry Orwig did the break-down at 3 PM.



Carrie Peck and Mike Seichi with Charlie



Paws At The Park
By Deb Orwig, President



Distinctive entrance to Sahuaro Ranch Park off 59th Ave just south of the Glendale Main Library

As we do every year in March, we celebrate our incorporation as a 501 (c) (3) organization by hosting a BBQ picnic/family fun day for *Arizona Golden Rescue* members. This year it was held on March 11th, our actual date of incorporation nine years ago. *AGR* members from all over – Mesa, Chandler, Sun Lakes, Tempe, Scottsdale, Anthem, Cave Creek, Phoenix, Laveen, Litchfield Park, Goodyear, Glendale, Peoria, Sun City, Surprise, and as far away as Wickensburg and Chino Valley! – joined us for this event. There is not space in this issue to include all the photos taken by Connie McCabe, but you can view these, as well as photos of all other *AGR* events, by going to our website's Events Gallery: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/>



Mike and Angela Mullaney came down from Wickensburg



The Mastrocola family with adoptee Toby drove all the way from Chino Valley to join us!



Lenni and Steve Wilson with Dusty – the Wilsons took care of merchandise arrangement and sales during the day

Each year, we alternate west-side and east-side venues, and this year was a west-side year, so we rented a ramada at beautiful *Sahuaro Ranch Park* in Glendale. For \$12 per person (\$8 for kids 3-10, free for kids under 3), we provided a feast: grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers with condiments, Bush's Baked Beans, coleslaw (homemade by Connie McCabe), potato salad and carrot-raisin-pineapple salad (both made by Deb Orwig), chips (donated by Liz Tataseo), fruit mixture, and desserts contributed by Adam Cardinal, April Crow and Rick Reid, Cindy Pavero and the Orwigs. Teri and Jeff



Carrie Peck and Mike Seichi with Vin Orwig and Charlie Peck – Carrie helped procure a generous donation of soda and water from *Swire Coca-Cola*

Guilbault donated lettuce, tomatoes and onions, as well as charcoal and lighter fluid, and Sue Vallie contributed cash that was used to purchase the fruit. Karin Forsythe donated all the hot dog and hamburger buns. Carrie Peck, who works for *Swire Coca-Cola* helped get us a donation of 243 cans of soda and 4 cases of Dasani bottled water; Carrie, herself, contributed six 12-packs of

Diet soda, because there was little Diet in the mix that the company provided. We had enough regular soda left that we will not have to buy any for our *Paws & Pasta Dinner* in November!



Karin Forsythe, Organization Secretary, and Sharon Flores, Co-Intake Manager – Karen donated all the buns, helped with set-up, handled registration check-in, and stayed to help clean up; Sharon came from Sun Lakes and helped with set-up of the raffles

When I went to Tempe to pick up the soda donation, Carrie gave me a verbal tour of the *Coca-Cola* plant while we were waiting for the paperwork to be processed. It is the largest bottling plant in the U.S. and quite an operation! Our thanks to *Swire Coca-Cola* for their generous donation!



As they have done every year, Teri and Jeff Guilbault expertly managed the food area and grill



Ilan Wieser did some grilling after helping set up tents and tables

Our total actual expense for food for the event was \$321. However, we had about \$243 of donated food and beverages. We sincerely thank all the donors for their contributions! There were two additional expenses: the rental fee for the ramada/grill was \$225 for the day, and the Bridge booklets I prepared for those who wanted to recognize a dog they had lost in the last year cost \$79 to print in color. Mary and Bert Engstrom generously sent a donation to help cover this cost. We gave rainbow rosettes to Bridge ceremo-



Bert and Mary Engstrom with Autumn came from Litchfield Park prepared to enjoy the beautiful weather

ny participants and distributed paw medallions to the dogs that had been adopted during the past year, but we had enough of these



Patrick Doyle is always available to help wherever needed

items left over from previous years that we did not have any expense for either this year.



Jane Triplett sold \$438 of raffle tickets!



Raffle area

Although this event is not designed as a fundraiser, it turned out to be a good one. We had 80 adults and 2 children age 3-10 attend, plus 196 canine paws! Several other families pre-registered but were unable to come, so they were given donation credit. Registrations amounted to \$976. Donations in support of the event from those who could not attend totaled \$280. In addition, we collected \$438 for raffle ticket sales, \$450 for the silent auction, and \$539 in merchandise sales, for a grand total income of \$2,683, making our profit for the event \$2,058! Thanks to all of you who contributed to this total in one way or another!

