



# GOLDEN CONNECTIONS E-Newsletter

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

February 2010

## Upcoming Spring Events

### Heart To Heart Pet-A-Rama & Adoption Event

**When: Sunday, February 14, 2010**

**Time: 9:00AM - 2:00PM**

**Where: Steele Indian School Park**

**Central Avenue & Indian School Road, Phoenix**

This is a 2 mile fundraising walk/run through the park that benefits animal heart disease- the second leading cause of death in our pets.

So, bring your dog and take a walk in the park to save a heart!

You can register on line (deadline at midnight on Feb. 10) or register at 8:00AM on the day of the event.

Post-Walk Activities include free heart checks by Valley veterinarians, demonstrations in Agility, Flyball, Disc Dogs, the Great Dane Drill team, & the Petite Elite Miniature Horse Drill Team. Animal rescue booths, including AZGRC, will be there to offer information about animal adoption. If your'e hungry, food vendors will be at the park all day. To visit the event website, click [HEART TO HEART](#).

### PACC 911 St. Francis Festival Spring Fling

**When: Saturday, March 6, 2010**

**Time: 10:00AM - 3:00PM**

**Where: St. Francis Renewal Center**

**5802 East Lincoln Drive**

**Scottsdale AZ**

## Last Chance To Buy AZGRC's 2010 Calendar!



We will close out sales of our 2010 calendar, Forever Golden, on March 1, 2010.

If you haven't yet purchased one, be sure to order yours while our supplies last!

Click [2010 CALENDAR](#).

## Tributes, Memorials, & Thank You

### Golden Sponsors

Lorraine Wink  
Gus Urbanowski  
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In Honor Of:

Join AZGRC and other PACC911 animal rescue groups as we celebrate our pets and pet adoption. St Francis Renewal Center is located on the north side of East Lincoln Drive, just east of the Camelback Inn & Resort. The major intersection is Tatum Blvd. & East Lincoln Drive. To view directions, click [MAP](#).

## AZGRC Spring Hike

**When: Saturday, March 20, 2010**

**Time: 9:00AM**

**Where: McDowell Mountain Regional Park**

Get your Golden(s) and meet us in McDowell Mountain Regional Park for a hike! We will be hiking the Lousley Hill Trail, a 2.4 mile loop (steep for the last bit). The hike will take about 1 hour (less for those younger dogs). If your dog says "more, more!" there are many other trails within the park.

For the more leisurely minded, the Nursery Tank Trail is right next to the Lousley Hill Trail. It is an easier stroll, 1.2 mile round trip with level ground.

From the park's main gate, follow the road 4.8 miles to Lousley Drive South. Lousley Hill Trail is the second trailhead along the road (Nursery Tank is the first). We will meet at the Trailhead at 9AM.

For directions to the park, click [MCDOWELL MTN](#).

For a close up map of the trailhead area, click [TRAILS](#).

Restrooms and a picnic area are available.

There is a \$5 per vehicle fee to enter the park.

Please respond to [events@azgrc.org](mailto:events@azgrc.org) to let us know if you're coming. We hope to see you, your four-legged friends, and their friends there.

## Golden Retriever Stand Together Challenge



Dana & Jack White  
For their dog, Harry, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge when he was 14 years old this past Fall. Wonderful people as they are, they shortly adopted "Big Harry", an older Golden Retriever.

from  
Heike Stabenow

### Golden Angels

Jordan Winters  
for

Hunter

Jordan Winters

for

Nikki

Jordan Winters

for

Parker

Roy Lewis

Debra Lovelace

### In Memory Of:

For Candy, Terry, &  
Audrey

In Memory of your Daisy  
from

Brenda & Lisa

In loving memory of  
Keeper, my crazy, sweet,  
wonderful girl with a heart  
of gold. Thank you for  
taking such good care of  
me.

Nora Lombardo

Liz McFarland

from

Doreen Charnow

Liz McFarland

from

Patricia Doyle

In memory of my late  
husband's business partner  
& my long-time friend, Phi

Iversen

from

In January of this year, the Golden Retriever Foundation (GRF) announced a \$140,000 **Stand Together Challenge Campaign**. Twenty generous donors have pledged to match every donation, up to \$140,000 until September 1, 2010. If GRF can meet this \$140,000 pledge, then a total of \$280,000 will be contributed to help Golden Retrievers.

The **Golden Retriever Foundation (GRF)** was established in 1997 for the purpose of fostering and supporting the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Golden Retrievers in particular; increasing understanding of the diseases and genetic defects that afflict this breed of dog; providing educational materials about the proper care, treatment, and training of Golden Retrievers; and promoting the rescue and rehabilitation of displaced Golden Retrievers.

In the field of Golden rescue, the **GRF** provides several types of financial assistance to rescue organizations. One of these funds, called the **April Fund**, reimburses rescue groups for extraordinary vet expenses. In the past few years, AZGRC has often been the recipient of the **Golden Retriever Foundation's April Fund**.

If you are interested in learning more about the Golden Retriever Foundation, the April Fund, and the Stand Together Challenge click [STAND TOGETHER](#).

## February Business Partner - Sun City Animal Hospital & Pet Lodge

Located conveniently on the service road immediately east of Grand Avenue (10026 Santa Fe Drive in Sun City), **Sun City Animal Hospital and Pet Lodge** is easily accessible for residents of Sun City, Peoria, El Mirage, Sun City West, Surprise or Youngtown. The practice is open weekdays and on Saturdays.



Dr. Douglas Hauser has practiced at this location since 1972 and has helped build the thriving practice, which now boasts five veterinarians and eight veterinary technicians.

The **Pet Lodge** boarding facility offers a variety of sizes of indoor rooms for the comfort of your pet. All dogs are walked 3 times per day in large outdoor yards. Additional services include playtime, baths, nail trims, and frosty paws. Feline accommodations are suites

Doris Monieson

In memory of Phil Iversen  
from  
Jennifer & Tim Sprague

Phillip Gordon Iversen  
from  
Sherry, Rick, Ryan, Kate, &  
Lindsey Kneipper

To honor the memory of  
Phillip G. Iversen  
from  
Dave & Betsy Hicks

Daisy  
from  
Carole & Bob Derksen

Daisy  
from  
Pim, Red, & Chang  
Montgomery

You left footprints on my heart, sweet Daisy. You are free now, romping in a Golden Land where the Light in your eyes and the Spring in your step remains. Someday, we will meet again, over the Rainbow Bridge. With hugs, tears, & kisses Grandma

In memory of Daisy  
from  
Lucy & Cody



**Paws To Recognize**

**Lisa, Margaret, & Julie**

that offer windows for outside viewing pleasure.

The Pet Lodge staff are all trained and certified through Pet Care Services Association. Each staff member will care for your pet's needs as they would their own pet. In addition, daily walk through checks are performed by Sun City Animal Hospital veterinarians. You are welcome to tour their facilities anytime their lobby is open.

To learn more about the Animal Hospital, call 623-974-3691 or Pet Lodge 623-972-4995 or visit [www.suncityanimalhospital.com](http://www.suncityanimalhospital.com).

## The Rainbow Bridge

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.

Roxie Lemon  
Rescued February 2007  
Crossed the Bridge January 2010



Killian Scipione  
Crossed the Bridge December 2009



Keeper Lombardo  
Rescued July 2004  
Crossed the Bridge January 2010



A special thanks for helping Daisy, the Golden Retriever, and her family to stay together.

Candy

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**Daisy Ziemer**  
**Rescued September 2002**  
**Crossed the Bridge January 2010**

