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Editor's Assistants' Notes



They are finally gone – the 5 puppies that were born in our laundry room. They were all little mewling things with eyes and ears closed when they first arrived on October 4th. Mom said they



looked like "little Yodas", whatever that is. Then, as they grew bigger, which they did at the astonishing rate of almost 2 pounds a week, they got noisier and more active – and smellier! Our mom and dad, along with help from quite a few **AGR** members and friends (see that box over there →), tried to keep the play yard cleaned up. But Mom said that was like painting the Golden Gate Bridge – you start at one end and by the time you get to the other end it's time to start over. So, often we could hear Mom muttering some not-so-nice words when one or more of the puppies would do their business on clean newspapers that had just been put down. Once the puppies were almost 6 weeks old and they had cut their very sharp puppy teeth, their mama, **Sophia**, sweet dog that she is, decided she wasn't going to feed them any longer and would not clean up after them either, so Mom had to give them real dog food and the pen-cleaning began in earnest. For the first week, Mom made a mush in the food processor with kibble she had soaked overnight. It looked disgusting, but we all thought it smelled great! After a week of that, Mom gradually reduced the liquid content until the puppies were eating dry kibble by the time they were 8 weeks old. They sure seemed to enjoy it – just dove into the communal feeding pan. They



played a game of who could butt in the most to get the most food. The boys usually won, but the girls held their own and all did OK, as they all continued to gain weight at that same amazing rate. Two of us, **Duffy** and **Asher**, had to go to the vet for some tests when all the puppies were there



On the way to the vet on December 7 -- 2 months old

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Deb and Larry Orwig would like to thank all those who helped with the puppies – with clean-up, feeding, socialization and with our resident dogs, too. Placement Manager Joni Cipollone requested help for us and we were rewarded with someone different coming over every day in the morning. The trip was not short for some – up to 40 minutes one way for a couple – and we are very grateful for the help.

The regulars:

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|----------------|---------------------|
| Pat Amaral | Deb and Larry Orwig |
| Debbie Ball | Denise Padavano |
| Connie McCabe | Cindy Tigges |
| Trishia Murphy | Liz Tataseo |

Others who helped at least once with cleanup and/or socialization:

- Kaycee Atkinson
- Nicki Bientema and her mother
- Marlene Breton
- Carolyn and Peter Brown
- Judy Birt
- Pattye Brown
- Adam Cardinal
- Sheryl Catalano -- became a regular after choosing a puppy she eventually adopted
- Beth Chaffee
- Joni Cipollone
- Jillian Decker
- Nick Dodson
- Patrick Doyle
- Kelly and Jeff Gorski
- Mirenda Hall
- Vicki and Darrel Hanbury
- Sandra Hansen and niece
- Sheila Joyce with her grandson Ethan
- Jean Klink
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- Penny Mavroudis
- Maya Miller
- Nextdoor neighbors Ben and Sydney and friend
- Erin Orwig
- Anne and Nick Pappas
- Fred Prose
- Katherine Richardson
- Karey Rodeffer
- Kelley Rodeffer
- Lauren Rudin
- Jolene and Art Schlichter
- Paulina Starr
- Jane Triplett
- Michele Wehry and Mark Hill
- Sharon, Marcus and Ilan Wieser

for their last set of vaccines and saw that they were all BIG, 24 to 29 pounds! They were only 14 weeks old and already they were more than half the size of their mama, who weighs only 45 pounds now! **Sophia**, relieved of puppy-care duty, spent some time with all of us and then went home with one of our helpers, Trishia. Trishia lives close to us, so we know we'll see her and **Sophia** often. She calls her **Rosie** now. **Rosie**, those puppies all look like real Golden Retrievers now. They are all beautiful and you should be proud of them and of yourself, too, for producing them and caring for them as well as you did.

It's much quieter around our house now, and we kinda miss the commotion, especially all the visitors who came to see the puppies. Each person had to "pay the toll" of giving us all pets before they left, and we enjoyed the attention, especially from those who also walked us around the circle. Thank you all!



been her right-hand guy and very important to the success of **AGR**. We could always count on both of them to help with booth equipment transport, set-up and pack-up. Willing to drive anywhere and do anything we needed help with – that has been Peter, and we thank him, too, for his efforts on our behalf.

We are all getting older and more physically challenged to perform our duties as **AGR** Board and Team Members. We need some new, younger volunteers who are willing and able to help. We have all said as much several times over the last year, especially, but so far no one has raised their hand to take on a position that might currently be out of their comfort zone.

In order to maintain our eligibility for monetary grants from **PACC911** that help with medical costs of very expensive, sick or injured dogs, we must attend a minimum of three of their adopt-a-thons during the year. Above and beyond those, we are not required to do any events – that is, unless we mention the fundraising that attends any event we do. Unless someone volunteers to chair or co-chair the Director of Activities position we will not walk in any more parades; we will not do the golf tournament; we will not participate in garage sales or vendor sales at other types of events; we will not do gift wrapping anywhere; we will not have *Dine Out With The Dogs*, which is dedicated to raising money for the *Debbe Begley Memorial Fund*, a fund that supports the cost of dogs that come into Rescue with cancer or whose expenses for other conditions amount to over \$5,000 – the overage is taken out of this fund.

The Director of Activities keeps our fundraising activities going. If you will take a look at the table on page 11 that presents our entire 2022 income and expenses and read the event wrap-ups on pages 20-28, you will see just how important the revenue is from our events. Look at the line just for Merchandise Sales – over \$10,000! Most of those sales happen at public events. Even the parades bring in money, as the dogs collect donations in the donation vests they wear. So, our numerous and varied activities bring in the money we need to support our efforts to help every dog that comes into our care be as healthy as possible. We cannot just rely on adoption and membership fees.

When someone is superbly good at a job and then has to leave the position for whatever reason, no one seems to want to offer to do that job – they fear being compared to such an exceptional person. Such is the case with Carolyn Brown as Director of Activities.

We need a new Director of Activities. This job is primarily one of scheduling and coordination. The person who takes the position does not have to have the talents Carolyn has, would not have to attend every event, and would not be expected to be outstanding at basket creation and bow-making – there are others who can do an adequate job putting baskets together and making bows. What we



Wags and Woofs

By Deb Orwig, President

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The purpose of my column in this newsletter is to acknowledge those who have gone "above and beyond" for **Arizona Golden Rescue**.

Carolyn Brown, as our Director of Activities for the last three years, has done just that. I can't begin to relate all that Carolyn has done, so I'm not going to try – all you have to do is read past issues of *The Golden Paw*, which, if you don't have them for the last three years, are currently being uploaded to our website by new member/adopter Cliff Valenti (thanks, Cliff!).

Carolyn has been a great friend to me and to **AGR**. Over the years, she has improved our inventory of saleable merchandise (thanks to help from Bonnie Kreger, Denise Padavano, Marla Spriggs and Connie Wozniak from our Sewing & Crafts Team) and without a doubt has improved the way we display it at events. She also has a talent for making gorgeous-looking raffle and silent auction baskets, and although she taught several of us how to make bows, hers are still the best, so I'm hoping she will be available to help with those in the future.

Carolyn was always good at rustling up enough volunteers for the various activities she organized. She had a way of writing up an event announcement that made members want to be there, and she never hesitated to thank all who came – very important at engendering loyalty. Over the years, she has come up with numerous ideas and made the appropriate connections for new activities.

Carolyn came as a package deal with her husband, Peter, who has

really need is someone who will take care of scheduling events, send out e-mail messages about them and coordinate volunteers.

Will you please consider volunteering for this position? We need you. You will never have to do something alone – you will always have the backup of the other Board members and Team Managers, as well as other volunteers who come to help at events. But, someone needs to organize those events and recruit the volunteers, and that is the Director of Activities. None of us started out already knowing how to do the job we do for **AGR** – we learned as we went along, helped each other, changed policies and procedures as we saw the need, and generally have been successful. You will be, too. Please volunteer.



Goldens on the Go!

By Carolyn Brown
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When I had to write my very first *Goldens On The Go* newsletter column several years ago, I didn't know where to start. Now, as I pen my last column, I don't know where to end.

As previously announced by Deb Orwig, some health issues have necessitated my stepping away from my **AGR** responsibilities as a Board member and Director of Activities. I have received some very uplifting and supportive emails, and I thank everyone who made that effort.

Some have asked if I will be OK. The answer is Yes! But it will be a longer-than-anticipated process. Some asked why I was stepping away. Well for those who didn't know, in the spring of last year, while totally remodeling a home we had purchased, I took five serious falls over a three-month period. Those resulted in two major concussions, a broken bone in my face and bruising on a good portion of every major joint in my body.

The concussions and some serious swelling in my brain caused some problems with my memory and ability to focus. The physical injuries have kept me in physical therapy for the last seven months. All the time I tried to continue life as normal until one day I couldn't remember my last name. That is when my neurologist said I had to reduce all mental and physical stress in my life and give my body a chance to heal itself. Stepping away from my position as Activity Director was my hardest decision. I tried to hang on as long as possible because of my love of Goldens and the ability to raise funds for **AGR's** work. Being able to work side-by-side with so many great volunteers buoyed my spirits and helped me forget my physical pain on many occasions.

If I could ask just one favor of everyone reading this column, it

would be: PLEASE VOLUNTEER. Be there for the events in any way you can, even if it's just for an hour or two or for the entire day. You will get far more than you give from these gatherings. It's a great way to meet other members, socialize with your dogs and let them socialize with others.

The 2023 **AGR** event calendar is filling up fast. Plan to be with others who share your love of Goldens and Golden-mixes; mark your calendars and participate! **AGR** events are always fun and family oriented. The income **AGR** generates from these events and, equally important, the public exposure **AGR** receives help support the financial expenses needed for rescue efforts and find families wanting to adopt.

Most likely the dog you adopted through **AGR** came to you through the efforts of many volunteers. Be it database entry from the initial contact, to home evaluations, intake, transport, contracts, placement, fostering, medical follow-up, publicity, newsletters, web pages, calendars, phone follow-up, event planning and execution and more, **AGR** can only continue to operate on the strength of its volunteers. Thank you to the ones we have had and welcome to those who decide this is the year you want to give back.

Thank you – I will see you at future events.

What's Up DOC?

By Deb Orwig, President

Debbie Ball, Director of Operations, had to tend to some family emergencies out of state, so for the Operations Column I have reprised some of the discussion and "action" that went on at the Board meeting on January 8, 2023.

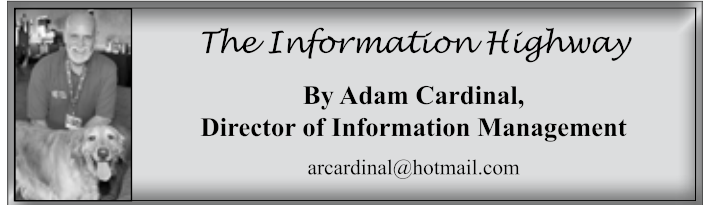
We had not held an actual Board meeting for almost 4 years – have been conducting necessary business by e-mail, text messages and phone calls. We realized that we need to have regular, get-together Board meetings, so we will schedule them quarterly – the next one will be on April 8th. Non-Board members are welcome to attend and give your input during discussion, although you will not be able to vote on motions. Let us know if you're interested in attending and we will let you know where it will be and what time.

For the January meeting, our Organization Secretary, Karin Forsythe, was out of country, so Sharon Flores, who answers our WAGSline phone and is Intake Co-manager, graciously agreed to take the Minutes of the meeting – we welcomed her in via Face-time – and she did a terrific job with the Minutes. So, thank you, Sharon!