The day before *Paws At The Park*, Nick Dodson and Connie McCabe brought the *AGR* trailer over to the Orwigs' house to pick up all our tables, tents, merchandise, raffles and silent auction items.

Helping load up were Patrick Doyle, Jill and Fred Prose and Liz Tataseo, in addition to Nick, Connie, Deb and Larry. Our Sunday at the Park started with set-up at 9 AM. Set-up volunteers included April Crow, Sharon Flores, Karin Forsythe, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Carrie Peck and Mike Seichi, Fred Prose, Chris Spiel, Ilan and Mar-



The 2018-19 Board of Directors: Adam Cardinal, Director of Information Management; Deb Orwig, President; Connie McCabe, Human Resources Director; Sue Vallie, Director of Dog Care; and Cindy Pavero, Director of Activities

cus Wieser, and Lenni and Steve Wilson.

During the day, Teri and Jeff handled the grill and food and Ilan Wieser also helped grill; Karin Forsythe took care of registration check-in; the Wilsons managed the merchandise sales; and Jane Triplett sold raffle tickets.



Frances Madrid and Dr. Rory Lubold with Leonburger Oliver and Golden Retriever Jack

During the "business" part of the meeting, the Board members, who will all continue in their positions, received a vote of confidence from the membership. Upcoming events were announced, including the change of date for the *Phoenix Pet Expo* from April 7-8 to Memorial Day weekend (May 26-27). Then, our special guest, Dr. Rory Lubold, was introduced. Dr. Lubold gave a

short presentation about his new-concept mobile veterinary service called *Paion*. Please read the article about this program on page 23. As our thanks for coming to our event, Dr. Lubold and his fiancée Frances Madrid and their lovely dogs **Oliver**, a Leonburger, and **Jack**, a Golden, were our guests for lunch and were presented with "Life is Golden" T-shirts.

Peter and Anna Wong surprised us by stopping by with their trick-trained dogs **Billie** and **Nikko**. Peter put on a short but impressive show while we were getting ready for the rest of the program.



Anna and Peter Wong with Billie and Nikko



Nikko and Billie have each learned about 4 dozen tricks

We then had the Rainbow Bridge ceremony. All members who wanted to remember a dog they had lost in the past year gathered together. The Bridge booklets and rainbow rosettes were distributed, then we played the moving song "It's So Hard To Say Good-bye". Those who participated in this ceremony included Kathy Blue for **Luke**, Mary and Bert Engstrom for **Skye**, Sheila Joyce for **Tessa**, Jodi and Jay Koblick for **Shea**, Rebecca and Dustin Mackerman for **Boomer**, Connie McCabe and Nick Dodson for **Sammy** and **Shaggy**, Dean Mortimore for **Missy**, Pat Morgan for **Sunny**, Dee Dee and Keith Smith for **Kandee**, Liz Tataseo for **Cooper**, Jane Triplett for **Dutch**, Sue and Roger Vallie for **Trixie**, and Michele Wehry and Mark Hill for **NinAnnie**. I appreciated help from Michael Rudin with distributing the rosettes.

After the tear-jerking Bridge ceremony, we had the happy pre-



Michael and mom Lauren Rudin with Bryxx

sentation of gold paw medallions to all the dogs that had been adopted during the past year. My thanks to Marcus Wieser for putting the ribbons on all the medallions during the set-up time and to Michael Rudin for helping to distribute them to the adopters.



Marcus Wieser ribboning the paw medallions



Anne and Mike Booher with Beau and Stanley

After these ceremonies, everyone who brought a dog they had rescued from anywhere had a fun time parading around the Park to “Rescue Me” and “Who Let The Dogs Out” playing on the boom box.



Deb Orwig led the Parade of Rescue carrying the boom box playing “Rescue Me” and “Who Let the Dogs Out?”

The fun day concluded with the drawing of raffle winners. Then, we had to break it all down and pack everything into the trailer and several of the vehicles. Helping with the cleanup were Nick Dodson; Patrick Doyle; Karin Forsythe; Teri and Jeff Guilbault; Gigi Hill; Connie McCabe; Deb and Larry Orwig; Jane Triplett; Sharon, Marcus and Ian Wieser; and Tom Wollbrinck.



