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AGR’s new QR Code is shown at left. Scanning it with a smart phone will send money directly to AGR’s PayPal account; the user must also have a PayPal account. Standard PayPal transaction fees will apply, i.e. about 4% will be subtracted by Pay-Pal from the amount you send.

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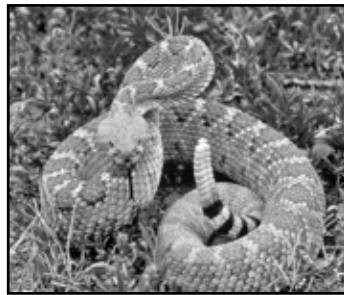


Asher, Cali, Vin and Duffy Orwig

The other night, we overheard Mom telling Dad that **AGR** just took in an 8-year-old female Golden named **Honey** who had been bitten in the face near her left eye by a rattlesnake. Her owner couldn't afford the treatment, which consisted of an anti-venin injection

plus periodic bloodwork checks to make sure she wasn't bleeding out (the anti-venin disrupts clotting). They had taken her to an ER and told the vet to put her down, but the vet wouldn't do that and called **AGR**. Of course, **AGR** accepted her (and the expense) into their Rescue program. The dog might lose her left eye – we don't know yet, as the swelling needs to subside before the dog can be taken to **Eye Care for Animals** for evaluation. The snake bite occurred on the patio of an assisted living facility in Scottsdale! So beware! Rattlesnakes are all over Arizona and not just out in the desert.

If you live anywhere besides downtown Phoenix or in the heart of any other city in the Metro area, it would be wise to consider getting your dog snake-avoidance trained. If you plan to take your dog hiking anywhere in AZ, you should definitely get the dog snake-trained.

Photo by Gary Stolz,
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There are several places you can go for snake-avoidance training. The best one, in our opinion, is **Partners Dog Training School**, 4640 E Forest Pleasant Place, Cave Creek; they also have a Scottsdale location at 8642 E Shea Blvd. You can register online at www.partnersdogs.com or call 480-595-6700.

Mom found this on their website: *Partners Snake Avoidance has successfully trained over 16,000 dogs to avoid the SCENT and SOUND of a rattlesnake for the past 16 years. It works in 3 parts. 1. We put our own equipment on your pup and use our own experienced handlers to make sure the association is as objective as possible. Just between the dog and the snake. 2. We then take*

your dog around to several double-mesh wire cages in a desert environment, and once they recognize the scent or sound of the rattlesnake we give a very minimal "nick" on an e-collar to train a negative association. 3. At the end, we will give you a recap of what we thought of the session and will recommend a time to come back for your pup's refresher.

At **Partners**, first-time dogs are \$109; annual refresher is \$89. These are excellent prices considering that one vial of anti-venin for **23-020 Honey** cost \$586, and often a dog will need more than one vial (she did not). **Honey's** total bill for her owners would have been over \$3,000.

Another rattlesnake-avoidance training that we are aware of is **Rattlesnake Ready**. This one is also available in Cave Creek at 30528 N 59th Street; 480-353-8390.

There is also one called **Viper Avoidance**, which is located in New River at 43226 N 7th Ave. They can be reached at 480-215-1776 or at www.vipervoidance.com.

Mom says if you Google on "snake-avoidance training" you'll see several other sites shown, but **AGR** does not know of any members who took their dogs to be trained at any of them, so we can't recommend them.

Going back to hiking with your dog... we have not done that, but it sounds like it might be fun! Just be sure that you buy a set of booties for your dog and get the dog used to wearing them before you go out on a trail. Just like your own hiking shoes, booties need to fit your dog well.



11-055 Mylee wearing booties

Mom found a link to a website that tells you how to measure your dog for booties: <https://www.caninestyles.com/blogs/news/dog-booties-guide-dog-boot-size-chart>. It is important to measure because often our back feet are a different size from our front feet.

Some other cautions: always keep your dog on leash (it's a law in Arizona) and never use one of those extendable leashes – these are worse than using no leash, as they can get tangled in the underbrush, wrapped around a tree, or stuck in rock crevices and might choke the dog, plus you have no control over the dog; stay on a marked trail; be sure to take plenty of water (at least twice as much as you think you'll need) for both you and your dog; do your trail-walking during the cooler part of the day (before 10 AM or after 5 PM); although a "summer cut" is OK, never shave your dog down in the summer – we will lose our protection from sunburn and our insulation from the heat (we're cooler with our coats on).



Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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I have some exciting news to share: the Director of Activities position has been filled! Denise Padavano, who has been on **AGR's** Intake Team for several years and has also now been trained to do home evaluations, and Jeanne Wegener, a long-time friend of Denise's, have offered to co-chair the position. The Board appointed them unanimously. They will have one vote at any Board meetings they attend or on any Board motions made by e-mail. They have already had meetings with me, with Debbie Ball (to get up to speed on database use) and with Carolyn Brown, our previous Director of Activities. They will have a steep learning curve at first with much information to process, but they are very organized and I'm confident they will handle it and do well in the position. Thank you, Denise and Jeanne! Under the Director of Activities column on page 5, I have included a short bio from each of them, so you can learn a little about them. If you attend any of the upcoming events that are currently scheduled (see page 5), I'm sure you will see one or both of them, so be sure to introduce yourself.

On Saturday, April 22, we moved the contents of our storage facility from 8780 W Bell Rd (**Storage Solutions**) to 5256 W Bell Rd (**Life Storage**). The new place is only a stone's throw from the **UPS** store where we maintain our mailbox (5350 W Bell Rd). I purchased a combination lock for the new unit. Anyone wanting anything from the storeroom just needs to contact me for the back door key code and the combination code, and I won't have to be there. At 10' x 20', the new unit is smaller than what we had previously (a 10' x 30' pass-through unit), but we managed to trash quite a bit of the stuff that had accumulated in the old unit, so although the new unit is snug, it will suffice, and at almost \$100 per month savings in cost, it's worth the new place being a little crowded. It's also an air-conditioned indoor unit (so no dust inside like the old unit) and also has interior lighting which the old unit did not. All in all, a good move!

Thanks to the 22 volunteers who helped, the old unit was completely cleaned out with everything packed in **AGR's** trailer, as well as in 15 private vehicles including four pick-up trucks, in only 1¼ hours; then we did a car-caravan east on Bell Road 4.7 miles (of course hitting every red light!) and took less than 2 hours to put everything away in the new unit.

Our very efficient moving crew included: Pat Amaral, Debbie Ball, Carolyn and Peter Brown, Adam Cardinal, April Crow, Nick Dodson, Patrick Doyle, Bill Earle, Michael Feight, Jill Imler, Jean Klink, Jake Lurie, Connie McCabe, Diane Meyer, Trishia Murphy, Deb and Larry Orwig, Denise Padavano, Jill Prose, Cindy

Tigges, and Connie Wozniak. We're very glad that Peter, Adam, Michael and Jean brought their pickup trucks – otherwise we never would have been able to make only one trip from the old storeroom to the new. Peter's truck was used for a dump run, and it was full to almost overflowing! Peter also came by my house a couple days later to pick up items we decided to donate to CJ Anderson's Rescue called **Animals and Humans in Disaster**. This Rescue provides food and equipment for the animals of the homeless and of veterans, a good cause for nine clam-shell kennels, some food bowls and feeding stands, and some new blankets.

Special thanks to Jean Klink, who met me with her pickup truck at Connie and Nick's house twice before storeroom moving day so that we could empty out all the stuff that was in the trailer (mainly tents and tables and items left over from *Paws At The Park*) and bring it to my house (temporarily).

Special thanks also to Nick Dodson for hauling the trailer from his house to the old storage facility then to the new, then back to the old to collect a large ramp we could not fit in the first trip, and then to my house to pick up tents and tables, which we store in the trailer.

In addition, Pat Amaral offered to take boxes and boxes of hard-copy dog medical records and go through them to pull the ones for deceased dogs (487 out of our 1256 rescues) – those records are no longer needed. She will consolidate the records of living dogs, so the records will take up much less space in the new storeroom.

Jake Lurie, who regularly sells items on eBay, took a complete service-for-12 set of Mikasa bone china that was donated to **AGR** quite a few years ago. He will try to sell it for us. We appreciate his efforts regardless of the revenue he gets for us.

Thanks, again, to all of you who helped us move.

One more thank you is deserved. Cliff Valenti, a relatively new member/adopter, has taken on the task of uploading all the old issues of *The Golden Paw* (this newsletter you are reading) to our website. Currently, issues back through 2018 are up. Every issue is unique and has lots of information about topics of interest to dog lovers. By the time you read this, he may have gotten all the issues back through the Premier issue in November 2009 up. You can find the newsletters by clicking on the Information tab and then clicking on View past issues of The Golden Paw newsletter, or go directly to this link: <https://www.arizonagoldenrescue.org/info/display?PageID=20675>. Thanks, Cliff, for the time it took you to accomplish this job!

It's not about the dog. It's always about us. It's always about the owner. It's up to us to create an environment and circumstances in which the dog can thrive and be itself. ~ Cesar Milan

Golden Adventures!

Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener,
Co-Directors of Activities

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Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener at AGR's 2022 Fore! Paws Golf Tournament

Meet **Arizona Golden Rescue's** new Co-Directors of Activities, Denise Padavano and Jeanne Wegener. We were so pleased to have them offer to take on this very important position, which is about two things: getting members involved in the organization (volunteering!) and raising money. Both functions are imperative in helping **AGR** grow and prosper. Ladies, thank you so much!

They have created a new e-mail address for communications to members regarding upcoming activities and for soliciting volunteers: **agrgoldenevents@gmail.com**. When you see an e-mail from this address, please respond!

From Denise: *I have been an AGR member since its inception in 2009. I have volunteered at many events through the years and currently serve on the Intake, Home Evaluations and Sewing and Crafts teams. I currently have two sweet resident dogs, Honey, a senior Golden from AGR, and Lacey, a Flatcoat/Border Collie mix from another Rescue. I am also fostering AGR's #23-022 Carlos, whom I hope to adopt. In addition, I have three cats that found their way into my house and heart as strays. I'm originally from upstate New York and moved to Arizona 44 years ago. I worked in Arizona as a Special Education teacher at the middle school level for 33 years before retiring in 2020. During my free time, I volunteer as a trainer for Meals on Wheels, and occasionally serve breakfast at a soup kitchen as a member of St. Vincent de Paul. I also enjoy hiking in the desert, reading, and working outside in my vegetable and flower gardens.*

From Jeanne: *Even though I have been an official member of AGR for only about a year, I have enjoyed attending a number of the fundraising events. I am not a pet parent right now, but have been auntie to the Padavano pups for many years. My husband Cliff and I will be celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary in*

August, and we have two grown children, Emmerly and Nathan, who thankfully still live in Arizona. Currently, I am an administrative assistant at an elementary school in Phoenix; prior to that I taught Special Education for 34 years before retiring. I have been a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization for women educators, for 30 years, where I have held a number of leadership positions and am currently President of our chapter. In my free time I enjoy gardening, reading, traveling, and exercising.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**Fore! Paws Golf Tournament**

Saturday, September 16, 2023

McCormick Ranch Golf Club

7505 E McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale

1:30 PM Shotgun Start

4-person Scramble format

Dinner with Raffle and Silent Auction

follows tournament in the Pavillion

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2023

Dine Out With The Dogs

TENTATIVE: Sunday, October 29, Noon - 7:30 PM

Paulie's Little Bite of Italy

15456 N 99th Ave, Sun City

PACC911 Adopt-a-thon

Saturday, November 4, 10 AM - 3 PM

Toyota of Surprise

13543 N Autoshow Ave, Surprise

PACC911 Glimmer of Hope

Sunday, November 12, 11 AM - 2 PM

JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn

5402 E Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale

PACC911 Adopt-a-thon

Saturday, December 2, 10 AM - 3 PM

All Saints Church

6300 N Central Ave, Phoenix

Be aware that Amazon has disbanded their Smile Foundation. AGR was a nonprofit beneficiary but is now no longer getting donations as a percentage of purchases made from Amazon. Please consider signing up for iGive.com – AGR WILL get a percentage of purchases made from over 2,000 stores, many of which you probably already buy from.



What's Up DOC?

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One of the most desirable procedures any Rescue can implement is to have an opportunity to observe and evaluate every intake dog for some period of time, so that we can make the best choice of placing that dog into the best approved applicant's home. Unfortunately, this opportunity is not always available, as often we have emergency intakes without an available resource such as an approved foster volunteer or an available veterinary office that can board the dog for some time. Often vet offices are not available on weekends or evenings, and sometimes those time periods are when our transport volunteers are best able to transport the dog. Many of our families who graciously foster for us travel during the summer. Without available fosters, we are left with boarding as the only option, and those boarding fees can quickly add up to a significant financial expense.

AGR is in need of more foster volunteers, those that are willing and able to take a dog on short notice and give that dog a safe and comfortable environment while our Placement volunteers search for its forever home. Such foster families also provide an invaluable service in learning more about the dog's behavior, likes and dislikes. Fostering gives the dog an opportunity to decompress, and in some cases may even save lives if the dog is potentially coming from a bad environment. Foster families may become adept at teaching dogs how to walk on a leash, basic commands such as sit/stay, and other actions humans expect from dogs. Fostering is not often a long-term commitment, as most of our dogs are placed quickly with approved families waiting to adopt. But in some cases, we rely on fosters for those dogs in need of medical evaluations and/or treatment and to drive dogs to their veterinary appointments.

Here are some excerpt comments from some of our various foster volunteers:

From Sharon F: *Fostering a dog is a rewarding experience; it can also be challenging. Each dog is unique. I have learned something from each of the 25 fosters I have had. Fostering gives you a sense of purpose...the pros outweigh the cons for me.*

From Liz T: *Fostering for me can be divided into three categories: puppy mill type behavior dogs, medical recovery dogs, and puppies. Puppy mill dogs with fear issues tend to do well if there are other happy, confident dogs around them. I've had the most foster dogs needing to recover from medical issues... following vet instructions, making sure they get the right meds and letting them know I'm there to take care of them and rehab were the keys.*

Puppies, I've had a few!... Fortunately, only one stayed in the past 11 years.

From Cindy T: *Fostering, not just a job but an adventure! To foster can mean to provide a temporary home and care. Foster can also mean to encourage growth or development. Fostering can also uncover issues that need to be addressed. Foster failures, yes, we've had a few, but then again, too few to mention.*

From Judy B: *The pros of fostering: 1) Provides the opportunity to love and help prepare a dog; 2) No long-term permanent financial/personal commitment; 3) Sense of fulfillment – doing something positive for dogs. The cons of fostering: 1) Saying goodbye and the 'unknown' where he/she is going; 2) Committing to making a positive change but not always having experience with some of the dog's issues; 3) The risk of 'spoiling' or allowing behaviors in your home that might not be welcome in the new home...*

From Joni C: *When I have fostered for our Rescue it has been a feeling of pure happiness to be able to give a dog some solace...it is hard not to want to keep them...but it makes my heart happy... Yes, it's hard to say goodbye to a foster dog, but knowing they will be in a new home to give them the love and security they need is well worth it.*

From Connie M: *Fostering a dog may be difficult, but it's a very real way to make a difference to a dog in need. Yes, it is hard to give them up, even after just a day or two – there is no way to avoid getting emotionally involved. But even though there will be some pain, there is a whole lot more satisfaction knowing that you have contributed greatly to their lives. At first, it's almost guaranteed that you will become foster failures, but as you continue to acquire more and more dogs, you eventually realize that you cannot keep them all. Nick and I have fostered over 100 dogs between [another rescue group] and **AGR**, and every single one of them has left a paw print on my heart, even if we didn't adopt them. One of the joys of fostering for **AGR** is that you do have input on where the dog goes, so if you feel that it's not a good fit you only have to say so.*

Please consider volunteering to foster! **AGR** covers the medical expenses, so your only expenses are for food and gas for transporting. You will be expected to provide love and care that are so valuable to the dogs. One requirement for fostering is to have a current adoption application on file; NOT that you are intending to adopt, but rather that you are willing to foster. If you have adopted an **AGR** dog in the past and have NOT moved, then no new home evaluation is needed. Please call our WAGS line 623-566-WAGS (9247) or e-mail us at info@arizonagoldenrescue.org with your questions or concerns and someone will discuss the process personally with you.



