



Keeping Tabs on our Labs:

- We have 2 Labs in foster care
- There are 0 Labs in kennel care
- 13 Labs are awaiting adoption
- 3 Labs are trying out a home

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Success Stories

Meg went to her new family this past spring and settled in quite nicely over the summer. When the family made their "escapes" to Vermont, Meg discovered the joys of lake swimming and water fetch with a Frisbee. Her favorite pastime at the lake was "fishing" although she scared most of the fish away when she dove into the water! Meg continues to thrive and seems the perfect Labby for her new family.

Leia's new mom reports that Leia is doing GREAT at obedience school. Leia turned one year old in early September and her mom says that is getting slender and walks very nicely on a leash and thinks Leia has been the most wonderful gift...they are definitely "a pack of two"!

Maddie is the queen of her new home and is loving life. She likes to take long walks in the woods with her dad and proved to be one heck of a swimmer up in the Poconos this past summer. Maddie exhibits the typical water-loving ways of the Labrador breed. This is truly a match made in heaven!

Guinness is a yellow boy who was fostered by one of our volunteers who had a difficult time giving him up! His new family can see why as Guinness is such a friendly and well-behaved pup. His new mom reports that he's doing well and has settled into his new life with the family. Guinness is a real outdoors kind of dog, and with obedience training and maturity, he will be an excellent addition to the family.

Sophie was matched with her new family late last spring and she is just the happiest girl. Her new mom relates that her allergies are under control and she is excelling in obedience classes. Sophie enjoys belly rubs, long walks and sleeping with her new human brother, Marshall. Her favorite game on hot days is fetching a sponge ball and some 'sponge pets' out of the wading pool!

Boomer seems to be a good fit with his new family and is having a ball with all the attention and exercise he receives since coming

to their home in the spring. His mom reports that he settled in just fine. Boomer had a fun canoe outing over the summer and proved to be a mighty fine swimmer. He's very protective of and attached to his new family. His dad is in heaven with his human son and his dog!

Bandit is the black male lab that came back to the Rescue last spring with terrible allergies and was nursed back to health by one of our very dedicated volunteers. Bandit went to his new forever home in the spring and he's doing just fine. He goes with his family on trail rides whenever they can take him along! Bandit has also forged a relationship with his feline brother, Beavis, although Beavis rules the roost. What a fabulous success story after much patience and perseverance.

Rosie is one of the trio of labs who were surrendered by their owners in the spring due to a conflict with their township's dog regulation. Rosie came to her new home a little on the chunky side and she is now looking very fit and trim! Daily jogging and walking sessions with her new parents have done the trick. Rosie is a petite lab who is very much her mom's girl. Despite having been separated from her siblings, she is quite content with her new family. Here's to a new beginning for Rosie!

Casey and the Pocono Police: Casey (young chocolate male) was taken into the K-9 Program of Philadelphia early this summer! He is now living with his new officer and family in the Pocono's and doing well.

The family loves Casey and the officer is looking forward to the start of training with Casey in September.

Theo is a wonderful dog who is lucky he has found his new family (and vice versa) - they are a perfect match! He enjoys his walks and loves

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The Chuck Wagon: Tasty Treats for Your Fur Friend

Sunshine Liver Brownies

These brownies may be cut to any size and will not crumble in your pocket. They also freeze well.

- 1 lb. of calf or pork liver
- 1 cup of flour
- 1/2 cup corn meal
- 2 Tbsp garlic salt
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder



Puree all of the above in a food processor. Pour onto a cookie sheet lined with aluminum foil which has been oiled. Mixture will be thick. Press flat and even. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Brownies are done when the pink is gone. Do not over bake or the brownies will crumble. Recipe may be doubled.

You can also use fresh garlic instead of the garlic powder, and/or add parsley flakes for color. (Kay Jackson)

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playing ball in the backyard with his human siblings. Theo is a water-lover and a very mellow fellow. His new family is as laid back as Theo is and you can see the bond between them!

Casey has really snuggled in nicely with his new family.

They soon became fast friends and companions. They take nightly walks together and enjoy cuddling on the sofa to watch TV. Casey also loves to sleep in bed either with his dad or with one of his human sisters. Casey has found his new forever home and family!

Belle Little "Bella" is an active puppy who has grown like a weed since going to her foster home. She has quite a mischievous personality -- she likes to steal socks and other articles of clothing from her mommies and hide them! Her Great Dane blood is

beginning to manifest itself in her size and unique markings. Needless to say, her foster mommies could not part with sweet Bella and decided to keep her as their own.

Saana has settled into her surroundings with her new brother Moose and new mom and dad. She is so petite and sweet! Saana has managed to wriggle her way into Moose's heart even though he wasn't very interested in her in the beginning. Her new owners think she is a love bug and they adore her!

Madison is living in Doggie Nirvana since his adoption. He had an operation to fix a small hernia and he's doing great! Madison also began obedience training at Petsmart in September. His families are exactly what Madison needed -- one that could give him lots

of love and undivided attention....and he gets it!

Congratulations to all our adoptees and their new families!

