



## October Meeting

We invite volunteers, family members and their volunteer pet partners to join us at our October meeting. Highlights of the meeting are the annual awards presentation and volunteer pet promenade.

**When:** Thursday, October 25, 7-9:00 pm

**Where:** Via Linda Senior Center, 10440 E. Via Linda

**What:** News, Announcements, Awards Presentation, Pet Meet & Greet, 50-50 raffle, Eats and Treats

**Who:** Volunteer teams (humans & your volunteer dog, cat, horse, pig), family, and prospective volunteers.

### Awards Criteria

Volunteers often ask what the criteria is to receive various awards. Below is an outline of the criteria used to determine award winners.

**Green Bandanna** One year with 20 or more visits and/or other service.

**Pins** are awarded at increments of 100 visits. All visits during the fiscal year are counted, including special events. Our year runs July through June.

**Special Awards** are based on a combination of visits and other contributions.

**Hall of Fame** induction (for pets) is awarded after retirement or posthumously; 250 visits.

### Pet Parade

This year we are inviting all POW pets to join us in a meet and greet. We encourage your pet to wear a costume, but realize sometimes that just doesn't work out. Hope to see you and your pet partner there!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### General Meetings:

10//17 2019 dates TBD

10/31 **Halloween Pet Parade**

Amber Creek Assisted Living

11/03 **Sky Kids Fly Day** Scottsdale Airport

11/14 **Paradise Valley Comm College Health Fair**

11/17 **Dogs' Day in the Garden**

Desert Botanical Garden

11/17-18 **Day of the Dog Pet Festival**

Old Town Scottsdale

12/08 **Holiday Pet Parade** Maravilla Enliven

12/10 **DeStress Day** Scottsdale Comm College

12/15 **Angels for Christmas**

St. Bernadette Church

**Separate emails will be sent listing volunteer needs--dates times locations etc**

## July Meeting

Jose Santiago, Public Information Officer with Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) gave an enlightening presentation.

Each day 80-100 dogs are taken in at one of the two County shelters. Either they are surrendered by their owner or finder or picked up by an Animal Control Officer.

Much has changed at MCACC in the past two years. Previously, the "strategy" to free up kennels for new intakes was to euthanize--more than 100 dogs per week on average. Now an animal is euthanized only if it cannot be treated medically and more than 95% of animals brought in "walk in and walk out".

To help the longtimers or shy ones become more adoptable, employees "office foster" a dog--taking it from the kennel to accompany the employee throughout the day. This helps the dog become more socialized and reduces the dog's stress from confinement.

Another program aiding adoptions is *Wings of Rescue*. Recently 130 dogs were transported to the northeast US, to cities that don't have shelters. Every dog was already spoken for even before the plane took off!!

The annual cost to run MCACC is 16 million dollars; the County provides less than 1 million to MCACC.

The remaining funding comes from licensing, adoptions, and donations. Monetary donations are always welcome as well as toys, beds, towels, treats, leashes and collars. Info on how to support MCACC is found on their website:

<https://www.maricopa.gov/163/How-to-Help>

### Guest volunteer teams at the meeting:

Dale Bates & AJ, Greg Kozak & Bella, Andrea Malkin & Missy, Alexis Short & Oliver, Jude Tarris & Winnie, Devorah Young & Daisy

*Their photos appear later in the newsletter.*

Many **thanks** to the "helpers" at this meeting.

**Sign in table:** John Grizzard, Nancy Maurer, & Marsha Usdane

**Refreshments & Door Prize:** Ellen Baker, Christina Shorall

**T-tshirts:** Glenn Zellmer **Photos:** Diane Bykowski

**Set-up/Take Down:** Glenn Zellmer

**50/50 Raffle winner:** Colleen Brault

**Door Prize winner:** Janice Lowden

## President's Message to Volunteers October 2018

The absolutely one thing in life for certain is change. It happens to people, pets, and to organizations. I have never known a *Pets on Wheels* without Neal Jennings. Even though he had retired from being actively involved, he was always there with an opinion. He completed a full circle with "his" organization. From visiting in Maryland, to founding a separate group in Arizona, to enjoying visits from our teams at Grayhawk, Neal experienced many changes in this organization.