The Information Highway

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Night of the Living Data

They're coming to get you Barbara...

I must confess... I'm not a fan of horror movies, but 2 to 3 years ago I decided that there was enough cultural reference around zombies that I ought to catch the original classic, *Night of the Living Dead*. I'm glad I watched it, but it didn't hold a candle to *The Mummy* with Boris Karloff. But we aren't talking about mummies, we are talking about zombies – although let's be honest, they do have a lot in common. Mummies don't hunt for brains because they keep them in a jar - kind of like Eleanor Rigby...

Anyway - that was a long way around to get to our topic: zombie data. I want to talk to you about deleting information: old e-mails, duplicate files, text messages, photos. Would it surprise you to know that in spite of the fact that we selected the files, put them in the trash, or the recycle bin or in the deleted folder, and then emptied the bucket or folder, they still might be there? You don't have to be a fast zombie to know the answer to that question.

Technology users delete data for a number of reasons. Either they don't need the file anymore, want to free up space on their device, or, in some cases, people delete accidentally. Deletion does not mean completely removed from your hard drive or memory card. It means that the file name and space that it took up on the device are removed. Essentially, the computer or phone believes that the file no longer exists because the path to finding it is destroyed. When this happens, the block of space the file once held is marked in the device as "free." Next time a file is downloaded or a message saved, the empty space left by your deleted file will be used to store the new information coming in. A device doesn't actually "delete" your data because the process is lengthy and takes a lot of computing power. By simply removing the file name and opening the space for newly written data, the process only takes a matter of seconds. Important to note is that moving a file to the recycle bin does not delete the information. All files will continue to take up space on your device until the bin is emptied, at which time data is considered "deleted" until overwritten.

Will I Recover?

Technically, yes. It is possible you can recover accidentally deleted files, but it will take some effort. You will need data recovery software that can scan for deleted files still on your hard drive. For best results you should have the software already installed or be able to run it from external media like a jump drive, a network

server or a website. If you install the software after you have accidentally deleted data, there's a definite possibility that the computer will overwrite the data you want when it's installing the software. So, just like that you've snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. For best success try the restore action as soon as possible after deletion.

If it has been more than a day or two, and you run regular backups to a back-up drive or server (you do, right??), your better option may be to try and restore the file from an earlier back-up – the day before you deleted that file. The backup retains an image of the original file in a compressed format that can be restored using the archival software used to create your back-ups. Most have a visual interface where you can search for the file you want and then restore just that file you need without having to unpack the entire backup file.

Clouds In My Coffee

Lets's explore the opposite problem: why am I looking at files that I know I've deleted already? Chances are we are talking about online storage – also known as data in the cloud.

Cloud storage has been around for years (DropBox, GoogleDocs, iCloud, etc.). Because these are essentially your leased portion of a large space where hundreds of thousands or millions of other people store their data, there's no option to be able to recover a deleted document or file – it's gone. It was probably overwritten the moment it was deleted. Computer users new to the cloud were very upset about having no UnDo option: one bad move and a lot of work and effort is gone.

In order to address this issue, cloud storage providers had to come up with a solution – and they found one. Even better: they found one that enhances their billing and support model – shadow copy. In order to prevent you losing your data, they decided to fix it by enabling the ability to delete data from their environment and never actually deleting it. They just removed it from showing in your directory view.

Having the data out there may not cause any additional privacy concerns, but it likely will have financial concerns when you start getting messages saying "You have used 95% (or more) of your available cloud storage." You look at what you have out there and it doesn't seem possible. It's because you likely have a decent amount of shadow data out there.

If you use your cloud service primarily for replication – keeping a copy of what you do locally – you may have very little shadow data. If you use your cloud drive as an extension of your hard drive, that can likely be causing an issue. Think about the last time you created a document. Did you just sit down, bang it out and save it in one session seated at the keyboard? Probably not. In the background while you were working on that document, your

word processor or spreadsheet application was saving every 5-15 minutes to prevent you from losing data if your computer crashed or your internet went down. You may have the last 5 auto-saved versions on the cloud server. If you moved the file from one directory to another in the cloud you likely now have two copies: one that shows in the new directory, and one that doesn't show in the old directory.

What do I do?

Take a look at your storage service. Look at the directories. If one of them says 'trash' or 'recycle' start there. Look at what's sitting in that directory and then select "empty trash" or whatever the command is on your system. Or, you can set up the service to auto-delete all the data in the recycle bin regularly – weekly perhaps – and that will help to some degree.

I'm challenged to provide you with specific actions you can take because of the number of service providers, the different ways they've chosen to implement and how they want you to do it. So we have to start slowly and gradually.

1. Understand the data you want to delete. Is it documents? Is it voicemail? Text? Photos? Each may have a different way to delete those files. Start with understanding what you want to get rid of.
2. Research by platform. Look for the instructions on your chosen device then refine your search by the type of files. That should give you the detailed instructions on how to get rid of the data types.
3. Don't forget the originating device. If you've viewed, edited or modified any of these data files on your smart phone or tablet there is likely a copy there, too. Look for it.

Application storage.

Some applications store copies of their files in their own work directories. So, check your photo storage application, your music application, messaging services (Facebook messenger, WhatsApp, Telegram etc.) and your streaming services (Netflix, Prime Video, Apple TV).

Hopefully there will be features that will make this easier in the future. Until then, think about where else the data might lie when you're getting ready to delete sensitive data and then track it down and eradicate it where it lies. Otherwise keep an eye on your cloud storage usage rate. Before you reach the point where they want you to upgrade to a larger storage container, do everything you can to purge all the lurking shadow data. Hopefully doing that will eliminate the need to purchase additional cloud storage.



The Human Connection

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

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

So, since this is the "Human Connection" column, in every issue I am going to continue to mention a few interesting facts and stories about the 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 know there are a lot of people who just wanted to adopt a dog and have no interest in participating in *AGR* activities. I will respect the privacy of those who prefer not to be active and just concentrate on those who are, or have been, most active in the organization.

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

Let's hear from Diane and Todd Long, who have been terrific fosters and adopters for *AGR*. They are currently the proud owners of Goldendoodles **Sedona** and **Bentley**, both "foster successes."



Diane and Todd Long
with Bentley and Sedona

Diane and Todd Long moved to Phoenix in 1995 from Kansas City, Missouri. They have two adult boys – Michael will graduate from the EMT program at *PVCC* while Patrick graduates from *NAU*, both this May!

Over the years we've been blessed with two Australian Shepherds and a Golden Retriever mix. Both Aussies lived to be 16 years old. When we lost our Golden to cancer at 12, Diane was especially heartbroken. It literally took a year before we could think of opening our home and hearts to another. We loved the easy going, gentle, social, goofy temperament of the Golden

and started to pursue the possibilities. We felt quite strongly about 1) having a pair and 2) that we would rescue. That led us to AGR, where two sisters were listed on the website. By the time we were approved and ready to go, the sisters had been adopted, but we quickly received a phone call about an available female Golden-doodle. A good friend of ours has two therapy-trained Golden-doodles so we were familiar with their temperaments and lack of shedding. We jumped on the opportunity, and **Sedona** joined the family in November of '21!

Knowing we were wanting a pair, we later received a call about a seven-month-old male Goldendoodle with a badly broken leg. Following surgery and a little recovery time, **Bentley** joined the family in March '22. The unconditional love, laughter, joy, puppy kisses, and companionship filled our home once again. We have so much respect and appreciation for AGR and the incredible people we had worked with that we discussed the possibilities of giving back and paying it forward. Fostering seemed to be the best for our routine and availability, but the entire Long family questioned Diane's ability to "give them away"! To everyone's surprise (including Diane's), fostering has been the most humbling, rewarding and worthwhile volunteer work.

We have now fostered seven Goldendoodles that have found their new forever homes. The highlight and most emotional foster experience was **Buddy**, a two-pound parvo puppy that was incredibly ill. He was so tiny, so weak, so sick and so stinking adorable! For over a month we loved on him, nursed him and watched him gain strength, spunk and life. There were a few tears handing him off to his new, fabulous family but they were tears of joy, pride and accomplishment. Thank you to AGR for expanding our family with two new pieces of our hearts, but also for allowing us the opportunities to help other dogs and families do the same. Everyone here has their own story, reasons, and experiences, but we all know and share that "It's all about the dogs!"

Next, meet Sue and Ken Dinkel.

In Sue's words: *After I retired in 2017, I became much more active with volunteering. I volunteer at Honor Health in surgery waiting, for Hunkapi Farm horse rescue, and DUET. I was looking for something more and one day at WestWorld a member of AGR, Deedee Smith, approached me. Amongst hundreds of people, she came up to me and asked me about my English Cream Golden, Lexi, who I had with me. She said she looks exactly like her dog! After comparing notes, we found out her dog and my dog were sisters! We became friends, and that's how I learned of Arizona*



Ken and Sue Dinkel
with Lexi and foster Ziwa

Golden Rescue.

My husband, Ken, and I started volunteering with AGR as a foster family. We enjoy fostering but find that it doesn't happen very often, as either dogs are placed so fast, or they might be sick and our girl **Lexi** cannot afford to be around them. **Lexi** has had a rough go of it, as she has had two mast cell tumors that were both surgically removed – one before she was one year old and one at the age of four; therefore, she is extra-spoiled! She gets home cooked Pup Loaf and bones from the butcher every day! She is doing great though!

At last year's Paws at the Park event, I spoke with some of the volunteers about wanting to do something more than just foster, and I soon became a volunteer on the Placement Team and absolutely love it! I find it extremely rewarding to find homes for the dogs! That keeps me busy when a dog comes in, but in my spare time Ken and I enjoy mountain bike riding, playing the piano (just me), and riding dirt bikes (just Ken). We are both members of the AZ Trail Riders. Ken will be retiring from **AZ Game and Fish** in a couple of years and we hope to travel more. And who knows, by then maybe we'll be ready for a companion for our spoiled girl, **Lexi**!



Understanding basic test results for your dog

Often, after your dog has blood tests done, your vet might say, "everything looks good for his/her age." Or "we need to do further testing to rule out some things." Below are some of the basic tests that are done routinely on your dog and what they could mean. I've also included some of the more specific tests that might be needed. This is not information to have you diagnose your dog's condition but to know what is being tested.

What is a complete blood count (CBC) test?

The complete blood count measures the number of cells of different types circulating in the bloodstream. There are three major types of blood cells in circulation: red blood cells (RBC), white blood cells (WBC), and platelets.

What are red blood cells?

Red blood cells, which are produced in bone marrow, pick up oxygen brought into the body by the lungs and distribute it to cells throughout the body. Red blood cells live in the bloodstream for about 100 days and are removed from the bloodstream by the spleen and liver. Red blood cell numbers can be decreased (anemia) if they are not pro-

duced in adequate numbers by the bone marrow, if their life span is shortened (a condition called hemolysis), or if they are lost due to bleeding. Numbers can be increased (polycythemia), usually due to concentration of the blood due to dehydration. A complete blood count also includes a measure of hemoglobin, which is the actual substance in the red blood cell that carries the oxygen.

What are white blood cells?

There are several types of white blood cells in blood, including neutrophils (PMNs), lymphocytes, monocytes, eosinophils, and basophils. Lymphocytes are produced in lymph nodes throughout the body. The other white blood cell types are produced in the bone marrow. Most white blood cells in circulation are neutrophils, which help fight infections. Neutrophils can be decreased in pets with bone marrow disease, some viral diseases, and in those receiving cancer chemotherapy drugs. Neutrophils are increased in pets with inflammation or infection of any part of the body and in pets receiving prednisone or other cortisone-type drugs. Lymphocytes also help fight infection and produce antibodies against infectious agents. Lymphocytes may be increased in puppies and kittens with an infection, and they can be decreased in severely-stressed pets. Lymphocytes can be lost in some types of diarrhea. Certain drugs, such as prednisone, will decrease the number of lymphocytes in the bloodstream. Monocytes may be increased in pets with chronic infections. Eosinophils and basophils are increased in pets with allergic diseases, or parasitic infections.

What are platelets?

Platelets are produced in the bone marrow and are involved in the process of making a blood clot. Platelets live a few weeks and are constantly produced by the bone marrow. Low platelet counts occur if the bone marrow is damaged and doesn't produce them, or if the platelets are destroyed faster than normal. The two primary causes of platelet destruction are immune-mediated destruction (ITP or IMT) and disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC). Immune-mediated thrombocytopenia happens when the animal's immune system destroys platelets. DIC is a complex problem in which blood clots form in the body using the platelets faster than the bone marrow can produce new ones. Animals with a low platelet count bruise easily and may have blood in their urine or stool.

What is a packed cell volume (PCV) test?

Packed cell volume (PCV) is another measure of red blood cells. A small amount of blood is placed in a tiny glass tube and spun in a centrifuge. The blood cells pack to the bottom of the tube and the fluid floats on top. The PCV is the percent of blood that is cells

compared to the total volume of blood. In normal dogs and cats, 40-50% of the blood is made up of blood cells and the remainder is fluid.

Blood Chemistry

- Albumin is a small protein produced by the liver. Albumin acts as a sponge to hold water in the blood vessels. When blood albumin is decreased, the pressure created by the heart forcing blood through the blood vessels causes fluid to leak out of the blood vessels and accumulate in body cavities or in tissues as edema. Albumin is decreased if the liver is damaged and cannot produce an adequate amount of albumin or if albumin is lost through damaged intestine or in the urine due to kidney disease. The only cause of increased albumin is dehydration.
- Alkaline phosphatase originates from many tissues in the body. When alkaline phosphatase is increased in the bloodstream of a dog, the most common causes are liver disease, bone disease, or increased blood cortisol from specific drugs or because the animal has Cushing's disease (hyperadrenocorticism).
- ALT is an enzyme produced by liver cells. Liver damage causes ALT to increase in the bloodstream.
- Amylase is an enzyme produced by the pancreas and the intestinal tract that helps the body break down sugars. Amylase may be increased in the blood in animals with inflammation (pancreatitis) or cancer of the pancreas.
- Bile acids are produced by the liver and are involved in fat breakdown. A bile acid test is used to evaluate the function of the liver and the blood flow to the liver. Patients with abnormal blood flow to the liver, a condition known as portosystemic shunt, will have abnormal levels of bile acids. The bile acid test measures a fasting blood sample and a blood sample two hours after eating.
- Bilirubin is produced by the liver from old red blood cells. Bilirubin is further broken down and eliminated in both the urine and stool. Bilirubin is increased in the blood in patients with some types of liver disease, gallbladder disease, or when red blood cells are being destroyed at a faster than normal rate (hemolysis). Large amounts of bilirubin in the bloodstream will give a yellow color to non-furred parts of the body, which is called icterus or jaundice.
- BUN (blood urea nitrogen) is influenced by the liver, kidneys, and dehydration. Blood urea nitrogen is a waste product produced by the liver from proteins from the diet and is eliminated from the body by the kidneys. A low BUN can be seen with liver disease and an increased BUN is seen in pets with kidney disease. The kidneys

must be damaged to the point that 75% are nonfunctional before BUN will increase. Pets that are severely dehydrated will have an increased BUN.

