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BROOKLINE LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE, INC

# Labrador Ledger



Featured Lab

## Make Max a Member of Your Family!

Max is a super-sweet dog who is looking for an active family to help him burn off his energy and to cuddle with him at the end of the day! He is a 15-month-old yellow Lab who weighs 60 pounds.

An early-riser, Max often starts his day at 6:00 a.m. but on the weekends he will actually go back to bed for a couple of hours. What a buddy!



Max

Max is crate-trained and not yet reliable if left alone in the house – he still is a puppy after all! He may bark once inside his crate but after he gets his treat-stuffed Kong toy, he is easily distracted.

He is full of puppy energy and can be a bit jumpy so Max is best suited for a family with children older than the age of eight. He does love kids though and will playfully chase cats.

Max has a mild seasonal skin allergy that is being treated with a special diet and Benadryl if needed. He is up-to-date on his vaccines and in good health.

Max likes to be close to you – especially when you are outside. He has been known to jump a four-foot fence to get to you on occasion. He loves to go on long walks (they tire him out) and is great on a no-pull harness.

This spunky boy has spent some time at “charm school” but would greatly benefit from attending obedience training with his new family. Best of all, Max loves to snuggle and sleep with you in bed.

Are you that special family that can give Max the attention, exercise and love that he deserves?

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

## Winter Safety Tips—Protect those Paws!

Winter is almost here and that means that you need to be extra cautious regarding the well-being of your pets.

Walking and playing with your dog in the snow can be a lot of fun but you need to pay special attention to the pads of their feet. Sidewalks that have been treated with chemicals to remove ice may cause irritated, chapped or burned



paws and can make your dog ill if he licks the chemical off his paws.

To prevent this, thoroughly wash and dry your dog’s feet when he comes in from outside.

You should also check your dog’s feet for ice, which can form between his toes. If you see any, carefully clean his feet with warm water after you bring him indoors. Have a safe, fun and happy winter with your dog!

Source: [pedigree.com](http://pedigree.com)

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### Shop on our website!

You can now buy our popular Dog Dork T-shirts and Cookbooks on our website. You'll also find a variety of Brookline logo merchandise by clicking on the *Shop Our Store* link. Don't forget to check out the free ways you can support us by *Shopping Our Partners*. It just takes one click! Go to:

[www.brooklinelabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinelabrescue.org)

## 'Nipping' it in the Bud... *by Nicole McBride*

DOG Behavior Tips

Many dogs, not just Labradors, can be described as "mouthy." This means they use their mouths as a tool to get a human's attention. So why does it happen and what can you do to curb the behavior?

In many cases, dogs can get over-stimulated and just don't know how to "turn it off." Most dog's only outlet is play and many dogs can get extremely excited while playing. While we can just take the toy and put it away to end the game, dogs can't "come down" quite that fast! Without hands to tug on your sleeve and say "I'd like to play more!" dogs use the tool most readily available to them — their mouths!

Letting a dog know that "mouthiness" isn't appropriate is the key to curbing the behavior but the method that works could be different for each dog. With some, a high pitched "ouch!" will work while with others, that might be seen as a new game. With many dogs, associating something unpleasant with mouthing a human works better. A quick squirt in the mouth with mouthwash is a nice passive way to get your point across!

Whatever the reason, "mouthiness" is never an acceptable behavior, and for more in-depth training, it never hurts to consult a professional trainer!

*Nicole McBride is a Trainer for Cubby's Canine Castle and Brookline Volunteer*



Buddy

*Hey, I graduated from a training class already! I'm a 2 1/2-year-old chocolate Lab who loves to play but I also know when to settle. I still have a few things to learn—are you willing to teach me? Read more about Buddy on our web site!*

## Upcoming BLRR Events



*Our volunteers will be at the following events with information about Brookline. Please stop by our table to say hello or ask any questions that you might have about us!*

**November 11, 2006; 9 am—12 pm**

**PetSmart**

1010 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA

**November 11, 2006; 11 am—3 pm**

**Cubby's Canine Castle — Open House**

1265 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA

**December 2006**

**Borders Book Stores—Gift Wrapping Days**

Check our website for dates and store locations for this fundraiser!

*Also, check for listing of 'Photos with Santa' Days at Petco and PetSmart!*

**March 16—18, 2007**

**The Greater Philadelphia Pet Expo**

Greater Reading Expo Center, 2525 North 12th Street, Reading, PA

## Ready to Adopt? Bean is Waiting!



Bean

**Meet Bean!!** She is a six-year-old pure bred black Lab. Bean is great with kids!! She will need some help re-socializing with other dogs since she has had limited exposure to them recently. But she lives with her sister Nicki and they get along GREAT!! Bean is spayed and up-to-date on all vaccinations. Please go to our website and check her out!!

