



# Labrador Ledger

## Fall 2005

### PAWS ACROSS PA



#### **Paws Across PA Round-up!** *By Nicole McBride ~ Chairperson*

It was a beautiful day in the park. The birds chirping, the sun shining, the tails wagging and the paws were a walkin'!

This year's Paws Across PA, our third annual, was our most successful year to date! With the help of our volunteers and supporters, *we were able to raise over \$7800*, almost three times what we raised last year. These much needed funds will be put directly to the care and placement of Labradors in need and allow us to continue our mission of finding homes for these wonderful dogs.

**We'd like to thank all of our supporters for making this event such a huge success:** the Paws participants (doubled from last year), the vendors and rescues in attendance and the donors of all the fabulous prizes!

**Check out our website** to view the list of prize donors and vendors in attendance! Mark your calendars! Next year's Paws Across PA will be held on June 10, 2006 and we'll be hosting even more walk sites in Norristown, Harrisburg and possibly New Jersey! If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Nicole at [rotnlab@verizon.net](mailto:rotnlab@verizon.net).

**Thanks again for your support. We couldn't have done it without you!**

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MANY PEOPLE ASK US ...  
**HOW CAN I HELP?**

WITH THE HOLIDAYS FAST  
APPROACHING PLEASE  
CONSIDER THE RESCUE IN  
YOUR GIFT GIVING.

YOUR GIFT CAN PROVIDE  
FOOD AND VET CARE FOR  
OUR FOSTER DOGS AS  
THEY AWAIT THEIR FOR-  
EVER HOMES.

**SEE DONATION FORM ON  
LAST PAGE**



BROOKLINE LAB RESCUE GIVES YOU:  
"SOMETHING TO CHEW ON"

Our Newest Fundraising Adventure!!

We are pleased to announce our first ever Cookbook...'*Something to Chew On*' ~  
*A Recipe Collection by the Friends of Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue.*

After months of hard work, the Cookbook is with the publisher and we hope to have it hot off the press for a release date in time for the Holidays. The Cookbook contains recipes for humans and furkids as well!! A lot of love went into the development of the cookbook. Why not be one of the first to enjoy it? The cost of the Cookbook is \$10.00 plus 3.00 for shipping and handling. There is a \$1.00 shipping charge for each additional copy. To order your cookbook, use the form in this newsletter entitled Ways to Help the Labs.

...*"Bone"~ A ~Petite!*



*Zoey's story* by Peggy & Mary McGee ~  
*Sr. Volunteers and Foster Moms*

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, Brookline didn't do a Lab rescue. They did EIGHT Lab rescues. That's right, they rescued me – Zoey – and my seven puppies! After my babies were born, my owner called the local shelter. Move to a shelter with my newborn babies? What an awful thought! Luckily, the shelter people said it was important for me and my babies to stay together and suggested she contact Brookline. Before I knew it, the pups and I were in a car with a really nice volunteer...and then another...and another until we finally got to our new foster home. I was so beat I almost slept through the 3AM feeding that night!



My foster mom woke me and told me the babies were crying. I realized then that, things were way better, but I still had a lot of work to do. After a few weeks, I let my foster moms clean up after the babies. They didn't mind. I was busy with the other things I needed to do - teaching the babies about biting, playing too rough, learning who's in charge, and all those important doggie lessons. We learn so much in the first 8-12 weeks! That's why it was so important that Brookline was able to take all of us and keep us together.

My foster moms introduced my puppies to all kinds of people and situations so the pups would not be afraid when they got older. We sure wouldn't get that in a shelter. Best of all, Brookline found great homes for all of my babies and for me, too! **And my new mom has already talked to the vet about my spay surgery so this doesn't happen again!** Now that's what I call being **RESCUED!**

TRAINERS CORNER

Brookline Lab Rescue's Mission Statement:

- ◆ To remove Labrador Retrievers from situations that are not ideal, such as shelters and homes where they are unwanted or where owners can no longer appropriately care for them.
- ◆ To educate the public regarding the history and facts pertaining to Labrador Retrievers and responsible dog ownership.
- ◆ To be a resource for area Labrador Retriever owners, and other dog owners, regarding proper care and treatment of their dogs.
- ◆ To engage in other activities related to educating the public about Labrador Retrievers and various aspects of dog ownership.