Board Meeting points of information and discussion:

- The IRS now requires non-profit organization tax returns to be submitted electronically by a preparer on an IRS-approved list. Cindy Tigges, our Organization Accountant, and Deb Orwig prepared the 2021 tax return in early May (deadline was May 17) 2022. As a nonprofit organization, we don't pay taxes, but we can lose our nonprofit status if we don't submit a tax return every year. We did not know about the new IRS requirement (no prior government notice) until Deb got ready to send the tax return by US mail as she had always done. We had to apply for an extension, which was granted to December 15. We approached the tax service Debbie Ball uses: Michael J Larkin, CFP of Larkin Tax Services, 14997 W Bell Road, Suite 100, Surprise, AZ 85374. At a cost to **AGR** of only \$100, Mr. Larkin filed our 2021 tax return before the deadline, so we are up to date with tax returns. We have approached him to prepare our entire tax return for 2022. *Follow up: He will not do it but will give us a recommendation for someone who will.*
- With regret, the Board accepted Carolyn Brown's resignation from the Director of Activities position. We need this position filled as soon as possible.
- Upcoming activities were discussed. [NOTE: See page 17 in this newsletter.]
- The Board voted to add **22-079 Shadow** to our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program. He will be 14 years old in March and is not in the best of health. His foster family will adopt him for \$1 and henceforth all of his medical bills will be paid by **AGR**. If the family contributes financially toward his care or prescription food, those contributions will be tax deductible. It's a good deal for the family and for the dog, who will now have a permanent home. There are currently two other dogs in the *GPHA* program: **19-081 Riley** and **22-007 TK**. Since 2010 when we began this program with two dogs, **AGR** will have supported a total of 24 dogs in this program.
- Decision by the Board regarding potential out-of-state adopters: we will continue to adopt dogs only to individuals/families whose primary legal residence is Arizona.
- Membership fees have been increased: Beginning February 1, 2023, a Single Adult will be \$30, a Household Membership will be \$45 and a Copper Membership will be \$60; no change in Amber (\$100), Topaz (\$250), Pearl (\$500) or Gold (\$1,000). No convenience fee will be added if the member pays with check, cash or Zelle.
- Thanks to efforts by Adam Cardinal, **AGR** now has a QR code. [NOTE: It is printed in this newsletter on page 2.] We will have it printed on laminated cards that can be clipped

to a dog's leash or donation vest pocket, so that anyone with a cell phone can send money by scanning the QR code. The funds will come through PayPal, so the user must set up a PayPal account if they don't already have one.

**New Year Check-Up**

Welcome to 2023! I'm sure many of you (as I am) are looking forward to the opportunity to leave some of the bad stuff behind, re-commit to the good things and make the coming year a better year for all of us.

Because I'm the technology guy, I'm going to make some quick tips to starting your 2023 off right with the computing device you likely use the most often: your smartphone. Because it's relatively easy to make security changes on the fly— when an error message pops up, or hidden in an “agree” button that you may or may not have knowingly accepted – a quick check is a practice that's good for you.

To start, go into your smartphone and immediately delete any app that you no longer need or use. Not only will this stop the application from collecting information from your phone, it might even save your battery and data since the app isn't sending information back to its servers.

Next, let's look at the applications that are tracking your location. Aside from the privacy implications, location tracking silently consumes battery charge and data usage. I'll provide instructions for the most common smart phone operating systems.

For iPhone: Go into Settings > Privacy > Location Services

Look at the list of applications that have access to your phone's location. Go through the list and, where appropriate, switch any marked “Always” to “While Using” or “Never”. When in doubt, “While Using” is the best option since an app can only grab your location while you're using the application. There is minimal downside. If you switch an application to “Never” and then you need it when you next use the application, switch back then – it's not likely to be impactful. Personally, I rely on the location more in my maps application than I do in other applications – it's not as likely to be as accurate.

On Android, the operating system allows you to grant app permissions as necessary. For example: there was a flashlight application that was accessing people's GPS information unnecessarily. When you first open the application the system will prompt you with

“can we use access to your GPS location?” You can then decide whether or not you want that app to know exactly where you are.

Finally, I recommend checking out a website called “MyPermissions”. You log in with your Facebook, Twitter and other social media accounts and it will scan them to see which apps and services you’ve connected to them. Go through this list and “uninstall” any apps you don’t recognize or no longer use. You’ll probably find a bunch of quizzes and things you’ve logged into using your Facebook account. This site disconnects those websites and apps so they can no longer read or access your personal information. MyPermissions is handy since it helps you analyze and clean up multiple sites at once. If you’re concerned about entering your password into the site (it’s set as an encrypted pass-through, i.e. they don’t see or have your password) you can do this manually as well. See your list of connected apps on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google etc. Go through and “revoke access” or delete the apps you no longer need or want.

It’s time for the “maintain” part of the New Year check-up. Now is an excellent time to look at your ongoing give-back program support. **AGR** is an active participant – and recipient – of *Fry’s Community Rewards*. If you have not signed up for these programs, which cost you nothing, please stop right now (go on, I’ll wait) and sign up. Go to frysfood.com and search for Community Rewards. Sign up and select **Arizona Golden Rescue** as the organization you are supporting. Now, every time you shop, **AGR** will get a small percentage donation from *Fry’s*, and it will not affect the fuel points or sports points you accrue.

Unfortunately, **Amazon** has announced they are discontinuing the *Amazon Smile* program. This was a source of about \$1,300 in annual revenue for **AGR**. We searched for another option for support-while-you-shop. We actually had one that we set up years ago but never promoted: iGive. iGive provides donations to **AGR** based on the online shopping of **AGR** supporters who have registered with iGive. iGive tracks shopping information anonymously as part of their service. I’ll prepare a follow-up column for the newsletter to address what we look for when choosing a relationship like this. But for now please know we’ve reviewed the service offering and find the service less intrusive than most social media sites or Internet search portals.

You can use iGive using your web browser and a browser plug-in available from the company that distributes your browser (Safari, Chrome, Edge, Firefox, etc.), you can access the retailer from the iGive website or using the iGive app for iPhone, iPad or Android) or you can install a browser cookie that will identify you to a store as an iGive member. To sign up as an iGive member go to iGive.com. During your sign-up you’ll be asked to either have a charity suggested to you or search for one by name. Type in **Arizona Golden Rescue**, hit Search and you’ll find us listed as a registered charity. Once you are linked you are ready to go. For more in-

formation on how iGive works (including a video overview) go to <http://support.igive.com/kb/a115/how-igive-works.aspx>. There are over 2,000 retail stores (many that you probably already purchase from) that support iGive. The percentage give-back a purchase will earn is determined by the individual stores.

AGR’s Facebook page now has a Donate button where you can make a donation to our charity while having Mark Zuckerberg pay the credit card processing fee. You also have the ability to create a personal fundraiser to benefit **AGR**. It’s also quite easy. Just follow these steps;

- Click Fundraisers in the left menu of your news feed
- Click Raise Money
- Select Nonprofit or Charity – select **Arizona Golden Rescue**, choose a cover photo (one of your family or one from the **AGR** website) and fill in the fundraiser details.
- Click Create.

I encourage you to tackle these items. How great will you feel when you can tell friends that it’s only February and you’ve already completed one of your New Year’s Resolutions? And I won’t mention the weight-loss one if you won’t. Right?



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 start off with Judy Birt, who has happily fostered four dogs for **AGR**. In Judy's own words:

My name is Judy Birt and I have been a foster volunteer for a little over one year. I have raised Golden Retrievers since my early twenties, and my children grew up with the "Golden Retriever fever." As a result, they each have two Golden Retrievers of their own as adults. I am a high school counselor and live alone in a house that is pretty perfect for dogs. I am at a place in my life where "purpose" and "service" are more important than ever. What better way is there to give back than to foster Golden Retrievers and prepare them for their "forever homes"? It has definitely come with its share of tears, but the reward comes in the joy I am able to give to others. Keeping this in perspective continues to be a work in progress.

*During my short experience as a foster, I've fostered four puppies/dogs. My first foster was a young puppy named **Blitzen**, who was joined by big brother for a couple weeks. My second foster was puppy **Bobby** (photo at right). She was young and the tiniest little girl ever and I only had her for several days. Fortunately, our principal loves dogs and I was able to take **Bobby** to my high school while*



Judy with CaliGirl



*I worked. **Bobby** added so much joy to the staff and students! My third foster was 10-year-old **Cali** (**Cali Girl** as I called her). She was with me before ACL surgery and during a long recovery. She was as sweet as could be, made a full recovery, and was off to her new home. She*

*was a favorite for sure! My current foster baby, **Tilly** (at right), is now 17 months old and came to me with so many issues, the worst of which was food obsession and a socialization deficiency. Boy, has she thrived! Tonight her "forever home" family committed to adopt her and she will be leaving soon. It always makes me sad to say goodbye, but it makes me happier to know I've honored these surrendered dogs with loving care, preparing them for a family who has been waiting for their perfect Golden. This gift of service fills my heart.*



Next, meet Ellen and Jeff France. In Ellen's words:

My husband, Jeff, and I split our time between Fountain Hills

and Gladwin, MI (Jeff's hometown) on Secord Lake. We'll leave it to the reader to determine which time of year we are in Arizona versus Michigan.

*Jeff and I have been "parents" to nine Golden Retrievers, starting in 1976, the year we were married, with **Sterling**, who was followed by **Mindy, Honey, Mandy, Hoss, Riggz, Ryder, Chloe** and **Rose**. Typically we have had two Golden Retrievers at a time in our home – double the fun!*



Jeff and Ellen with Ryder and Riggz

*We first became familiar with **AGR** in 2013 following the loss of our dear **Hoss**. He was one of the only litter of puppies we had with **Mandy**. We were blessed with **Riggz** and **Ryder** from **AGR** in 2013. **Riggz** and **Ryder**, an older and bonded pair, instantly became known as the "neighborhood dogs" to our neighbors and friends at our lake cottage. We never had any problem finding volunteers to take **Riggz** and **Ryder** to "potty" when we were away and couldn't be there with them. We even came home from church one Sunday and found **Ryder** at the next-door neighbor's house, on the couch with their son, watching TV!*

*Our current girls, **Chloe** and **Rose**, are a constant joy. **Chloe** came to us in 2017 shortly after **Ryder** went to the Rainbow Bridge. **Chloe's** family was moving overseas and couldn't take her with them. Since we were close friends with her owners and they knew that we loved Golden Retrievers, we were their first choice to adopt **Chloe**. **Chloe** has truly been a wonderful dog. She is now 12 years old. **Rose** is one of the "China Girls", coming to live with us in 2019 from **AGR**. A week prior to our October departure from Michigan we received a call asking if we'd like one of the dogs from China. Jeff took the call and I overheard it and my face immediately lit up with excitement, so how could Jeff say no? **Rose** has worked her way into our hearts! She still needs encouragement to not overwhelm visitors with her outward affection. We tease sometimes that maybe she doesn't know enough English yet and that we should be speaking to her in Mandarin!*



Little Rose on left, Chloe on right

*Jeff and I have been able to help volunteer at **AGR** socials, gift wrapping at Christmastime and fundraisers over the years and are planning to get more involved following Jeff's recent retirement. We especially enjoy the annual **AGR** picnics where we get to meet the other owners and their dogs and catch up on **AGR** business. We were even able to meet **Rose's** possible sister at one of them.*



Jeff and Ellen at Dine Out With The Dogs in 2022; they drove from Fountain Hills to Sun City to help with pack-up

We stay busy with our two grandsons and family as much as possible. Our oldest grandson, Luke, is seen in a video on the AGR website. He has a pull toy in one hand and Rose has the other end and she is literally sliding him across the tile of our living room. Such a cute sight! Our youngest, Eli, claims that Rose is "his dog"! We have been truly blessed to have received dogs from AGR. They are truly a wonderful organization, ready to meet the physical and relational needs of each of the dogs they bring in.



Health and Safety

By Liz Tataseo, Health Care Manager

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Common and Not So Common Health Issues Everyone Should Know About

ALLERGIES: Do you see your dog scratching, chewing and rubbing areas of their body at different times of the year or all the time? Sometimes hotspots turn up periodically or loss of hair occurs. Allergies are becoming more common, and like humans, dogs can get seasonal allergies or have allergies to the food they eat. Food allergies can often be solved by changing to a food protein that is novel or uncommon such as salmon, venison, bison etc. Chicken and beef are very common food allergies in dogs so changing usually helps get rid of the symptoms.

Seasonal allergies are becoming more common – those usually require medication that can range from OTC's like Benadryl and generic anti-histamines to prescription meds. Some dogs require stronger allergy medications like Apoquel or Cytopoint injections, which require a prescription. Always see your vet to determine what is needed.