### CPAA 2007 Calendar Now Available!

Brookline is a member of The Central Pennsylvania Animal Alliance (CPAA) -- a group of animal rescues working to create a no-kill community for animals. You can support the CPAA by purchasing their 2007 calendar which features 13 stories of animals that were helped by CPAA rescue partners. The 5x7 book-style calendar costs \$10 plus \$1.25 S/H for up to three calendars. To order, please see the 'snip and send' form on page 3.

# Toni's Long Tale by Gwen Ketner, BLRR Volunteer

Toni's story is one of patience. Toni came to Brookline at the age of seven. She was living in an outdoor kennel with another dog—come rain or shine—and her family knew she deserved more.

While most Brookline adoptions move fairly quickly, Toni required a special home and it would take time. Because she was very reactive to other dogs, cats and strangers, several trial placements did not work. But Toni's family never gave up and neither did Toni.

Over the years, there were frequent visits to check on Toni. About a year ago, Toni's best friend passed away and left her all on her own. While Toni was then able to sleep in the basement and visit her family upstairs on occasion, she still was basically an outside dog.

Then one day, an application arrived



Toni

from a family who said they were only interested in adopting Toni. The family had previously had a dog that reacted like Toni and they were well prepared for her. This new family wanted to give her the life she has always wanted and deserved—a life as a member of a family.

From the moment of introduction, it was a match made in heaven. Toni has

found her 'fur-ever' home. She sleeps on the couch, plays with the family's toddler, and generally lives the life that she has always dreamed about. It doesn't matter that she is now almost 10 years old. Brookline has helped Toni find the family she deserves. She is living the good life. The old adage is true... sometimes the best things are saved for last.

### Keeping Tabs on our Labs:

- 12 Labs in foster care
- 1 Lab in kennel care
- 15 Labs available for adoption
- 6 Labs trying out new homes



As of 10/06



## 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:



### Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue

P.O. Box 638

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www.brooklinelabrescue.org

### Trim the PetSmart Wish Tree!

This holiday season you can make a donation to Brookline through PetSmart's *Wish Tree* program! Check your local PetSmart for details.



## 'Snip and Send' Donation/Order Form

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

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

Please specify:  General Fund  
 Bright Horizons

### I would like to order:

- Cookbook; Qty. \_\_\_ @ \$10 ea. (add \$3.95 S&H)
  - Dog Dork T-Shirt; Qty. \_\_\_ @\$15ea. (circle) S M L XL (add \$3.95 S&H)
  - Got Labs? T-Shirt; Qty. \_\_\_ @\$15ea. (circle) S M L XL (add \$3.95 S&H)
  - CCAA Calendar; Qty. \_\_\_ @\$10ea. (add \$1.25 S&H; up to 3 calendars)
- Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## Special thanks to all of our supporters this year!

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*Helping Labs Find  
Their Fur-ever Homes*

*Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue (BLRR) is a nonprofit volunteer organization that specializes in placing Labs and Lab mixes. Since 1997 we have placed about 400 Labs in their forever homes. We maintain a regularly updated list of available Labs that are being given up by their owners (but still living at home) and dogs pulled from shelters and placed in foster care with one of 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 see our website for links to other rescues serving locations beyond our coverage areas. For more information about adoption and for downloadable forms, go to [www.brooklinelabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinelabrescue.org).*

## You Can Make a Difference in the Life of a Lab — Learn How!

Brookline, which places an average of 100 dogs per year, has kicked off its annual campaign to recruit volunteer foster homes so that more Labs can be rescued. The amount of Labs and Lab mixes in need of a temporary home far outnumbers the available foster homes.

Fostering a dog can be one of the most rewarding experiences a dog lover can have. Most of the Labs in foster care are rescued from shelters just before being euthanized due to overcrowding. A Brookline volunteer evaluates a shelter dog for temperament and if the dog is deemed adoptable, the dog is pulled and placed in foster care with one of Brookline's foster homes until an adoption can take place. Dogs remain in the same foster home for as long as it takes to find them a forever home, which can take a few weeks to a few months.

For every foster dog there is a different story – some funny and some tearful. But Brookline's foster homes report that helping prepare a dog for its new home is worth every temporary moment of frustration, chaos, and joy. Brookline encourages dog lovers to consider becoming a foster home so they can have this rewarding experience.

If being a foster home is not an option, there are other ways volunteers can be a vital part of Brookline -- including helping to find good adoptive homes, evaluating dogs, making calls, data entry and website management. All necessary training is provided.

Brookline serves counties throughout Pennsylvania and parts of New Jersey and Delaware. To learn more about fostering/volunteering for Brookline, please visit our website at [www.brooklinelabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinelabrescue.org) or call 215-343-6087.



Lena

*Pssst! I'm a 3 year-old petite Lab mix looking to share my next birthday with my new forever family. Could that be you? Check out Lena at [www.brooklinelabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinelabrescue.org).*