- Calcium in the bloodstream originates from the bones. The body has hormones that cause the bone to release calcium into the blood and to remove calcium from the blood and place it back into bone. Abnormally high calcium in the blood occurs much more commonly than low calcium. High blood calcium is commonly associated with cancer. Less common causes are bone disease, poisoning with certain types of rodent bait, chronic kidney failure, and primary hyperparathyroidism, which is over-function of the parathyroid gland.
- Low blood calcium may occur in dogs and cats just before giving birth or while they are nursing their young. This is called eclampsia and occurs more commonly in small breed dogs. Eclampsia causes the animal to have rigid muscles, which is called tetany. Another cause of low blood calcium is the malfunction of the parathyroid glands that produce a hormone (PTH) that controls blood calcium levels. Animals poisoned with antifreeze may have very low blood calcium.
- Cholesterol is a form of fat. Cholesterol can be increased in the bloodstream for many reasons in dogs. Some of the diseases that cause elevated cholesterol are hypothyroidism, Cushing's disease, diabetes, and kidney diseases that cause protein to be lost in the urine. High cholesterol does not predispose dogs and cats to heart and blood vessel disease as it does in people.
- Creatinine is a waste product that originates from muscles and is eliminated from the body by the kidneys. An elevation of creatinine is due to kidney disease or dehydration. Both creatinine and BUN increase in the bloodstream at the same time in patients with kidney disease.
- Creatinine kinase (CK or CPK) is released into the blood from damaged muscle. Elevation of creatinine kinase suggests damage to muscle, including heart muscle.
- Glucose is blood sugar. Glucose is increased in dogs with diabetes mellitus. It may be mildly increased in dogs with Cushing's disease. Glucose can temporarily increase in the blood if the dog is excited by having a blood sample drawn. A quick test to determine whether a glucose elevation is transient or permanent is to look at the urine. If the glucose is chronically elevated there will be an increased amount of glucose in the urine as well. Low blood sugar occurs less commonly and can be a sign of pancreatic cancer or overwhelming infection (sepsis). Low blood sugar can cause depression or seizures.

- Lipase is another pancreatic enzyme that is responsible for the breakdown of fats. It can be increased in patients with pancreatic inflammation or cancer.
- Phosphorus in the bloodstream originates from bones and is controlled by the same hormone, PTH (parathyroid hormone), that controls blood calcium. Phosphorus is increased in the bloodstream in patients with chronic kidney disease. Phosphorus increases in these patients when about 75% of both kidneys are damaged.
- Potassium is increased in the bloodstream with acute kidney failure. Potassium is lost from the body in vomit, diarrhea, and urine. Pets that are not eating may have a low blood potassium, which can cause the pet to feel weak.
- Sodium may be slightly increased in the blood if the patient is dehydrated, although many dehydrated dogs have normal blood sodium. Low blood sodium is commonly seen with Addison's disease (hypoadrenocorticism).
- Total protein includes albumin and larger proteins called globulins, which include antibodies. Total protein can be increased if the dog is dehydrated or if the pet's immune system is being stimulated to produce large amounts of antibodies. Total protein is decreased in the same situations that reduce albumin or if the pet has an abnormal immune system and cannot produce antibodies.

Depending on test results, your vet may want to do more diagnostic tests: urinalysis, serology testing for antibody levels such as for valley fever, imaging which could include x-rays, ultrasound (US) or computed tomography (CT).

Other imaging tests include MRI, positron emission tomography (PET), endoscopy (viewing through body openings) and angiography (blood vessels/heart). If tissue needs to be tested, a biopsy of a tissue sample may be needed or a simpler needle biopsy that removes a few cells, though it is not as reliable as a biopsy.

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing identifies the presence of a pathogen's DNA or RNA in a patient specimen. PCR is highly sensitive and specific testing that can confirm the actual presence of an organism. PCR can test for tick fever levels, ring worm, flu strains such as H3N2, distemper, infectious causes of diarrhea, and leptospirosis to name a few.

Many vets do a Pre-OP Panel with Clotting Factor before doing surgery to ensure that the blood chemistry is normal and that the blood will clot normally.

Of course, there are many other specific tests that are now available for dogs including new ones for pre-cancerous screening. Unfortunately, Golden Retrievers are one of those breeds that are suscep-

tible to cancer. You can help by keeping your dog's weight at his/her normal level. Spaying/neutering also helps dogs avoid getting cancer early in life.

For those interested in reading research articles, here is one about cancer screening testing which includes data on age at cancer diagnosis by breed, weight, sex, and cancer type in a cohort of more than 3,000 dogs and information on determining the optimal age to initiate cancer screening in canine patients: <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0280795>

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The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

Thanks to donations in support of the *Betty White Challenge* in January (\$3,483), profit from *Paws At The Park* in March (\$3,773), and donations for *Arizona Gives Day* (early and on the actual Gives Day, a total of \$5,132), plus assorted donations from other sources, we are in pretty good shape going into the summer months. Those of you who have adopted a dog or dogs from **AGR** will still receive my annual letter with a plea to "pay it forward." **AGR** spent money on the dog you adopted to bring it to best health. We would appreciate any amount you and non-adopters alike can donate will help us pay for dogs we take in this year. We have already spent over \$10,000 for a hip replacement for **22-089 Nela**, and she will need her other hip done, as well. We have no events between now and the golf tournament on September 16, so please help by sending what you can.

A New CD

Since we are not participating in any international rescue operations right now and haven't for four years, we decided to move the money we had in a savings account that was earning 0.1% interest to a CD that will earn 4% in the 5-month term of the CD. It makes sense and cents! If we somehow can find someone to chair international rescue events, then when the CD matures, we will move it either to a 3-month CD or to a regular savings account. Even if we had a chairman, an international rescue would not be possible during the summer months, so better that the \$100,000 designated for such be earning some interest!

Reporting period: January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023

Total Assets as of April 15, 2023: \$ 359,610.71

	Income	Expenses
Adoption Application Fees	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 500.00
Adoption Income	8,227.00	
Calendars		
Printing		
Sales	112.00	
Sponsorships		
Credit Card & PayPal Expense		212.32
Donations		
Debbe Begley Memorial Fund	100.00	
General Fund	16,269.55	
Honorary	6,640.00	
Memorial	1,538.00	
Equipment (2 pop-up tents)		230.48
Event Expense		50.00
Golf Tournament		
Grants	1,000.00	
Insurance		
Interest	5.22	
Internet Services		180.18
Legal & Professional Fees		10.00
Membership Income	8,035.00	
Merchandise		
Purchases		434.07
Sales & Shipping	3,699.34	
Newsletter subscriptions		
Office Expenses		927.34
Paws At The Park	1,623.00	650.13
Auction	890.00	
Donations	400.32	
Prizes	860.00	
Postage		262.90
Rent or Lease (storage facility)		963.91
Stationery & Printing		2,031.91
Telephone		56.76
Dog-related Expenses		
Behavioral Training		
Boarding		
Food (Rx and for Puppies)		
Grooming		
Microchip Expense		19.90
Veterinary Services		42,275.29
TOTAL	\$ 51,049.43	\$ 48,805.19
NET INCOME	\$ 2,244.24	
Checking Account as of 4-15-23:		\$247,516.74
The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 4-15-23:		\$ 12,093.97
CD as of 4-15-23:		\$100,000.00
Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 4-15-23:		\$ 12,822.31

Arizona Gives Day

Arizona Golden Rescue won an extra \$500 for being a "Gives Day Leader for Small Groups." Thanks to all of you who supported this fundraiser – the list is on page 13. Overall numbers released by **AZGives**: \$5.3+ million raised from 26,263 donors giving to 876 nonprofit organizations!

Arizona Gives Day Donors

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Thank you all for your support!

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Debbie Ball
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Diamonds in the Ruff are dogs on which **AGR** has had to spend at least \$2,000. In the first quarter 2023, we had only two dogs that met this benchmark. Please consider donating to help with the expenses of a specific dog, or just earmark it for *Diamonds in the Ruff*. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, of course, and will be acknowledged as such.

22-089 Nela came into Rescue in late December 2022, our last intake for the 2022 calendar year. She is an 11½-month-old female Golden mix. She was surrendered by her prior owners who had had her for only two days when they noticed she was having problems with her left hind leg. They did not have her condition diagnosed by a vet but, whatever the problem was, they knew they could not afford any medical expense for her, so they surrendered her to **AGR**. **Nela** had her initial vetting done at *Academy West Animal Hospital* including bloodwork and bringing her vaccines up to date. Also, radiographs were done due to her noticeably funky gait. In mid-January, **Nela** was seen at *VetMed*, and while her legs and knees both looked good, her hips were diagnosed as horrible – she was in need of hip replacement surgeries on both hips. **Nela** was welcomed as a foster at Teri and Jeff's home in Sun City, as they have had much experience with other Golden retrievers needing orthopedic surgeries. Teri quickly determined that **Nela** was not going anywhere else and made plans to adopt her, renaming her **Mila**. The first hip replacement surgery was done in mid-January at a cost of more than \$10K. She will need the second hip done sometime later in 2023. Expenses for **Nela/Mila** have cost **AGR \$11,214** so far.



23-006 Rusty was a 9-week-old very sick Golden puppy who came in with Coccidia and did not make it beyond a few days. His extensive story is on page 19 of the February 2023 issue of *The Golden Paw*. Rusty's total expenses cost **AGR \$9,213**.



MAGIC MOMENTS

By Deb Orwig

Magic Moments... when a stray Golden Retriever or Golden mix is spotted in a shelter kennel and does a happy dance when taken out; when a neglected backyard dog is surrendered by its owner to a member of our Transport Team and is delivered to a foster family that shows the dog love, comfort, toys and good-quality food for, perhaps, the first time in the dog's life; and the most magical of all... when a rescued dog meets his or her forever family and we see the dog's excitement and the sparkle in the family's eyes. As rescuers, we are privileged to share in these Magic Moments. Below are stories of Arizona Golden Rescue's Magic Moments from January 16, 2023 through April 15, 2023. All adoptions finalized after April 15th will be in the next issue.



22-003 Sami, along with her housemate **22-002 Riley**, was surrendered in early January 2022 – yes, well over a year ago. The owner of these lovely old girls – **Sami** was 13 and **Riley** was 11 – was living in a hotel until he could get into a rehab facility. He really loved the dogs but knew they needed a better life than one with an alcoholic dad. After a brief stay with Cindy and

Gary and their canine gang in Scottsdale, both girls were fostered by Rebecca and Hygenes in Phoenix. **Riley**, although the younger dog, was not in very good health and only survived another 8 months before she was humanely sent to the Bridge. **Sami** was basically healthy – or as healthy as could be expected for such an old Golden. She did need a mass on her eye and another one near her anal area removed – came through the surgery well. The growths were, thankfully, not cancerous. **Sami** was adopted by the foster family. Rebecca recently commented: *Sami is a beautiful, young-at-heart 14-year-old girl who still loves walks and playtime. She is a much loved member of our family. AGR is fortunate, indeed, to have families like this one who love old dogs!*

22-007 Trunks came to **AGR** in January 2022 when he was 4 years old. He was, literally, at Death's door. While still with his original owner, he had been diagnosed with valley fever. They gave him medication for only three months then stopped (said they couldn't afford more), but it was over a year before they surrendered him to **AGR**. By then, the valley fever had disseminated throughout his system. He weighed only 44 pounds (should have been in the 70-lb range) and could not stand or walk on his own. He had lesions in most of his bones and was unable to open his jaws more than an inch. After six days of 24/7 care at **Animal Medical & Surgical Center** in Scottsdale, **Trunks** was able to get up and walk on his own! Everyone was so encouraged! We still had to wait months before he was well enough to toler-



ate vaccines and even more months before he could be neutered. Our Health Care Manager, Liz, took him to foster until he was healthy enough to be adopted. Because his condition is chronic and he will need continued monitoring and treatment for problems caused by the valley fever, **AGR** included him in our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program, whereby we will pay any vet bills that Liz feels she cannot afford – just his medications cost from \$135 to \$250 per month, and he will need regular testing for valley fever, thyroid function and other blood work. When he was taken to Liz, she promptly nicknamed him **TK**, which has stuck. Liz said: *Right from the beginning, he was a happy and sweet boy. Given how long he had been neglected, it was amazing he had the true Golden, happy personality. As he received extraordinary treatment, thanks to AGR – infusions two times a week and many, many other meds – he blossomed to the point that he now weighs 67 lbs and enjoys playing with my other dogs. TK and my youngest dog, Guinness, love playing together; and you'd never know he was so sick. He loves to go to Meet-and-Greets and loves all the attention he gets. He has been through months of rehab, so everyone is happy he was here to stay. He certainly thinks he is home. We feel TK could not have landed in a better place! We would like to thank the Golden Retriever Foundation for a \$600 grant from their April Fund, PAC911 for \$1,500 from their Critical Care Program, and, especially, Liz Tataseo for her significant financial support.*

22-008 Madonna, a Goldendoodle, was surrendered in January 2022. She was 2½ years old, not spayed and not up to date on her vaccinations. She was described as calm, loving and liking cuddles. Her owner was having financial problems and had to move from a large house to an apartment that would not allow dogs. **Madonna** had had a litter about three months previously. Transporter Connie said the dog smelled horrible – apparently the source of the foul odor was where her teats had shrunk into her belly and caught a lot of debris and hair in the skin folds. After she was groomed, she had our standard vet workup. Her valley fever titer came



back very high at 1:128, so she was immediately started on flucanazole. A couple weeks after she came into Rescue, her foster noticed she was developing a lump in her mammary area; other lumps popped up later, so it was decided that **Madonna** needed her mammary chain removed, which was planned to be done when she was spayed. However, surgery was put on hold until her valley fever titer came down. In the meantime, she had bouts of diarrhea and bloody stools and had to be treated for these. She was also scratching a lot, so she was given Cytopoint injections and Zrytec. After a few months, her valley fever titer came down to 1:64 but, wouldn't you know, she went into heat! Finally, she was well enough to be spayed and was then released for adoption. We commend Janet and John in Mesa, who changed her name to **Lyra**, for sticking with her during the year it took for her health to improve. Janet related: *When she came to us she was dealing with valley fever, underweight, timid, and confused. When I met her, I sat on the ground and she walked right up to me and cuddled in my arms. I was hooked. Lyra is one of the sweetest dogs we have ever met. She loves to cuddle, ride in cars, socialize with the neighborhood dogs, and hang out with her sister, Sadie. Their favorite game is tug-of-war with a giant stuffed snake we bought for them. She is quirky with her meals in that she has a preference for what she eats and what time of day. Her morning and evening meals are kibble with rotisserie chicken mixed in. Her nighttime snack is wet dog food. If you mix it up, she refuses to eat. She loves bananas and apples as well. She follows me everywhere I go and especially likes it when I play the piano. She will lie right behind me on the floor or next to the piano on the chair. We walk twice per day, and she loves the park and the Gilbert riparian area. When she came to us, she had several behavior issues: tipping garbage cans over to get to the contents, counter surfing (she got into a freshly-made apple pie), mildly dog aggressive, and hated her crate so much it created high levels of anxiety for her. She is still on medication for valley fever but her numbers have decreased by 50%, she has gained 6 pounds, attends play dates with neighbor dogs, sleeps in her crate (with the door open), and no longer gets into mischief. She loves our other dog, Sadie, and they are the best of friends. She has free run of the house and yard and is as happy as can be. She loves to ride in the car and we will be taking her on lots of road trips this summer. We all just adore Lyra – she is such a wonderful addition to our family. Thank you AGR for the opportunity to be Lyra's forever family and all the wonderful support provided to us.*

Ed Note: Why did it take so long to finalize the adoptions of dogs that came to Rescue in early 2022, well over a year ago? They all had very serious health issues that we wanted to try to get resolved before we changed the status of "foster" to "adopted". By keeping these dogs in foster status, **AGR** covered all vet costs until the dogs were released for adoption. **AGR** still covers some expenses for **TK**, who was approved for our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* due to costs that will continue for the rest of his life.