Roger and Sue Vallie with Molly and Oliver and Cindy Tigges with Pilgrim

An exciting result of this event was the connection made between long-time *AGR* member Larry Jessup and 17-082 **Pilgrim**, who was being fostered by Cindy and Gary Tigges. Cindy brought **Pilgrim** to



More paraders: Carrie Peck with Charlie, Cassie and Lily Barnett with Mufasa Orwig, Debbie Ball with Shelby, Rick Ball, Kathy Blue with Barrett, and the Silver family with Barnie



Patty Brown with Bailey and Tully

the event, and Larry, who came by himself and has not had a dog for almost two years, decided **Pilgrim** was just the right dog for him! Larry is now the proud adopter of **Pilgrim**, whom he renamed **Teddy**, and is having a great time with his new companion.



Larry Jessup met his new companion, Pilgrim at this event; he renamed the dog Teddy

Next year, 2019, will be our 10th anniversary. The celebration will be on the east side – hopefully, we will be able to secure the same spot in Scottsdale’s **El Dorado Park** that we used in 2016, as it is a very nice venue. We hope to have more than double the attendance we had this year – as soon as we have a confirmed date, we will let everyone know so you can all put it on your calendars far enough in advance that you will be able to come.



Robin Mish and Tiffany Berry parading with Tiffany’s girls Chloe and Maya; Robin serves on AGR’s Transport Team and Tiffany is Placement Manager

Mind Games Dogs Play with Humans

After your humans give you a bath, don’t let them towel you dry! Instead, run to their bed, jump up and dry yourself off on the sheets. This is especially good if it’s right before your humans’ bedtime.

Act like a convicted criminal. When the humans come home, put your ears back, tail between your legs, chin down and act as if you have done something really bad. Then, watch as the humans frantically search the house for the damage they think you have caused. (Note: This only works when you have done nothing wrong.)

Let the humans teach you a brand new trick. Learn it perfectly. Then, when the humans try to demonstrate it to someone else, stare blankly back at the humans. Pretend you have no idea what they’re talking about.

Wake up twenty minutes before the alarm clock is set to go off and make the humans take you out for your morning pee. As soon as you get back inside, fall asleep. (Humans can rarely fall back asleep after going outside, this will drive them nuts!)



PACC911 at Fountain Hills

By Deb Orwig



AGR had a great booth spot at the end of a long line of booths with the lake and the famous large fountain just behind us; we were too busy to get a picture of the fountain when it was on in the morning; it was shut off in the afternoon due to the wind

Fountain Hills Community Park is a beautiful venue! Every year, *PACC911* hosts their last adopt-a-thon of the season here, but this year (March 24, 2018) was the first time *AGR* has participated. The morning was gorgeous, almost balmy. The wind came up around noon, and because it got so gusty (actually blew away a couple of Rescues' tent canopies that weren't weighted down enough) the event was cut short at 2 PM instead of going to the usual 3 PM. At times, we had three volunteers holding down our tents even though we had weights on the tent legs!



Patrick Doyle and Ellen Lagerman holding down our tents



Set-up crew: Patrick Doyle, Teresa DuMarce, Jeff and Ellen France, Rick Brown and Larry Orwig

tire large park, helping them get rid of their initial-excitement energy and keeping them busy and out from under foot while the set-up was going on. Also helping during set-up were Patrick Doyle, Ellen France, Deb and Larry Orwig,



Rick Brown with happy Duffy

Several new volunteer helpers joined us during the day, and we thank everyone who came, whether they stayed for an hour or all day. During set-up, Rick Brown and Jeff France very kindly walked the Orwig boys, **Duffy** and **Vin**, around the en-



Greg Ahmann with Duffy Orwig and Ryn Ahmann, Duffy's littermate - they had not seen each other for four years and did not recognize each other

Cindy Tigges and Tom Vinopal. **Duffy** especially enjoyed Rick's one-on-one company throughout the day, and we think Rick enjoyed it, too, as he doesn't have a Golden at home right now. Rick's wife, Cindy, came by briefly during the day to say hello and meet all of us. Cassie Barnett, Teresa DuMarce (who came from Payson for this event) and



Cindy Brown with Vin



Janine Aguero with Toby



Cindy Pavero with Honey, Teddi Axne with Palmer, Rick Brown with Duffy, and Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate and Ashley

Tom Vinopal came without dogs and were very helpful in the booth and with the extra dogs. Greg Ahmann, who adopted **Ryn**, one of **Duffy Orwig's** littermates from 5 years ago, stayed with us for a couple hours. It was fun to watch **Ryn** and **Duffy** together - they look a lot

alike (**Ryn**, a female, is actually a little bigger than **Duffy**, but then she was the biggest of all the six puppies in the litter). They did not seem to recognize that they were related. In conversation, we discovered that both **Ryn** and **Duffy** are "talkers!"