I know, he was proud to have you continue his goal of sharing your pet's love. Although, he would caution you to always: shorten your leash, always visit with a clean brushed pet, ask "would you like to meet my dog", wear your shirt, sign the book, and renew your health certificate on time. Listen carefully and you will hear him.

There is no change in our organization's name, but we are not the only *Pets on Wheels* group online. We are *Pets on Wheels of Scottsdale, Inc.*, so when googling our website, always use *Pets on Wheels Scottsdale*. Otherwise you might get the Maryland organization. **Always check that it is Scottsdale**, before you do any money transactions or print the health certificate.

One constant, throughout the years, has been the dedication and pet love displayed by volunteer teams. Many thanks to you for continuing that community service.

Warmest regards,

Peggy Eischen

## NEW VISITING TEAMS

Eight new volunteer teams started their visits during July thru September. Welcome!!

### Amber Creek

Gina Daniels & Nina, a Chihuahua mix

### The Gardens

Joan Langdon & Darby, a Terrier Mix

### Life Care

Greg & Linda Kosak & Bella, a Chihuahua  
Terry Stanley & Belle Starr, a Bichon Frise

### Pueblo Norte

Patricia Ihsen & Hope, a Border Collie  
Mary Simpson & Abby, a  
Chihuahua/Schipperke  
Lidia Parsons, with Ella, Ellis, Kaya, & Max,  
a Poodle

### Westminster

Julie Stafford & Tucker, a Golden Retriever

## TOP VISITORS

These are the volunteer teams with 13 or more visits for July thru September:

John Grizzard & Cooper	79
Diane Bykowski & Zoe & Mia	64
Carl Gross & Posey	44
Christina Shorall Coco & Wendy Wu	28
Ellen Baker & Chanel	28
Jenny Lidback & Abby	18
Jude & Ashli Tarris & Winnie	18
Marsha Usdane & Munchkin	18
Chris Barnes & Lily	16
Peggy Eischen Boone & Mason	15
Denise Forsman & Ferris	15
Carolyn Folks & Jojo	14
Andrea Malkin & Missy	14
Nancy Maurer Max & Rosie	14
Ivan Smith & Ozzie	14
Colleen Brault & Maya	13
David Rosen & Charlie	13
Gloria Wells & Zara	13

We'd **LOVE** a photo of your dog or cat or pig at a Care Center!

Email:

[petsonwheelsaz@gmail.com](mailto:petsonwheelsaz@gmail.com)

Thanks to Colleen Brault, Diane Bykowski, Gail Gundling, Christina Shorall, & Marsha Usdane for their photo contributions.

You're invited!!

Pet Parade

and Annual Awards

Thursday, October 25 @ 7pm

Via Linda Senior Center

Bring your visiting partner  
Costumes encouraged  
but not required



# Pets on Wheels in Action (Events)

Many thanks to our volunteer teams who braved the heat to attend special events this past quarter. Thanks also to Colleen Brault and Diane Bykowski for sharing event photos.

Dale Bates & AJ  
 Colleen Brault & Maya  
 Diane Bykowski & Zoe & Mia  
 Peggy Eischen & Mason  
 Emily Florek & Augusta

Denise Forsman & Ferris  
 John Grizzard & Cooper  
 Gail Gundling & Maggie  
 Dick Kulczycki & Libby  
 Jenny Lidback & Abby  
 Joan O'Sullivan & RJ

Sharon Phillips Tallulah & Tucker  
 Ann Schatzman & Charlie  
 Marsha Usdane & Munchkin  
 Devorah Young & Daisy  
 Glenn Zellmer & Mason

Smiles abound at the pet parade at Maravilla Enliven (July).  
**Photo 1:** Munchkin (Marsha Usdane) **Photo 2:** Ferris & Denise Forsman  
**Photo 3:** Ferris, Tucker, RJ & Libby wait their turn to strut their stuff.



