



Dedicated to placing our rescued golden retrievers in safe, loving & permanent homes

# GOLDEN CONNECTIONS E-Newsletter

August 2009

## Working Together to Save the Golden Retrievers

Dear Bowl-A-Rama Supporters:

All of us at Arizona Golden Retriever Connection, but particularly the Golden Retrievers, would like to give a big, tail-thumping, nose-poking, sloppy wet kiss to the supporters of our Bowl-A-Rama fundraiser. Despite these difficult times, we are fortunate that many of you have continued to support AZGRC and the companion animals we help. We are deeply touched by the number of people still giving in this tough economy, knowing that it is the animals who often are the displaced ones when times are tough. No matter the amount of the donation, every penny helps us help the Golden Retrievers. Your open-heartedness and generosity continue to touch us. We are so grateful for your loyalty and dedication to helping us rescue and find terrific forever families, like many of yours, for our precious "kids." We don't receive support from local, state or federal governments but rely solely on individual contributions to continue to save lives. We cannot do it without YOU!



On behalf of Arizona Golden Retriever Connection and all the Golden Retrievers we rescue, thank you so much for all that you help us do.

Pollie Coleman  
Bowl-A-Rama Event Chairperson

P.S. It's not too late to contribute to this year's PACC911 Bowl-a-Rama and help AZGRC with the costs associated with our rescued dogs. Just click [AZGRC BOWL-A-RAMA POSTER DOGS](#).

Editor's note: For a list of the wonderful folks who donated to this year's Bowl-a-Rama, through July 27, click [THANK YOU](#). We will keep updating the thank-you list as more donations come in!

### Just 2 Months Until Wine-Tasting and Auction! Buy Tickets Now for Wine, Wags & Wishes!

Wine, Wags & Wishes  
When: Sunday, October 4  
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Where: McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
7505 McCormick Parkway  
Scottsdale AZ 85258

Tributes,  
Memorials &  
Thank You

Golden Sponsors:  
Gus Urbanowski -

**NOTE:** Order your tickets today for this exciting event!  
Click [WINE, WAGS & WISHES](#).

Exciting plans are taking shape for AZGRC's 2nd annual wine-tasting and silent auction at McCormick Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale. Remember to mark your calendars for October 4, 1 to 4 p.m. (don't worry, there's no Cardinals game that Sunday). The menu and wine list have been



selected! Auction items are trickling in, but we need more help! Ideas? Please e-mail [info@azgrc.org](mailto:info@azgrc.org) or call 602-870-0037. Order your tickets today for this essential fundraiser! Click [WINE, WAGS & WISHES](#). Goldens, wine, prizes, auctions, delicious food, live music by the Cindy Marshall Band! It will have it all!

To read another exclusive interview by Wine, Wags & Wishes' fearless investigative reporter, Franny, click: [WINE, WAGS & WISHES](#). Franny and Snowbelle discuss the wine list.

## AZ Border Collie 3rd Annual Rescue Roundup

When: Saturday, August 22, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: Killip Elementary Community School Activity Field  
2300 E. Sixth Ave.  
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

For more info, click: [RESCUE ROUNDUP](#)

## Inspirational Stories of Adopted Goldens

In our July newsletter we shared information about Happy Tails Books, founded by Kyla Duffy of Boulder, Colorado. Kyla's books are composites of stories from folks who have rescued a dog and want to share a story about their story. The donated portion of the proceeds from the sale of Kyla's books is divided between the rescue groups whose members contributed stories that are published.



See Spot Shop  
Absolutely Golden  
Freeport-McMoRan Copper  
& Gold  
from  
Debbie Ban

### In Memory Of:

Bob Henderson  
from  
Sue & Troy Gray

Moses Harper  
from  
Grandma Betty

Big Brother Moses  
from  
Dobby

"I gave my life-savings for  
you."

Shiloh Russell  
We will always remember  
you, and your gentle  
sweet personality.  
Love,  
Joe & Jan Baselice  
Shadow, Kodi, Sammie &  
Sunny

Maggie Linder,  
A beautiful Blue-Heeler  
from  
Jan & Jim Jablonski

**August Business**

**Happy Tails** is getting ready to publish a book on Golden Retriever rescue stories, and AZGRC is proud and happy to have a number of our very own rescue dogs featured in this new book! Be sure to look for stories about Harley, Kona, Olivia, Bobbie, and Merlin, to name a few.

Pre-orders of this new book are available from **August 1 to September 15**. By pre-ordering, you can receive a \$2.00 discount per book **OR** have Happy Tails Books donate double to Golden Retriever rescue.

The book, called "**LOST SOULS: FOUND! Inspirational Stories of Adopted Golden Retrievers**," has a cover price of \$12.95. Books will be shipped toward the beginning of September.

To read more about Happy Tails Books click: [HAPPY TAILS](#)

To order the Golden Retriever books click: [BUY GOLDEN](#)

## **The Puppy Who Refused to Die**

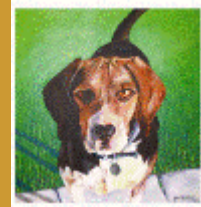
We have all heard of the dog days of summer, but few of us know what they really are. Green knows. His life began during those dog days in the summer of 2005. From the very beginning he had to fight to survive, and now, with the help of his foster/forever Dad, Paul Lockinger, Green tells his story in the book [The Puppy Who Refused to Die](#). An excerpt from Chapter One of appeared in our March 2009 newsletter.

This is an Arizona rescue story, and it is not unique, but rather, it is a story that is played out over and over again in rescue communities around the world. This story was written with these rescue communities in mind.

Through a special arrangement with Florian Valentine Publishing, the publisher of [The Puppy Who Refused to Die](#), this heart-lifting story can now be purchased for just \$13.46, a savings of \$4.49. What's even better, AZGRC will receive 40% of purchases made from the unique webpage established for our organization. Please click [BUY NOW](#) to purchase [The Puppy Who Refused to Die](#).

## **The Rainbow Bridge**

### **Partner**



### **Howland Studios**

April Howland's passion for art began as a 4-year-old when she found books on how to draw dogs and cats. After decades of art lessons and eight years of graphic design training, April started her own business of creating professional pet portraits. To learn more about April's work, click [HOWLAND STUDIOS](#).



### **Paws To Recognize**

#### **Eileen & Candy**

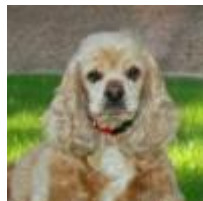
While we were on vacation in St. Louis, our dog sitter called to tell us our older dog Chili wasn't doing very well, SO, I called Candy. She and Eileen went out to my house and checked on Chili. Thank goodness he was just having a bad day and was okay after that. But thanks to Candy and Eileen I was able to enjoy the rest of

In remembrance of the beloved pets that will be forever missed by those who knew and loved them. Please visit the [AZGRC Rainbow Bridge Memorial](#) and read their tributes.

**Harry White**

Born June 1995

Crossed the Bridge July 2009



**Lady Bess**

Rescued April 2006

Crossed the Bridge June 2009



my trip. They are the BEST!!

Julie & Chili

**My Pal Cindy**

Thanks so much for working on the August newsletter while I was on vacation. It sure was a big help to come back and have it ready to go!

Thanks again!

Sue

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