



## The Arizona Golden Retriever Connection

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

The Arizona Golden Retriever Connection is an all volunteer, non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization.



**Golden Connections E-Newsletter**

**May 2009**

### Swimfest Is Here!

#### 9th Annual AZGRC Swimfest

**When: Saturday, May 2**

**Where: Private residence address provided with  
RSVP receipt**

**Time: 10 AM to 1 PM**

**Admission: Members only. \$10 per person OR \$25 family of  
four with \$5 for each additional adult (four-legged kids of all ages are admitted free!)**



Get ready to dive into another Arizona summer with your AZGRC friends and family!  
Our annual SWIMFEST is celebrating its ninth year and you won't want to miss the furry fun!  
Admission includes food and drink. Guests may want to bring folding chairs, towels, sunscreen and  
of course a camera!

There will be great raffle prizes and Golden Boutique items on sale.

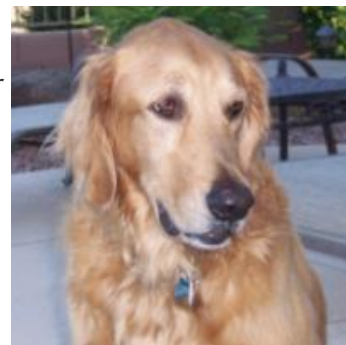
Cash or checks only, please.

RSVP to [events@azgrc.org](mailto:events@azgrc.org) by April 30, 2009. Please use SWIMFEST as your subject for the e-mail and indicate the number of two-legged and four-legged attendees. Upon receipt of your RSVP, directions to the event will be e-mailed to you.

If you would like to purchase your tickets in advance, click [SWIM](#). The tickets will be waiting for you at the check-in table the day of the event.

### Last Chance To Be A Golden For Golden 2010 Calendar Sponsor!

Hi! My name is Daisy and if you think you've missed this year's deadline to help out AZGRC by being a Golden for Golden Sponsor, think again! On Saturday, May 2, during AZGRC's annual Swimfest, our wonderful volunteer photographers will, for a \$25 donation, take a snapshot of your favorite canine kid (or kids) for the Golden for Golden Sponsorship page of AZGRC's 2010 calendar. (Please note: only one dog per \$25 donation)

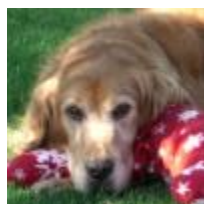


To learn more and place your order, click [GOLDEN SPONSOR](#).

## AZGRC Golden Corner Library

Hi there! I'm Colorado Teddy and I'm an Editor for AZGRC's Golden Corner. You see me here resting up and thinking about the next story I'm going to write.

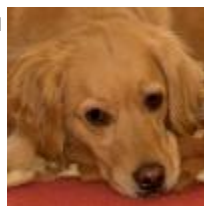
In fact, if you've visited the AZGRC website in the past year, you've most likely stopped to read some of the great articles that I've written, along with my fellow editors. In addition to tidbits on recent events and fundraiser news, we've written a number of stories about dog health and education.



The problem was, the stories only appeared for a few days on the home page of the AZGRC website. So Debbie, our Webmistress, had a great idea and created a library where all our stories can be found! You can even see photos of all of us contributing editors!

So click [GOLDEN CORNERS](#) and enjoy browsing the library!

Snowbelle here. Teddy forgot to tell you that if you have a canine friend that would like to become a contributing editor like us, just send his or her article and photo to [info@azgrc.org](mailto:info@azgrc.org). Make the subject title Golden Corners.



## The Animal Rescue Site's Newest \$100,000 Shelter Challenge

Continuing to midnight July 26, 2009, the Animal Rescue Site is hosting a special challenge for eligible Petfinder.com pet rescue groups. The grand prize is a \$20,000 grant, and they also will be awarding many other grants to rescue groups with the MOST VOTES!

To help AZGRC be a winner, here's all you have to do, and it's absolutely free!

1. Every day, go to [www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com) and click the purple box labeled "Click Here to Give - It's free!"
2. After you click the purple box, you will receive a "thank you, your click has been counted" page.
3. Click the red VOTE NOW box at the top of the page, and when asked for the shelter name, type Arizona Golden Retriever Connection and hit search. Follow the short instructions and you're done!

## Tributes, Memorials & Thank You

### Golden Sponsors

Cindi Hoffman  
Philomena & Leo  
Mattingly  
Lucky Otto Enterprises  
Cindy Tassielli  
Jo Beth Knudsen

### Golden Angels

Stacey Contreras  
for  
Marley

Peter Graves  
for  
Moses

Clary & Margie Bannach  
for  
Marley

Linda & Jim Amrine  
for  
RJ

### In Memory of

Bob Chamberlin  
"You remain a Treasure"  
From  
Sue & Troy Gray

We were so sad to read  
of your loss.

4. Next, send an e-mail to your friends and family members and ask them to vote for AZGRC as well! The more people we rally, the more chances AZGRC has to win!

The Animal Rescue Site helps to provide food for some of the 27 million unwanted animals given to shelters in the U.S. every year. Funding for food and care is paid by the site sponsors such as Petfinder.com Foundation. AZGRC is a member of Petfinder.

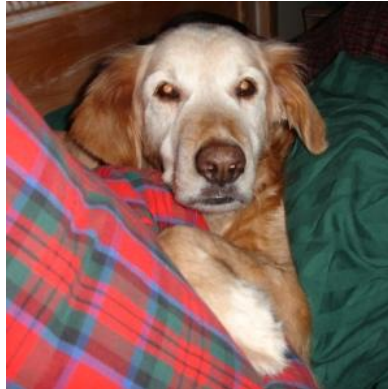
## A Dog's Plea

Author Unknown

Recently, one of our foster couples, Lisa and Bill, asked if we would print the following poem in our newsletter. It is a poem that has been around for some time and many of us may have read it before. However, as Bill said, it is good to revisit and reflect. Thanks, Bill & Lisa.

*Treat me kindly my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.*

*Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I might lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me learn.*



*Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.*

*Please take me inside when it is cold and wet, for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements. I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth. Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.*

*Feed me clean food that I may stay well to romp and play and do your bidding. To walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.*

*And, my friend, when I am very old, and I no longer enjoy good health, hearing and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going, for I am not having any fun.*

A donation was made in Chance's honor so that we can continue to save our Golden Retrievers.

From  
Chance's sisters,  
Sweetie & Casi

The Eisner Family's  
Beloved Golden  
Retriever

From  
Beth, Dave & Sally  
Halpren

Tobey  
The beloved Basset  
Hound of Joan & Charlie  
Berry

From  
Beth, Dave & Sally  
Halpren

Edna Hughes  
Beloved sister of Jackie

From  
Gayle Ann Frank &  
Family

John Agler  
He will be greatly  
missed by his wife,  
Mary, & his two lovely  
Chocolate Labs

From  
Gayle Ann Frank &  
Family

Max  
He was a special dog  
From  
Gayle Ann Frank &

*Please see that my trusting life is taken gently. I shall leave this earth knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your loving hands.*

## 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.

The Great White Shadow  
Rescued December 2008  
Crossed the Bridge April 2009



Saguaro Sandy  
Crossed the Bridge April 2009



Family



**"Paws" to Recognize**

**Karen**

For making and sending our beautiful sympathy card when a beloved companion passes over the Rainbow Bridge

Candy

**Joy, Bob, Kara, Christine**

For taking on medical needs dogs and working so hard to get them better. Candy

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