If It's Free, It's for Me: Free Internet Resource for Dog Owners

Lots of web sites present themselves as the *best* site for dog care and or behavior. Like everything on the Internet, it is important to use your own best judgment and carefully scrutinize any web site before taking its advice to heart. Find out who owns the site. What is their objective? Is it to sell products or give advice? Who wrote the text? Was that person qualified?

One site that we like is www.healthypet.com owned by the American Animal Hospital Association. In particular, the Pet Care Library has many brief articles on pet behavior, training, nutrition and health. Articles are attributed and are usually authored by vets. While it is always important to discuss issues concerning your dog with your vet before starting any new exercise, training or nutritional regime, these articles can give you good ideas about where to start the discussion.

Donation Form: Help Us to Help the Labs

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I would prefer my donation count toward

Bright Horizons Fund General Fund

I would like to help! Please contact me about the following opportunities:

- Items (leashes, crates, etc.) I have to donate
- Fostering a Lab
- Sponsoring a Lab with a monthly donation
- Volunteering with B.L.R.R.

Contact me at:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

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

Ask the Vet: Allergies Part Two

An alternative to “traditional” veterinary medicine is Alternative or Homeopathic medicine. Many owners are considering the natural or herbal way of dealing with problems with their pets. Dr. Janet McKim, owner and proprietor of Middleburg Animal Hospital in Middleburg, VA, practices Eastern (Chinese) and Western medicine. She has an interest in Chinese and herbal preparations in treating many diseases she encounters in her practice especially those of geriatrics. I asked her how she evaluates and treats patients the herbal way. “Since I practice both Eastern and Western medicine I like to combine the two applications. In Chinese medicine, we refer to allergic dogs as “damp” or having too much moisture in the skin. The blood is considered to be the carrier of heat and it moisturizes the organs and skin is an organ,” states Dr. McKim. When the scratching and chewing are accompanied by red eruptions and drainage of purulent discharge, there are thought to be “hot” substances in the blood. Chinese medicine also believes that there is direct correlation between what your animal eats and how their body reacts to it. She first rules out external parasites and any infection or fungus that might be going on. She then directs her investigation toward what the animal is eating and why. Chinese medicine believes in meats and veggie diets with little to no starch and based from organ meats. She will usually suggest changing the animals diet to see if that helps. There does seem to be a rise in inhalant allergies and contact allergies. These can be treated with traditional drugs for short-term relief (i.e.: prednisone for seasonal allergies). For the relentless allergies, she likes to suggest the allergy testing, to really know what you are dealing with and then suggests a home

cooked diet, herbs to drain the “heat” and acupuncture. This tends to be reserved for the year round allergies.

As with any long-term disease, treatment can be costly. Make sure you get all the information you can from your veterinarian and from research that you do on your own to make a comfortable decision on which path to take in treating your pet. After all, they are part of our families and deserve the best care we can provide during each and every stage of their lives.

Oh So Quote-able

The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world.....When all friends desert, he remains.

--George G. Vest

Out & About: Doing the Meet and Greet on Your Walk

Whether you're on the town or on the trail with your furry friend, chances are you'll be meeting other folks of the two and sometimes four-legged variety. It is important to manage these meetings well so that everyone walks away with a good impression. Here are a few tips to help things along.

- If you know your dog does not handle meeting strangers on the street very well, then stick to more remote locations for your outings – State Parks rather than busy sidewalks.

- Never force a meeting between two dogs that would just as soon avoid one another, chat with your neighbor about the election when the dogs aren't around (they're just jealous you get to vote anyway!) Assuming that your dog is well behaved while meeting others, keep the following in mind:

- When meeting another dog and walker head on, give the other guys room to move away from you. Unless you know the couple, you don't know how the other dog will react to yours – give them a little room to avoid you



if that's what the owner wants.

- Never pass a dog and walker couple with the dogs passing next to each other, always pass the other person, shoulder to shoulder.

- Be aware of others around you – canine and people alike. Make eye contact and smile at people you meet. They will make assumptions about your dog by the way you comport yourself.

- Don't allow your dog to pull you toward another dog and walker. Make him sit until you can find out from the owner if the dog is friendly or not.

Finally, when you do decide that it's safe for all of you, let the sniffing commence (that's the dogs, not you!). Avoid tangling leashes as the dogs go round and round. Remember that a situation that appears at first to be going smoothly can suddenly take a nasty turn, so pay attention to your dog and have both of you take a step back for a moment if things start to get intense.

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Holiday Pet Show
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Our Mission

Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue (Brookline) is a non-profit 100% volunteer organization funded entirely by donations and nominal adoption fees. At Brookline Lab Rescue we maintain a list of available Labs. This list is updated on a regular basis and is made up of dogs being given up by their owners (but still living with the owners) and dogs who are in foster care. We do our best to evaluate each dog and to give potential adopters detailed and accurate information regarding each dog.

Dogs being surrendered by their original families stay with them until an adoption can be arranged. If the dog is scheduled to be destroyed at a shelter, we arrange to place the dog in a foster home with one of our volunteers. If a foster home is not available, then we place the dog in a kennel near one of our volunteers until a foster home can be arranged. All shelter dogs are fostered for a minimum period by a volunteer before being placed for adoption.

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 parts of 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.

