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BROOKLINE LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE, INC

# Labrador Ledger



Featured Lab

## Will You Help Hershey?

Hershey is a spunky nine year-old female chocolate lab that lived most of her life in an outdoor kennel. She had several litters of puppies in her earlier years and was surrendered to Brookline in the fall of 2007. Hershey's transition to foster home care was very stressful for her because she had never lived in a home environment. After Brookline had her spayed, she moved in with a professional trainer to work on her confidence and fearful behavior with unfamiliar dogs.



Hershey's trainer describes her as very friendly and energetic - you wouldn't guess that she's nine years old! Hershey is intelligent and driven when learning basic obedience and manners. She gets

along with well-socialized dogs, but has a tendency to chase cats. Hershey is crate trained and doesn't mind hanging out in her crate while you're away at work. She is very sweet and loving, and would make a fine family companion.

Hershey would love the chance to show you how much love and happiness she still has to give. She would thrive in an environment where she gets lots of love, attention and direction from her humans. Hershey will also need someone who is willing to keep up with her progress in obedience



training. Don't let the grey hair fool you, Hershey is still spunky and young at heart!

By Heather Smith,  
BLRR Volunteer

For more details on Hershey and other great Labs, please go to [www.brooklinelabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinelabrescue.org) and click on Available Dogs page.

## Get Ready for PAWS ACROSS PA!!

Brookline (BLRR) is gearing up for its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Paws Across PA Pet Fair and Walkathon. Paws Across PA is Brookline's largest fundraiser of the year and we will be offering two site locations for 2008. Each walk site will have pet related vendors, demonstrations by dog related groups,



non-profit animal groups, door prizes and a raffle of donated items. This event allows BLRR to raise much needed funds to continue to help labs in need. The events will kick off with walk registration beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by the approximate one mile long walk through picturesque park settings at 10:30 a.m. The Pet Fair and

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### Check out our new website!

Our new and improved website is easy to navigate and contains lots of information about Brookline, our available dogs and fundraising opportunities. You can buy our popular Dog Dork T-shirts and Cookbooks as well as a variety of Brookline logo merchandise by clicking on the *Shopping* link. Go to: [www.brooklinelabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinelabrescue.org)

# PAWS ACROSS PA.... *Food, fun and fur for the entire family!*

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demonstrations will take place from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Grand prizes will be awarded to participants raising the most donations. The Adult Grand Prize will include a pastel drawing of your pet by Miriam Hughes with a gift certificate for framing discount courtesy of Michael's in Warrington, Pa.; and the Youth Grand Prize, ages 18 and under, will include a \$100 gift card to Best Buy. The walkathon and pet fair is for the whole family including your pet; so there is definitely something for everyone!!

BLRR's first Paws Across PA event is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, May 31, 2008** at the **Rose Garden Pavilions in Cedar Beach Park, located in Allentown, Pa.** This site will be host to some fabulous pet demonstrations provided by Valley Search and Rescue, Yankee Flyers Dog and Disc Club, and Release the Hounds Flyball Club. For the second year, there will be a joint blood drive between the Valley Central Animal Blood Bank and Miller/Keystone Blood Center. Animal blood donations will not be held on-site, but you can register your animal at the Valley Central Pet Ambulance. To register your own human blood donation, please contact Miller/Keystone at 610-691-5850 x 282. Little Nutzy Concessions will be making their Paws Across PA debut to provide tasty human treats for the day's events!! For more information on the Allentown site please contact Rachel Stauffer at 610-737-3170.

The second Paws Across PA event will be held at **Limerick Community Park on Saturday, June 21, 2008.** This site will feature demonstrations provided by Limerick Community Police and K-9s and Greater Philadelphia Search & Rescue. Certified Reiki instructor, John King; well-known animal communicator, Donna Doyle; and service dogs of Canine Partners for Life will all be present for the day's festivities. Children can enjoy a unique highlight of the park at Manderach Memorial Playground, a tour of a Limerick Community Fire Truck and participate in a scavenger hunt! For more information on the Limerick site, please contact Karen Barry at 215-997-6137.