22-033 Nahla, a 3-year-old spayed Golden/Lab mix, was surrendered to **AGR** in May 2022 by an owner who claimed he did not have time for the dog. The owner and wife were working long hours, so they left **Nahla** outdoors because if inside she would chew on wall corners and baseboards. She needed some vaccines but had no other health issues.



She was placed with Cindy and Mark in the Ahwatukee area of Phoenix where she has worked out well. Recently they said: *We changed her name to Delilah. She came to us shortly after we lost our other Golden, Blake, to cancer. We did not expect to get another dog so soon, but Jolene (our now 2-year-old Golden) really missed Blake and needed a new playmate. Delilah and Jolene are a match made in heaven. Delilah is very playful, and she is the one whose instigates the roughhousing most of the time even though she is the older of the two. She is a smart girl and came to us already knowing how to sit, shake and stay. She makes herself very comfortable on the couch if we are watching TV and can tell time, especially when it comes to eating. She is quite verbal and there is no mistaking when she is letting us know it is dinnertime!*

Why has it taken so long for **Nahla/Delilah's** adoption story to be published? My fault, and I apologize. **Nahla's** adoption was actually finalized in July 2022 but just after I had finished writing *Magic Moments* for the August issue. I should have put her story in my November issue Finalizations file but didn't, and by the time the February issue came around, I had forgotten about her. Thank you to Cindy and Mark for your patience to see **Delilah's** story in print! We are happy that **Delilah** has become a valued member of your household.



22-060 Zack was only 8 months old when he was surrendered because he was very excitable, jumped on people and nipped at hands – typical Golden puppy behavior. His owner, who lives with her disabled sister, thought he might hurt the sister, even if accidentally. Although not yet neutered, he was up to date on his vaccines. He was initially placed with a family in Prescott.

He behaved himself for all of two days and by the end of a week, they decided he was too much for them. The next placement was with Karla and Carter in Glendale. They renamed him **Sparky** and made a valiant effort to train out the puppy behaviors, but the dog was definitely out of control, so much so that **AGR** made the decision to enroll him in the three-week intensive training program at **Partners Dog Training School**. Karla and Carter understood that if **AGR** paid for the training they would be expected to attend eight follow-up lessons, which they did. Those lessons took a lit-

tle longer than 8 weeks, though, because **Sparky** had contracted a Giardia infection, which took a month to eradicate, during which time he had bouts of diarrhea and vomiting and wasn't much interested in food. Finally, he was healthy enough to be neutered and for the obedience classes to be completed. Karla commented: ***Sparky** is a sassy ball of energy! He loves digging holes, running at top speed in our backyard, and swimming in the pool! We throw his Frisbee into the pool and he loves playing fetch with it! He's got jaws of steel and has chewed through so many Bene Bones we've lost count! He loves meeting new people and other dogs and we're working on him gaining confidence outside the house. He's a cutie and we love him!*



22-064 Tilly, a beautiful, spayed English Cream Golden, came into Rescue at one year of age because she was food obsessed, and her owners did not feel they had time to give her the attention she deserved. They warned us about **Tilly's** behavior regarding food by relating that she is a counter surfer and if food in a package is on a counter, she will get it and eat it, package and all. One time she

ate a whole bag of chocolate and ended up in the emergency room for treatment. We rescued her from a very chaotic environment (three other barking dogs, several cats and the house a disastrous mess) and then placed her with foster Judy in Phoenix. Judy lives alone in a calm, quiet, well-kept house but often dog sits for others. Judy noted several instances of food-grabbing and counter surfing, found out the hard way that **Tilly** was not housebroken, and quickly realized she was not leash-trained, either. One of Judy's sons has a board-and-train business and offered to take **Tilly** for a week at no charge (thank you!). Judy said **Tilly** came back much better. She was with Judy for four months and her undesirable behaviors diminished significantly during that time.

Tilly was finally placed with Rohini and Satish and their two sons in Chandler. They changed her name to **Sukhi**, which means "happy." Satish related: *True to her name, she seems happy all the time! Though it has only been a few months, we feel like she has always lived with us. Her favorite person is her dad and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out – she doesn't let him go out of her sight! She runs with him, plays with him and sleeps right next to his side of the bed! When she needs to snuggle or just needs a hug, she goes to her mom! Every day, she waits and greets our son when he's back from school! She also knows that it's treat time! She's very sneaky – loves to steal clothes from laundry baskets! Leave your t-shirt on the couch or the bed, blink and she has it! [Note: Judy also found that **Tilly**, now **Sukhi**, liked to gather any clothing, shoes, towels, etc, but she didn't chew them, just liked to carry them around and build a hoarding pile.] Loves to explore our backyard! We are lucky to have her!*

22-066 Sophia came to **AGR** with her companion, a large male Golden named **Lucas** (his adoption story was in the February issue). We were told that the pair had been found as strays in a canal in Buckeye some time ago – it was never clear if it was 2 weeks, 2 months or a year, as we got a different story from each person in the household. The finder kept the two in a large crate while she tried to



locate their owner, but had no success. When Connie transported the dogs to **Academy West Animal Hospital (AW)**, the first thing the vet said was, *I hope you're expecting puppies because this girl is pregnant.* He guessed it would be 5 to 15 days until she whelped. Turns out it was 12. The first family that was contacted about fostering **Sophia** agreed, but the day before they were to get her, they backed out. So, having had two litters born at their house during the last 17 years and numerous young puppies off and on as fosters, Deb picked her up from **AW** and brought her home. Vaccines and testing, and of course her spay, were held off until after **Sophia** had whelped, which she did on October 4th. Although **Sophia** did appear to be housebroken, Deb didn't want her wandering around the house at night and perhaps dropping puppies somewhere, so she set up a play yard in her large laundry room. After 5 days, Deb started taking **Sophia's** temperature every day, as a drop in body temp is an indication that whelping is close. On day 12, her temp did drop by 1°, so Deb called Liz to come over, as Deb had a doctor's appointment she couldn't miss. One pup was born before Deb left and another came while she was gone for an hour; the other three appeared later on in the afternoon – a boy, a boy, a girl, a girl and a boy, no runts and no stillborns.



Sophia happy after whelping five nice puppies; not remembering that **AGR** had a brand new whelping box in the storeroom, we used a child's wading pool as a whelping box

Sophia was a very good mommy. For five weeks, she kept the puppies fed and cleaned up. At first she was very wary of strangers and of the Orwigs' other dogs getting near the play yard, but after just a few days she did relax and allowed any human to pick up a puppy. They were well-socialized, as many members and friends came to visit. When the pups were 5 weeks old and big enough that **Sophia** had to stand up to feed them all, it was time to transition the pups to dog food. For a week, Deb would soak the kibble overnight and mush it up in a food processor. It was so funny to watch them try to eat the first day that food was presented – they stepped in the feeding pan and got it all over themselves. **Sophia** was kept in the pen with the puppies overnight for a week, then not allowed in the laundry room much after that, since all the

puppies wanted to suckle if they saw her and let the neighborhood know they weren't happy if **Sophia** was taken away. She was done with them, though! Once the puppies were eating dog food 4 times a day, **Sophia** would not clean up after them. Placement Manager, Joni Cipollone, set to work getting a schedule of **AGR** volunteers to come to the Orwigs' home every day to help clean up the pen in the morning. The volunteers included Pat Amaral (Mondays), Denise Padavano (Tuesdays), Debbie Ball (Wednesdays), Connie McCabe (Thursdays), Cindy Tigges (Fridays), Liz Tataseo (Saturdays) and Trishia Murphy (Sundays). Their help was invaluable and greatly appreciated, as was help from substitutes Fred Prose and Sheryl Catalano on some days when a "regular" couldn't come. After the pups were about 8 weeks old, even this amount of help wasn't enough, so Larry started pitching in at night to help Deb clean up the pen for the second time of the day.

Two-year-old **Sophia** was moved to Trishia and Bill's home at this time. Trishia said:



*I fell in love with **Sophia**, whom we have renamed **Rosie**, the first time I saw her... approximately 48 hours after she delivered 5 puppies in the Orwigs' laundry room! **Rosie's** loving and caring nature was obvious from the start. She loves to carry her stuffed animals around in her mouth and will introduce you to each and every one... she has many. She is also quite the talker and can carry on various conversations throughout the day. Her latest "thing to do"*

*is to hide her bone under her paws and head and look at you as if to say, "nothing to see here!" Thank you **AGR** and **Rosie** for adding joy, laughter and heartfelt snuggles into our daily lives.*

Rosie did receive all her vaccines and was spayed about a month after she recovered from the birth and weaning of the 5 puppies.

The puppies in order of whelping appearance follow. The day after they were born, they were taken to **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital** for their initial vet check by Dr. Valerie Ferguson. All appeared to be well-formed and healthy. It was National Poetry Day, so we named them all after renowned poets. The fur of each pup was clipped in a different body location so that they could each be recognized – the clipped areas had to be re-clipped once a week, as the fur grew fast! Starting when the pups were 3 weeks old, Deb and helper Cindy clipped toenails once a week (total of 90 toenails per week), and gave each pup a bath in the laundry room sink. Connie took pictures each time she came over to help clean up, as well as several times before the weekly visit, so puppy growth and change were well documented.

22-068 Keats now **Gus**, first born and largest of the puppies – at the 12-week vet visit, he was still the largest. Very vocal and the obvious alpha with the other pups. He was placed with Nicki and Travis in Phoenix and, at their request, was transported to them when he was 10 weeks old. Nicki is a teacher and would have the



two weeks around Christmas to be at home; she wanted to be able to spend a lot of time with the puppy. Here is what she wrote recently: **Gus** is now a 7-month-old Golden Retriever puppy from **Lucas** and **Sophia's** litter. He came home to us on December 17 at 10 weeks old. Since then



*he has learned many tricks and wrapped us around his paws. He goes by many names like **Little Man**, **Gustifer**, **Gooseberry**, and many more! He is an excellent walker, loves water, and gets the zoomies when the broom is being used. He loves green beans, carrots, lettuce, apples, frozen bananas, and his weekend egg whites. He is allergic to bees and sensitive*

to chicken. He has the funniest personality and will talk to you when he is ready to play. His favorite game is keep-away and running around the kitchen island. He loves spending time with his grandma and doggie friends. He is very well behaved around children and out in public. He likes to catch bugs at night, and he can jump as high as his momma! He is extremely friendly and only barks when he is playing!



22-069 Kipling, now **Finnegan**, was second born and almost the same size as **Keats**. Still is. Both will be at least the size of their Daddy, **Lucas**, who is 72 pounds (a normal size male Golden). **Kipling** chose his adopter, Pattye in Chandler, when she came to visit at the puppies' 6-week mark. He was the one who kept

going back to her when she sat on the laundry room floor. He was the darkest red of all the pups. Numbers of times, he gave **Keats** a challenge for the alpha position, and it really did flip-flop between them. **Kipling** was another very vocal puppy. He was the first one to let Deb know when he needed to go out, although he didn't always make it when Deb didn't get into the laundry room immediately upon hearing his voice. Pattye renamed him **Finnegan**. She related: **Finnegan** settled into his new home almost immediately and always has access to his safe place, his kennel which



he loves. Toys are abundant and every one must come out of the toy box each morning, Lambchop being a primary play choice. Early on, **Finn's** favorite game was to tease **Parker** (my 3-year-old Golden) with his demand barking while bobbing in and out from under the bed. I so appreciate the time Deb gave opening her home to mom and pups. The volunteers were amazing. When I got him, **Finnegan** was already trained to sit and to calm when he is being held on his back. **Finn's** days are now comprised of walks, eating and sleeping with gusto, and wrestling with **Parker** after breakfast and dinner, with joint zoomies in between. He is the most mellow and easy going pup and curious about all sights and sounds, although with a slight fear of the vacuum when it's off and the hair dryer when it's on. **Finnegan**, all 40 lbs of him, continues with his personality (demand) barking which I think began almost at birth, sassing brothers and sisters or anyone who would respond; most often he's communicating to **Parker** or me, "I want to play NOW!" He loves sleeping cuddled up close and has added so much joy to our home. Thanks to **AGR** for bringing us together, a perfect match and the three of us a family always.