Tom Vinopal and his wife, Debbie, adopted two dogs from *AGR* recently but neither dog was socialized well enough to attend this event, so Tom came by himself and stayed most of the day



Sue Vallie with Oliver, Cindy Pavero with Honey, Janet Hobbs with Molly, and Ellen Lagerman with Barney

Additional helpers during the day included Janine Aguero with **Toby**, Teddi Axne with **Palmer**, Lily Barnett, Ellen Lagerman with **Barney**, Connie McCabe with **Winnie**, Dean Mortimore with **Ashley** and

Mary Kate, Cindy Pavero with **Honey**, and Sue Vallie and friend Janet Hobbs with **Molly** and **Oliver**. Jim Mitchell, adopter of **16-079 Molly** stopped by without his dog to say hello.

Cindy Tigges had to leave for a mid-day commitment but came back just before 2 PM. She brought **Casey** with her but by the time she got there we were starting to break down the booth due to the wind. Also helping with break-down were Greg Ahmann, Cassie Barnett, Rick Brown, Patrick Doyle, Ellen Lagerman, Connie McCabe, Dean Mortimore, Deb and Larry Orwig, and Tom Vinopal.



Winnie McCabe/Dodson wearing a pretty white-and-green-flowered headband

This event was very successful for **AGR**. We had two adoption applications waiting for us to process when we got home and another came in the next day! That has to be a first. We brought home \$599.42 from donations (\$424) and merchandise sales (\$175.42), an excellent day financially!



Thanks to all of you who helped during this event.

Many fountains can be found throughout Fountain Hills; this one is right along Shea Blvd near Palos Verdes Rd. Unfortunately, we did not get a photo of the large fountain in the Fountain Hills Community Park lake

Meet-and-Greets at Petco
By Liz Tataseo

GLENDALE, 9980 W Northern Ave. – Liz Tataseo, Hostess



Lily Barnett, Dean Mortimore with Mary Kate and Ashley, Cassie Barnett, Deb Orwig with Vin, and Liz Tataseo with Reba and Winnie

We had a good first quarter at **Petco** this year. January was still cold, but we set up outside and did OK for this time of year after the holidays. We collected \$64.07, with the following mem-

bers joining **Reba** and me: Cassie Barnett and her daughter Lily; Dean Mortimore with **Mary Kate** and **Ashley**; Deb Orwig with **Vin** and **Duffy**; and a nice surprise visit by **Ducky** with his new family Mike Feight and Jill Imler and Golden **Ginger**. Connie McCabe stopped by for a while with **Winnie** and took the group photo.



Patrick Doyle and Liz Tataseo with Reba, Emma, Willow and Charlie

February 24th was not very productive in terms of donations – only \$21.94. However, many **Petco** customers enjoyed the dogs and asked for information on adoption. Sometimes, it is not the donations that are as important as the contacts we make. Joining **Emma**, **Reba** and me were Patrick Doyle; Sheila

Joyce with **Charlie** and **Willow**; and Dean Mortimore with **Mary Kate** and **Ashley**. We really appreciate Dean coming all the way from Chandler to Glendale to help at our Meet-and-Greets.

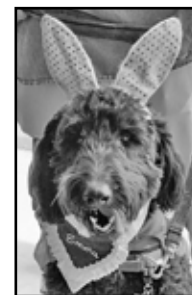


Sheila Joyce with Charlie, Willow and Emma

The end of March brought great weather, and we had many people stop by to discuss Rescue and adoption. Joining **Emma**, **Reba** and me were Patrick Doyle, Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and **Willow**, Dean Mortimore with **Mary**



Vin had to investigate the hopping bunny that sang "Here comes Peter Cottontail"



"Bunny" Emma and "bunny" Vin above; "bunny" Willow and "bunny" Charlie below

Kate and **Ashley**, and Deb Orwig with **Vin** and **Duffy**. The Easter Bunny arrived, and several dogs were suddenly sporting "bunny" ears! Donations were up, \$92.71 – maybe that was because the dogs were really cute wearing the bunny ears.