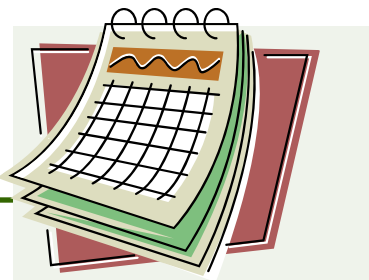
To download your walk registration form, park location information and a list of our vendors and sponsors, please visit our website at [www.brooklinealabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinealabrescue.org). Hope to see everyone there! If you are unable to attend, you may participate by mail by following the directions on the registration form. Thanks in advance to all of BLRR's supporters!! Due to an overwhelming and still ongoing response from our sponsors, we are unable to list all of them individually in this newsletter but please visit our website to see our complete list of sponsors.

*By Rachel Stauffer, BLRR Volunteer*



## Upcoming BLRR Events

*Come see us and perhaps meet one of our available dogs.*



**PetSmart** locations in PA (*Downingtown, North Wales, Warminster*) & NJ (*Cherry Hill, Lawnside, W.Berlin*). See our website for dates.

**Saturday, May 17, 2008; starts 8:30 a.m.**  
**AWA Paws and Feet Walk and Mutt Mixer**  
Cooper River Park, Pennsauken/Cherry Hill, NJ

**Paws Across PA - May 31 and June 21 -**  
*see article above*

**Sunday, June 1, 2008; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Furry Fun Day**  
Shippensburg Township Park (Britton Rd.)  
Shippensburg, PA (Follow signs)

**Saturday, June 14, 2008; Set up at 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
**Carlisle Fairgrounds Yard Sale**  
[www.carsatcarlisle.com/guest/directions.asp](http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/guest/directions.asp)

**Saturday, June 28, 2008; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**  
**Codorus Summer Blast**

Codorus State Park Main Launch ; Follow signs  
[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateParks/parks/codorus.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateParks/parks/codorus.aspx)

**Saturday, July 5, 2008; 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Carlisle Summerfair Craft Show**  
Rush Campus, Dickinson College, College & High Sts.

**July 23 - 26, 2008; 6 - 9 p.m.**  
**Ickesburg Fireman's Carnival, Ickesburg Firehouse**

**Saturday, July 26, 2008; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Super Saturday at South Middleton Park**  
520 Park Drive, Boiling Springs, Pa;  
[www.smiddleton.com/](http://www.smiddleton.com/)

Go to [www.brooklinealabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinealabrescue.org) for more details and events in August through September.

## Artist Donates Work



Artist Sheila Wedegis has generously offered to donate a number of original oil paintings to BLRR for fundraising purposes. Her first gifts will be featured in a Silent Auction format at both PAWS ACROSS PA events. Please go to [www.labradorretrieverart.com](http://www.labradorretrieverart.com) to view her beautiful work. What an exceptional opportunity to create your own pet's (any species) original artwork at a reasonable price! All proceeds benefit BLRR and payment can be arranged on-site at each event.

# Taking a Leap by Karen Repeckyj, BLRR Volunteer

Hey everyone... I'm Ginger, one of Brookline's many success stories!! I was taken to the shelter at 16 months of age because I didn't walk well on a leash. I didn't "show" well in the shelter – something about being extremely shy – and I was in danger of being put to sleep. That's when these great volunteers from Brookline came in and evaluated me and, luckily for me, I was approved for their rescue program.



Ginger



I spent some time in doggie boot camp, learning my manners and gaining some confidence. And then it was off to my new foster home..... and 3 years later I'm still here. What a time we've had!! I've been to the Outer Banks, the Poconos, Boston, and Annapolis. My family enters me in dock diving competitions and Frisbee competitions. Life sure has been

great with my new family and fur brother – he's so tolerant, I even sleep on him. Thanks Brookline!



