



### Keeping Tabs on our Labs:

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

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# Labrador Ledger

## Brookline Lab Rescue is on the Grow!

Nothing says success like the growing of an organization!

Brookline has expanded significantly in the last year, and as we come to the end of 2004, we'd like to share with you what we've done. Who knows, maybe you'll join us in our quest to match Labs in need with loving forever homes!

We have added a new coverage area to our roster – Area 8 Waynesboro, PA which also extends as far south as Hagerstown, MD! Our Area 4 has become so busy that we divided it in half and created Area 6 which includes Chester and Delaware counties.

Our website has been overhauled this year – increasing the number of resources on our Links page to assist Lab lovers. We now have more FREE ways that you can help us raise money – Brookline now participates in the AllPetsConsidered, IGive and PetSmart affiliate programs. If you're shopping at either of these sites on line, just click through our page at [www.dogsaver.org/brookline](http://www.dogsaver.org/brookline) and these sponsors will give us a percentage of the sale as a donation. We are particularly proud of our Success Stories pages which are all new this year! We don't mind bragging to say that we've placed so many dogs this year that there are too many to include in the Ledger! Check out our website to find your new fur-kid or just to read the touching stories of some of our adoptees. If by chance you're considering adding another fur-kid to your family, we now have a direct link from our homepage to our Petfinder listing of available Labs.

As proud of our website as we are, the Labs are the real reason we do what we do. We have placed nearly 60 in forever homes so far this year – and the year isn't over yet! Already we have placed more Labs than in any year in our seven-year history. We're well on track to make 2005 even bet-

ter for Labs in our expanding coverage area!

Our second annual PAWS Walk was held in June and was a howling success! We raised nearly \$3000. to fund Brookline's efforts. We had the cooperation of Mother Nature this year resulting in a significant increase in walker turnout! It was a fun-filled day for everyone – humans and canines alike. Watch our webpage for the announcement for next year's walk.

To place as many Labs as we have, you need a strong volunteer base, and we are so thrilled with all of the new volunteer's we've added to our ranks!

Of course all of our success makes us think of all the work we have yet to do and all the things we'd like to do better.

We're always looking to expand our coverage area. Target areas for the upcoming year include the miles between Harrisburg and Philadelphia. We'd like to have one contiguous coverage area. We'd also like to extend our area north to the Scranton area, but in order to do that we need trained volunteers in those areas to do home visits and dog evaluations. Foster homes are always needed. We have added a few of those to the group this year, but we can always use more. The more foster space we have the more Labs we can pull from shelters and offer another chance at a happy life.

If you have been thinking you'd like to give back to volunteer, but haven't

found just the right opportunity, why not consider volunteering with Brookline? We always have room for another Lab lover! Contact us at [BLRRVolunteer@hotmail.com](mailto:BLRRVolunteer@hotmail.com)

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### Q: Why does my Lab want to sleep with me on my bed?

Some people love to sleep with their dogs, others would rather not give up any more mattress real-estate than necessary. So why is it that dogs want to share the sheets?

In Dogwatching, author Desmond Morris offers one explanation, "...even as adults, [dogs] look on their human owners as pseudo-parents, it is perfectly natural for them to want to curl up next to their "mother's" body." This could be either owner, if there is more than one, not just a woman. "Even, if by strict training, the family dog is kept off the bed, it will still want to sleep as close as possible to its "pack." In the wild state, after they have left the nest, young wolves prefer to sleep reasonable close to one another. Only a beaten pack-outcast would be found sleeping at a distance from the group. It follows that a dog who is shut right away from its human owners at night must also feel like an outcast from its adopted pack. Where there is a group of guard dogs or a pack of hounds this presents no problems, of course, because the animals have one another's company. But where there is a solitary pet dog living with a family, it will find it hard to understand why it is shunned at bedtime and kept forcibly away from its human companions."

Dogwatching, Desmond Morris, Crown Publishers, NY

### Walkin' in a Doggie Wonderland

Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?  
In the lane, snow is glistenin'.  
It's yellow, NOT white - I've been there tonight,  
Marking up my winter wonderland.

Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.  
It's a sign for wand'ring vagrants;  
"Avoid where I pee, it's MY pro-per-ty!  
Marked up as my winter wonderland."

In the meadow dad will build a snowman,  
following the classical design.  
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go Man,  
So all the world will know it's mine-mine-mine!

Straight from me to the fencepost,  
flows my natural incense boast;  
"Stay off of my TURF, this small piece of earth,  
I mark it as my winter wonderland."

--Author Unknown

### The Tax Man Cometh! Donations to Brookline are Tax Deductible!

November already, the holidays are upon us and on their heels tax season! Those tax documents will start arriving soon and the dreaded April 15 deadline is right around the corner. Yikes! Like to know how you can ease that tax burden just a little, or maybe a lot? Contributions to Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue are

TAX DEDUCTIBLE! Everyone's tax situation is different—your deductions are between you and your tax professional—but wouldn't it be nice to make Uncle Sam pay for a change?