Meet-and-Greets at PetSmart

By Connie McCabe

PEORIA, 9960 N. 91st Ave. – Connie McCabe, Hostess



Deb Orwig with Vin, Jocelyn Raught with Bubba, Rebecca Kemak with Murphy, Fred Prose with Jasper, Patrick Doyle, Bob Cain (in back), Jill Prose with Teddy, Pat Morgan with Coda, and Sheila Joyce with Charlie and Willow

It was a very pleasant day on January 14, 2018 – lots of volunteers but not many visitors. Even so, we took in over \$60 in donations and sold one calendar. Plus, we received a donation of a nice blanket from *PetSmart*. Many thanks to Nick Dodson for helping me set up and break down. **Teddy** and I were joined by Patrick Doyle;



Littermates Murphy Kemak-Cain and Vin Orwig celebrated their second birthday on January 13th

Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and **Willow**; Rebeca Kemak and Bob Cain with **Murphy**; Pat Morgan with **Coda**; Deb Orwig with **Vin**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Jasper**; and Jocelyn Raught with big **Bubba**. Littermates **Murphy** and **Vin** were still celebrating yesterday's second birthday. We met a nice woman



Nick Dodson always does the set-up and break-down at the Peoria *PetSmart*; **Teddy** has been a meet-greeter here many times, but, unfortunately, he passed away on April 6th

who drove all the way up from Tempe to meet us, very thoughtful. We must not have scared her enough, as she has already submitted her application. We generally hold these *PetSmart* events on the second Sunday of the month at this location. But please, check the *AGR* calendar before you come to be sure that it has not been cancelled or rescheduled.

What a terrific turnout we had on February 11, 2018! Not everyone was there for the group photo but came a little later. Joining our foster, **Lucky**, and me were Patrick Doyle; Jill Imler with **Ducky**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie** and **Willow**; Pat Morgan with **Coda**; Deb Orwig with **Vin**;



Early February group: Deb Orwig with Vin; Chris Spiel with Jack and Nash; Dee Dee Smith with Gage and Dash; Fred and Jill Prose with Jasper; Steve and Lenni Wilson with Dusty; Joe and Sharon Wozny with Lucky; Susan Parker with Ozzie; and Jill Imler with Ducky



Jane Triplett; Susan Parker with Ozzie; Jill Imler with Ducky; and Pat Morgan with Coda

Susan Parker with **Ozzie**; Fred and Jill Prose with **Jasper**; DeeDee Smith with **Gage** and **Dash**; Jane Triplett; and Lenni and Steve Wilson with **Dusty**. And **Lucky's** new

adopters, Sharon and Joe, came up from Tempe to meet him. We had slow foot traffic and few donations, but it was nice to get together, meet some



Steve and Lenni Wilson were a little apprehensive about bringing little **Dusty**, since she had reacted poorly to other dogs when they first adopted her, but at this meet-and-greet she was a perfect lady

new people and chat about the furkids. And of course, thank you, Nick Dodson for putting it all together!

The March Peoria *PetSmart*

Meet-and-Greet was not held because of a conflict with our annual *Paws At The Park* event.



Ten-year-old shelter save 18-002 **Lucky McGoo**, adopted by Sharon and Joe Wozny, is truly a lucky boy!

Special Donations in Memory of
15-068 **Teddy McCabe / Dodson**

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In Honor of 12-001 Rusty
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Please see Special Memorial Donations for
15-068 Teddy McCabe / Dodson on previous page

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In Memory of an incredibly special rescue named Moses

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In Memory of Rose, a beautiful retriever

Craig Ivanyi

* After reading the sad stories about **17-083 Molly** and **18-001 Jessie** in the February issue of this newsletter, a very special couple, Vicki and Pat McDermott asked if they could adopt these two dogs posthumously. Both dogs were in such bad condition when **AGR** took them

in that we had not had time to place either of them with a family before they had to be sent to the Bridge. Vicki and Pat paid the full adoption fees for both dogs and are now listed in our database as their adopters, even though they did not spend even a day with either dog. We thank them tremendously for their caring and generosity.

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 Alice and David Courtney

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