## HELP THE ANIMAL VICTIMS OF KATRINA

Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue asks that you join us in supporting the effort to help the homeless animals who, like their human families, have been devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

BLRR suggests that monetary donations to the following front-line animal welfare and rescue organizations may do the most good for the many displaced animals:

Louisiana SPCA Hurricane Relief  
c/o Houston SPCA  
900 Portway Drive  
Houston, TX 77024  
www.spcahouston.org

Humane Society of the United States  
HSUS Disaster Relief Fund  
Dept. DRFHBM  
2100 L Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
www.hsus.org

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)  
ASPCA Disaster Relief Fund  
424 East 92nd Street  
New York, NY 10128  
to donate call (866) 275-3923  
www.aspca.org

## Sandy – Diabetic Dog *by: Danny Snyder ~ Volunteer*

When my yellow lab Sandy was 6 years old, she was diagnosed with diabetes. She had started drinking more water than usual which told me something was wrong. When the vet told me she was diabetic, I thought it would be hard to take care of Sandy, but that turned out not to be the case.

I had to give her insulin shots twice a day at mealtime. Also, I had to check her sugar level with a test strip that I dipped in a urine sample. The thought of giving a shot was scary at first but it wasn't hard at all. To give the shot, I had to gently insert the needle under the skin and squeeze the syringe to give her the insulin. The hardest part was drawing the insulin from the bottle. There were to be no air bubbles so you had the correct amount of insulin in the syringe. That was kind of tricky sometimes.

I took Sandy to the vet approximately every three months for a glucose curve which is a test where the vet drew blood very two hours to check her sugar level. They drew blood six times and then decided how much to adjust the amount of insulin Sandy needed.

It was about six months after being diagnosed that Sandy developed cataracts. I had to take her to see a specialist to have them removed. The surgery was expensive but well worth it. I didn't want her to have to bump into things for the rest of her life.

The hardest thing to deal with was if a thunderstorm came at mealtime. Sandy was scared of storms and would not eat. The vet told me to give her half the dose and to give her the rest later if she would eat. I also had to watch if Sandy would have a seizure. When she did have one, it wasn't what I expected. She would go out in the yard and just pace around the yard. I finally figured out what she was doing and put some Karo syrup on her gums and then she was ok. I always told the vet when this happened and they would check her sugar level to see if it needed adjusted.

The thought of taking care of a diabetic or any other special needs lab can be overwhelming at first. But once one learns what needs to be done, caring for a special needs lab can be a rewarding experience.

Brookline Lab Retriever Rescue  
P.O. Box 638  
Warrington, PA 18976-0638 Phone  
Number (3 day min. response time)  
  
(215) 343-6087

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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**  
**WWW.DOGSAVER.ORG/BROOKLINE**

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Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue (Brookline) is a non-profit 100% volunteer organization funded entirely by donations and nominal adoption donations. Dogs being surrendered by their original families stay with them until an adoption can be arranged. If the dog is at a shelter and needs our help, we evaluate the dog and if it passes our evaluation, we arrange to place the dog in a foster home with one of our volunteers. We evaluate both the dog and the prospective adopting home to ensure a good fit for everyone. All dogs are vet checked and their shots updated before they are adopted. We operate mostly in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. If you're not sure if you are in our coverage area, please check the map on our Web-page. For further information about the adoption process, to download forms or inquire about becoming a Brookline Volunteer visit our web-site at: [www.dogsaver.org/brookline](http://www.dogsaver.org/brookline).

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## WAYS FOR YOU TO HELP THE LABS!!

\*\*\*\***Donating to Brookline just got easier!** Please consider us when making your charity selections. Remember ..Your donation is Tax Deductible!!

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Checks made payable to **Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue** should be sent to P.O. Box 638, Warrington, PA 18976

Checks can be made payable to: BLRR

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Horizon Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cookbook Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Cookbook Price \$10 per book

Shipping & Handling \$3.00 for 1st book

\$1.00 for each add'l book

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