22-070 Maya (named for Maya Angelou), now called **Carlie**, was the first girl whelped. She was the smallest, although not a runt by any means. She deferred to any of the boys but was the boss of the two girls, which was especially noticeable once the

boys were all transported to their respective forever homes and only the girls were left. She

was also the lightest of the entire litter – the contrast in color next to **Kipling** was quite striking. She was placed with Vicki and Darrel in Surprise. Starting when the pups were about 4 weeks old, this couple came over once a week to see them and play with **Maya** in order to bond with her. They had out-of-town plans for Christmas through New Year's. Since **Manda** went to her new home right after Christmas, Deb thought it would be too traumatic for **Maya** to be at her home by herself, so she asked Sheryl Catalano, who had taken puppy **Whitman**, to foster her for a week, which she graciously agreed to do. The two puppies had great fun at Sheryl's house! On transport day, Deb picked her up from Sheryl, took her



home and gave her the spa treatment (bath and nail trim) before going over to Surprise. **Carlie** is an only dog at Vicki and Darrel's, but she has adjusted well. Darrel wrote: ***Carlie** is a wonderfully sweet and fun-loving puppy. She has adapted to a great routine for meals and sleep. She loves being outdoors and going to the dog park. **Carlie** is a people lover for sure and is slowly acclimating to other dogs.*

22-071 Manda (named after Amanda Gorman), born fourth, was also a blonde like **Maya** but enough darker that Deb could tell the difference without trying to find the fur-clipped area. **Manda** and **Maya** were within an ounce in weight and both considerably smaller than any of the boys – not surprising



because Momma **Sophia** is quite small for a female Golden (weighed only 34 pounds after whelping and is still small at about 45 pounds). **Manda** was the happiest of all the puppies, always smiling and wagging her tail. She was the cuddliest and bestowed kisses on any face that was close to hers. Her family, Anne and Nick in Phoenix, had adopted year-old **Sam** from **AGR** in 2020, and they were looking forward to providing a female companion for him. They changed the puppy's name to **Delilah** (to go with **Samson**) and recently related: *We have had **Lilah** over 3 months now and she has grown so much! She's almost as big as our 3-year-old golden, **Sam**. She's really smart and learns new things quickly – she knows "sit", "down" and "wait" before her meals. She loves going to the dog park with **Sam**, riding in the car, and meeting new people. When she gets tired from running, her tongue hangs out of the side of her mouth and looks so cute! She and **Sam** wrestle and play all day, then nap when they've tired each other out. When she jumps on our bed in the morning she steps all over us! She doesn't realize her size and needs to learn that people are not for climbing on! **Lilah** loves to chase balls and butterflies, or anything else that flies. We are so glad that **Lilah** is a part of our lives!*



22-072 Whitman was the first pup chosen by a potential adopter, Sheryl in Glendale, just after the puppies' eyes and ears opened



at 2½ weeks of age. After that, Sheryl came over to the Orwigs' home at least once a week to see the puppies and help clean up once clean-up was needed. She has 4 other dogs of assorted breeds and sizes (but although wanting one, she'd never had a Golden Retriever), so **Whitman**

was never going to be by himself. He was the quietest of the pups, although that is not to say he never made any sounds – all the pups were pretty vocal, especially when wrestling with each other. Of the boys, Deb thought he was the gentlest and most compliant. He seemed to really enjoy “upside down time” when Deb would flip him on his back while holding him and stroking his belly – he'd just kind of melt into her arms. Sheryl had almost 9 weeks to think of a new name for him, but she had to wait for another

week after he'd been taken to her home before she settled on **Bodie**. She said: ***Bodie** has been a great addition to my pack! This sweet, adorable puppy has brought lots of fun and energy to our home, and lots of laughter every day. He has big brother, **Moose**, and 3 sisters: **Tonka**, **Ducky**, and **Emma**, all senior pups! **Emma** the Shih-Tzu is his favorite, although she doesn't always feel the same. **Bodie** loves my cat **Grayson**, too. **Bodie** goes on daily walks with **Tonka** (a St Bernard mix), and he loves to play fetch in the backyard, or chase **Tonka** around, when he isn't busy finding sticks or chasing birds out of the yard. He loves the couch and sleeps on my bed at night. **Bodie** loves going on car rides and has been a good boy on our outings. He loves all toys and will bring them to my other dogs wiggling his whole body. He is super smart and learns so quickly. I'm looking forward to lots of adventures with him! I can't imagine life without him!* Sheryl and **Bodie** joined our group in the *Parada Del Sol* and, Deb was told later, he announced the group was coming during the entire almost-2-mile parade route!



22-078 Booker was first adopted when he was 9 weeks old to a Prescott Valley family that had never had a dog. He was quite small at the time, but he grew... and grew... and grew as most Goldendoodles do. When he was 7 months old, the husband and wife both got new jobs that took them away from home much more. They kept the dog in a crate when they were gone then complained that he was hyper and would jump on them, but they did not have time to do any training. Since the wife did not want the dog dribbling water on her new hardwood floors, they kept

the dog's water bowl outside. We were glad when they decided to return **Booker** to us! By the time he finished a foster stay in Scottsdale with Cindy and Gary and their three resident dogs, **Booker** had learned to use the dog door and to play nicely with **Lucy** and **Tasha**. Cindy said he is a smart boy, just needed some serious training and attention.

After receiving several inquiries about possibly adopting **Booker**, **AGR** offered him to Cliff in Phoenix. Cliff is dog savvy and works from home, which gives him ample opportunity to interact with **Booker**. He renamed the dog **Archer**, and just a few days after getting the dog, Cliff brought him to join our group in the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade*. They also walked with us in the *Parada Del Sol* in February. Here is Cliff's response when asked how things are going: ***Archer** is my fourth dog as an adult, and it's amazing how different each dog can be. He is very calm when people come over, and doesn't jump around like other dogs do, but when meeting a new dog he goes nuts. He knows he gets his breakfast at 5:00 AM, immediately followed by a walk – and don't think about being late. He will make it known that he expects you to abide by his schedule. He is clearly training me to stop what I am doing and play when he wants to play. He loves other dogs, so every afternoon he takes me to the dog park and will play until I put my foot down and say we have to go. I think he would just stay there if he could. Oh, and when he wants to relax and snuggle...he will make you relax and snuggle. I've never had a dog so demanding, but it's wonderful. He wants to be my partner in everything I do. He barks and barks if I work in the yard without him, and that's not a problem because he is so good at hanging out near me without getting in the way. I also let him come to many stores with me because he is so well behaved and just wants to be involved. We hike a lot, so we signed up for rattlesnake training in May.*



22-079 Shadow was first rescued in 2011 as a stray. We had him micro-chipped at the time and the chip is how he got back to **AGR** after he had been given away 5 years ago by the original adoptive family and then not cared for and was found, again, as a stray. He is now about 14 years old. Connie went to pick up **Shadow** from the guy who found him. She then stopped by the address where the former adopter lived and found out they had given the dog to a couple when they went overseas 5 years ago. Only had a first name and phone number. The people that have had him for the last 5 years did not take care of him – he had been missing for 6 days. His ears were a mess, he had some masses that might or might not be lipomas, and his nails were so long



they were curving to the side. The Board decided **Shadow** would not be given back to them, so Deb called and explained they had been given the dog illegally as the original adopters had signed a contract to return to **AGR** if they could not care for him.



Always ready for an adventure

Shadow is almost deaf and has cataracts – he can see well enough in the daytime but not at night. **AGR** got him groomed and vetted and provided medication to help with old-age stiffness and arthritis. Long-time **AGR** supporters and former adopters, Cara and Jack in Buckeye (but now in Scottsdale) offered to foster this old boy. Due to **Shadow's** age and various infirmities needing regular testing

and medications that are liable to be expensive, the **AGR** Board approved including **Shadow** in our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program. Cara wrote: *Christmas 2022 came a few weeks early for our family, and we're delighted it did! Shadow jumped off from AGR's Facebook page into our hearts. We were cautioned that he couldn't hear or see well, and his ambulation was compromised due to arthritis and old age. No sooner do we get him home than he runs upstairs to check things out! My husband and I looked at each other and said, "What other secrets does this boy have?" In the intervening few months we have found out – he has many! He is aptly named – he's our shadow and follows us everywhere in the house. If we are standing, so is he and, more often than not, right behind us. He especially likes the kitchen, hoping for human food to fall his way. Shadow is an escape artist. He's never escaped from us, but he definitely needs watching! If there's a way, he will! At age 14, he's our two-year-old human equivalent that goes exploring, pulling things out of unsecured bathroom trash cans and foraging for food from the moment he wakes up until he sleeps. Our home is childproof now, and yet he shows us daily the areas we might want to attend to. His antics are plentiful and entertaining. His newly-purchased dog bed goes unused – he prefers a rug on the floor. Our other dog, **Bella**, delights in knowing her bed will never be slept in by anyone but her. She coexists quite well with **Shadow**, and politely reminds him on occasion that she was in the family first. For a dog that may have had a rough beginning, at age 14 he certainly has lots of life left. Just don't open the door too wide if you visit – that boy can run! And he ran right into our lives, and we love that he is here.*

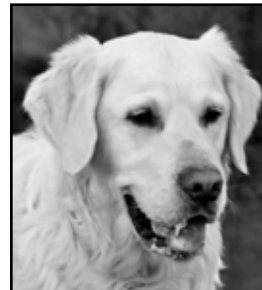


22-082 Baxter (left in photo) and **22-083 Leah** came into Rescue as a bonded pair. **22-082 Baxter** is a 5-year-old neutered English Cream Golden Retriever male; **22-083 Leah** a 5-year-

old spayed English Cream female. The owner said they just do not have time for the dogs. The dogs lived outside from daylight until after supper, then they would be brought in. The dogs had been digging under the fence and getting out, and the owners were getting calls to come get their dogs. When **Baxter** gets focused on something such a lizard or mouse, he will do anything to catch it. He has chewed downspouts and hit a truck fender while chasing a lizard. Neither dog has had any training – had never been walked on leash. The dogs both needed vaccine updates. During **Baxter's** exam, the vet noted a heart murmur. So, **AGR** authorized an echo cardiogram to be done. It revealed a mild-moderate sub-aortic stenosis, but this is not of concern. The pair was placed with Pauline in Peoria. Pauline commented: *On January 2, 2023 our lives changed because we adopted two retrievers, Baxter and Leah, brother and sister. We had lost our two retrievers (brother and sister) the year before and were seriously hurting. We took a leap of faith and adopted. We were afraid at first how we would feel, but they became a part of our family instantly. We have bonded like we always had them from birth. They get up every morning with a smile on their faces. They play and eat and nap. We have taken Leah on walks and we are working with Baxter to do the same. He is a big boy. We are training them to swim in the pool. They sleep with me every night. They love their special treats. They play with their toys. It's now months later and we live every day*



22-082 Baxter



23-083 Leah

knowing we are loved and they are loved. On February 18, 2023 we unexpectedly lost my first-born son. He left our home and went to Fry's to get two special bones for Baxter and Leah. He passed away and did not make it home. Prior to him passing, when he visited they would always sleep with him – he insisted. When he saw the pictures of Leah and Baxter on January 1, 2023, he texted me and said, "Mom I don't know them, but I already love them." They filled his heart with love and joy. Now they fill our hearts with love and joy to help us heal from our loss. We don't know what we would do without them. It's bittersweet, but true. Everyone should open their hearts and homes to adopt. It's giving a forever home to such precious beings. Thank you Arizona Golden Rescue for entrusting us with your wonderful pets.

22-086 Luna was an unspayed Golden female not quite two years old when she came to **AGR**. The dog was acquired at 8 weeks of age for the autistic son of the owner, but the son did not bond with the dog and was becoming abusive. **Luna** was very nervous and scared of anything new and had some adjustment issues, such as submissive peeing, when first placed with Christy and Matt

and their two young boys in Chandler. She needed our standard vetting with vaccines and tests for valley fever and heartworm. Her spay had to be put on hold for a month – just before it was scheduled she went into heat. With time, patience and love, **Luna** has come around as Christy notes in this message: *Luna is a great addition to our family. She has a LOT of energy and is very sweet. One of our children plays with her nonstop, and she sleeps in the room with our other child every night. She loves her Kong teddy bear and dribbling from her water bowl right down the hallway. Luna is immediately in the kitchen at the sound of any food package being opened. Watching her crunch ice is so funny! A trip to Flagstaff showed us how much she loves frolicking in the snow. She already has at least 4 nicknames and a song written about her. We love Luna!*



22-088 Freya is a 10-month-old female (not spayed) English Cream Golden. She is from a neglect case. Adult Protective Services is involved with the lady and her living conditions. They got homes for the Shih-Tzu mix and the Chihuahua mix, but called **AGR** to take the Golden. As soon as the lady signed the papers, they had to get the dogs out of the chaos, trash and filth of the home (Liz saw pictures of the home). They offered to bring **Freya** to us, so Liz met them at **AW**. Liz said that the dog was happy and friendly. She needed our standard vet work with all vaccines, tests for heartworm and valley fever and also a spay. She was placed with Denita and Dave in Scottsdale. They had adopted from **AGR** in 2010 – **Isabella** was, by now, about 13; they had also adopted **11-083 Maximus**, but he had already gone to the Bridge. Denita and Dave were immediately in love with **Freya** but not with her name. They renamed her **Abigail** and usually call her **Abbey**. She is a loving, wonderful dog. They brought her to *Paws At The Park* in March and she got along with everyone. Denita sent us this message: *Abigail is our third rescue from AGR in 12 years. We got the call on December 29, 2022 that a beautiful little English Cream girl had been rescued from an abusive situation and was available. We got the photo five minutes later, and fell in love. She was in our home 48 hours later and instantly became best friends with our senior princess Izzie. Abbey immediately became the fetch champ, retrieving anything you would throw, as many times as you would throw it. She has a laundry basket full of toys, and insists they be strewn around the floor constantly. She and Izzie love to take us on walks through Eldorado Park, making sure to greet everyone they meet. She takes great pleasure in torturing her feline brother Blue. We are blessed to have this little girl in our family!*



23-001 Pepper, now called **Chena**, is a 10-month-old female black Golden-doodle who looks like a black Golden Retriever. Both parents were Doodles, but the Golden genes are much more apparent in **Pepper** – although black, she has the Golden coat and sheds. She was surrendered because her owner developed uncontrollable allergies.



Pepper was described as a very sweet, goofy, playful girl who loves attention. She likes to go on walks, rides well in a car, has been to dog parks and got along with the resident Chihuahua. She was house broken and crate-trained. Her owners were very sad to have to give her up. Placement contacted 5 families that had specified Goldendoodle on their applications before they found Ken and Acelida, who really wanted her. They renamed her **Chena** and she has worked out well with them. Although a little wary of strangers, **Chena** warms up quickly. **AGR** had her spayed before the family moved to their second home in Alaska for the summer.



23-002 Dexter, age 7 years, had been a loved family member since he was 7 weeks old, so this surrender was a difficult one. The owner was moving out of the country for school and was going to be out of the US longer than any friend or relative was willing to keep the dog. At 100 pounds, **Dexter** was not much overweight, just a BIG Golden! He had some habits that weren't particularly desirable – reportedly he liked to chew on shoes and socks, and he would bark if someone rang the doorbell, if he heard a loud noise outside (car door slamming, motorcycle, voices) or when he saw another dog or a stranger. He would also rip up soft toys, so we were cautioned that he should only be given hard balls and bones. In January 2023 after he was in **AGR's** hands, he had the bordetella and leptospirosis vaccines done, as well as tests for valley fever and heartworm, both of which were negative. When he had the follow-up vaccines in February, the vet noticed a wart-like growth, which bled easily, near his ear. So at finalization, we issued an addendum for the growth to be removed if it remained an issue within the next three months.

Dexter was placed with Angela and Tim in Anthem. They said: *Dexter is a perfect fit for our family! From Day 1, he and our 9-year-old dog, JoJo, got along well; Dexter's presence has 'cured' Jo's nervousness- especially when the humans leave the house. We used to have to kennel JoJo when we left because she would have accidents in the house and was even destructive, chewing on the door frame, etc. But now that she has her big buddy, Dexter, we often return home to the two of them just lounging about...they don't even greet us at the door! Dexter is the per-*

fect mix of 'calm and quiet' and 'fun and energetic'! He enjoys his daily morning walk with **Jo** to earn his breakfast (he REALLY enjoys food!) and playing short stints of fetch with the tennis ball. He moves fast for his large 90# frame! He lets us know when he's done playing – usually after 5-6 throws – by lying down with the ball under his chin! He does have an occasional stubborn streak, but they are luckily few and far between. **Dex** doesn't like storms or even strong, noisy wind and needs a little extra love and reassurance during those times. Those (rare) events are the only time **Dexter** will jump onto the bed to snuggle up close to **Tim** for a feeling of security. All and all, **Dexter** is an immensely loved member of our family - we feel blessed and lucky to have him in our lives!



