



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

GOLDEN CONNECTIONS E-Newsletter

October 2009

Forever Golden: AZGRC's 2010 Calendar Is Now On Sale!

Louie, our 2010 Calendar Cover dog and Mr. May, came to AZGRC in April 2008 at the age of 8 years old. If Louie could talk he would have lots of stories to tell about a life of instability. The facts that we do know are that he was rescued once in North Carolina by Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue. He was adopted to a gentleman who moved to Phoenix.

When it was time for a change in this man's life, he dumped Louie at the shelter. Fortunately for Louie, AZGRC was able to get him out of the shelter quickly so he could start his new life with his forever family.



Louie displays the true qualities of a dog that is "Forever Golden". Though humans had not shown him loyalty, he never lost his ability to love and trust them. He now lives with another AZGRC Golden named Charlie Sedona, and his forever Mom and Dad, Sue and Troy.

Ty, Mr. January,

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was a victim of the Arizona economic downturn. His family, forced to and move into a small apartment, felt it young 2.5 year old Golden to be cooped small space. Ty was a sweet, loving dog a better life for him, so they made breaking decision to place him with before the scheduled pick up date, Ty's made that said 'Forever in our hearts. We

Today, that tag remains on his purple collar, along with the tags given to him by his new family. Ty was adopted into a home with two children and 2 other Golden Retrievers. His new home is on an acre of land and he runs and plays with his new family. Forever in both his families' heart/ Forever Golden to us.



Marley, Miss February came to us in May of 2008, one week

short of her first birthday. When we first watched Marley run, it was obvious that something was really, really wrong. She threw her hips and it almost seemed like her back end was not connected with the rest of her body. She was extremely sensitive about having her hind quarters touched and very, very scared of everything and everyone.

When x-rays were taken of her back hips, there was an audible gasp from the veterinarian; both hips were completely deformed to the point that Marley had to have been in constant pain throughout her short life. No wonder the world was such a scary place to her!

However, after two hip surgery and lots of love, consistency and patience from her adopted family, Marley has become a silly, fun-loving young lady. She will always have a special wiggle when she walks but that is part of what makes her Forever Golden.

These are just three of the great Golden retrievers who grace our 2010 calendar. They, along with so many others, are the recipients of your continued support of AZGRC. Over 98% of the proceeds from our 2010 calendar sales goes directly finding loving homes for rescued Golden retrievers and providing them with needed medical care.

To see all the 2010 calendar models and order your calendars, click [FOREVER GOLDEN](#).

Once again, thanks to the generosity of one of our members, shipping is **FREE**.

Don't Forget To Renew Your AZGRC Membership!

Your 2010 AZGRC membership is now due. For an annual fee of \$35, you will receive invitations to our "members only" events like SwimFest and Gotcha Day and you will be supporting our efforts to rescue & rehome the wonderful Golden retrievers that we all love.

If you have not already done so, be sure to renew now by clicking [AZGRC MEMBERS](#).

Election Results for AZGRC Board Members

By unanimous vote your new AZGRC Board for October 1 2009 through September 30, 2011 are:

President:

Candy Ziemer

Vice President: Lisa Givan

Secretary:

Upcoming Events

PACC911 St. Francis Festival - The Blessing of the Animals

When: Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: St Francis Renewal Center, 5802 E Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, AZ

Join AZGRC and more than sixty PACC911 local animal rescue groups for a day of fun, laughter, food, pet blessings, and bonding with our furry friends. If you have not visited a PACC911 adopt-a-thon, you owe it to yourself to attend one. It's lots of fun visiting the different animal rescue booths and sharing in the spirit of animal rescue. So bring your kids, four-legged and two-legged, and help support animal rescue! For more info and a map to the event, click [HERE](#).



AZGRC's 9th ANNUAL GOTCHA DAY

When: Saturday, November 7

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Annual Meeting at 12:30 PM)

Where: Vista Del Camino Park, Ramada 3, West of Hayden & Roosevelt in Scottsdale

Be sure to mark your calendar for November 7 and AZGRC's nine year celebration! To read more, click [GOTCHA!](#)



Helping Those In Need

by Margaret Wilson

Pollie Coleman

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Heather Murphy

Director: Margaret Wilson

Thanks again to these great folks who continue to devote so much of their time and energy to making AZGRC an animal rescue organization that we can all be proud of!

