



# The Labrador Ledger

**Brought to you by the Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue!  
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## *Paws Across PA*

Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue will be holding our annual fundraiser on June 10, 2006 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. It is a pledge sponsored walk with your pet. The first three years the walks were so well supported that we decided to add a 2nd site this year. The first site is Norristown Farm Park in Norristown, PA. The second site is the Lower Allen Community Park in Lisburn, PA.

If you do not live near either of the parks you can participate by mail. Just collect your pledges as usual and mail them in by June 3, 2006 to be eligible for the Grand Prize. Prizes will be awarded to the highest pledge collectors in both the adult and youth categories. The adult grand prize is a piece of original artwork created for this event by Adrienne Vesce and framed by Allegheny Art. The youth grand prize is an IPOD shuffle donated by Susan Stultz and Family.

Participants who raise over \$75 will receive a free event t-shirt. The Lower Allen site will offer a Canine Good Citizen Test. There are ten items that the dog and owner must complete to pass the test. The cost will be \$10. Please visit [http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training\\_testing.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm) and email Danny at [heinzfield86@comcast.net](mailto:heinzfield86@comcast.net) to pre-register for a time.

### **Beautiful Handmade Quilt to Be Raffled Off!**

A beautiful dog-themed quilt, made by one of Brookline's own volunteers, is set to be raffled off in June, at our annual Paws Across PA Walkathon and Pet Fair.



#### **Get your tickets now!**

Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Please mail your tickets, with payment made out to "BLRR" Quilt Raffle c/o Nicole McBride  
PO Box 1296  
Skipack, PA 19474

If you have any questions, please call Nicole at 610-222-8097 or email [rotnlab@verizon.net](mailto:rotnlab@verizon.net).

Please mail your tickets by June 3, 2006 or tickets will be available the day of the event at the Norristown site only. The drawing will be held during Paws Across PA on June 10, 2006 at Noon! You do not need to be present to win!

Please visit our website to view pictures of the quilt, download your tickets, and learn about PAWS across PA! Go to [www.brooklinelabrescue.org](http://www.brooklinelabrescue.org) and click on "Paws across PA".

**Congratulations**

BLRR would like to announce and congratulate the following volunteers for their new positions:

**New BAC Members:** Karen Repeckyj and Marnie Powell as of March 1st and Rachel Stauffer as of June 1st.

**New Members of the Board:** Gwen Ketner and Nicole McBride as of March 1st.

**New Secretary:** Maryann Hollis as of March 1st. Secretary/Director as of June 1st.

**New Foster Coordinators:** The McGee Sisters also known as Peggy and Mary as of March 1st.

We wish all of you the best of luck in your positions!

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### **Upcoming Events**

**May 7** DeBella Walk, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia

**May 7** Heroes Helping Heroes. Kimberly Memorial Park, Breinigsville, PA

**May 7** Chester County SPCA Walk, Exton, PA

**May 14** Northeast Pet and Breed Rescue, Hamburg, PA

**May 20** Mechanicsburg Sale

**May 20** Kmart Adoption Day

Allentown, PA

**June 3** Animal Medical Center Walk, Trappe, PA

**June 4** Furry Fun Day Shippensburg, PA

**June 10** Paws Across PA

**June 24** Lehigh Valley Yard Sale

**July 19-22** Ickesburg Fireman's Carnival

**July 29** Super Saturday South Middleton Park Boiling Springs, PA



Rising to the Occasion featuring Marie Krout



Today's my lucky day - I get to talk about one of my favorite subjects and that is how I became a member of the Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue. In August of 1998, my family and I adopted a one year old female Lab named Ariel from our local SPCA. Ariel was such a pretty girl and seemed pretty settled for a young lab. We took her home and everything went ok the first day. The next day we left the house for an hour putting Ariel in our family room. When we came home our family room no longer had curtains on the French Doors and our French Doors were partly chewed. My verdict - she had to go back. Luckily, when I called to see about returning her, the woman at the SPCA asked me why I didn't crate her and if they had given me any information on crating when I adopted her, which they hadn't. She strongly suggested that I try crating her and see if that would work for us. Since my family was already attached to her, we decided to give it a try. We bought a crate, put it up, and in she went as if she realized that was her place.

Over the next several months, I realized she wasn't as settled as I thought so I joined the lab-1 list for support. I "met" Nicole Soyster, the founder of Brookline Lab Rescue, on that list and she helped me tremendously with any issues that came up with Ariel. We also talked about the Rescue and I told her if I could help in anyway that I would be glad to do so. It started out as finalizing an adoption here or there, evaluating a dog, or doing a home visit and pretty soon I was hooked. I became a full fledged volunteer with the Brookline Lab Rescue. Here I am 7 years later the President of the Lab Rescue. My sincere hope is that I am giving back to people what Nicole gave me, which was the ability to work through problems with the dog I loved.

Brookline Yard Sale Season

They always say one person's trash is another person's treasure! What better way to support the rescue then getting rid of all your unwanted items. All the proceeds will be donated to Brookline Lab Rescue so we can do what we do best - give the Labs a second chance in life to find their Fur-Ever Families! Keep in mind that all donations are Tax Deductible! We are also in need of volunteers to man the fort! We can also use tables and chairs if you have them! Please see the appropriate contact information below to volunteer or donate your items! We request that all item donations are pre-priced. Even if you can't donate items or help out we hope to see you out there! Feel free to check out www.brooklinelabrescue.org for more details.