**City of Phoenix**

**Photo 1:** Mia meets Phx mayor Thelda Williams. Does Mia know the mayor keeps a treat jar on her desk??

**Photo 2:** These City folks thought Mason was a bear--nope he's a Newfie!



**Meet & Greet**

**Photo 1:** Munchkin, Maggie, and Mason get comfy with the folks at Sierra Pointe.

**Photo 2:** Abby with Jenny Lidback, Maya with Colleen Brault, and Mason are all smiles at the Sunnyslope Senior Center.



## Meet Gail and Maggie

If ever a dog was born to be a therapy dog, it's Gail Gunding's Maggie--so much so that she can mimic the facial expression of the person she's with. She is known officially as a Mini Teddy Bear English Goldendoodle. Her Mom was a Goldendoodle; her Dad, a miniature poodle (artificial insemination, in case you're wondering.)

Maggie began puppy school at 10 weeks. Right from the start she exhibited her social nature and was known as the "Official Greeter" at the school. Later, her trainer helped focus Maggie and Gail for certification with Therapy Dogs International when Maggie was nearly two years old.



Gail knew she wanted to do pet therapy even before she acquired Maggie. She had closed the local thyroid cancer support group and missed the interaction with people. Maggie's adoption was with the intent of doing pet therapy. Gail and Maggie, now four, joined Pets on Wheels two years ago after Gail learned about us at a Dog Days event at Via Linda. Currently the team visits at Sante and VI, as well as attending many POW events.

Gail describes Maggie as a very social, playful dog. A visit to Chaparral dog park has nothing to do with dogs as far as she's concerned. Maggie circles the park greeting all the owners, sitting to be petted,

climbing up to sit next to some, and could care less about interaction with other dogs. There are a few men at the park that get her going, running her like a wild dog. She tucks her butt way under and runs like a rabbit. If she knows you, she's going to fly into your arms for a greeting. And if she doesn't know you, she likely will do the same greeting!

Gail's love of photography led her to Arizona from Boston, where she'd operated a retail gift shop. Photography was always a passion. Her 10 minutes of fame came when she won the *National Geographic Traveler* photography contest (18,000 entrants) with an image she took in China.

Gail has done thyroid cancer volunteer work for 50 years. She ran a cancer support group at the Virginia Piper Cancer Center for nearly 10 years and helped found the international organization for thyroid cancer support and education, ThyCA, Inc. Gail continues to do online thyroid cancer support and is the Phoenix contact for ThyCa. Anyone with questions should feel free to contact her.

Gail described a therapy visit that will be with her forever: We visited a lovely woman 83 yrs who just sat and petted Maggie and began to talk about her life. She was a Holocaust survivor of three concentration camps. We all know the horrors of the Holocaust but to sit eye to eye and hear the story of her internment as an adolescent into her teens, was painful and riveting. She talked for nearly three hours. When I got back to my car I burst into tears! The next day Maggie and I brought her a bouquet of flowers.

If you ever need a "doggie fix" to brighten your day, there's no doubt that Maggie can do it.



Maggie is the best snuggler.



Maggie takes on the persona of those she's with. Look at the resemblance!!



## News and Notes

Two amazing “survivor” dogs (and their humans) attended our Volunteer Orientation session in September. Both dogs were rescued from County facilities (Pinal and Maricopa) where they likely faced euthanasia due to their medical issues.

Tilly (Kim Spangler) is a tripod (3 legged) Springer Spaniel. When rescued by *Foothills Rescue* from Pinal County she was known only as “the dog in Kennel 6”. Her coat was so horribly matted that no one knew what breed she was. A BB was imbedded in her side. It is not known how she lost one of her rear legs.