ANAL SAC DISEASE: Anal sac disorders are the most common problem of the anal area in animals, especially dogs. Impaction usually involves both sacs and is indicated by a sac that is distended, mildly painful when touched, and not readily expressed. Usually when a dog defecates, the fecal matter movement helps empty the anal sacs. If the feces are too soft, or the anal sacs long and thin, this may not always occur and they fill up. Groomers often express a dog's anal glands when a dog is groomed, but doing it this way can cause the glands to stop being evacuated normally. If your dog starts scooting on his behind or always exudes a strong odor, it may be an impacted anal sac. Get the dog checked by your vet.

ARTHRITIS: Like humans, arthritis shows up as a dog gets older. Arthritis can be treated but not cured. Your dog may get up slower, limp, or not like their joints to be touched. Instead of letting them rest, exercise is good for arthritis along with joint supplements like glucosamine, chondroitin or a combination of these. Losing weight can also help take the stress off joints. If your dog likes to swim, that, too, is great exercise without stress. Always consult your vet if your dog has arthritis-type symptoms. New medications can help without causing kidney or liver issues as a side effect.

DENTAL DISEASE: Dogs can get dental disease of the gums/teeth by the time they are three years old. Periodontal disease, as in humans, can cause system-wide issues if left without treatment. Brushing your dog's teeth regularly, using effective dental chews or getting veterinary dental cleanings all can add years to your dog's life.

OBESITY: Even a small increase in a dog's weight can cause issues, but if your dog is more than a little plump, issues like arthritis, diabetes, kidney, and liver issues and cancer can occur. Likewise, being too thin can also cause system-wide issues. Your vet can help with suggestions on how to help your dog lose or gain weight appropriately.

NOT SO COMMON ISSUES: Diabetes, cancer, bloat, coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, or frequent urination attempts are all issues that should be seen and treated by a vet and are becoming more common in dogs.

Diabetic symptoms include changes in appetite and excessive thirst and urination for no known reason. Diabetes can lead to urinary tract infections and eye issues such as cataracts and blindness. UTIs, especially in females, manifest as frequent urination or trying but failing to produce urine. A vet visit is needed.

Cancer is hard to detect but lumps, sudden weight loss and decreased appetite are symptoms that arise as indicators of cancer. Recently pre-cancerous blood tests have been established that can detect early signs of cancer. This test allows vets to use other tests to determine the type of cancer that may be present.

Coughing is a sign of respiratory issues like kennel cough (viral respiratory issue) or valley fever. Fortunately, there are vaccines that can keep your dog from getting kennel cough and flu-like viruses from other dogs.

Valley fever can be diagnosed with blood tests, and medications can be prescribed; valley fever is not contagious but arises from inhaling a fungus that resides in dirt and desert areas. A valley fever vaccine is in the works and may be available soon.

Constipation can be caused by eating something too large to travel through the digestive system (watch out for your dog eating toys,

gravel, clothing, etc.), gulping down instead of chewing a chew toy, not having access to water all day, or medications that your dog is on. Persistent coughing should always be checked by a vet and may require an ultrasound or x-rays.

BLOAT IS AN EMERGENCY. It is not common but can occur quickly if it does. If your dog starts gagging and tries to vomit but nothing happens, is hunched over and their abdomen feels hard and increased in size, get them to an ER immediately. More than a 30-minute wait can be deadly. Bloat occurs when the entire stomach and intestines twist inside the dog. Unlike humans, dogs do not have the type of tissue holding the digestive tract in place. Once twisted, gas fills the system and it cannot untwist. Tissues start to die off and there is no saving it. Deep-chested dogs are more likely to bloat especially if they eat too fast, play excessively after eating or eat too much at one time. Often, when deep-chested dogs are neutered, a vet can tack down the stomach to the abdominal wall which can keep everything from twisting.

SEIZURES: Again, don't wait if your dog goes into seizure – take your dog to a vet. Seizures can result from having system-wide infections or diseases such as valley fever, overheating or cancer. Dogs can have continuous cluster seizures that prevent them from getting enough oxygen; don't wait, get to the ER!

If you suspect any change in your dog's physicality, eating or behavior, take them to a vet.

The Financial Picture

By Deb Orwig

The Year 2022

You can see from the totals at the bottom of the financial table for 2022 on page 11, we ended the year very well, thanks in large part to a very generous \$24,000 donation from one of our supporters. Wow, I almost fell off my chair when I opened the envelope and saw the amount on the check! What a nice gift with which to end the year. In fact, all the donations that came in during the year were wonderful. We could not do without the ones that were \$5, \$10, \$25 or more. Donations literally keep our Rescue operations going. We appreciate every one! Thanks to all of you who made a donation even once during the year. You should all have gotten an acknowledgment letter for tax purposes by now.

Speaking of acknowledgment letters... through 2022 I have always sent a thank you letter to every person for every donation no matter how big or how small. In the future, I will not do this. Every donation is important to be sure, but my time is limited as is my stamina sitting in front of a computer screen. The downside

of **AGR** receiving so many wonderful donations is that it took an entire month of working all day every day to compose over 400 letters, many of which acknowledged multiple donations.

The IRS requires us to send letters for tax purposes for all donations of \$250 or more. This I will do. If you itemize your taxes and you need a letter for a total donation amount less than \$250, just let me know and I will prepare one for you. If you purchase a Topaz level membership and choose to receive the incentive gift of a calendar, you will not be donating \$250, as we have to subtract the value of the calendar and a standard Single or Household fee from the Topaz fee. If you do not itemize and you donate less than \$250 to **AGR**, please never think we do not appreciate your donation if you do not get a personalized thank you letter.

Changes in Fees – Adoption and Membership

As all aspects of the cost of doing business have gone up, and due to the fact that we cannot anticipate receiving large donations like the one mentioned before, we have recently increased both our adoption fees and our membership fees.

Adoption Fees: The amount we charge for an adoption varies with the age of the dog being adopted and whether or not a single or a pair is being adopted. Despite the fee increase, these fees usually do not cover our cost to vet a dog. Here is the current fee schedule:

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| All dogs up to age 2 | \$500 |
| Dogs age 2 to 5 | \$475 |
| Dogs age 5 to 9 | \$450 |
| 9 and over | \$400 |

Pairs: second dog is half price; the price for the younger dog is the higher price:

| | |
|--|-------|
| both dogs younger than 2 | \$750 |
| one dog younger than 2 and one between 2 and 5 | \$737 |
| one dog younger than 2 and one between 5 and 9 | \$725 |
| one dog younger than 2 and one over 9 | \$700 |
| both dogs between 2 and 5 | \$712 |
| one dog between 2 and 5, one between 5 and 9 | \$700 |
| both dogs between 5 and 9 | \$675 |
| one dog between 5 and 9 and one over 9 | \$650 |
| both dogs over 9 | \$600 |

In order for the pair price to apply, two dogs must be adopted at the same time, not a week or a month or more apart.

Membership Fees: For a couple of reasons, we felt it was time for an increase – our membership fees have been the same since we incorporated in 2009. Also, we felt it necessary to increase the basic annual fees for membership to help make up the deficit between adoption fees and our vet costs. Another reason is that it has been confusing to decide whether a \$25 fee that came in via PayPal was intended as a Single Membership or an Adoption

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Reporting period: January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Total Assets as of January 31, 2023: \$375,464.31

| | Income | Expenses |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Adoption Application Fees | \$ 6,675.00 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Adoption Income | 31,716.98 | |
| Auction Income | 2,815.00 | |
| Calendars | | |
| Printing | | 4,759.93 |
| Sales | 1,957.00 | |
| Sponsorships | 2,701.00 | |
| Credit Card & PayPal Expense | | 1,793.85 |
| Donations | | |
| Debbe Begley Memorial Fund ¹ | 2,198.65 | |
| General Fund | 92,456.58 | |
| Honorary | 21,109.37 | |
| Memorial | 11,593.00 | |
| Summer Fundraiser | 12,127.01 | |
| Event Expense | | 150.00 |
| Gift Wrapping | 1,881.93 | |
| Golf Tournament | | 15,199.53 |
| Donations | 5,604.24 | |
| Golf Prizes | 2,965.00 | |
| Golfers | 13,010.00 | |
| Meals | 3,195.00 | |
| Tee Sponsorships | 7,850.00 | |
| Silent Auction | 9,305.00 | |
| Grants | 26,557.00 | |
| Insurance | | 627.85 |
| Interest | 21.97 | |
| Internet Services | | 977.95 |
| Legal & Professional Fees | | 110.00 |
| Membership Income | 27,380.00 | |
| Merchandise & shipping | 10,548.41 | 2,900.44 |
| Newsletter subscriptions | 32.00 | |
| Office Expenses | | 1,141.83 |
| Paws At The Park | 1,460.80 | 230.49 |
| Auction | 1,020.00 | |
| Donations | 458.54 | |
| Prizes | 810.00 | |
| Postage | | 2,586.07 |
| Rent or Lease | | 3,605.37 |
| Stationery & Printing | | 9,444.73 |
| Telephone | | 222.57 |
| Dog-related Expenses | | 222.14 |
| Behavioral Training | 4,516.85 | |
| Boarding | 1,608.00 | |
| Food (Rx and for Puppies) | 1,430.22 | |
| Grooming | 85.00 | |
| Microchip Expense | 738.05 | |
| Veterinary Services | | 180,920.58 |
| TOTAL | \$297,449.48 | \$235,221.45 |
| NET INCOME | \$ 62,228.03 | |
| Checking Account as of 1-31-23: | \$261,145.17 | |
| The Debbe Begley Memorial Fund as of 1-31-23: | \$ 12,093.97 | |
| Savings Account as of 1-31-23: | \$104,155.16 | |
| Outstanding Credit Card Balance on 1-31-23: | \$ 28,783.99 | |

¹ Includes Dine Out With the Dogs Donations

NOTE: We also accrued \$6,317.91 more in undeposited funds, meaning that amount came in during January 2023 that will be credited to 2022 because of the dates on the checks even though we received them in 2023

Application fee, since the amount for those two items has been the same and the person paying an invoice often did not include a note as to what the charge was for. So, as of February 1, 2023 membership fees have been increased as follows:

New Membership Fees

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Single Membership | \$ 30 |
| Household Membership | \$ 45 |
| Copper Level Membership | \$ 60 |
| Amber level remains at | \$ 100 |
| Topaz level remains at | \$ 250 |
| Pearl level remains at | \$ 500 |
| Gold level remains at | \$1,000 |

We hope you understand and that the new fee for a Single or Household membership will not pose a hardship for anyone. The other membership levels are, of course, optional.

As we have noted before and on many occasions, fees paid via PayPal or with a credit card have a 4% "convenience fee" added. No extra fee is added to payments made by cash, check or Zelle. Zelle transactions should be sent to Arizona Golden Rescue at info@arizonagoldenrescue.org



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 fourth quarter 2022, we had three 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.



22-060 Zack, now known as **Sparky**, came into Rescue as an 8-month-old purebred Golden who was surrendered by his original owner because he was excitable and jumped a lot; the owner was afraid he would knock over her disabled sister that lived with her. He received his initial vetting at **Academy West** and was on his way to his first foster family in Prescott Valley. They

noticed that although he could be sweet and mellow, he also could "get crazy" a couple times a day, with snapping at their clothing and nipping; and so they decided they could not handle his puppy behavior. A new family noticed the same, so we decided that

Zack should have some intensive behavior modification training at **Partners Dog Training School** in Cave Creek. He spent three weeks at their “boot camp.” Then in November, **Zack** had some episodes of diarrhea and was diagnosed with Giardia, requiring a couple medications for that. At the end of December, **Zack** was neutered. He is being fostered by Carter and Karla in Glendale, who will be taking him through the required 8 follow-up lessons at **Partners**. However, the Giardia infection has been persistent – he is still being treated for it – so his adoption has not yet been finalized. Expenses for **Zack/Sparky** have cost **AGR \$5,663** so far.

