



GOLDEN CONNECTIONS E-Newsletter

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

March 2010

Announcing: Forever Golden Estates Wine

Are you a wine connoisseur or wine collector? Or do you just like to put your feet up and sip and enjoy a glass of wine every now and then? Well, here's your chance to enjoy six (6) stellar wines and support AZGRC at the same time.

AZGRC has joined with *Benefit Wines* to offer you wine from AZGRC's own **Forever Golden Estates**. For every bottle you purchase, Benefit Wines provides AZGRC with a donation of \$7.00. Buy the Collector's Package (all 6 wines) and donate \$32.01 to AZGRC. Purchase the Sample Package (Tennis Ball Chardonnay, Pretty Girl Merlot, Snow Dog Sparkling White Wine, and Lazy Dog Cabernet Sauvignon) and donate \$22.99 to AZGRC.



Just think about all the possibilities for helping AZGRC - taking wine to a friend's house for dinner, need a birthday gift, want to celebrate an anniversary, planning an informal get together or just getting together with friends. Gift giving just got a bit easier!

To visit AZGRC's Forever Golden Estates and learn about the great wine selections we are offering, and shop on line, click [BENEFIT WINES](#).

If you'd like to order by mail click [ORDER FORM](#) and print the back and front of the form. Be sure to make your check or money order out to Event Wines.

PACC911 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

**AZGRC's Calendars
Continue To Be
Golden**

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. For more details, click [FESTIVAL](#).

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

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

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



AZGRC's annual calendar is one of our major fundraisers and this year's **Forever Golden** was no exception. Our calendar sponsorships and sales brought a little over **\$14,000** to AZGRC.

Over 98% of these proceeds have gone to pay for the medical expenses associated with rescuing our dogs.

Once again, we offer heartfelt thanks to our talented and dedicated Calendar committee, our generous sponsors, and to our great family of AZGRC members and supporters who purchase and promote our calendar.

In these tough economic times, you are truly the beacon of hope for Golden retrievers in need of a loving home.

March Business Partner Horizon Animal Hospital

At Horizon Animal Hospital, communication with clients is a top priority. Every staff member strives to provide information about each medical option for your pet.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to mark your calendars for these annual AZGRC events!

AZGRC Duck & Decanter Tax Day Get Together

Saturday, April 17

Time: 10AM to 2PM

Where: Duck & Decanter
1651 E Camelback Road,
Phoenix

Enjoying lunch on the patio at Duck & Decanter, or just sharing a glass of wine, with AZGRC members and their four legged kids has become one of our Spring traditions for the past 5 years. Don't miss out on the fun and laughter. For more details click [TAX DAY](#).



Swimfest 2010

Saturday, May 1

Look for more details next month!

If you haven't seen fifty plus Golden Retrievers in one large swimming pool you don't know what your missing!



2011 Golden For Goldens

Don't miss the opportunity to showcase yourself in our 2011 calendar! Hi, my name is Daisy and as spokesdog for the Golden for Goldens calendar page, I am offering a special Early Bird fee of just \$20 per dog if you can get your human to submit your order by March 30, 2010.



in order to achieve the highest quality, and most cost-effective treatment possible.

Horizon offers complete, small animal veterinary treatment, including laser surgery, ultrasound, digital x-rays, and dentistry. It is located in the Centennial Marketplace Shopping Center on Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd & 100 Street in Scottsdale and is owned and operated by Dr. Beth Hareski, who has been practicing veterinary medicine in the Scottsdale area for over 29 years.

For more info, click [HORIZON ANIMAL HOSPITAL](#).

Tributes, Memorials, & Thank You

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Christine Morrison
for

So hurry! Give your human that hopeful puppy dog look with your big brown eyes and lead them to our web page. You know how, just click [G4G!](#)

A Groovy Tail

Hi everybody, my name is Griffin and I have a super groovy "tail" to share with you. I used to live with a family that loved me and I was a happy and good boy. But at the end of last year, unforeseen circumstances happened where I could no longer live there. So the great folks at AZGRC stepped in to make sure I would be well taken care of. Now here is the tricky part... I needed to be in a home with no other dogs or cats. Well there weren't any foster homes available that met my very demanding requirements, so I went to live at a place called **Horizon Animal Hospital**.