Cesar (Terri Harrington), a handsome German Shepherd had been dumped at Maricopa County after a charging bull shattered his rear leg. Thanks to *Saving Paws Rescue* and the *Miracle Dog* program, Cesar was put back together. Insertion of a metal plate and a second surgery when a screw broke loose resulted in a full recovery for Cesar.

*Pets on Wheels* is thrilled to welcome these new volunteer therapy teams.



**Kim Spangler & Tilly  
Terri Harrington & Cesar**

Ann Hammersly, who volunteers with her dog Bailey, shared this touching story:

I (Ann) received the message below from a former Chaparral Life Skills teacher who now works in Scottsdale USD’s SCORE program that helps Special Ed students transition to jobs. “**G**” and Bailey formed a very special bond in the four years they were together at Chaparral –With Bailey there, “**G**” conversed, smiled and laughed (something that was rare for him, especially his first two years at Chaparral). Bailey was even specifically listed in his Individualized Education Program so that he would be released from class when she was on campus so they could visit. It’s been wonderful watching him blossom, though I will miss seeing him every week or so!

G’s teacher wrote: “I wanted to share with you that “**G**” is with me at the SCORE Program. The assignment was to state a person who’s been influential in your life and tell why. Well “**G**” chose Bailey. I went with it. Bailey has definitely allowed “**G**” to have the confidence to be more social. and I am happy to say that we are going to place him (for job training) at *Forever Loved Animal Sanctuary*, a shelter that rescues senior dogs.”



**Ann Hammersly & Bailey**

My heart is full.....Ann

## Goodbye to Neal Jennings, POW founder

It is with great sadness that we report our founder and friend, Neal Jennings passed away on October 2nd, 2018. He was 95 years young.

Neal, with his wife Anne founded *Pets on Wheels* in 1990 after relocating to Scottsdale from Maryland. Neal, a retired civil engineer, had volunteered and served on the board of *Pets on Wheels* of Howard County. He approached Scottsdale officials about starting a pet therapy program for Scottsdale care centers. The City agreed to provide a small office, but no funds. So Neal incorporated as a non-profit, prepared bylaws and an operating manual, and enlisted volunteers. The first visits were made by Neal and Anne and their two poodles, Jacques and Jill, to a single nursing home. In the following 28 years, *Pets on Wheels* grew to more than 100 volunteer teams visiting 21 nursing homes, as well as a number of ancillary facilities, primarily in Scottsdale.

Neal also created a Safety program for Scottsdale Elementary schools. Volunteers visited 19 elementary schools to teach children respect for animals and how to avoid bites and scratches from dogs and cats.

Over the years, Neal was frequently consulted by others interested in pet therapy--from those who were interested in beginning their own organizations or who were seeking Neal's input on best practices. In Neal's words, "There's something about dogs that just relaxes people in nursing homes. It lowers their blood pressure and brings them back to the 'real' world if they are depressed. It's just some magical

way [animals] have of accepting everyone, despite their appearance and even their actions. They share their love so much better than humans."

His contributions to the community were recognized many times over the years. He was a recipient of the prestigious *Hon Kachina* award in 2005 for his contributions to the community. In 2017 he and Anne were honored by the Virginia G Piper Cancer Center, accepting the Community Outreach Award for POW's outstanding community service.

Neal retired from the POW presidency in April 2012, after 22 years and overseeing 1,800 pet teams volunteering more than 20,000 hours during that time.

Neal and Anne were favorites of the POW volunteers who visited VI at Grayhawk. Neal's dedication to the organization he founded and the high standards of behavior for both humans and dogs, never left him. He did not hesitate to remind a volunteer to shorten the dog's leash.

Although many of our newer volunteers didn't have the honor of meeting Neal in person, they were each introduced to him through the new volunteer orientation video, which featured Neal, with his toy poodle Jill, performing a "stupid pet trick" on the David Letterman show.