22-067 Raggy/Reggie is a 4-year-old neutered male purebred Golden surrendered by his owners as they could not afford any more medical care. **Raggy** was diagnosed with valley fever that went to his brain causing countless seizures. He received an emergency exam at **AMSC** in late September along with radiographs, bloodwork, and medications. In late October, **Raggy** endured multiple seizures, and a few days later was again seen at **AMSC** where he had an MRI of the brain. He is currently being lovingly fostered by Connie and Nick in Glendale, who promptly renamed him **Reggie** (**Raggy** did not seem to be very complimentary), and they have witnessed him suffering from multiple seizures in November and December. **Reggie** is currently on several medications, including Levetiracetum (anti-seizure), Voriconazole (anti-fungal), Kepra (anti-convulsant), and Zonisamide (treats symptoms of epilepsy), in hopes of stabilizing his health so he can find his “forever” home. **Reggie’s** expenses in 2022 were **\$6,425**, but we are still accumulating charges for him in trying to stabilize his seizures.



22-074 Buddy was rescued as a 2-month-old miniature male Goldendoodle pup who was diagnosed with the dreaded parvovirus, and the owners could not afford his medical treatment. **Buddy** spent almost a week in ICU hospitalization at **Arizona Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Center (AVECCC)**. He had a nasogastric tube inserted, IV catheterization for fluids, and medications. He eventually recovered from the parvo infection. In November, **Buddy** received his regular vetting at **Four-Legged Friends** for his vaccines and a fecal. **Buddy** is still a small guy, still a puppy, and seems to be prone to eating rocks. He is being fostered by Mele and Mark in Scottsdale who intend to adopt him. They have wisely purchased a muzzle and put it on him every time they take him outside. Total expenses for **Buddy** cost **AGR \$6,432** so far; he will need to be neutered when he is of age.

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 October 11, 2022 through January 15, 2023. All adoptions finalized after January 15th will be in the next issue.*

NOTE: Before writing Magic Moments, I always send an e-mail to the adopters requesting updated information about their new dog. Sometimes they respond right away, but sometimes I have to send a second message or call them to get a statement. For this issue, I was running way behind due to having to complete a myriad of thank you letters for 2022 donors and did not have time to follow up on non-responders. So, I asked Sharon Flores, who handles our WAGSline, to make some calls. She readily agreed. I thank her so much for that service and thank the adopters, too, for their cooperation! The following paragraphs are more interesting because of the information the adopters gave her.



Artar at intake

22-059 Artar is a 9-year-old black miniature Goldendoodle. His owner was staying in an assisted-living facility that allowed dogs but had to move to another that did not. At **Academy West Animal Hospital**, **Artar** had the standard walk-up done – vaccines and tests for valley fever and heartworm (both negative). He also received a very necessary grooming – most Goldendoodles need one every 6-8 weeks. After

he was moved to foster with Chris, he had a dental done – needed 21 teeth extracted and his gums cleaned up. He was ready to go to a permanent home, but as is the case with most senior dogs, Placement had to call many potential families before they found just the right one with Frank and his daughter Chandler, who live in Snowflake. The vet they use in Taylor at **Cedar Ridge Veterinary Clinic** checked out **Artar** and said he was healing fine from the dental and was healthy. No charge for the visit, which was very nice. About a month later, **Artar** developed a cough and was seen by the **Cedar Ridge** vet again. **Art**, as he



Art after grooming – he has a cute face!

is now called, had a respiratory issue and was given medication. **Art** settled in well with Frank, Chandler and the large cat they have. When Sharon Flores called and asked how everything was going, Frank said: *Art is wonderful. He is doing great and has gained a little weight. He sleeps with me or my daughter and loves to cuddle. He is a good doorbell and gets along with everyone. I would love to have another one just like him.* Once again, it has been shown that older dogs make wonderful companions!

22-062 Sadie is a 6-year-old spayed female Golden. She was up to date on vaccines. The owner got her when she was 2 and said she has been a great dog for 4 years, but the past 5 weeks she started peeing and pooping every morning right at the dog door. She will go out the dog door the rest of the day but in the morning she will not. She was checked by a vet who said it was not a UTI and bloodwork was normal. She had had a sebaceous carcinoma removed a few years ago, but surgery was curative. The owner put her in boarding to see if a break of 5 days from the house would cure the issue, and the boarding facility said she did not mess her kennel, but when she came home she went back to the same behavior. The previous owners crated her a lot and she seemed to like the crate but they don't, so they did not use it. They could not take this behavior any longer – they do not want to get up to open the door for her at 5:30 in the morning – that is why they have the dog door. We have found that with a change in environment, a behavior like **Sadie's** can resolve quickly, which apparently happened. Within just a few days of placement with Jackie and Neil and their three children in Mesa, **Sadie** was using their dog door and had had no accidents in the house. Jackie recently wrote:



Sadie likes the couch!

*It has been a wonderful four months since our family adopted **Sadie**. She quickly adapted to our home, routines, and children. The first thing she discovered was her favorite spot to take naps – on the couch – and from there she is a consistent couch napper. She then realized that she could sleep in beds, both in the parents' room, and in the kids'. When the kids are sick, she will often snuggle with them in their beds, or wait outside their bedrooms to make sure they are OK. She also loves to splash around on the first step of our swimming pool and took a chance one day to do a few laps around the pool. Her favorite toy is the rope knot; she will also chew on toy stuffies, the latest being a stuffed penguin. During dinner she will get our attention when she is hungry with little playful barks and low vocal noises, as this makes the whole family laugh. She also loves car rides, and she knows when the kids are going to school and rides along, her favorite seat being in the front passenger side. She is loving, gentle, and sweet to all members of our family, including grandparents and visitors. We*

*truly appreciate the opportunity to adopt such a great member of our family, and are grateful to AGR for **Sadie**! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that make such adoption possible.*

22-063 Sophie is a 2-year-old spayed female Golden. In May when we were first contacted, the owner had to take care of her mother, who had become sick – she would be spending a lot of time at her mother's, leaving **Sophie** alone at home in a crate by herself. Apparently, the illness did not persist and the owner changed her mind about the need to surrender the



Even in this head shot you can tell that Sophie was quite overweight at intake

dog. **Sophie** was not actually surrendered until September when the mother became ill again. **Sophie** was up to date on vaccines, house trained and a very loving and friendly dog; she just needed testing for valley fever and heartworm. The VF test came back a weak positive, so she was retested in 3 months without being given medication in the interim. She was placed with Shelly and John and their children in Gilbert. Shelly wrote: *We LOVE **Sophie**! She has been with us since September 20th, and it is hard to remember what life was like before she joined our family. She was pretty overweight (92 pounds) when she came to us but has lost about 20 pounds now with daily walks and not eating people food anymore. She has tried every bed in the house even though she has two of her own. Sophie loves everyone and wants to meet every dog she walks by. She wasn't used to walking on a leash and really struggled with pulling – she is a strong puppy dog! We knew she would probably do better on a harness, with the leash clipped in the front, so we finally found one and what a difference! Walks are so much more fun – **Sophie** isn't choking against her collar and walks right beside me now. She knows every inch of her neighborhood and especially the Riparian Preserve! One of the most endearing things about **Miss Sophie** is how she tries to get your attention. She will run to find your shoe, a sock, even the remote control and bring it to you wherever you are in the house! She will wiggle her butt, wag her tail, growl just a little and keep it just out of your reach as you try to grab it! It's totally a game with her – she almost never chews on them, just wants you to chase her around and we do. We have horses, and she loves to bark at them if she thinks they are too close to the fence that separates them. And if one of the neighbor's chickens gets in our yard, she tries so hard to catch it but usually only gets a mouth full of feathers! **Sophie** is so fun, smart, loving and has brought such joy into our lives. There is nothing better than having her meet you at the door at the end of the day. We love her and know she was meant to be with us. We agree!*



20 pounds lighter now than at intake, Sophie has an easy time getting up on beds and the ottoman

Even in this head shot you can tell that Sophie was quite overweight at intake



22-065 Lucas was about 1 year old, a handsome unneutered male Golden, who came in with **22-066 Sophia**, a petite un-spayed 2-year-old female Golden.

We were told that the pair had been found in a canal in Buckeye. The finder kept them together in a large

crate for a while (never was very clear if it was 2 weeks, 2 months or a year – different story from everyone in the household) but was not successful in finding an owner. So, they were transported to **Academy West Animal Hospital** where their initial vetting was done. **Sophia** was pregnant – her story

will be in the next issue, as her adoption has not yet been finalized. **Lucas** was described as a bundle of Golden joy with behaviors typical of an untrained puppy. After being tried in one home that didn't work out for him, he was placed with Leslie and Doug in Scottsdale. Doug reported: **Lucas is lucky due to his 14-year-old "brother" Blake. Blake's mellow disposition allows Lucas to flourish. He loves watching TV in his spare time; he loves viewing various dog shows. We play "wall ball" daily as he lives up to the retriever reputation. He needs the Sidekick leash because he still has fears around other dogs due to his unfortunate mishap before we adopted** [Ed note: he was attacked by the resident dog in the previous home]. **He follows me throughout our house. He is warm, sensitive, sweet and territorial with myself and his mom. He devours his meals and is hungry all day. He has a strong bark as he watches his new home. His eyes see everything: birds, planes, bunnies and more. Lucas McCain Browne is a wonderful addition to our family!**



Lucas in back of Sophia – we can't imagine why someone would let a beautiful pair like this go stray

22-073 Layla is a beautiful 9-year-old senior girl. She had quite an interrupted history. First, she was used as a breeder dog for 5 years. Then, she was sold to a couple in their 80s, who kept her for two years until both passed away. **Layla** then went to stay with a neighbor for a couple months until her current owner could take her. Now, he had to move and could not take her with him. Poor girl, with all the disruption in her life, it's no wonder she would occasionally pee in the house. She was placed with Reidun and Lew in Phoenix, an active-retired couple who are home most of the time and had no other pets at the time. They saw to it that she had her vetting updated at **Four Legged Friends Animal Hospital**, and she was finally spayed. Reidun wrote: *We are so lucky to have been selected to become Layla's furever family! She arrived smil-*



Waiting for a ball to come down, Layla really is quite agile and active despite her senior age

ing and tail wagging, a sweet and loving Golden gal from the start! Layla has readily adapted to our home and our routine! She loves to take walks and to be admired and petted by the neighbors. She happily greets other friendly dogs, too. She has lovely house, yard, feeding, leash and car manners! In a word, she couldn't be more perfect! We just love her and she seems to be happy with us, too! Thanks to AGR for making this wonderful match! She is the best gift we could have received this year! We are certainly glad there are families that want to adopt only senior dogs!

22-074 Buddy, a mini-Goldendoodle, was not quite 2 months old and only 2½ pounds when he was surrendered to an ER vet, who



Buddy was a very small ball of fluff at intake



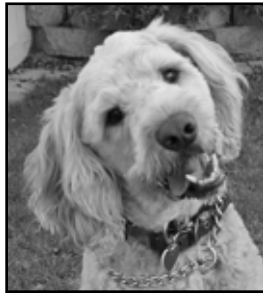
Now a couple months older, Buddy is looking more like a Goldendoodle

then called **AGR**. The puppy had parvo and the owners could not afford the treatment. They'd had him only two days. The breeder refused to believe the dog had parvo and would not return the adoption fee. **Buddy** spent five days at the ER vet and was at least "over the parvo hump" when he was released to Diane and Todd, who had agreed to foster him until he was fully recovered. After only four days at the foster, Diane said: *Little Buddy ate really well yesterday. More energy and feisty! Really playing with his toys (tugging, pulling and shaking) and running (although awkward and wobbly) around the yard area we have blocked off for him. Barking at Bentley. Lots more energy and life. So fun to watch him starting to feel better and having energy. Sooooo sweet!* After a month with the fosters, **Buddy** was transferred to his permanent home with Mele and Mark in Scottsdale. When contacted by Sharon recently, Mele mentioned that **Buddy** was now up to 12 pounds! She said: *He is so excited to see anyone that comes in the door especially our grandson Uriah. Buddy is adorable but does have one bad habit – eating rocks – so if he is going outside we use a muzzle to keep him safe and he runs and plays without any danger. He loves to walk, then when at home he is a watch dog as he sits in the window to let us know what is happening outside. His special little quirk is he loves food and when I fill his food bowl before I put it down, he jumps and twirls in the air.*

Mele, Mark, son Mike and grandson Uriah (who is 14) just love **Buddy** to pieces. We're so glad **Buddy** has recovered from parvo and happy for the whole family.