23-005 Hank's owner was moving to New Zealand and could not take him with her. She'd had this handsome, 8-month-old purebred Golden since the dog was only 8 weeks old. He'd had the necessary vaccines but needed to be tested for valley fever and heartworm and neutered. **Hank** was initially placed with Patrick in Scottsdale, but after just a few days

Patrick decided **Hank** was just too much puppy for him. Patrick very generously donated a new crate, a Sidekick leash, and **Hank's** adoption fee (thank you so much)! We transported him to Alissa and Kevin in Queen Creek. They were looking for a companion for their resident Golden, **Violet**. When **Hank** first arrived, **Violet** didn't much like **Hank's** energy and warned him off, but transporter Connie felt that, given time, it would work out, and it has. Alissa let us know: **Hank, aka Crazy Hank, came to our family and he is perfect for us! We originally were nervous to raise another Golden puppy and a male! Well, little did we know he would complete our family! We also have a 3-year-old Golden girl named Violet. Hank has brought so much energy to our family and keeps Violet on her toes! It wasn't easy at first, but the two are now inseparable. Hank's athletic ability is so much fun – he loves to chase a ball, doesn't always bring it back but loves to play. He walks incredibly well on his Sidekick leash and loves to lead the way! His big sister is even sharing her bed with him now! The two play pretty much non-stop! We are so thankful he found his way to our hearts! Such a blessing.**

23-010 Esteban is a 4-month-old Golden/Poodle mix. Despite being small right now at 28 lbs, he is very active and strong. He was surrendered because he knocked his elderly owner over a couple of times – the owner was fearful of breaking a hip, as he has bone health issues. **Esteban** was kept outside in a pen, and the owner let him out to go potty



on the hour. He had a chair set up in the pen and spent time with the dog out there. At night, **Esteban** was crated in the dining room – he was sleeping through the night with no accidents. **Esteban** still has all of his baby teeth, so the owner was keeping him separated from the other resident dogs, his sister and a Chi mix. He is all black with splashes of white on feet and chest. He needed all his vaccinations and will have to be neutered when he is about a year old. He was placed with Cindy in Phoenix. She recently commented: **Esteban (kept the name as it totally fits him) is fitting in quite nicely. Luckily for me, I got the call about adoption when my two adult children happened to both be home for a few days, so everyone got to meet him. Many have thought he is a Bernadoodle (i.e. Bernese Mt Dog/Poodle mix), but he totally has that special Goldendoodle personality. He is growing into his paws still and tries to convince me to feed him twelve times a day. He is enjoying meeting all of the dogs in the neighborhood and at Doggy Day Care but has not yet convinced our cat to play with him. He loves all of his toys and sounds quite a bit like a Truffle Pig when he has a peanut butter-filled Kong between his paws. His first short hike was this last weekend near Tonto National forest, and he was fascinated by the other dogs that jumped right in the stream. I think once we have a really hot day, he will think about exploring the pool at home. Can't wait for that!**

23-011 Wynnie is a 15-month-old spayed purebred Golden. She was surrendered because she wanted to play with the 3-year-old Aussie male, but he would not. She disregarded his warnings, so he nipped her on her nose. To keep the peace, the owner gave up the Golden. She wrote an 8-page letter with observations about the dog. She related that



Wynnie would run to the fridge if she heard the ice cube maker. **Wynn**ie also has a funny snort noise when waiting for a treat or excited about something. **Wynn**ie was placed with Michele in North Phoenix. Although she has had several dogs in the past, Michele lives alone, works from home and had no other pets, so she is able to give **Wynn**ie lots of attention. Michele wrote: **Wynn**ie is whimsical, amazing, curious, loving and happy every waking moment of the day. She stays by my side as I work remotely from home. She follows me from room to room, and at least once a day she jumps into my lap and cuddles her neck against me. She enjoys daily walks, riding in the car, playing ball in the backyard, tossing new toys around and making new friends – both human and canine. She curls up in a ball on the couch next to me each evening and sighs with contentment before falling asleep. Her unconditional love has been a lifeline to me, and she's settled into her new home without hesitation. I'll ensure she has the most amazing life possible and will be forever grateful for her.



OVER THE RAINBOW

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



13-012 Gus McVeigh



13-018 Maggie Stahl



13-061 Oliver Vallie



13-074 Lady Furman



15-078 Cheeto Schnaid



18-048 Hugs Barsetti



18-084 Biscuit (Bizzy) Nielsen-Bodine



19-059 Levi Mast



19-078 Tanner Prather



22-020 Yogi Amaral



Shelby Ball



Jesse Guilbault

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.



JoJo Parker

And
Larry Amaral, Beloved husband of
AGR Member Pat Amaral

Betty Ballast, Beloved mother of
AGR Member Jill Prose

Bob Frye, Beloved brother of AGR Member
Patty Forte

Frank Hummel, Beloved Grandfather of
AGR Member Beth Chaffee

Michael Morgan, Beloved son of
AGR Member Pat Morgan

John Nelson, beloved husband of
AGR Member Wendy Nelson

Jason Roybal, beloved son of
AGR Member Pauline Roybal

HELP WANTED

The Transport Team is looking for several volunteer members to help with the very rewarding position of transporting surrendered dogs to their new homes, vet or boarding facilities. All transports are done on a strictly volunteer basis and you are free to accept or decline at any time.



Skills needed:

You will need basic computer, phone, text and email skills, along with the ability to communicate clearly and thoroughly and pay close attention to details.

You will need to practice discretion and be able to empathize and be patient with both people and dogs.

You will sometimes need to be able to control unruly dogs and be able to help them into your vehicle if needed. There may be some lifting of dogs and/or food, crates and supplies. You will need to be able to use both hands in most cases. You will need to be doing some basic photography of the dogs in their new homes, so at the very least, a cell phone with photo capabilities is needed.

Vehicles:

SUVs or vans are the best vehicles for transporting, but medium to large cars are usually acceptable.

Training:

You will need to take some ride-alongs with an established transporter before you are able to work on your own.

If interested, contact Connie McCabe at 602.509.6428 or photocraf@aol.com for further details.

Summer Treats for Your Dog

What could be more fun for Fido than chowing down on some delicious, frosty treats on a hot summer's day? Best to serve these treats outdoors!

The Original Frosty Paws

- 12 oz. vanilla yogurt
- 1 mashed banana OR 1 large jar of baby fruit
- 2 Tbsp peanut butter (without xylitol!)
- 1 Tbsp honey

Blend together all ingredients. Freeze in 3-oz paper cups or in ice cube trays. Microwave a few seconds to thaw slightly before serving.

Chicken Pops

- 2 chicken breasts cooked and chopped
- 2 cups water or low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp dried parsley
- 8 or more cupcake holders or small Dixie® cups

Divide cooked, chopped chicken into 4 disposable cups, about ¼ cup chicken in each. In small bowl, mix water or broth with dried parsley, and pour about ½ cup over each chicken cup. Freeze for about 8 hours. Briefly dip disposable cup up to rim in warm water, then pop out chicken popsicle.

More Than 100%

What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? How about achieving 103%? What makes up 100% in life? Here's a little mathematical formula that may help you answer these questions:

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

are represented as:

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

Then:

$$K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E \\ 11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$$

$$H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K \\ 8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$$

$$A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E \\ 1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$$

So,

$$V+O+L+U+N+T+E+E+R = 132\%$$

Is there a writer in the AGR membership who would be willing to take over writing the Magic Moments section? Contact Deb at dorwigaz@cox.net if interested.

How to Keep Your Dog Calm During Fireworks

By Teresa Traverse

Whether for the Fourth of July, New Year's Eve, or another celebration, many dog owners deal with howling, barking, and generally anxious dogs during fireworks. It's even largely believed that Independence Day is the day when the highest number of dogs run away. But just what are the dogs afraid of? "It can be the smell. It can be the noise and the flashes of the light," says Woodstown, New Jersey-based Dr. Judy Morgan, DVM, of Dr. Judy Morgan's Naturally Healthy Pets. Your dog may "tremble, shake, shiver, howl, and bark — some of them get frantic." If you are unsure of how your new dog might react, Morgan says that pups that don't cope well during thunderstorms are likely to get scared of fireworks. Here are nine expert-approved tips to prevent your dog from freaking out during fireworks.

1. Keep Your Dog Away From Fireworks

"First of all, don't take your dogs to fireworks shows," says Morgan. "And don't leave them outside during fireworks." Keeping your dog inside on the evening in question is the best idea, especially if you fear they might not react well.

2. Make Sure Your Pet Has Proper ID

Ensure that the information on your pet's collar is current and make sure your dog is microchipped and has a GPS device. "If they escape, there's a better chance they'll get returned," says Morgan. [*Ed. Note: All AGR dogs are microchipped.*]

3. Create a Safe Haven For Your Dog

Morgan recommends creating a place where your dog will (hopefully) feel comfortable. "You should get your pet used to a calming environment beforehand. Dogs are den animals — they're looking for that cave to get away from it all." Try setting up an area in a quiet space away from windows — such as a basement or a larger closet — so that they can't hear or see fireworks. Use a crate if that's where your dog feels safe, and make sure to provide your pup with familiar toys and treats (Morgan will freeze bone broth in ice cube trays).

4. Play White Noise

You can try leaving a fan, TV, or radio on to help mask the sounds of the fireworks. "There's some classical music called 'Through a Dog's Ear' that has been shown to have calming effects for dogs," says Jenn Stanley, certified behavior consultant and professional dog trainer, and co-owner of Awesome Pawsabilities Pet Training & Behavior Consultations, based in North Carolina.

5. Comfort Your Dog

If you can, try staying home with your dog or leaving them in the hands of a trusted person. One of Morgan's relatives usually stays with her dog in the closet to help soothe the animal. "You absolutely can and should comfort your dog if he's afraid," says Stanley. "The key here is in how you do so. It's important to remain calm and use a soothing, even tone. Petting them can be comforting — long, slow, firm strokes along the length of their body are typically very soothing." The one thing to avoid? Seeming frantic in any way, says Stanley. Rapidly saying, "It's OK, it's OK, it's OK" in a higher-than-average pitch may make your dog think that there really is something to fear. Try your best to remain calm and reassuring to help your canine companion.

6. Walk Them Before the Fireworks Start

Head out for your long walk before the sun sets to increase the chances that you'll avoid the sounds. When you do go out, you'll want to ensure your dog is secure on a leash before your walk. "Double-check the fit of your dog's collar or harness before going outside. A leash, even if you have a fenced-in area, is a great added safety measure to help keep your dog close to you and under control should they get startled," says Stanley.

7. Desensitize Your Dog to the Sounds of Fireworks

If you suspect your dog will freak out at the sound of fireworks, try playing sounds of fireworks (softly) so your dog is used to hearing them. Try pairing a video of the sounds of fireworks with a treat your dog likes, suggests Stanley, in a process called counter-conditioning. "The volume should be low enough that your dog can notice it, but does not show signs of stress like panting, pacing, leaving the area, or trying to hide," says Stanley. "We call this keeping the dog 'below threshold,' and it makes it possible for learning to take place. If the dog is overwhelmed, they're looking to escape the situation and are not going to be nearly as capable of learning that it's not a threat." Her other tips including increasing the volume gradually, varying the source of the sound, and using different recordings.

8. Talk to Your Vet

If your pet's anxiety is severe, consider booking an appointment with your vet well in advance of the holiday so you can discuss a medication that could help soothe your dog's anxiety. "If you have a dog that is bad enough and you haven't done any prep work, and you know your pet is going to be in panic, try true therapeutic treatment," says Morgan. You can also ask about trying over-the-counter CBD, dog-calming treats or dog anxiety vests.

9. Consider Hiring a Trainer

If fear is negatively impacting your pup's life, consider enlisting the expertise of a trainer, says Stanley. "You can work with a trainer or behavior consultant to desensitize your dog to fireworks or other fears gradually — it's never too soon to start planning for next year."

If I Did Not Have Pets...

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

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

Training Tip

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

Simple Tricks To Help You Succeed At Golf

by Michael | Feb 6, 2016 | Golf

Golf is a sport that many use as a tool to relax with friends or network with business associates. It is a sport that requires a lot of focus and patience as well and an understanding of many different elements. If you want to improve your golf game, then keep reading for some great tips that will improve your score in no time.

A helpful tip when it comes to golf is to remember to tip your caddie if you are playing at a course that provides one. This is important because they are waiting on you much like a waiter and may only receive minimal hourly pay from the course manager.

A helpful tip when it comes to golf is to see if you can borrow clubs from a friend or course before investing any money in equipment. This is important because it is a way to find out if golf is right for you without wasting any money at all.

Remember that your hips and arms need to work together in a good golf swing. They should move simultaneously. While your arms bring the club down, your hips should already be swiveling out of the way. Learning to properly coordinate your upper and lower body will provide much-improved swing performance.

A good way to maintain constant improvement in your golf game is to concentrate on trying new things instead of obsessing over techniques you have problems with. Not every golfer can master every subtlety of the game. Instead of ramming into a wall over and over, keep your head up and look out for alternative paths around the obstacle.

As you drive, shoulder position and arm motion will prove critical to increasing distance and straightening out your drive. It is advisable to keep your shoulders square. In addition, as you swing, pull with both arms in order to flatten your club's downward arc. These motions allow you to bring the most momentum on the ball.

Becoming over-eager can kill your golf swing. Patience and a smooth motion are more important to a good swing than raw, ferocious power. Instead of lunging at the ball, make sure that your chest never drifts down ahead of your arms and hands. By leading with your arms, you ensure that your legs stay underneath you. Create a strong base for your body, and your drive distance should increase.

A helpful tip when it comes to golf is to make sure you have the proper supplies in your golf bag before heading out on the course for the day. Some items that you may find helpful are sunscreen, balls, tees, ball markers, cash, a rain suit, gloves, snacks, water, and a rule book.

Having a low score is how you impress your friends or your colleagues. Use these tips to get a lower score!



Come Play with Us!



Saturday, September 16, 2023
McCormick Ranch Golf Club
7505 E McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale, AZ

4-Person Scramble • 1:30 PM Shotgun Start • Check in Noon – 1:15 PM

Dinner follows tournament and is included in golfing fee
Non-golfers may join us for dinner

Raffle and Silent Auction open during dinner

“Early Birdie” Special Discount Pricing (by September 1, 2023)
Individual \$150 • Foursome \$592 • Non-Golfing Dinner Guests \$45

After September 1, fees will increase:
Individual Entry Fee \$175 • Foursome \$700 • Non-Golfing Dinner Guests \$55

Registration opens on July 1, 2023

Beth Chaffee, Registrar: golflady72@aol.com • 480-650-8494
Prefer Zelle payments to *Arizona Golden Rescue* at info@arizonagoldenrescue.org
or checks payable to *AGR* should be sent to:
5350 W Bell Rd, Ste C122-158, Glendale, AZ 85308.
Credit card payments: contact Beth Chaffee - a 4% convenience fee will be added

Golf Tournament Sponsorships Available

Tail-Waggin' Sponsor: Any amount from \$10 - \$249

*Hole Sponsor: \$250

*Golden Glow Sponsor: \$251- \$999

*Field Red Sponsor: \$1000 - \$2,499

*English Creme Sponsor: \$2,500 - \$4,499

*Tournament Sponsor: \$5,000

* A really nice hole sign will be created for each of these sponsorships



Item Donations Needed

We need items for our upcoming raffles and silent auctions that will be presented at the golf tournament and at *Dine Out With The Dogs*. Suggestions below.