\*Mechanicsburg Yard Sale: Saturday, May 20, 2006. 8:00 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Location: 13 Lilac Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Contact Jan Williams: jwiltwilliams@hotmail.com

\*Lehigh Valley Area Yard Sale: Saturday, June 24, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: 345 North 4th Street, Coopersburg, PA 18036 (Located right off of Route 309)
Contact: Debbie Salomon (610) 437-0448 or yellowlabholly@rcn.com (Please contact for donations, volunteer info, or general information.)

\*Skippack Yard Sale: Saturday, October 7, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: TBD
Contact: Cheryl Drabick cdrabick@comcast.net

Something to Chew On - BLRR Cookbook On Sale



BLRR has prepared a taste tempting cookbook called Something to Chew On, featuring favorite recipes from members of our community. Our cookbook is 270 recipes of "Drinks and Appetizers", "Soups and Salads", "Main Dishes", "Breads and Rolls", "Desserts", "Candies and Cookies", AND "Treats for your Pets". This is a cookbook you and your pet can treasure for years to come. Please see the Snip and Send form on Page 4 to order! It is also a great gift idea! The cost is \$10 and \$3 S/H for the 1st book and \$1 additional for each additional book ordered!



## ★ Shining Stars—Meet Diego ★

Meet Diego! He's one of our available dogs awaiting for someone just like you to take him home. There are many great traits about this loveable boy! He is up to date on all of his shots and completely housebroken. His current family considers him to be reliable in the home. Diego knows his basic commands such as sit, stay, down, come, and gentle. Diego's current family feels he will adjust well to a new environment. They also feel he is good with children except he can be somewhat "Oafish" and poses a knock down factor for small children. They would be more inclined to see Diego placed in a home with older children. Overall Diego is an intelligent, energetic, and happy dog. He is very strong while walking so he would definitely need someone who could handle his excitement and vigor!! If you would like more information about Diego please visit [brooklinelabrescue.org](http://brooklinelabrescue.org) and look at our Available Dogs Section or you can go directly to <http://www.petfinder.com/pet.cgi?action=2&pet=4172209>. Please also feel free to email [ejdamato@earthlink.net](mailto:ejdamato@earthlink.net)! Make springtime wonderful by giving Diego the love and home he deserves!



## ♥ Fostering Rewards featuring Peggy McGee ♥

### Foster a Lab? I could never do that!

When I tell people that I foster dogs for a Lab Rescue, I almost always get the same response. ***Oh, I could never do that!*** I understand that response because I used to think the same way. I thought it would be too hard, too emotional, too...something. It's not always easy, but it's always incredibly rewarding. I used to ask the same questions people ask me, but now I have the answers.

***How do you keep yourself from getting attached to the dogs?*** I don't. I fall in love with each and every dog that comes into our home. Each dog we've fostered has a unique personality that I will never forget. First was Sparky-the only dog I've ever known that actually plays practical jokes. Then we had Duke, who enjoyed introducing himself to the neighbors when he wasn't lounging on the patio furniture. Surprise-Duke can jump the fence. Next we had Zoey, who bounced 3 feet off the ground and leaped over the other dogs as they ran and played in the yard. And with Zoey came her incredible, beautiful 7 puppies who gave us the most exciting summer we have had in years. We were advised not to name the puppies so we gave them nicknames-Blue, Brown Dog, Rottie, Blaze, Socks, Tux, and Nona. And we got very attached. We got so attached that Nona is still here-and officially ours. Then there was Emma, who had the cutest waddle and always had a tennis ball in her mouth. I remember trying to give her a treat and not being able to get it in her mouth because she had a tennis ball hidden in there. Next was Bear, who jumped on my bed-and me- and barked like mad until he managed to "scare away" the fireworks the neighbors set off on New Year's Eve. Happy New Year to you too, Bear! Now we have our second Bear, a very agile and quick boy, who loves to bolt out the front door and had my sister stopping rush hour traffic on a very busy road so she could safely call Bear back to where he belonged. We wouldn't run into traffic for just anyone. But for our foster dogs there is little we wouldn't do. So yes, we get attached!

***What if they're bad dogs?*** There are no bad dogs! Okay, some of them get into some mischief. So we bought brand new blinds. And we replaced the curtains. NO BIG DEAL! My nieces have done more damage in the house than the dogs. The dogs never blew out the speakers!

***Isn't it hard to let them go?*** Sometimes it is. Sometimes we're sad and sometimes we cry, but the overwhelming feeling is very good. We're happy that, with the help of Brookline volunteers, we have found them a great home with a family who matches their needs and personalities.

Nothing else I've done matches the level of satisfaction I get from fostering these beautiful, loving creatures. We give them a temporary home and a second chance, but they give us so much more-the opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of so many dogs and people! Now when people tell me they could never foster, I tell them ***I could never not foster!***



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Addressee:

Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue is 100% Volunteer organization funded entirely by donations and nominal adoption fees. We appreciate any help that can be given whether it is monetary donations, accessory donations, or your time. Brookline is always looking for new volunteers and there are many ways that you can help. We are also always looking for doggie items including new Collars and Leashes, Non-Perishable Doggie Treats, Large and X Large Crates, Tennis Balls, Postage, Long Distance Calling Cards, etc. Please see our website for more details or feel to call us! Thank you again for any help you can give us-it assists in rescuing more dogs!

*Snip and Send Form*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bright Horizons \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cookbook Quantity \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cookbook Price \$10  
Shipping and Handling \$3.00 for 1st Book  
\$1.00 for each add'l book

I am interested in Volunteering

I am interested in Fostering.

I can donate the following items \_\_\_\_\_