



GOLDEN CONNECTIONS

E-Newsletter

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

May 2010

Phoenix Pet Expo

When: Saturday, June 12, 2010

Time: 10:00AM - 6:00PM

Where: University of Phoenix Stadium (Indoors)
1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale AZ

The Phoenix Pet Expo promises to be the pet lover's premier event! It is free to the public and features guest speakers, training demonstrations, vendors and exhibitors of pet services and products as well as local rescue organizations. There will be contests, prize giveaways, agility courses, and lots more! You can even bring your four legged kids along for the fun!



So come and join your friends from AZGRC as we celebrate our beloved pets! Make plans to attend this fun event. The AZGRC booth location to be announced soon. Look for more details and visit the Expo's website by clicking [PETS](#).

Happy Tails Books Writing Competition

Deadline for Submission is June 15, 2010.

There's still time for AZGRC's aspiring young writers from age 8 to age 16 to submit to **Happy Tails Books**, a short story, essay, poem, and/or artwork depicting all of the wonderful reasons they love their pets. This is a great opportunity for children to participate in animal advocacy, win prizes, and get their work published in a future Happy Tails book.

The deadline for submissions is June 15, 2010.

For more details about this exciting contest, click [HAPPY TAILS](#).

Save These Dates!

Tributes,

July 18, 2010

Sunday, Wine Tasting at Vino100

This promises to be another fun event! Look for more details next month!

Saturday, August 7, 2010

Bowl A Rama

AZGRC will once again participate in this great PACC911 rescue event. For the past three years, it has been one of AZGRC's major fundraisers. Look for more info in coming weeks!

The Story of the Purple Halo Lisa Givan

"The moment we put on the collar, we have entered into a covenant that promises a dog that we will provide for his needs. ALL of them."

Suzanne Clothier

"Bones Would Rain from the Sky"

You've seen them everywhere - dog parks, coffee shops, local dog events - those brightly colored purple collars that make you say to yourself, "that must be an AZGRC dog."

Purple is a trademark color for AZGRC and those purple paw print collars have become a distinguishing mark to those that foster for and adopt from our organization. Purple is said to be the color of royalty. And, for anyone who has shared a life with a rescued dog, you know they are pure "golden" royalty enriching our lives beyond measure.



Every dog that comes to AZGRC gets a new collar & leash to signify a fresh start and the beginning of a life-long commitment. For some dogs, this is the only new and clean object they have ever been given. The ceremony of placing the purple collar on our dogs is a special moment. The location may not be special - the back of a car, the filth of a shelter kennel or even at a vet clinic as the dog takes its last breath - but the moment is one of great importance. This is the moment the "connection" is made between AZGRC and the dog we have just rescued - regardless of their condition or the outcome.

Memorials, & Thank You

In Memory Of

To Our Dear Friend,
William Zuerrer, Jr., for
the loss of his father, Col.
William Zuerrer
From
GayleAnn Frank

To our Friend, Cindy
Hemsley, for the loss of
her father, Ray Cannon
From
GayleAnn Frank

To Our Friend, Irene
Bock, for the loss of her
sweet husband, Sidney
"Curley" Bock
From
GayleAnn Frank

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Saying good-bye to a beloved pet is a sad and stressful time for all of

As the collar is placed around the dog's neck, the "Purple Halo" talk is given. A kiss on the head and a whisper in their ear: *"This is your purple halo. You will be protected for life. Nothing bad will ever happen to you again and we promise to find the perfect home for you."* This is the moment we look into their eyes and through their fear and confusion, we see the light that will soon shine with love and patience.



I'll be honest, many a tear has been shed while placing this collar on some of our dogs - but much laughter has occurred too. A few dogs have received an addendum to the talk. Things like: *"don't ever use your teeth for evil; cats are our friends; children do NOT taste like chicken; and, don't eat the furniture"*. And then there is the occasional emphatic *"don't mess this up"* instruction.

The Purple Halo is our symbol of the life-long covenant that AZGRC enters with each and every dog. When you see that purple collar around a dog's neck, just remember that there was a moment when someone knelt down and whispered, *"You are protected for life."*

AZGRC is always looking for volunteers to join our Purple Halo Team. We are currently in most need of shelter walkers and foster families. If you are interested, please send an email to info@azgrc.org and put PURPLE HALO in the subject line. If you would like to read more about AZGRC volunteer opportunities, click [VOLUNTEER](#).

us. Fairwinds understands how important it is for a pet parent to make sure their companion's final journey is one of love and respect. As a funeral home for pets, Fairwinds offers retrieval from home or vet at your convenience, absolute single cremations, and dignified care of your pet and your family. For more information click [FAIRWINDS](#).



Paws To Recognize

Home Visitors
Extraordinaire

A very special thanks to our volunteers Lynn J, Eileen Y, Sue J, Heather M, and Cherie W who conduct home visits with prospective adopters.

These ladies visit homes throughout the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas. That's easily over 2,000 square miles!

You are the best!

Candy

Four-Legged Rescuers

As we all know AZGRC's

Watch Out for the Rattle!

Hi!

My name is Brophy and I just finished writing an article about snakes. Not just any snakes, these are called Rattle Snakes and they can be real dangerous to us dogs. Click below and you'll get to read everything I know about these snakes and also some good information about snake school (imagine that!) and a snake vaccine that your mom and dad can give you to help out in case you get bit.

Click [RATTLESNAKE](#).



Take A Visit To The Golden Corners Library

We all know that Golden Retrievers are very intelligent dogs, but did you know AZGRC has member Goldens who are helping us build a library full of great information? Yep, we've got articles ranging from canine dental health to nutritional tips to "going green with your dog". And just about every week a brand new article appears in the lower left hand corner of our home page.

So, be sure to check out our website (in case you forgot, it's www.azgrc.org) for the newest information. And to visit the library of all our previous articles, click the GOLDEN COMMUNITY tab at the top of our website, then click the sub-tab, Golden Corner Library. For a quick shortcut, click [THE CORNER](#).

If your special Golden would like to contribute to the Golden Corner Library, just send his or her article to webmaster@azgrc.org.

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.

In April, none of our AZGRC friends and family members contacted us about the loss of a beloved pet. That is good news to all of us.

foster families are vital to the success of our rescue efforts. But just as important are the patient, kind, and loving four-legged members of our foster families (and yes, that includes the cats!). They give our "purple halo" dogs a warm welcome and show them that everything is going to be OK. In fact, better than OK! They share their two legged family, their toys, and sometimes, even their beds. So, to all our AZGRC four-legged "fosters"..a big hug and thank you!

Auntie Candy

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