We like to believe that Neal was greeted with considerable enthusiasm by Jill, Jacque, Clyde, and Ronnie at the Rainbow Bridge. Countless individuals have been the beneficiary of the Jennings' love and dedication. Thousands of smiles are their legacy.



Neal and Maya (Colleen Brault) August 2018

### Memorial Service information:

Friday, November 2, 2018  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Place:** VI Grayhawk  
7501 E Thompson Peak Parkway  
Scottsdale 85255  
Downstairs in the Ocotillo Room  
Valet parking, no tipping, please.  
No pets  
Wear *Pets on Wheels* shirt

## Farewell, Friends

### Crossing the Rainbow Bridge

It is with sadness, we report the passing of Julie Bronstein's beloved cockapoos, Darmok and Jilad. Darmok began as a *POW* volunteer in 2004 and made 549 visits. Jilad started in 2008 and had made 106 visits.

Julie and her boys visited at Shea Parc, Heritage Court, Osborn Health, & STARS and attended numerous events. Darmok has been inducted into the *Pets on Wheels* Hall of Fame.

### Support Pets on Wheels When You Shop!!

*Pets on Wheels* participates in both Fry's and Amazon Community Rewards programs. That means POW receives a donation when you shop---but, of course, you must sign up.

To enroll in the **Fry's Community Rewards** program, you'll need to sign up on line. It's easy and takes about two minutes! <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program>

You'll need a Fry's VIP account to enroll, but you can do that at the same link. Then every time you shop, just swipe your VIP card or enter the phone number associated with your account. To select *Pets on Wheels* as your charity, either enter *Pets on Wheels of Scottsdale* or HJ795--either will work.

**Note:** Existing Community Awards members **no longer need** to re-enroll **every year**. You can use the link above to check that you are currently enrolled.

### Interested in the AKC Therapy Dog Program??

Did you know that your dog, pure or mixed breed, can earn AKC Therapy Dog Titles? From AKC Novice (10 visits) to AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished (400+ visits), the AKC Therapy Dog(tm) program awards official AKC titles to dogs who have worked to improve the lives of the people they have visited.

Because *Pets on Wheels of Scottsdale* is a recognized therapy group, your dog would qualify; in addition, if you choose, your dog would also qualify for his/her Canine Good Citizenship title without having to take the test. Read more about it at <https://www.akc.org/sports/title-recognition-program/therapy-dog-program/apply-for-an-akc-therapy-dog-title/>. If you have questions, you can call Diane Bykowski at 602 380 6510.

### Donations July - September 2018

**Patrons:** \$400 plus  
United Way/Donor's Choice

**Contributors:** \$100 - \$399  
Benevity  
Louise Hansen  
Carol Jennings

**Supporters:** \$25 - \$99  
American Express Donor  
Fay Forman  
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Barbara Digges in memory of Julie Bronstein's Darmok and Jilad

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Zoe has earned  
AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished

## Guest Dogs at July Meeting

We welcome the volunteer teams who attended our July meeting.



**Greg Kozak & Bella**



**Andrea Malkin & Missy**



**Jude Tarris & Winnie**



**Dale Bates & AJ**



**Devorah Young & Daisy**



**Alexis Short & Oliver**

## Our Pets at Work



**Coco, Chanel & Wendy Wu (Ellen Baker & Christina Shorall) bring a triple dose of love when they visit.**



**Little ones at *Small People PreSchool* were delighted with a visit from Gail Gundling & Maggie.**



**Munchkin (Marsha Usdane) helps to ease the workday stress at the Piper Cancer Center.**

## Pets on Wheels of Scottsdale

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## QUARTERLY MEETING

**THURSDAY**  
**September 25, 2018**  
**7:00 to 9:00 PM**

**VIA LINDA SENIOR CENTER**  
**105<sup>th</sup> Street & Via Linda**  
**Scottsdale, AZ**



**Charlie, (Ann Schatzman) always wears a smile.  
Be like Charlie!**

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