22-075 Gus, a 4-year-old male Golden (at left) and **22-076 Bert**, a 4-year-old male Goldendoodle (at right) were surrendered



together by a woman whose husband had passed away – he was the one who was home with the dogs all the time. She worked full time and found she just couldn't manage the two dogs alone. She told us **Gus** has some separation anxiety. He is not on any medicine. If he is left alone, he will shred anything loose such as pillows, towels, dish towels, shoes. He has never chewed or shredded furniture. He likes attention when he wants it, but he does not crave attention; he just doesn't like being alone. **Bert** has allergies for which he was being treated with Apoquel. Our vet found that both dogs were overweight but otherwise healthy. The pair was very bonded, so we wanted to keep them together. They were taken by Darlene and Rick who had had numerous dogs over the years but currently were without any. Darlene is so happy that the boys came along as a pair as they had 2 dogs recently pass away and they didn't want to have to get one and then another and hope they would bond. Darlene recounted: *After losing both of our dogs to cancer within 4 months of each other we suddenly became "empty nesters". We put in a new application with AGR. We had previously adopted our Ladybug from them in 2012. We thought we would take a few months and not get a dog till early 2023 so we could do some traveling, but as you know, dogs have a way of finding us. When we got the call from AGR in November asking if we would consider taking 2 dogs, we were in Hawaii! Within minutes we said yes, and the "big boys" arrived 3 days after we returned from vacation. We gave them Hawaiian names... Maui (formerly*

G u s) a n d K o n a (formerly Bert). They are a bonded pair and love to run and play rough in



Maui (fka Gus) and Kona (fka Bert) love to run together in the adopters' large back yard

the backyard, but what they love the most is just hanging out with us. Neither was leash-trained, but after 2 months one person can

walk both of them together [the benefit of the Sidekick leashes, which AGR sells]. Between their walks, running in the yard and the green bean diet they have lost weight and are almost at their ideal weights. Our home is no longer empty but instead is filled with love, affection and sloppy kisses. We are happy that this family actually applied to adopt a pair, as very often it is a difficult task for Placement to find a home that will take two dogs at one time.

22-077 Chance/Clancy/Bodhi is an adorable Golden/Irish Setter mix who was only 9 weeks old at intake. The owner put a deposit down on the pup with a breeder in Ohio, so it was no impulse decision to get a dog. However, after only 8 days of having the pup, he realized he couldn't properly care for a puppy, as he is single and works a lot. The breeder would not



reclaim the puppy or refund the man's money, so he surrendered the dog to us. He described the puppy as very personable, cuddly and very friendly to people, very loving, energetic, playful and curious. His only experience riding in a car was in a crate from the airport, and he wasn't happy. However, when Connie transported him to his new home with Beth and Jon in Scottsdale, he rode quietly in the crate. This couple has been supporters of **AGR** since our inception, although they had never adopted a dog from us. They have an older female Irish/Golden, **Holly**, and a 15-month-old male purebred Irish Setter, **Torrey**. **Chance** and **Torrey** almost immediately became fast friends. It's taken some time, but **Holly** now tolerates the pup. **Torrey** and the pup either play non-stop or they are napping together. For a while, Beth and Jon tried the name **Clancy** on the puppy, but decided it didn't really fit, so they renamed him **Bodhi** and that has stuck. When contacted recently, Beth said: **Bodhi** arrived in our home three months ago. So grateful to



Bodhi says, Come on, Torrey, let's go for a walk!

Connie, Joni and Liz for making it happen. He has been the easiest puppy we have ever raised. Every day is filled with love, joy and laughter. He has such a great temperament. He plays all day with his fur brother Torrey, who is a year older. He is wise beyond his young age. We were still missing Bevo, our 12-year-old male who had passed away earlier in the year, and we found out that he and Bodhi both have the same birthday! They share a lot of the same mannerisms and personality. We are beyond thankful to the Rescue for our extra special boy. They saw to it that Bodhi has had all necessary vaccines at Phoenix Mountain Animal Hospital – Dr. Kanarish, the owner, had been Beth's insurance client for a while so they were happy that he is now one of AGR's participating vets. The family graciously paid for Bodhi's vaccines and will cover the cost of his neuter when he is about a year old. We are very grateful for their financial assistance!



22-080 Ziwa/Rudy is a 10-month-old neutered male blond Goldendoodle. His coat is more Golden and does shed some. He was adopted from **Pima Animal Care & Control (PACC)** – the man wanted a Doodle because he is allergic to other dogs. However, he broke out in hives right away so could not keep **Ziwa**. The dog was reportedly good with other dogs and cats but had not been around children. He loves

to cuddle, can be stubborn, but is even-tempered. The name **Ziwa** is Aramaic, typically translated as radiance or splendor; it can also mean to be competent. (We hope this means the dog will be easily trained!) As is typical of puppies we have taken in, **Ziwa** needed some vaccines, a heartworm test and a valley fever test – the tests came back negative. As he was neutered at **PACC**, he did not need any further vetting. He was fostered for a couple days by Sue and Ken in Scottsdale and had a wonderful time with their resident Golden **Lexi**. Then he was transported to his forever home with Lori in Gilbert and her resident Golden, **Roenick**. When she was sure she was going to keep the puppy, Lori renamed him **Rudy**. Lori said: **Rudy plays 24/7 and has lots of energy. He is amazing on a leash** (she bought one of the Sidekick leashes **AGR** sells) **and loves to go for walks. His other love is Roenick, who needed a buddy and Rudy is his best buddy. Rudy loves his toys and to lie on pillows. He loves to stand on his back legs at the kitchen counter while I am cooking – my mom says we need to get him an apron! Rudy loves life and has been a wonderful addition to the family.**



Rudy and Roenick playing



22-081 Betty Lou, now called **Cookie**, is a 2-year-old rather petite (25 pounds) spayed female Goldendoodle. The owner was given **Betty Lou** by a friend of a friend. She is 80 years old, lives in a mobile home; she soon realized she could not train or exercise **Betty Lou**. **Betty Lou** will run and pace if she gets anxious, so the vet put her on anxiety medicine. She lived

with a 12-year-old female Chihuahua that would not play and a cat that hid and would not play. The owner was told she should keep the dog on a leash in the house for a year so she could grab the leash if the dog was doing something she shouldn't. However, **Betty Lou** chewed the leashes. She was already up to date on vaccines and spayed but needed tests for heartworm and valley fever. She is a sweet dog that wants to be close to a human. At her new home with Andrea and her son in Phoenix, she will have that opportunity,

as she will have a nice-sized yard in which to run. When the transport was completed, Connie noticed that **Betty Lou** ran back and forth in a frenzy in the back yard, but for a short distance, then would double back and repeat. She also saw her "shadow chasing" on the floor in the kitchen, but there were no actual shadows or lights at the time. These might be reasons that she was put on trazadone for anxiety. **Betty Lou** had very little room in the mobile home park; the owner stated that she was likely abused, according to reports from the groomer. Sometimes bonding between an adopter and a new dog takes some time, which is why we have a settling-in period of three weeks before we even mention the word finalization. We also do not want a dog's name to be changed until the family is sure they want to adopt. It did take a couple weeks for Andrea to realize this is a pretty cute little dog and to really like her. She changed the name to **Cookie**. She has kept her on the trazadone but reduced the dosage to ½ pill twice a day. At our suggestion, she also hired a behaviorist. The dog was afraid to go out the dog door, and she was not good on leash. Both problems were addressed and fixed with just one visit from the trainer. Andrea said: *My son and I adore Cookie now. She was afraid of the doggie door when she came to us but now goes in and out all the time. She loves to walk and meet the neighbors. We have a conversation pit in our home. It is about 2 feet off the floor and Cookie bounds in and out of it without using the step. Her special little quirk is she loves to chase sunbeams and shadows. Happy new life, Cookie, with a family that now appreciates and loves you for who you are.*



Cookie chasing shadows

22-084 Neo/Dug is a handsome 8-month-old purebred Golden who was already neutered. He was up to date on his vaccines but needed tests for heartworm and valley fever. He is playful happy and curious, a typical Golden puppy that could benefit from some obedience training. He was surrendered because the owner will be working overseas often, and he is the one who cares for **Neo**. He was placed with Robin and Jack in Peoria. After the dog's first night with them, Robin said: *He was good. He only whined for a little bit when we put him to bed. I took him for a very brief walk. In less than 2 houses he calmed down on the leash. We played fetch a bit in the backyard. He's already destroyed 2 toys! Gotta get*



Dug carried a Tuffy® toy advertised as world's "tuff-est" soft dog toy – it lasted longer than most soft toys

some indestructible ones! He is absolutely delightful. We started him on the Sidekick leash. We had a lot of trouble getting him used to it yesterday when Connie was here, but literally in two houses he was much better with it. No potty problems. However, his stools were soft and loose so **AGR** had a poop sample analyzed at **Stetson Hills Animal Hospital**. Turns out **Neo** had whipworm and Giardia, both of which can be stubborn to eradicate, but after about two weeks of medication, he tested negative for both. Recently, the family said: **Dug** is doing great and we're very happy with him. He is smart and funny. He was afraid of the figures of baby Jesus and Santa – he barked at them. Guess he was protecting us from anything he didn't understand. He is over his fears now and is just a gem. When they renamed him **Dug**, they said they couldn't wait until they could get a tag with his new name on it.

22-087 Lincoln is another young purebred male Golden who was already neutered at 9 months of age when he came into Rescue. He weighed in at 75 pounds, so once he stops growing he will be a big boy! The owner, who refused to use a crate, surrendered him because **Lincoln** chews on and destroys everything: he ate the irrigation lines in the yard; the owner just bought a \$1,000 lighted Christmas tree and when he got home from work, **Lincoln** had eaten the whole electrical system of the tree so it was now useless. He has always had dogs and loved them, but he was at the point that he does not like **Lincoln** any longer. **Lincoln** has excessive energy and does not like to be left alone. He had to go that day or no later than the next, or the guy would take the dog to the pound. Connie saved **Lincoln** from that fate by picking him up just a couple hours later and transporting him to **Academy West Animal Hospital**. After a couple of days there, where they



Lincoln and Bella playing

did tests for valley fever and heartworm, Connie took him to Melanie and Matt in Peoria, who have a resident 8-year-old black lab named **Bella**. **Lincoln** and **Bella** had some conversation at first, but they seemed to work things out quickly and now just play and play. Melanie reported: *We are absolutely in love with Lincoln! He is my Velcro dog and follows me everywhere. But his greatest love is Bella, a Black Lab that had so much energy we could never wear her out; however, Lincoln has as much energy as she has, and they are both worn out after a day of playing. If he is sitting on the couch and we say his name,*

he will look at you with a side eye instead of turning his head. He is so smart and learns new things quickly. Sometimes he is too smart for his own good – he figured out how to open the toy cubby and pulls out toys after we have picked them up and put them away. Lincoln has completed our family. Now, if they could just teach Lincoln how to put the toys back... check out this video on YouTube for inspiration: "Golden Retriever Grace Cleans House" (with one command she runs around the entire house picking up her toys and putting them back in the toy basket – it's amazing!): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AW_N-dujGXw

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Parada Del Sol and Trail's End Celebration Saturday, February 4, 2023

Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Parade starts at 10 AM at Drinkwater/Scottsdale Rd
Trail's End until 4 PM in Old Town Scottsdale

PACC911 and Toyota of Surprise

13543 N Autoshow Ave

Surprise AZ 85388

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Adoptathon 10 AM - 3 PM

Set-up at 7:30; pack-up at 3 PM

Paws At The Park

Arizona Golden Rescue Annual Meeting

West Ramada, Eldorado Park

2311 N Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ

March 19, 11 AM - 3 PM

BBQ Lunch

Children and Dogs Welcome

Special Entertainment: Classic Rock Music by
Desert Nights (Mike Harman and John Dunn)

Recognition of Adoptions

Rainbow Bridge Ceremony

Parade of Rescue

AGR Merchandise Sales

Raffle and Silent Auction

Must pre-register – deadline March 15

Registration form included with this newsletter

OVER THE RAINBOW

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



11-083 Max Kaiser



12-008 Summer Boshes-Newton



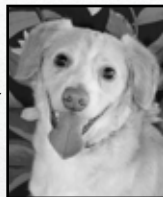
12-084 Scout Price



14-023 Bella Williams



17-012 Burt Flesher



17-058 Ducky Imler-Feight



19-055 Lucy Mattson



21-019 Brooklyn Abramson



23-005 Rusty Flores

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.



