

*As a responsible member of Rescue A Golden of Arizona and in keeping with the organization's Mission Statement, I will do my best to support the rescue of abandoned, mistreated, or unwanted Golden Retrievers, the provision of veterinary care, food and temporary shelter for such animals and the location of persons and families to provide permanent homes for these abandoned dogs. In addition, I pledge the following:*

1. If I am an animal care provider, I will
  - a. Provide all dogs in my care with adequate quantities of nourishing food and fresh water
  - b. Provide safe, secure and clean facilities with adequate shelter
  - c. Be sure that all dogs receive appropriate veterinary care, including immunizations and parasite treatments when needed, as well as emergency veterinary care, if needed
  - d. Provide loving attention to every dog as if that dog were my own
  - e. Keep the dog inside as a member of my household
  
2. Community Affairs
  - a. Conduct all my affairs concerning Rescue A Golden of Arizona in such a way that my behavior does not bring discredit to its image
  - b. Do my best to educate people about responsible pet ownership, the importance of spaying and neutering your pet and the negative aspects of irresponsible breeding
  - c. Clean up after my dogs when walking or exercising them in public
  - d. Keep my dogs under control when participating in events sponsored by Rescue A Golden of Arizona; if my dogs are not people friendly and other-dog-friendly, I will leave them at home
  - e. Refuse to supply dogs for raffles, "give away" prizes or other such projects.
  
3. Business Practices
  - a. Will comply with Rescue A Golden of Arizona foster and adoption agreements
  - b. Will not jeopardize Rescue A Golden of Arizona financial solvency with decisions beyond the scope of the bylaws
  - c. Will maintain the confidential nature of all electronic and printed information that has not been released as public record
  - d. Will not engage in malicious criticism or gossip, and will always practice self-control
  - e. Will engage in honest and open debate for the purpose of determining what is best for the dogs
  - f. Will not attempt to personally gain from Rescue A Golden of Arizona fundraising items by purchasing items at a discount
  - g. Refuse to keep any item sent or given to Rescue A Golden of Arizona as a sample or a gift; if the sample item has been donated to Rescue A Golden of Arizona, the item will be used in a raffle or other fundraising effort; if

the item will not be used in a fundraising effort and a member wishes to purchase it, the member will purchase the item at full retail value.