### Keeping Tabs on our Labs:

- 14 Labs in foster care
- 2 Labs in kennel care
- 11 Labs available for adoption
- 6 Labs trying out new homes



As of 4/12/08

Help us help our Labs!

## Please Donate

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization, we depend entirely on donations and fundraisers to operate. If you would like to help, please consider making a donation today. You can direct it to our **General Fund** that covers expenses such as general veterinary care and vaccinations or to our **Bright Horizons Fund** for our Labs with special needs. Contributions are tax deductible. You can donate through a link to *PayPal* on our website or complete the form to the right and send a check to the address below:



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### Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue

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### Meet our Board of Directors

Marie Krout...President  
 Rachel Stauffer...Vice President  
 Sharon Frey...Vice President & Treasurer  
 Mary Tennant...Vice President & Secretary



## 'Snip and Send' Donation/Order Form

### I want to help! I am able to give:

- \$10  
 \$20  
 \$30  
 \$50  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please specify:  General Fund  
 Bright Horizons
- I'm interested in volunteering  I'm interested in being a Foster Home
- I can donate the following items (*leashes, collars, etc*): \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to order:

- Cookbook; Qty. \_\_\_ @ \$10 ea. (add \$3.95 S&H) Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Dog Dork T-Shirt; Qty. \_\_\_ @ \$15ea. (circle) S M L XL Address \_\_\_\_\_ (add \$3.95 S&H)
- Got Labs? T-Shirt; Qty. \_\_\_ @ \$15ea. (circle) S M L XL Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (add \$3.95 S&H)
- Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Special thanks to all of our supporters this year!

Mail form and make check payable to BLRR, P.O. Box 638, Warrington, PA 18976



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*Helping Labs Find  
Their Fur-ever Homes*

## Meg's Story—A Fond Farewell

*by Cinnie Frith, BLRR Volunteer*

She came to Brookline from a puppy mill—no longer useful as a breeder dog. Up to this point, that was the extent of her experience—caged and producing puppies for some human's financial gain. Filthy and in poor health, she arrived at her foster home with a chain and number around her neck, but no name. Her teeth and gums were in such poor condition that her age was difficult to assess—but her eyes looked young, confused and fearful.

Her foster family, Carmen and Frank, plus two Brookline foster dogs they adopted, named her Meg. Her chocolate coat looked like nutmeg after bathing and gleamed after several months of high quality food. Her hind legs were weak and all paws were abnormally opened from balancing in a wire cage. For weeks, Frank would carry Meg up the stairs at night and down in the morning, for Meg was too weak and afraid to do either activity alone.

During her five months in foster care, Meg learned how to be more confident and playful. Never having been socialized with humans, she remained timid, needing time and patience to learn trust before being adopted. "We'll never forget the many wonderful dogs who shared our home over the last four years or the life lessons we learned: to give, love and then let them go to new beginnings. This was a truly selfless experience and we will foster wherever we go," says Carmen.

Meg is now living the good life in her forever home with a loving adoptive family.



*Brookline is always looking for foster homes. Find out more information on our website at [www.brooklinelabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinelabrescue.org).*

*Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue (BLRR), founded in 1997, is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization that specializes in placing Labs and Lab mixes. We place an average of 100 dogs per year in their forever homes. BLRR maintains a regularly updated list of available Labs being given up by their owners (but still living at home) and dogs pulled from shelters and puppy mills who are placed in foster care with our volunteers. We evaluate both the dog and the prospective adopting home to help ensure a good fit for everyone. All dogs are vet checked and their shots updated before they are adopted. BLRR serves areas of Pennsylvania and New Jersey depending on the number and availability of our volunteers. Please visit our website at [www.brooklinelabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinelabrescue.org) for links to other rescues serving locations beyond our coverage areas and for more information about adoption. 5/08—lk*