Jake Padavano

And

Phil Davis, Beloved AGR member

Carolyn McDaniel, Beloved AGR Member

Edwin Langford, Beloved Step-dad of AGR Member Patty Brown

Donald Maynard, Beloved father of AGR Member Amy Maynard

Memories remind us that nothing lasts forever. Time is precious and should not be wasted. Enjoy life and remember, don't count the days, make the days count.

~ Unknown

In Memoriam – 23-006 Rusty Flores

It seems that every year those of us on the Board and in the Team Management positions are forced by circumstances to consider euthanasia for a dog that comes into our care. Such was this situation in the first month of this year – and we all hope it does not happen again in 2023.

Rusty was a 9-week-old pure-bred Golden Retriever puppy originally purchased with his sister from a breeder in Casa Grande. His owner had had the puppies only about a week when he noticed



23-006 Rusty on right with his larger littermate sister

that the male, who weighed only 5 pounds and was a lot smaller than his sister, was not feeling well – he was lethargic and didn't want to eat. The owner tried feeding a mash of chicken broth and rice to the puppy with a syringe but without success. The sister wasn't doing well either, so the owner took both to the ER. The girl improved, but the boy did not and kept getting worse. After the third ER visit, the owner decided he could not afford more, so he called us and asked us to assume ownership of the male. Of course we would – we never turn down the intake of a sick Golden.

Turns out little **Rusty** was positive for a *Coccidia* infection, not for parvo, which is what everyone thought it was at first. Multiple parvo tests were negative, and *Coccidia* (a protozoan intestinal parasite) can produce very similar symptoms. It is not something that could have developed in just a few days, but the breeder would not reclaim the puppy and would not refund the owner's money. No, we do not know who the breeder is.

Rusty did rally some the third day he was at the ER, so we all had our paws crossed that he would pull through. After that, it was all downhill. The puppy was being treated by a new emergency vet, **Veterinary Emergency Group (VEG)** at 7210 W Ray Road, Chandler. The staff there was wonderful and they did everything in their power to help this baby boy survive, but it just wasn't meant to be – he passed away three days later in the arms of one of the nurses.

Sharon Flores, **AGR's** Intake Co-Manager, went to visit **Rusty** on the second day, a Tuesday, he was at the ER. She held him and he napped in her lap for about a half hour. She was intending to go see him again on Thursday, but he had already gone to The Bridge when she arrived. Sharon asked if she could adopt **Rusty** post-humously, and we approved that under our *Gentle Paws Hospice Adoption* program.

The death of this puppy made us all very sad. We were even more upset at **Rusty's** loss when we got the final bill for his care: **\$9,213**. Had **VEG** not given us a significant discount (15%), the cost would have been \$10,838. We thank them for their care of **Rusty** and the discount. **PACC911** will be sending us a grant of \$1,000 to help with the cost and the **Golden Retriever Foundation** will send a grant from the April Fund for \$600. If any of you would also care to help with the cost, please send a donation.

The American Kennel Club Announces AKC Fit Dog Titles

By Jessica Rice, **AKC** Correspondent
Jan 06, 2023

The **American Kennel Club (AKC®)**, the world's largest pure-bred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is proud to announce three new AKC FIT DOG titles that dog owners may earn with their dogs. The AKC FIT DOG titles are open to all dogs.

Now more than ever, fitness is essential for both dogs and people. An estimated 70% of people aged 20 and over are overweight, and nearly 55% of dogs are overweight or obese.

To earn each of the three AKC FIT DOG titles (Bronze, Silver, and Gold), owners will earn points in six categories that include: Completing an AKC FIT DOG 6-weeks course, entering a race that can be walked/run with their dog, documented walks that are done independently or in a group, completing "unique" activities such as swimming or Parkour, earning an AKC title related to fitness such as agility or dock diving, and earning an AKC Parent Club title such as Pack Dog or Sledding. "Fitness is important for all dogs and their owners," said Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President of Sports and Events. "The purpose of the AKC FIT DOG title is to encourage dog owners to improve both their health and that of their canine companions."

Dogs must be at least six months old to earn the Bronze level title. Some activities may be done independently (such as walking) and others will be done in the presence of other people, such as community fun runs and AKC Fit Dog courses.

"We care about dogs and want them to be healthy and fit," said Dr. Mary Burch, AKC Family Dog Director, "and working on AKC FIT DOG titles provides structure and organization to an ongoing fitness plan for dogs and their owners."

The Guidelines for Participants and the approved methods of documenting activities can be found at <https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>. Questions can be emailed to FITDOG@akc.org.

Individuals interested in AKC FIT DOG titles may start applying for the titles now.

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.



David Rosenfelt Book Signing

By Deb Orwig

On October 11, 2022, author David Rosenfelt had a book signing at *The Poisoned Pen* bookstore in Old Town Scottsdale. The store owner, Barbara Peters, contacted me just a couple days before to ask if *AGR* members could attend – Rosenfelt loves the Golden Retrievers and dogs are welcome in the store. It just wasn't enough notice for anyone else but me and Debbie Ball to go from *AGR*, and I almost didn't since *Sophia* had whelped 5 puppies in my laundry room just a week before. But my husband, Larry, said he'd keep an eye on all of them, so I took 10½-year-old *Cali* with me because Rosenfelt prefers the senior dogs. With his inimitable dry humor, he talked about his newest book in the Andy Carpenter series: *Santa's Little Yelpers*. It was a funny and entertaining presentation with many in the standing-room-only audience asking questions. Usually if *AGR* members attend, Rosenfelt gives us the opportunity to auction off someone's name to be used in one of his future books. He did not do that right after the presentation this time. Instead, when I got up to him to have him sign the book I bought, he made the offer to me, but most of the attendees had left by then. I thanked him and told him we would use it as a silent auction item at our upcoming *Dine Out With The Dogs* event on October 30. In addition to this kind offer, which eventually generated \$1,000 for *AGR*, he gave me a cash donation, as did Barbara Peters. I'm glad I went! Sincere thanks to both David Rosenfelt and Barbara Peters for their generosity.

If you have not read any of David Rosenfelt's books, I encourage you to start with *Dogtripping*, a true – or mostly true – hysterical account of his move from Ramona, California to Maine with his 25 Golden Retrievers! After that, read some of his Andy Carpenter books. Doesn't really matter if you don't start with the first one, *Open and Shut*, as they are all stand-alone stories even though they feature a lot of the same characters. I also recommend his non-Andy thrillers, especially *Heart of a Killer*. Excellent read.



Dine Out With The Dogs

By Carolyn Brown

Who says you don't dress up for dinner anymore? If you were an *AGR* Golden and wanted to enjoy the "Howl-o-ween" costume contest held this year at our annual *Dine Out with the Dogs* dinner, you sure did! A few Golden Retrievers even made their owners dress up, too!



Sunday, October 30th was a day of fun, food and fabulous Raffle and Silent Auction items. The annual event, held at *Paulie's Little Bite of Italy* in Sun City, had a great turn-out of members, friends, family and the general public, too. The weather was perfect, and the new location on the patio area to the south of the restaurant and north of *Walgreen's* for our set-up of prizes and crafts allowed more people to browse and purchase items and raffle tickets without being crowded. Our total revenue for the event exceeded all previous years: **\$7,487.95**. This included \$1,065 from raffle ticket sales, \$2,815 from silent auction items (bidding from out of state over the phone, Bonnie Kregger won the "name in a future David Rosenfelt book" for \$1,000), \$322 from calendar sales, \$2,204.50 from merchandise sales, a \$350.00 donation from *Paulie's Little Bite of Italy* for the percentage of food purchased, and \$731.45 in other donations. We appreciate everyone who came to help or who just came to eat, as well as those who sent donations because they could not come.



Christmas-theme lap quilt made and donated by the staff at Sun Valley Quilts was among our silent auction items



Jailbird Takoda Wilson and Devil Dog Danny McCabe/Dodson tied for the most votes on *AGR's* Facebook site for best costume page. Members could cast one vote per dog for their favorites. **Takoda Wilson** stole everyone's heart dressed as a jailbird and tied with

Eighteen Golden Retrievers were decked out in costumes. Connie McCabe took pictures and posted them on the *AGR* Facebook page.



Raya Guilbault
2nd Place for Santa-in-
sleigh costume



Chris Spiel with
Lucy - 3rd Place
for beer costume

the cute Devil-dog, **Danny Boy McCabeDodson** for First place. **Raya Guilbault** provided transportation for Santa and his sleigh and scored Second place. Lucy Spiel as the keg of beer with owner Chris Spiel as the stein of beer took Third. The dogs all provided the "Treats," but Peter Wong and his trained pups, **Max** and **Sagie**, provided the "Tricks" once again this year. They per-



Peter Wong with Sagie jumping over his arm and Peter's dog Max opening mailbox to mail a letter



formed for nearly an hour, bringing smiles to all as they ate dinner and visited with friends.

An event of this size could never happen without the generous donation of time and effort from the wonderful volunteers in **AGR**. It took the efforts of over 40 volunteers, many of whom spent the entire day at the event. Additional volunteer hours were spent off site acquiring donations for the silent



April Crow and Carolyn Brown directed the set-up



Nick Dodson drove the equipment trailer; Cindy Tigges helped with set-up

auction, raffle baskets, and creating the beautiful arts and crafts **AGR** presents for sale; wrapping the raffle baskets and silent auction items, labeling them, transporting everything to and from **Paulie's Little Bite of Italy** and then all the banking and paperwork reports that follow. Many, many thanks to EVERYONE who pitched in. A special thanks to all the artists and crafters that donate time and materials for the items we sell at these events. Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, Cindy Tigges, and Connie Wozniak are the sewing experts extraordinaire. Marla Springs and Bonnie Kreger created many of the hand-crafted artisan items included the Friendship Rocks, bookmarks and jewelry.



Marlene Breton

Kelly Gorski

Mirenda Hall

Jane Triplett

Our on-site volunteers for this event included: Nick Dodson towing the **AGR** trailer and helping with set-up. Other helpers included Peter Brown; April Crow; Patrick Doyle; Kelly Gorski; Mirenda Hall; Jean Klink with **Ginger**; Deb Orwig with **Asher, Cali Girl, Vin and Duffy**; Cindy Tigges; Jane Triplett; and Mike Wilson with **Takoda**. Marlene Breton and Debbie Marcotte with **Maverick** rounded out our morning crew. Several morning volunteers stayed for the entire event. These included Deb Orwig, Patrick Doyle and Carolyn Brown. Peter Brown returned with **CaliAnne, Cody and Joey**.