Items must be new.

Items do not have to be dog-themed or dog-related, although such items usually go well.

- Dog art
- Dog beds
- Dog toys
- Dog treats

Other types of items that generate interest:

- Air fare gift certificates
- Any kind of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, liqueurs, hard liquor)
- Bestsellers – signed copies by well-known authors
- Car care products
- Coffee
 - Beans or ground; K-cups
 - Espresso machine
 - Keurig machine
- Complete themed basket – sports, golf, travel, spa, beer or wine, camping, car detailing, cosmetics, crafts, cigars. etc
- Unique experiences: Private dinner parties, cooking classes, art classes, private museum tours, brewery/winery tours
- Entertainment admission tickets
 - Arizona Broadway Theatre or Herberger Theater
 - Arizona Opera
 - Arizona Science Center
 - Ballet Arizona
 - Desert Botanic Garden
 - Hot Air Balloon ride

Museum admission

- Arizona Museum of Natural History
- Arizona-Sonoran Museum
- Heard Museum
- Musical Instrument Museum
- Phoenix Art Museum

Phoenix Symphony

Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts

Skydive Arizona

Tools – hand or power

Train ride

Grand Canyon Railroad

Verde Canyon

Zoos

Bearizona

OdySea Aquarium

Out of Africa

Phoenix Zoo

Wildlife World Zoo

Gardening supplies

**Gift cards

- Gas
- Restaurants
- Theater tickets – cinema and live
- The Home Depot and/or Lowe's

Golf-themed or golf-related items

- Accessories
- Bags
- Balls – boxes of high-quality brands
- Clothing – men's or women's
- Clubs
- Club fittings

Hotel stays

Jewelry -- high-quality, not costume

Kitchen items and small appliances

Snack collections

Southwestern-themed items

Sports memorabilia or sporting goods store gift cards

Sporting event tickets

Trips – Time-share? Vacation home?

** Gift cards are highlighted because we can use these to purchase items to "fill in holes" or to put together with other like items for a nicer basket. For example, one of our most popular collections of gift cards is *Eat Out Once A Month For A Year*. In this collection, we include gift cards for 12 different restaurants; none of the cards is for less than \$50 and most are for \$100. So, if you donate a \$25 gift card, we will put it with another \$25 or \$50 card for the same restaurant.

Contact Denise Padavano (dpadavano@cox.net, 623-875-9625) or Jeanne Wegener (jawegener1115@gmail.com, 623-680-2061) if you have something you would like to donate.

HERE and THERE

Events from October 11 through December 15, 2022

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



PACC911 Adopt-a-thon
at Anthem Community Park

By Deb Orwig

On Saturday, January 14, *Arizona Golden Rescue* joined 59 other rescue groups at the **PACC911 Adopt-a-thon** in **Anthem Community Park**. It is an event we participate in every year and is usually well-attended by the public. It was overcast and chilly when the set-up crew arrived at 7:30 AM. You might wonder why we start so early when the event itself does not kick off until 10 AM. It is because we bring much of the merchandise we have for sale and have to set up two tents, half a dozen tables and an x-pen for displaying it all. Few other rescue groups bring merchandise, so we usually have good sales, and this day was no exception. We brought home \$443 from sales and another \$125 in donations. We also received two applications for adoption as a result of our attendance at the event.



Most of our set-up crew: Chris Spiel with Lucy, Denise Padavano, Kathi Youhas (sitting) with Brandi, Jean Klink, Trishia Murphy, Amy Maynard, Pattye Brown with CaliGirl, and Patrick Doyle with Asher

as Pattye Brown, Karin Forsythe, Amy Maynard, Trishia Murphy, Denise Padavano, and Chris Spiel with **Lucy**. Kathi Youhas brought her little dog, **Brandi**, and kept my **Asher** and **CaliGirl** company during the set-up. Most of the set-up folks stayed the entire day.

Adam Cardinal, Patrick Doyle and Jean Klink came to my house on Friday to load up and helped me transport our equipment and merchandise on Saturday. Our set-up crew included: Adam, Patrick, and Jean, as well



Afternoon volunteers: Kathi Youhas with Brandi, Teri Guilbault with Khalee and Mila, Mark Hill with Cassie, Michele Wehry with Callan, Trishia Murphy with Asher, Sheryl Catalano, Janet McClurg with CaliGirl and Sue and Keith Akenhead with Happi

We were joined in late morning or early afternoon by Sue and Keith Akenhead with **Happi**, Sheryl Catalano, Teri Guilbault with **Khalee**

and **Mila**, Janet McClurg, Dean Mortimore with **Sugar**, and Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with **Callan** and **Cassie**. Adam and Jean left after we were all set up but both came back about 2:45 to help us pack up and transport stuff back to my house. With all the volunteers we had at the end of the event, it took us only about 40 minutes to pack up! My thanks to Denise, Trishia and Janet for helping handle **Asher** and **CaliGirl**. All help for transport and during the day was greatly appreciated!



Dean Mortimore and Sugar talking with an attendee interested in Golden adoption



Parada Del Sol
and Trail's End Festival

By Deb Orwig

Saturday, February 4, 2023 – what a glorious day for a parade! The weather was perfect – sunny, cool for set-up but warmed up nicely, no wind. Great day all around. In addition to our largest group in years to walk in the parade, we had a double booth space on 1st Street for the *Trail's End* event that follows the parade. Usually we bring **AGR's** trailer loaded with equipment and merchandise to this event, but Nick Dodson was not able to drive the trailer due to recently having had surgery on his hand. So, Adam Cardinal (pick-up truck), Patrick Doyle (4-Runner), and Jean Klink (pick-up truck) brought their vehicles to our house on Friday and we loaded everyone up, including Larry Orwig's Mazda, leaving enough room in my mini-van for our



The booth-minders: Larry Orwig, Deb Orwig, Jean Klink and Trishia Murphy with Rosie



Kathi Youhas & Brandi



four dogs.

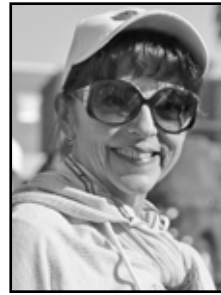
At 7:30 AM on Saturday, Adam, Patrick (who also brought Kathi Youhas and her little dog **Brandi**), Jean, Larry



April Crow (holding heart-themed bandannas) and Adam Cardinal with Cali Orwig coordinated the parade group



Teri Guilbault helped with set-up and walked; Marlene Breton walked Cali Orwig



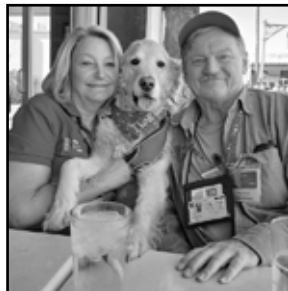
up. Adam and April left at 8:30 to get to the staging area to check in and organize our walking group. Larry drove Patrick, Ellen (to walk **Duffy**), Marlene Breton (to walk **Cali**) and Denise (to walk **Asher**) to the staging area, but had no luck finding a parking place so he came back to the booth. One of Karey Rodeffer's friends, Katrina Cox, ended up walking **Vin**.



Ellen France helped with set-up and walked **Duffy Orwig**; Denise Padavano helped with set-up and walked **Asher Orwig**; Cindy Tigges helped with set-up and walked her own Lucy and Natasha



and I met April Crow, Ellen France, Teri Guilbault, Trishia Murphy with



Chris Spiel walked Lucy and stayed to help pack up; Patrick Doyle was with us all day, helping with set-up, walked holding a banner and helped pack up

Rosie, Denise Padavano and Cindy Tigges in Old Town Scottsdale and got everything set

Jean, Trishia with **Rosie**, Kathi with **Brandi**, Larry and I stayed in the booth during the parade. We were close enough to Scottsdale Road to see a lot of the parade. Our group was #18 in the line-up, a terrific spot! Ours was the first walking group following the dignitaries in vehicles and on horseback. When we saw group #17 coming, I walked over to the side of the road to cheer us on – the group looked fabulous, with most everyone wearing red or white shirts and walking the most beautiful dogs in the state (in our opinion).



Connie McCabe brought Danny but Jill Prose handled him in the parade so that Connie was free to take photos



We have always gotten a standing ovation from the crowd, and this year was no exception. In addition to the parade commentators reading our script every two blocks, puppies **Bodie Catalano** and **Finnegan Brown** kept announcing they were proud and excited to walk in the parade.



Adam Cardinal and Keith Akenhead carried our "Goldens Are All Heart" banner; behind the banner are Sue Akenhead with Happi and Joni Cipollone with Ray



Patrick Doyle and April Crow carried our logo banner; April also pulled the water wagon to get a good picture of 40 people and 30 dogs all looking at the camera? Connie is a magician – she waves her magic camera (yells at the group, "Look at me, not at your dog!") and it happens! In addition to the group photo, as well as some of the group once they started walking, she got individual or small group photos of almost everyone during the wait in the staging area.

Our Parade theme was "Goldens Are All Heart" – we carried a banner created by Connie McCabe that we had used in other parades. At the staging area, Adam and April delegated the tasks of banner holding (we had our logo banner, too) and water-wagon-pulling. April also had heart-themed bandannas I had made and distributed them to anyone who did not already have one for their dog. With Jill Prose holding her boy **Danny**, Connie McCabe took lots of photos. Do you have any idea how hard it is

to get a good picture of 40 people and 30 dogs all looking at the camera? Connie is a magician – she waves her magic camera (yells at the group, "Look at me, not at your dog!") and it happens! In addition to the group photo, as well as some of the group once they started walking, she got individual or small group photos of almost everyone during the wait in the staging area.

Our booth in this year's *Trail's End* event was not in the best location. We were on the north side of 1st Street, which was good, as the dogs had shade during the day. However, we were sandwiched between the **Wild Horse Rescue**, which had merchandise displayed from street to top of tent, and a vendor who was selling cured cow hides that were draped vertically all over his booth space, so our booth was sort of hidden, and we had no space on either side for our



Puppies reunion! Nick Pappas with Lilah, Sheryl Catalano with Bodie and Pattye Brown with Finnegan

volunteers to sit and greet the large crowds that walked through. It is the interaction of the dogs wear-



Anne Pappas walking Sam

ing their donation vests with the crowd that really brings in the donations. Consequently, although good, donations were somewhat less than in previous years. We brought home \$818 from merchandise sales (\$800 last year) and \$583 in donations (\$806 last year).



April Crow, Jon Chaffee and Beth Chaffee with Bodhi

Parking somewhere near the staging area is difficult due to traffic congestion (there are usually over 2,000 participants in this parade and thousands more who come to watch), and there is no shuttle service from Old Town where *Trail's End* is set up. Some walkers carpooled or had someone who was not walking in the



Dawn and Dave Barnett with Cooper; Lauren Rudin with Bryxx; Rick Wohlschlegel, and Cliff Valenti with Archer



Some of our walkers (left to right): Joni Cipollone with Ray; Jill Imler and Michael Feight with Zoey, Oakley and Ginger; Sarah Brown with Hazy; Sheila Joyce with Charlie; Debbie Marcotte with Maverick; Dean Mortimore with Sugar and Leia and Emily Cox, who handled Leia

Parade drop them off in the staging area – the latter is the best solution. Others parked in Old Town and walked their dog to the staging area, but that really is not practical for those that have older dogs who might have trouble walking the double distance, about 3 miles. We love showing off our dogs in the Parade, though, so we just have to deal with the parking situation if we are going to walk again in the future.



Karey and Kelley Rodeffer with Joie and friend Katie Parsons

Trail's End officially ends at 4 PM. Thanks to help from Sue and Keith Akenhead, April Crow, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Deb and Larry Orwig, Chris Spiel, Cindy Tigges, and Michele Wehry we were all packed up and ready to leave by 4:30 PM, but our vehicles were not allowed into the area until close to 5 PM. Adam was intending to come back to help, but couldn't make it due to a family emergency. We managed to get the tents, tables and most of the merchandise



Sue Akenhead behind banner, Keith Akenhead with Happi, Lauren Rudin with Bryxx and Stephanie Beard with Ruby

into Jean's truck, Patrick's 4-runner and my van. Cindy then took the rest of the merchandise home and brought it to my house the next day. Our pack-up crew is the best!



Resting after parade: Joni Cipollone with Ray, Adam Cardinal, April Crow, Jon Chaffee and Lew and Reidun Halpert with Layla

We really appreciate everyone who came to walk and/or help in the booth. Following is the list of all who came that day. Sue and Keith Akenhead with **Happi**; Dawn and Dave Barnett with **Cooper**; Stephanie Beard with **Ruby**; Marlene Breton; Pattye Brown



Customer perusing our merchandise at Trail's End



The largest crowd in years attended this year's Trail's End; our booth was across the street from the free Tweety Bounce for kids

with **Finnegan**; Sarah Brown with **Hazy**; Adam Cardinal; Sheryl Catalano with **Bodie** and friend Pam Calman; Beth and Jon Chaffee with **Bodhi**; Joni Cipollone with **Ray**; April Crow; Patrick Doyle; Ellen France; Teri Guilbault; Reidun and Lew Halpert with **Layla**; Jill Imler and Michael Feight with **Ginger, Oakley and Zoey**; Sheila Joyce with **Charlie**; Jean Klink; Debbie Marcotte with **Maverick**; Connie McCabe with **Danny**;



Mark Hill, Callan, Michele Wehry – Michele has never missed walking in the Parada Del Sol in our 12 years of participation



Above: Booth set-up began early at 7:30 AM Below: During the parade, Jean Klink and Trishia Murphy with Rosie stayed in the booth



Parade Del Sol is the largest horse-drawn parade in the US; these horse riders wearing colorful costumes were right before our group



Valenti with **Archer** and friend Rick Wohlschlegel; and Michele Wehry and Mark Hill with **Callan**. Hope to see even more of you in 2024!



*PACC911 Adopt-a-thon
at Toyota of Surprise*

By Deb Orwig



Patrick Doyle and Dean Mortimore with Sugar and Leia volunteer at almost all AGR events

February 18, 2023 was a gorgeous day – just nice to sit outside with **AGR** friends in low 70° weather. Adam Cardinal, Patrick Doyle and Jean Klink brought their vehicles to my house on Friday afternoon to load up equipment and merchandise for the event. Trishia Murphy and her grandniece Pamela Wolf helped load, as did Larry Orwig. The set-up crew arrived at the event promptly at 7:30 AM and included: Adam, Patrick and Jean and also Mary and Bert Engstrom, Denise Padavano, Chris Spiel with **Lucy**, and Connie Wozniak.

The **Toyota of Surprise** dealership was a new venue for us, so I wasn't sure what to expect with the set-up arrangements. Turned out we were assigned three parking slots for our two booth spaces, which was plenty of room for two tents. But vehicles (including mine) were allowed to park in the slots behind us, which meant that people who wanted to look at our merchandise had to come into the booth area from the front – many did not, even though we tried to verbally invite them in. Wasn't the best set-up scene, but we made it work. I missed help from Carolyn Brown, who always had a good eye as to what merchandise should be placed where.