Check out IRS Publication 526 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for the full scoop!

### Donation Form: Help Us to Help the Labs

I want to help the Labs! I am able to give

\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_ \$50 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Contributions are tax deductible*

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

## The Chuck Wagon: Tasty Treats for Your Fur Friend

### Baby Food Soft Doggie Cookies

3 2 1/2 oz. each jars of baby

Food: either beef or chicken

1/4 c Dry milk powder

1/4 c Wheat germ

Combine ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Roll into small balls and place on well-greased cookie sheet.

Flatten slightly with a fork. Bake in pre-heated 350 oven for 15 minutes or until brown. Cool on wire racks and STORE IN REFRIGERATOR...also freezes well.

Cream of Wheat can be substituted for the wheat germ. These cookies are soft and chewy.....

### Microwave Doggie Doughnuts

2 c Whole wheat flour

3 T Oatmeal

1 Egg; lightly beaten

1 t. Garlic powder

2/3 c Beef or chicken broth

Place flour in a bowl, add egg and broth, mix well. Blend in oatmeal and garlic powder. Roll dough into a ball and then roll out on a lightly floured surface to 1/2" thick. Cut with small doughnut cutters. Re-roll scraps and repeat.

Arrange on a shallow baking dish or on a sheet or parch-

ment paper in a single layer. Cook on HIGH 10 minutes or until firm. Let cool until hardened. Store in covered container in refrigerator.

Recipes from: <http://soar.Berkeley.EDU/recipes/dog/>

**If you're using a commercial dog biscuit mix**, be sure to follow storage directions for the finished product.

Recipes that call for milk or eggs don't have as long a shelf life as others that only call for broth. Store perishable treats in the fridge.

**Tired of finding week old hot dog nibbles** in your coat pocket leftover from obedience class? (Eeewww!) Try using dry breakfast cereal for your food reward (or your Lab's). Cheerios and Chex, or their house-brand equivalents often work just as well without the mess or expense of hot dogs or "authentic" dog treats. Mix and match them to keep it interesting for your Lab, but avoid sugary cereals, your Lab doesn't need any more energy than he or she already has!



## If It's Free, It's for Me! Free or Nearly Free Things for Lab Lovers

### Free things you can do to help save a Lab:

1. Tell someone about us
2. Do your web-shopping through our "Fundraisers" section of our web-site ([www.dogsaver.org/brookline](http://www.dogsaver.org/brookline)), we get a percentage of your purchase price if you click through us!
3. Post us! Don't toss out this newsletter, recycle it by posting it where others can see it!

At your vet's office

At the local library

At your office (you know, that bulletin board next to the coffee machine).

**Still paying top dollar** for those pieces of rope with a knot in each end? Make your own toy by braiding strips of old rags or towels. Be careful to use clean items that have not been in contact with cleaning solvents. Use as many strips as you need to get the size you want.

Have a teething puppy? Wet the "bone" to make it damp (not soaking) and freeze. The cold eases the pain of those little chompers while providing a "sensible" alternative to shoes, chair legs or rugs.

Helps adult dogs beat the summertime heat too!

## Out & About

### Get Outdoors with Your Lab at one of Pennsylvania's State Parks

As anyone with a dog – especially a Lab – knows, they need a lot of exercise. There is nothing they love more than to get out "where the wild things are" and put their noses to the ground. There is no better way to shake off the winter blahs than to get out and get moving! Did you know that in Pennsylvania, "Pets are permitted in state recreation areas provided they are on a leash not exceeding six feet in length and attended at all times" except in swimming or overnight areas, according to the PA State Parks web-site. Also, pets



are permitted in PA State Forests under the condition that, "... they are kept under control and attended at all times."

Many state parks and forests are open year round. Many have cross-country ski trails in addition to hiking or walking trails. Check out the DNR web-site for the park nearest you!

Go to <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks> and <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry> for more information including maps, park regulations and events.

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*Upcoming Events*

*Horse and Pet Expo  
Fort Washington Expo Center  
(PA TP exit 26)  
March 11-13, 2005*

*Pawsibilities  
State Farm Show Building,  
Harrisburg, PA  
March 12-13, 2005*

*Saving Labs in Pennsylvania  
and the Delaware Valley*

Folks will know  
how large your soul  
is, by the way you  
treat your dog!

Don't toss out this  
newsletter! Recycle  
it by posting it  
where others can  
see it!

## Our Mission

Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue (Brookline) is a non-profit 100% volunteer organization funded entirely by donations and nominal adoption donations. 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 in area shelters, 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 an adoption can be arranged.

We evaluate both the dog and the prospec-

tive 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](http://www.dogsaver.org/brookline).**