Tributes, Memorials, & Thank Yous

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Joan & Larry Witherbee
Gus Urbanowski (See Spot Shop)

Golden Angels

Sherrie Cone
for
Bo Duke

In Honor Of:

Thanks to everyone at AZGRC for all you do for

As AZGRC's "Telephone Lady" one of my volunteer jobs is responding to all the calls that come into AZGRC. In the past year, as Arizona's jobless rate increased and foreclosures skyrocketed, I began receiving heartbreaking calls from families who have no choice but to find a new home for their beloved pet or pets. Sometimes the family has lost their home. In other cases the family just cannot afford to pay for their pet's food or maintain adequate veterinary care.



While these calls are heartbreaking, I have heard even more devastating situations when volunteering at the Foothills Food Bank in Cave Creek. Like the woman who recently came to the food bank and told the volunteer that although she and her husband both work, they were having a hard time feeding their four children and many nights she and her husband went without dinner so the children would have enough to eat.

This is not an isolated case. We all have heard similar stories, and the number of them continues to increase. An unexpected crisis, such as a job loss, a pay cut, or medical bills can quickly deplete savings and bring people to the food bank, many of whom have never had to ask for help before. In July 2009, the Foothills Food Bank served 249 families, a total of 829 individuals who received 23,663 pounds of food.

Just like animal rescue organizations, Foothills Food Bank, located at 6920 E Cave Creek Road, relies on donations and monetary assistance from people throughout the community. So, this fall and winter, AZGRC will be accepting food donations for the Foothills Food Bank at many of our upcoming events. Look for the notation **FFB COLLECTION** on upcoming event invitations and bring in your donations.

Here are just a few items that will greatly assist those in need. You can visit www.foothillsfoodbank.com to get a complete shopping list of needed items.

Pet Care: Premium Dog or Cat food (dry and/or canned), cat litter, dog treats, cat treats

Food Items: Canned fruit, Canned tuna/meat, Canned soups, Canned chili/stew, Canned diced tomatoes, Peanut butter & jelly, Macaroni & cheese, Spaghetti sauce, Breakfast cereal

Non-Perishable Items: Diapers (large sizes), Laundry soap, Bar soap, Toilet tissue, Toothpaste/brushes, Deodorant, Razors, Shampoo

the Golden's. We're so grateful to have Cheyenne, who is now 10 years old. She's healthy & happy, and we adore her.

Thanks so much!
from
Ray & Linda Whitney

In Memory Of:

George Jordan
from
Diane Gilman

In loving memory of
George.

He brought so much
happiness into our lives.
Our vacation trips won't
be the same without him.
We miss you Big Guy.

Love
Dad, Mom, & Mckenna



Paws To Recognize

Thanks for a Great Event

A great big sloppy kiss
to all the volunteers who
made Wine, Wags &
Wishes a successful
event!

With Love

All The AZGRC Rescue
Dogs

A Rescue in the Pines

Thank you for all you do to help our Golden Retrievers and for helping the Foothills Food Bank to help families in need.

October Business Partner: Lucky Otto

Deborah Burdin of **Lucky Otto** specializes in pet portraits and rescue art. AZGRC has been fortunate to be one of the rescue organizations to have benefited from Deb's generosity.



Several of AZGRC's 2009 calendar dogs were used as models for Deb's beautiful artwork and 100% of the proceeds from items sold with AZGRC models are donated to AZGRC! Images of AZGRC rescues appear on t-shirts, mugs, mouse pads, key chains, and holiday stamps!

Click [LUCKY OTTO](#) to read more about Deb and Lucky Otto.

Click [RESCUE4GOLDENS](#) to order your AZGRC products today!

Link Up Your Bashas Card with AZGRC!

For the past three years, AZGRC has been a recipient of the **Bashas' Shop & Give** program and it has been a great way for AZGRC supporters to help our Golden Retrievers in need.

The next time you visit a **Bashas** store, ask the cashier to link your **THANK YOU Card** to **AZGRC ID NUMBER 29082**, and Bashas will donate 1% of your grocery shopping purchases to AZGRC! There is no cost to participate in this program and you only have to link your THANK YOU Card one time. The link will remain active until April 30, 2010, the ending date for this year's program.

So link up and become a Golden shopper!

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.

Thank you, Bea, for helping Candy with picking up Harry from way up in the Pine Top area. Transport Angels are the best!

Lisa G

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Darby Cobb

Rescued March 2007

Crossed the Bridge September 2009



Shadow Gilbert - Lopez

Rescued January 2009

Crossed the Bridge September 2009