I lived at **Horizon** for about 3 months. Although it wasn't the new home I'd been dreaming of, it sure was a nice place to stay. And all the people that work there loved me so much and took such wonderful care of me! They all said they'd adopt me and take me home in a tail-wag, but alas I just wouldn't get along with the 4-leggers living at their houses. Darn it anyway! I can't help I much prefer to be with humans.

One day early on at my stay at Horizon, a nice man from AZGRC (I call him Uncle Gus), came along to start taking me on walks several times a week. Boy, was that special and I wanted to go home with him to live, but they already had a couple of other dogs living there. <Sigh>

I must be pretty special, because a while later my Uncle Gus brought this other lady from AZGRC to train her how to walk me properly (I call her Auntie Yanna). Between the two of them, I was getting special walks every day! But I was still dreaming of a new home and family of my own for Christmas.

Parker

Katherine Gleckler
for
Parker

Katherine Gleckler
for
Nikki

Katherine Gleckler
for
Hunter

In Memory Of:
Walrus
from
Heidi Pura

Phil Iversen
from
Melissa McCracken

Phil Iversen
from
Shari Ordog

In Memory of a good friend,
Al Weeden
from
Audrey Klesmit



Paws To Recognize

Oregon or Bust!

Claire was adopted through AZGRC five years ago. However, now Claire's adopted family is moving to Hawaii and Claire must stay behind. But once an AZGRC dog, always an AZGRC dog. So Candy and

On Christmas Eve, Auntie Yanna came to take me on a special walk and she brought these Holiday decorations to put around my neck (She's a silly lady but I sure like her!). We started on our walk and she had to stop and put something in her trunk, so I thought, aha, here is my chance. I jumped right in that trunk of hers. I wanted to go home for Christmas so bad! But it was not to be...

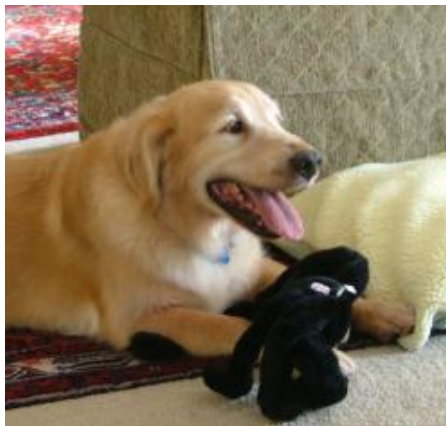


A few days later something incredible happened! Another nice lady from AZGRC (Auntie Margaret) and my Auntie Yanna came to pick me up. I knew something was up, because I'd just had a really nice bath from my friends at **Horizon** and we were going for a car ride. Whatever can be happening I thought to myself?

We arrived at this very nice house where there was this really cool family with a Mom & Dad and a little girl and boy, and the best part was, NO OTHER PETS! Yippee! So in I went, checking the place out and sniffing everywhere. They had lots of new toys for me and my very own bed. We went out to the backyard and then I saw it; my very own swimming pool! Well I didn't care that it was the end of December; the water looked just fine to me. So in I went and happily shook off my wet fur on all the humans when I got out.



Well the moral of this story is that Christmas came a few days late for me, but I got the best New Dog Year's gift ever! This nice family has adopted me and I couldn't be happier. I have my own little girl named Annie, who had made me this really pretty "Welcome Griffin" sign when I first came to stay with them. And I have my own boy named Dylan whom I sleep with



Audrey took a 3700 mile road trip to bring Claire back to Arizona so that we can find her a new family to love.

Thank you, Audrey and Candy, for being there for Claire.

The Staff at Horizon Animal Hospital

For all your wonderful care of, and compassion for, Griffin. We are most grateful.

AZGRC

Bill

For Saving Rosie's Life

Gus, Margaret, & Yanna

The best dog walkers ever! Thanks so much for your all your help with Griffin!

Candy

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in his room every night. My new parents (Tina & Jeff) love me very much and are taking very good care of me. I've even gotten over some of my "separation anxiety" problems I was having. So life is grand! Thanks again to all the great folks at Horizon and AZGRC!

Translated for Griffin by Auntie Yanna

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.

Ernest Hemingway Booher
Crossed the Bridge March 2010



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