Beth Chaffee, standing in front of our crafts display, came late to help with pack-up

The afternoon volunteers, who did everything from merchandise and raffle ticket sales, dog holding so owners could enjoy their food and, most importantly, sharing the **AGR** story included: Sue and Keith Akenhead with **Happi**; Becky Allegra and her son Cooper with **Winni**; Debbie

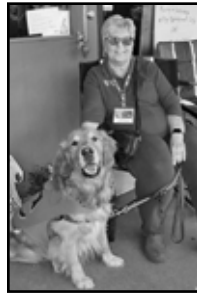


Five photos, top row: Becky and Cooper Allegra with Winni; Debbie Ball, Jill and Fred Prose with Shelby, Levi, Danny and Windy; bottom row: Keith and Sue Akenhead with Happi; Trishia Murphy; Fran Strock



Abby and Anne McGill with Danny

Ball with **Shelby**; Teri Guilbault with **Raya**; Sarah Martin; Connie McCabe with **Danny Boy**; Trishia Murphy; Jill and Fred Prose with **Gracie, Levi and Windy**; Fran



Liz Tataseo and TK

Strock; and Liz Tataseo with **TK**. Thanks to Connie for the fantastic job of garnering photographs of almost everyone. As there is no way to include pictures in this newsletter of everyone who attended, please view all the photos on the **AGR Smug Mug** page: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/10-30-22-Dine-Out-with-the-Dogs/>



Conni Eckhardt and Barbara Connoyer, long-time supporters of **AGR**; Barbara is the owner of Sun Valley Quilts – they donated the beautiful lap quilt for our silent auction; Conni had done the piecework

As darkness came about 6:30, we realized that overhead lighting was very limited, so when sales became difficult the decision was made to start packing up by headlights angled into the tables from the parking lot. Not enough light for photos of these terrific volunteers, though. Those helping with pack-up included Carolyn and Peter Brown; Debbie Ball; Adam Cardinal; Beth Chaffee; Nick Dodson; Jeff and Ellen France; Karin Forsythe; Jake, Karie and

Brody Lurie and their friends Steve and Joan Brown; Anne and Abby McGill; Sharon and Philip Wieser, and Bob Witte. Many hands made for light work and we were packed up and loaded in record time. But in an effort to load in almost total darkness, Deb Orwig hit a bump in the road... or really it was more like the road gave her a bump on the noggin. A trip over the corner of a parking lot berm resulted in a good goose-egg in the center of her forehead and a bruised arm. But in true Deb style, she just kept going and had an angel or two riding with her on her way home. [Note from Deb: looked nasty but otherwise I was fine.]

There were many other **AGR** members who came; some brought their dogs, some brought friends, some just came to eat, but everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Events like *Dine Out with the Dogs* bring a lot of smiles and needed revenue to **Arizona Golden Rescue**. It is a way for the **AGR** family members to touch base, visit with old friends, let our Golden retrievers socialize, tell the **AGR** story to many new people and to just have fun. Thank you to everyone who attended, and a special thank you to all who volunteered. See you in 2023!



Garage Sale in Sun City Grand

By Carolyn Brown

On Saturday November 12th, at 5:30 AM, a few **AGR** folks met to hang out in a parking lot. Well, not just any parking lot... we had a parking space at the Sun City Grand annual Garage Sale in Surprise. We did not have anything to sell but **AGR** calendars. Displaying those and only some beautifully wrapped “sample” presents, our sole intent was to promote our upcoming Gift Wrapping and Craft Sale at **Coldwell Banker Real Estate** the following month. In the next few hours, nine Members and eight Golden retrievers raised a lot of money!



Debbie Marcotte with **Maverick**, Anne Pappas with **Sam**, Patrick Doyle, Josephine Sala with **CaliAnne**, Sarah Martin, Deb Orwig with **Asher and Cali Girl**, and Peter Brown with **Joey and Cody**



Carolyn Brown with **Cody and Joey** talking about **Cody's** short leg

The morning started in near-darkness for the set-up team of Patrick Doyle, Jean Klink with **Ginger**, Debbie Marcotte with **Maverick**, Sarah Martin and Peter and Carolyn Brown. The event was scheduled to start at 7 AM, but hundreds of early-bird bargain hunters already filled the parking lot exploring the 160 parking spaces filled with everything from soup to nuts! Some shoppers stopped by quickly to say Hi and drop-off a few donations, but once they had made it through the entire lot, many returned for some Golden hugs. We were a favorite spot for husbands who didn't want any more to do with shopping, too.

Peter Brown returned with **Cody, Joey and CaliAnne** and Deb Orwig came with **Asher and Cali Girl**. Anne Pappas joined us with **Sam**, and Josephine Sala helped as a dog handler. By the end at 11:30 AM we had handed out over 200 gift-wrapping flyers, sold two calendars, collected one membership renewal and the donation vests were filled with \$455.25 in donations. Our day's total was **\$508.25** with good prospects for the December gift-wrapping and Craft sale to come. Thanks to all who helped.



Anne Pappas with **Sam**



Arizona Biltmore Turkey Trot

By Carolyn Brown

Ed Note: Thanks to Carolyn Brown, Jennifer Jallo and Karey Rodeffer for supplying photos of this event. I honestly don't know how everyone who attended could look so wide awake and chipper at that hour of the day! There are more pictures in SmugMug: https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/11-24-22-Turkey-Trot-at-AZ-Biltmore-Hotel/n-KM4dns/

As the sun rose on a cool Thanksgiving morning, Arizona Golden Rescue volunteers started arriving at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel for their annual Turkey Trot - a fun 4K Run, Trot, Walk or Stroll through the beautiful grounds of the Biltmore Estates. Arizona Golden Rescue was designated as the 2022 nonprofit that would receive the profits of the event as a donation. Our set-up of an information table only was started at 6 AM with the arrival of Debbie Marcotte who bought Maverick, Patrick Doyle, and Peter and Carolyn Brown with CaliAnne, Cody and Joey.



The Brown family



Arizona Biltmore staff ready for Turkey Trot participant check-in

The crowd of residents and hotel guests began to gather on the large front lawn and enjoy a wide selection of beverages, fruits and power bars before the race, and the donation vests began to fill up with a few bills. We realized that few runners carry cash with them at the start of a race. But, we ended the event with \$280 in cash

donations and will receive a \$2,060.10 donation from the Biltmore's home office (Hilton Center for Excellence) as a donation for a total of \$2,340. Fabulous for a "stroll in the park" as it were!



Trying to get the AGR people together for group photo was a challenge

Some AGR members began to arrive before the race officially started at 7:00 AM. Some participated as active runners, walkers, trotters or strollers while others spread puppy hugs and kisses on the Biltmore's main lawn to guests. The race participants included: Karey Rodeffer, Kelley Rodeffer, and their friends Ella Cox, Emily Cox, Benjamin Cox, Katrina Cox, Kathleen Dubois, Ja-

son Dubois and Alexx Randolph. Karey and Kelley also brought their Golden Joie and Sucky, as well as Dillon and Shelby Ball whom they were dog sitting while their mom was on vacation. Debbie Marcotte and Maverick took to the course joined by Jennifer Jallo and her niece with Golden Payton and Charlie. Andrea and Jillian Decker also came with Bruno. Other volunteers included Cindy Tigges with Natasha, Lucy and Goldendoodle foster, Booker (later renamed Archer by his adopter, Cliff Valenti). Karina Helm and Colbert, decked out in Thanksgiving attire including hats and turkey socks, enthralled the children and adults alike. Dean Mortimore sweetened everyone's day by bringing Sugar to give hugs, kisses and fluffy pink tail wags to anyone who passed her way. Cody Brown did his typical high-five wave



Andrea and Jillian Decker with Bruno



Karina Helm with Colbert



Jennifer Jallo and niece Sophia Digati with Charlie and Payton

with his short little paw, which attracted every female within 100 feet. Joey and CaliAnne were there, too. A guest of the hotel from North Carolina couldn't get enough of Joey and his mahogany-colored coat. He had recently lost a Golden who looked just like him. A \$100 bill was found wrapped around a note in Joey's donation vest that said "Joey, you lifted my spirits today, thank you".



Kelley Rodeffer, Alexx Randolph, Ella Cox and Emily Cox with Sucky, Joie, Shelby and Dillon

We have much to be thankful for this year, especially all the volunteers who make it possible for Arizona Golden Rescue to continue our work. Thank You.



Debbie Marcotte and Maverick



Cody Brown and friend



Cindy Tigges with Booker, Natasha and Lucy



*Golden Hour Gift Wrapping
at the Arizona Biltmore*

By Carolyn Brown

"It's a Wrap" – November 25, 2022, 1 - 4 PM



Carolyn Brown with our stuffed Golden, Deb Orwig with Rosie and Peter Brown with Vin

At the invitation of the *Arizona Biltmore*, *AGR* was pleased to participate in the second fun event of their Golden Thanksgiving Weekend. The *Biltmore* provided *AGR* with beautiful gold foil wrapping paper and teal ribbon to wrap gifts the guest and/or residents had purchased for their holiday giving. We were not sure who was happier to see and hug *AGR's* twelve "Golden Ambassadors," the children or the parents. The Detroit Pistons, a profes-

sional basketball team that was in town to play the Phoenix Suns, was staying at the *Biltmore*, so we had a lot of TALL guys come by to pet the dogs. If teams are on the road, those players who have dogs at home must miss their pets, so ours were happy to oblige with affection. A total of fourteen *AGR* volunteers, including five Cheke family members, participated with twelve dogs. At this



Rose and Daniel Cheke with sons Nico, Patrick and Zack and dogs Sully, Martha and Roger

particular event, the Golden and the Goldendoodles were present in the same number: six of each!



Joan and Keith Mast with Levi, who kept the antlers on the entire afternoon

AGR was given a prime spot to display our wrapping talents, but with



Karina Helm with Colbert

the World Soccer Finals on the big screen TV's in the Spire Bar directly adjacent to us, our gift wrapping abilities were never called into play. However, we did sell 3 *AGR* calendars and collected \$279 in donations for total daily revenue of \$321.00.

It was great to see all the volunteers who came to share the fun.



Debbie Marcotte with Maverick, Patrick Doyle with Asher, Carolyn Brown, and Peter Brown with Rosie and Vin

They included Peter and Carolyn Brown; Patrick Doyle; Rose and Daniel Cheke and sons with their three Golden-doodle pups **Martha**, **Roger** and **Sully**. Karina Helm and **Colbert** arrived all dressed for the occasion, and Joan and Keith Mast were accompanied by **Levi**, also appropriately dressed. Debbie Marcotte came with **Maverick**. Deb Orwig chatted with everyone about *AGR* while introducing new mom **Rosie** (aka **Sophia**) to the crowd; **Asher** and **Vin** watched over both of them. Chris Spiel and her Goldendoodle **Lucy** collected donations in and around the bar, and Liz Tataseo showed off **Watson**, another Goldendoodle, while Connie McCabe had **Danny Boy** in tow melting everyone's hearts. Well, it might have been **Danny Boy** towing Connie, but she still managed to get some great photos which can be viewed in the *AGR* SmugMug album: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/112522-Biltmore-Gift-Wrap/> We appreciate everyone coming – the publicity we get and the connections we make from events like this are invaluable! In the future, we hope we can continue the partnership we developed with the *Arizona Biltmore* in 2022.



Chris Spiel with Lucy and Rosie, Connie McCabe with Danny, and Liz Tataseo with Watson



*PACC911 Adopt-a-thon at
All Saints Church, Phoenix*

By Carolyn Brown

On December 3, 2022 as we all watched the weather forecasts for that weekend, it only seemed appropriate that we would be in a church parking lot so we could pray we would not be "Singing in the Rain." Waking up to cold gray skies and checking the forecast, we saw a 50-50 chance of making it until 4PM without rain.



Volunteers: Marla Spriggs standing by Kathi Youhas; in back, Patrick Doyle, Sarah Martin and Rose Cheke with Sully

Those arriving for set-up at 7:30 AM included Patrick Doyle, who also brought Kathi Youhas with her new puppy, Adam Cardinal, and Peter and Carolyn Brown.

Once unloaded, more early-arriving volunteers joined us including Marla Spriggs, Sarah Martin and Rose Cheke with her sweet Goldendoodle, **Sully**.

We were all set up and ready to meet the crowds by 10 AM with all the last-minute holiday gifts they could use in our merchandise display. Dean Mortimore arrived at 10:30 AM with **Sugar**, who was all decked out in her holiday best. As the morning progressed Cindy Tigges arrived at 11 AM with her foster, **Booker**, and her granddaughter and husband.



Dean Mortimore with Sugar



Cindy Tigges with foster Booker

But as Cindy was introducing **Booker** to the gathered crowd, the first drops of rain started to fall. Looking to the sky, we knew our 50-50 chance of making it for another four hours without rain was now about a 90% impossibility. Fortunately, Carolyn Brown had the foresight to bring some plastic drop cloths from **The Home Depot**. By 11:15AM, all the merchandise, dogs and volunteers were snuggled under our two 10' x 10' canopies, and we were

hustling to open up the drop cloths to prevent the rain from getting any of our merchandise wet (Deb: *That didn't work very well – we had to spread merchandise out all over my house and garage to let it dry*). It was like a game of “Whack-a-Mole” keeping everything and everybody dry (Deb: *the moles won*).