Jean Klink with Cali Orwig and Denise Padavano with Asher Orwig helped with set-up and stayed until about 1 PM



The majority of volunteers who helped at this event are in this picture. Left to right: Debbie Ball with Dillon, Josephine Sala with Leia, Kathi Youhas with Brandi, Linda Beard, Connie Wozniak, Denise Padavano with Asher, Patrick Doyle, Dean Mortimore with Sugar, Trishia Murphy, Teri Guilbault with Raya, Chris Spiel with Lucy, and Pamela Wolf with Rosie

The event started at 10 AM and by that time, Debbie Ball had arrived with **Dillon**, new member Linda Beard was there, Teri Guilbault came with **Raya**, Dean Mortimore brought **Leia** and **Sugar**, and Trishia Murphy brought **Rosie**; **Asher** and **Cali** were already

there with me; Jean Klink, Denise Padavano and Connie Wozniak hung around with us until around noon. At noon, we had a changing of the guard – Linda, Teri, and Dean had to leave, but Chris Spiel arrived with **Lucy** and Trishia Murphy stayed the rest of the day.



Connie McCabe with Danny

Trishia's grandniece, Pamela Wolf, visited with us for a while along with her brother George and mom. In addition, Marlene Breton and Josephine Sala arrived and Patrick went to pick up Kathi Youhas with her little dog **Brandi**; Debbie Ball took **Dillon** home and brought back **Shelby** for the afternoon. Connie McCabe arrived around 1:30 with **Danny**, having driven all the way to Gilbert to do a home evaluation at 11.



Marlene Breton with Rosie; Debbie Ball in back with Shelby

During the day, Sheryl Catalano brought puppy **Bodie** to say Hi to everyone. He loved seeing his mommy, **Rosie**, and just let everyone know he was there with his excited barks. **Rosie** couldn't have cared less!

Jean and Adam came back to help with pack-up and Carolyn Brown also arrived to help. Others who stayed to pack up were Debbie Ball, Marlene Breton, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Josephine Sala and Chris Spiel.

There was a pretty good crowd that came in the morning but not a lot of attendees after about 1 PM, really rather typical of a **PACC911** event. We have always felt that **PACC911** should end their events at 2 PM instead of 3 PM, because that last hour, especially, very few from the public come no matter the venue. So, we sat and talked with each other, which, I have to admit, was nice to do on such a beautiful day. Many people got to interact with our dogs and loved every minute of it. **Asher** gave lots of kisses, and the other dogs who were with us enjoyed the attention and the petting.



Treats anyone?

Thanks to everyone who helped for any part of this event, we brought in \$382 in cash sales, \$189.27 in credit card sales, an additional \$159 in Zelle sales, and \$242 in donations for a total revenue of \$972.27. In addition, Patrick paid for his **Paws At The Park** registration fee of \$16. I also had an application waiting for me in the **AGR** mailbox when I got home. A very good day all around!

We plan to attend a similar event at **Toyota of Surprise** on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Please plan to join us.



Paws At The Park

By Deb Orwig



West Ramada at Eldorado Park in Scottsdale – how it looked when we arrived at 8 AM

Paws At The Park is **Arizona Golden Rescue's** annual members' meeting and fun day. This year, we met at **Eldorado Park** in Scottsdale on Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 11 AM to 3 PM. This was



We have used this trailer for transporting equipment and merchandise many times since we held a fundraiser in 2016 to raise the money to buy it



Jillian Decker and Mike Wilson unloading the trailer – we put up 16 tables and 7 tents



April Crow, Ellen France, Jillian Decker and Mike Wilson struggling with the E-Z Up, which is not particularly easy to put up!

the twelfth year we have held this event (had to skip 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions.)

Sometimes March can be really hot (a few years ago it got up to 99° in mid-afternoon during our event), but this year



For Dessert!
Chocolate cake: Celebrating 14 Years
Vanilla cake: 1231 Dogs Rescued



it was wonderful, especially for the dogs. It was overcast with the mild temperature of about 70°, but it didn't rain – we were lucky because this date was bracketed by days where it did rain. My thanks to Jeff France for making a trip to the park from Fountain Hills on Friday to check out the condition of the grounds. It had been raining all week and I wanted to be sure the West Ramada area was not flooded – Jeff reported that it was OK and with two more days predicted to be dry, it would be fine for our event.

The wind came up around noon, almost blew down one of the tents, and blew over the raffle ticket cups and part of our merchandise display. Mike Wilson had the brilliant idea to use curls of duct tape under the ticket cups and that solved the raffle problem. We weighted down the tent better, so all was well.

A total of 107 people pre-registered, but 92 actually attended. Some of those who didn't come had gotten sick, and a couple had family emergencies; from some we didn't get a reason. Anyone who paid the registration fee but did not attend can consider the \$16 per person as a tax-deductible donation.



Debbie Ball (front) with Dillon and with company from Connie Wozniak handled registration check-in; Connie helped set up the merchandise display – many of the items we sell have been expertly made by her

Many of the attendees brought dogs – there was a total of 46 with 181 paws on the ground (**CaliAnne** and **Cody Brown** and **Trooper Meyer-Earle** all have only 3 paws each). Most of the dogs were Golden Retrievers – Heaven!



The merchandise sales area was set up by Jillian Decker, Debbie Marcotte and Ellen France

Producing this event takes much time and many volunteers. We serve a fabulous meal, have a great raffle and silent auction and sell our merchandise. There is a short business meeting with a vote



The 2023-2024 AGR Board: Connie McCabe, Human Resources Director; Deb Orwig, President; Adam Cardinal, Director of Information Management; Debbie Ball, Director of Operations. We did not yet have a replacement for Director of Activities from which Carolyn Brown resigned at end of December 2022

nize new adopters, and have a Parade of Rescues.

This year and last, we were thrilled to have live music entertainment provided by *Desert Nights*, a guitar and bass vocal duo of Mike Harman (*AGR* member) and his friend John Mann. They played and sang classic rock and pop tunes off and on for two hours, stopping just long enough to eat lunch. Thanks so much, guys!



Desert Nights duo: Mike Harman and John Mann
Want to book them for a function? Call Mike at 856-725-0589



Peter Wong and Max

A bonus this year was a short trick demonstration by Peter Wong and his well-trained dogs, **Max** and **Sagie**. Those of you who attended *Dine Out With The Dogs* in October 2022 have seen some of the awe-inspiring tricks Peter has trained his dogs to do.

During the week before the event, Carolyn Brown came to Deb Orwig's home where they put together, packaged and tied bows on 12 silent auction items and 25 raffle baskets. Deb prepared paw labels for all the items and also produced the Bridge commemorative booklet. Liz Tataseo tied up 100 packets of utensils and napkins.



Three of our attractively-packaged raffles

of confidence for continuing Board members and some announcements. We also have a Rainbow Bridge ceremony to acknowledge adopted dogs that have passed away during the year previous to the event, recog-

On Saturday afternoon, Nick Dodson drove the *AGR* trailer to the Orwigs' home where Adam Cardinal, Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry, and Jane Triplett were waiting to help load up all of the *AGR* tents, tables, serviceware, raffle cups, merchandise, x-pens, soda, water and coolers. Most of the raffles and silent auction items were packed into private vehicles for transport. Deb's van brought all the food items and four dogs on Sunday.



If you want to buy raffle tickets, look for the lady wearing the yellow apron – it will probably be Jane Triplett



April Crow and husband Rick Reid with Rosie, one of their Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – April managed the food service during the event

Members converged on *Eldorado Park* at the West Ramada at 8 AM to help unload the vehicles, set up all the tents and tables, arrange the raffle and silent auction items and the merchandise display, and set up the "kitchen": Carolyn and Peter Brown, Adam Cardinal, April Crow, Jillian Decker, Patrick Doyle, Ellen France, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, and

Mike Wilson. After the tents and tables were set up, the kitchen was handled by April Crow, Debbie Marcotte and Denise Padavano. Ellen France and Deb Orwig set up the raffles and silent auction; Carolyn Brown and Connie Wozniak handled the merchandise area. Jillian Decker, a high school senior, was a tremendous help all day – wish we had had several more workers like her!



Jillian and Andrea Decker – Jillian helped wherever needed during the entire day; Andrea came later and sold raffle tickets in the afternoon

Debbie Ball, with company from Jean Klink and Connie Wozniak, did the registration check-in. Rebecca Mackerman and her mom, Elizabeth VanEvera spent most of the day as cashiers in the merchandise area. Andrea and Jillian Decker, Ellen France, Denise Padavano and Jane Triplett helped sell raffle tickets.



Elizabeth VanEvera and Rebecca Mackerman handled merchandise sales most of the day – they even had to eat their lunch at the cashier's table because we did not have enough help to give them a break

The meal we presented consisted of several kinds of salads (carrot-raisin-pineapple, coleslaw, fruit mix, pasta, and potato); grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie



Jeff Guilbault has been flipping burgers at this event for years; Teri Guilbault with Raya – Teri prepared the lettuce, tomatoes and onions; she serves on our Health Care Team

burgers; baked beans; chips; cakes and cookies; and non-alcoholic beverages (water and a selection of soda and juice). Our grillmaster was Jeff Guilbault, who has done the grilling for us for many years and donated the charcoal and lighter fluid he used. Teri Guilbault provided the sectioned lettuce and sliced tomatoes and onions for the burgers. Carolyn

Brown made the pasta salad; Connie McCabe made the coleslaw; April Crow brought the fruit salad; and Deb Orwig made the carrot salad and her very popular potato salad. The day before the event, Deb Orwig, who keeps the *AGR* credit card, shopped at *Sam's Club* and *Costco* for paper goods and the meats, cheese for the burgers, condiments, beans, chips, regular soda, water, cakes and cookies. Debbie Ball and Adam Cardinal donated money to help with food and ice expenses and the Orwigs donated all the diet soda. The food was really great – basically it was an all-you-can-eat buffet – I can't imagine anyone leaving the event hungry!



Most of our Team Managers attended: Sharon Flores, Co-Intake Manager, with Riley; Joni Cipollone, Placement Manager, with David; Liz Taseo, Health Care Manager, with TK; Sheila Joyce, Home Evaluations Coordinator, with Charlie

The music was just terrific! John Mann and Mike Harman met in another band Mike was in. They decided to form a duo band to be able to do the type of music they wanted to present. They have both been playing for many years but together they have been *Desert Nights* for about three years. They have played at open mic nights but are looking to play at HOA events and parties such as ours. Mike is a retired IT Professional in healthcare, and John is a retired dentist turned artist and sculp-



Robin Mish with Lily – Robin is on the Transport Team



Denise Padavano with Lacey and Honey and her brother Ron, who was visiting from Florida – Denise serves on the Intake Team



Several families that had never before attended *Paws At The Park* came. Top: Reidun and Lew Halpert with Layla; Janis Mason and Joey Kmicciak with Oliver, one of our 2022 parvo puppies. Bottom: Bill Earle and Diane Meyer with Trooper; John and Mary Ann Matthews with Lulu.

We hope you all enjoyed the day and will come again next year!



Also new to this event were Pattyte Brown with Finnegan, one of Sophia's puppies born on October 4, 2022; Denita and Dave Kaiser with Izzy and Abbey



Several *AGR* members brought guests. Here are Chris Spiel serving guests Patricia and Chaplin Tom Blackman; Missy and Bob Putnam with Brubeck came as guests of Ellen and Jeff France; Mary and Bert Engstrom brought their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren but we did not get a photo of the extended family, sorry.

tor. We thank them so much for providing such great music at our event!

Fifty-two *AGR* dogs and 10 non-*AGR* dogs that had belonged to *AGR* members had passed away between mid-March 2022 and the week before this year's PATP. Deb recognized the 13 dogs of members who were present at this event: **Yogi Amaral, Shelby Ball, Gracie Cipollone, Diego Decker, Spirit Engstrom, Cassie Flores, Rusty Flores, Max Kaiser, Noah Marshall, Jackson McCabe / Dodson, Goldie Orwig, Jake Padavano, and Jasper Prose.** She presented to each family a commemorative memorial



A lucky dog got a new cushy bed and a basket of treats and toys that its owner won in the silent auction

booklet and a beautiful rainbow rosette and then played the song "So Hard To Say Goodbye" on the CD Player. The Bridge ceremony is always a tear-jerker, so we had Kleenex available.

Then we had a happy event: recognition of new adopters.

All those who had adopted an AGR dog during the past year were invited to come into the music tent to have their dog recognized and receive a paw-shaped gold medallion.



Adam Cardinal putting the "new adoption" medallion on Charley

We ended the program part of the day with a Parade of Rescues. Deb invited everyone who had rescued a dog from ANYwhere to follow her in a parade around the park with the music men playing "Who Let The Dogs Out?" and "Rescue Me" on the CD player. With 46 dogs in attendance, we had a long string of paws in our Parade!



Deb Orwig walking Asher led the Parade of Rescues; following are Andrea Decker with Duffy Orwig, Jillian Decker with Cali Orwig and Larry Orwig with Vin

Raffles were drawn and silent auction bidding closed at 2:30 PM. A lot of people went home with really nice items!

Packing up began at 3 PM. Those who stayed to help included: Sue and Keith Akenhead, Debbie Ball, Carolyn and Peter Brown, Andrea and Jillian Decker, Nick Dodson, Patrick

Doyle, Teri and Jeff Guilbault, Liz and Mike Harman, John Mann, Connie McCabe, Deb and Larry Orwig, Chris Spiel, Liz Tataseo, Michele Wehry, Connie Wozniak and Kathi Youhas.

The expenses for this event amounted to \$650, which included, purchased food and ice (\$456) and miscellaneous supplies (\$194); the Ramada rental fee of \$75 was paid in December 2022. Income totaled \$4,660 and included \$887 in merchandise sales, \$890 from the silent auction, \$860 from raffle ticket sales, \$1,719 from registration fees, and \$322 in donations. So, our profit from the event was **\$4,010**.

Thank you to all who supported the event! If you did not come this year, please plan to do so in 2024.

NOTE: 92 people and 46 dogs at this event mean Connie McCabe took many photos, far too many for me to include with this

article. If you would like to see them all, go to our SmugMug album: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/031923-Paws-at-the-Park/>

Others who attended – sorry we didn't get photos of everyone



Carolyn and Peter Brown with Cody, CaliAnne and Joey



Karina Helm often makes a fashion statement when she attends AGR events with Colbert – she had her hair dyed pink to match his vest and booties!



Sue and Ken Dinkel have fostered for AGR several times; Sue also volunteers on the Placement Team

→ → Lauren Rudin with Bryxx



Fred and Jill Prose with Gracie, Windy and Levi

→ → → Mike Wilson and Takoda came early all the way from Buckeye to help with set-up



The musicians took a break to eat lunch with their families and friend: Mike and Liz Harman at left, Rosie and John Mann and friend Jamie Sayas (in back) on right



Connie McCabe with Danny Boy, who will grab any food item within reach – he got, and ate, a whole package of hamburger buns!



Golden Hearts



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Laura Hartwig

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Denise Padavano

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~ Judy and Anthony Davi*

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