As the rain became more intense, everyone started to put all the fabric and paper crafts into the totes. We called Deb and Larry Orwig, Peter Brown and Adam Cardinal and



Marla, Carolyn and Sarah were wet but had everything packed up and ready to load into the vehicles

told them to forget about bringing any more dogs – just come and help load up. **PACC911** finally called the event at 12:45. We were packed up and ready to leave as soon as they opened access to the booths.



Deb and Larry Orwig brought an empty van and were able to fit in most of the merchandise we had

Known to make the best of even the toughest situations in true **AGR** style, we still were able to raise **\$309.32** in two hours and **Booker** met his future forever Dad, Cliff Valenti.

Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade
By Carolyn Brown



Larry and Deb Orwig with Duffy, Cali, Vin and Asher

Everyone LOVES a Parade, especially when it is during the holiday season. On Saturday, December 10th, **Arizona Golden Rescue** members and friends walked in the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade* for the seventh time since the city started



Peter and Carolyn Brown with CaliAnne, Joey and Cody



Debbie Ball with Dillon and Shelby



Marlene Breton with Cali Orwig



Mirenda Hall with Duffy Orwig

hosting a parade during the holidays (no parade in 2020 due to Covid-19). Before 2015, the parade was called the *Glendale Firemen's Parade* and was held in October – we participated in that every year since our incorporation in 2009, but we like it better in December! The route west on Glendale Avenue from 51st Avenue to 58th Avenue was filled with thousands of onlookers and cheering fans as we made the one-mile trek past the reviewing stands at 54th Avenue. As children squealed when seeing the dogs, some parents allowed them to run up and tuck a few coins or bills in the donation vests being worn by the dogs. We had been admonished in previous years to stay together and not delay the parade, so this year we





Amy Maynard with Bentley



Michael Feight with Oakley and Zoey and Dean Mortimore with Sugar

made sure we didn't upset the judges before we passed the reviewing stand. That only left us about a third of the route to mingle more openly along the sidelines, but we were still able to collect **\$663.84** in donations.



Danny McCabe/Dodson with green Mr. Grinch

The wait in the staging area is always fun, because everyone gets a chance to catch up with members and their family members whom they might not have seen for a few months or even pre-Covid. Other groups came over to us to break their boredom (there was a long hurry-up-and-wait



Jean Klink with Ginger

period) by hugging the **AGR** dogs, who loved every minute of it. As number 43 in the line up, we had a bit longer wait to start than we have had in previous years, but everyone was perky and



Cindy Tigges with Natasha and Lucy



Cliff Valenti with Archer enjoying seeing Cindy Tigges and Lucy again

fresh once we fell in line. With our eight-foot-wide banner leading the way held by Patrick Doyle and Adam Cardinal, 22 members with their Golden Retrievers and Golden-mixes followed behind. Our wagon master Larry Orwig pulled up the rear with his canine assistant, **Vin**. They, and the water wagon, kept everyone in line along the route. The great **AGR** photographer, Connie McCabe, was marching with the big lover, **Danny Boy**. All photos from the parade are in the **AGR** SmugMug album:

<https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/12-10-22-Glendale-Parade/>

This year's other participants included: Debbie Ball with **Shelby** and **Dillon**; Marlene Breton, who walked **Cali Girl** for the Orwigs; Mirenda Hall walked with **Duffy Orwig** and Deb Orwig walked **Asher**. Carolyn and Peter Brown walked with **Cody** and **CaliAnne** in their strollers with **Joey Brown** right in between them. Adam Cardinal walked with **Rhys** and Michael Feight had



Karey and Sheri Rodeffer in back, Katie Parsons and Kelley Rodeffer with Sucey and Joie in front



Trishia Murphy with Rosie

Oakley and **Zoey** by his side. Donna Hall, Mirenda's mom, joined in this year. Jean Klink brought **Ginger**, but had to cut out early when **Ginger** got over-stimulated by the crowd. Amy Maynard walked with **Bentley**, while Trishia Murphy introduced **Rosie** (formerly **Momma Sophia**) to the

fun of walking in the parade. Karey, Kelley, and Sheri Rodeffer, along with friend Katie Parsons, marched in colorful Christmas pajamas along with **Joie** and **Sucey** who wore their Christmas ruffled donation vests. Cindy Tigges brought her two fur babies, **Lucy** and **Natasha**, and one of **AGR's** newest members, Cliff Valenti, rounded out our group with his new Goldendoodle, **Archer**. Cindy and husband Gary had fostered **Archer** for a while, so it was a nice reunion for her and her dogs, who played nonstop with **Archer** when he was visiting. It was a perfect sunny morning to get out and see people and socialize with our dogs, so this year's parade was a great way to get on track for the rest of the holiday season. Hope to see everyone there in 2023!



Kids mobbing Shelby Ball in order to pet her and put money in her donation vest pockets



*PACC911 and
Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Winter Adoption Event at
Floor & Décor in Glendale*

By Carolyn Brown

It was a busy weekend for **AGR** with this Adopt-a-Thon on December 11, the day after the *Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade*, but our dedicated volunteers still made a great showing. Last-minute shoppers found some unique gifts from our selection of arts and crafts (\$896.56) and **AGR** calendars (\$57.68) for total sales of \$954.24 and we collected \$89.27 in donations for a total event revenue of **\$1,043.51**.

As it usually is in December, the day started out cool, but warmed up nicely in the afternoon – glorious day to just sit outside with dogs and friends and help **AGR** make some money! The 7:30 AM set-up crew included Carolyn and Peter Brown, Adam Cardinal, April Crow, Debbie Marcotte with **Maverick**, Deb Orwig with **Asher** and **Vin**, and Liz Tataseo. Additional volunteers throughout the



Most AGR members have not been present during our early-morning booth set-ups (we wish there were more), and we are usually so busy arranging everything that no one takes photos, but here is one from the *Floor & Décor* event partially through the set-up; April Crow, Carolyn Brown and Debbie Marcotte are helping out



Sheila Joyce with Kiki, Liz Tataseo with Watson, Jill Prose with Gracie and Debbie Ball with Dillon

day included Joanne Henning with **Jooper**, Jean Klink with **Ginger**, Sarah Martin, Trishia Murphy with **Rosie**, Liz Tataseo with **McKayla** in the morning and **Watson**

in the afternoon. Debbie Ball with **Dillon**, Patrick Doyle, Sheila Joyce with **Kiki** and Dean Mortimore with **Sugar** and **Leia** were there, too. Jane Triplett came by with foster greyhound **Dr. Who**, and Peter Wong performed a little show with his trained dogs **Max** and **Sagie**. Connie McCabe, as always, attended and took great photographs, which you can see in SmugMug: <https://arizonagoldenrescuemccabe.smugmug.com/AGR-EVENTS/PACC-911-Adoptathon-Floor>



Joanne Henning with Jooper



Patrick Doyle – always helpful usually from beginning to end of an event

Arizona Gives Day is April 4, 2023. Early-giving starts on March 15. Please donate early and often!
www.azgives.org

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End-of-the-day pack-up was handled by Debbie Ball, Peter Brown, Adam Cardinal, Patrick Doyle, Connie McCabe, Trishia Murphy, Deb and Larry Orwig, Jill Prose and Liz Tataseo.

A sincere thank you for all the volunteer hours put into these events. It is only through the generosity of your time that AGR's rescue efforts can continue.



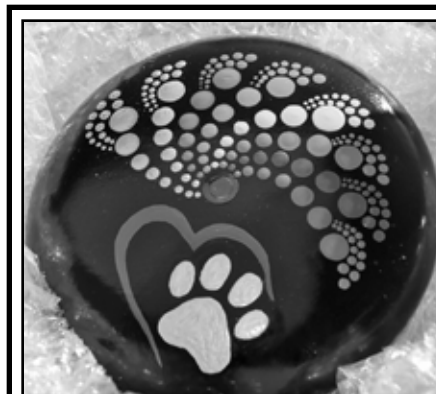
Debbie Marcotte with Maverick



Nice day to sit outside with friends and dogs – left: Sarah Martin, Debbie Marcotte and Liz Tataseo; right: Dean Mortimore with Sugar (tail) and Leia



Peter Wong and Max



Rainbow Bridge Memory Stone

Too bad we can't show you this gorgeous creation in color by artist and AGR member Marla Spriggs. The Rainbow Bridge Memory Stone has a black background; the arches of dots are, left to right, gold, silver, red, orange, yellow, blue, green and purple; the heart outline is blue and the paw is silver. Marla

will personalize the stone on the back. Mine says: "Buddies forever – Mufasa and Dallas." The stone is about 4.5" across. A Memory Stone can be ordered from Marla at harborseal15@aol.com. They cost \$45 plus \$12 postage (it's a rock – it's heavy!) unless you want to go to Fountain Hills to pick it up. The entire amount for the stone goes to AGR.



*Gift Wrapping and
Craft Sales at Coldwell Banker
in Surprise*

December 14 & 15, 2022

By Carolyn Brown



Our arts & crafts display "guarded" by a life-size plush-stuffed Golden which some people thought was real until they got up to it!

When construction and supply-chain delays made it obvious that **AGR** was not going to be able to gift wrap at the new Prasada Center in Surprise, we decided to try something a bit different. **Coldwell Banker Real Estate** offices in Sun City Grand hosted **AGR** in front of their offices. We set up tables of our beautiful member-created arts and crafts and three gift-wrapping stations. Just how successful could **AGR** be on a Wednesday and Thursday in a large active-adult community? We had publicized it the previous month at the Sun City Grand Garage Sale, and **Coldwell Banker** promoted it to their agents and clients. With nine volunteers and ten Golden Retrievers over the two days we brought in a total of **\$2,084.08** in sales, wrapping and donations and had tons of fun!

Day One, December 14, set-up was handled by Patrick Doyle, Debbie Ball with **Shelby** and Peter and Carolyn Brown who had **CaliAnne**, **Cody**, and **Joey** with them. Deb Orwig arrived with **Asher** and Connie McCabe brought her camera and the ever-lovable **Danny Boy**. This day we wrapped about 20 gifts.



Peter Brown, Deb Orwig, Patrick Doyle and Carolyn Brown; dogs: CaliAnne, Asher, Cody, Shelby and Joey



Debbie Ball with Dillon, Peter Brown with CaliAnne and Joey, Josephine Sala with Asher, and Patrick Doyle with Cali

Day Two, December 15, brought the same volunteers back with the addition of Trishia Murphy with **Rosie** (aka **Momma Sophia**), Josephine Sala, and Debbie Ball brought **Dillon** instead of **Shelby** and Deb Orwig brought both **Asher** and **Cali**. **AGR** member Jim Angarella stopped by for a while with **Chloe** and **Jangles**. We had many resi-



Trishia Murphy and Rosie



Jim Angarella with Jangles and Chloe

dents stop by and visit and make donations. We were the highlight of the day for **Coldwell Banker** agents and residents alike. On this second day, we wrapped only three items, but we got a lot of donations anyway.

The hard work of all our gifted artists and seamstresses and the generous donations of their time along with the donations of materials and supplies by them and other members impressed everyone. A special thanks goes out to Bonnie Kreger, Deb Orwig, Denise Padavano, Marla Spriggs, Cindy Tigges and Connie Wozniak, whose creations sold to the tune of **\$1,497.40** in craft sales and we collected **\$539.50** in donations over the two days.



Connie McCabe and Danny Boy

NOTE from Deb Orwig: There actually was a Day 3. Carolyn had offered to **Coldwell Banker** employees to come



Carolyn had wrapped some empty boxes to display the type of wrapping we do; everyone who got gifts wrapped was pleased and impressed!

back if anyone had any last-minute items they needed wrapped. They called her. By herself and without taking anything but wrapping supplies, she brought in an extra **\$145!** Thanks, Carolyn. I'll bet they call us in 2023 to provide gift wrapping and that even more of them will take advantage of our service.

**Rescuing Dogs
will tear your heart out,
stomp on it
and bury it where you never
think you will find it...**

**Then along comes
another dog that needs Rescue
who digs it up
and gives it back to you.**

~ Author Unknown

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