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A puppy mill couldn't sell Lulu due to her 'bowed' legs and got rid of her.



Brookline made sure Lulu got the surgery she needed.



She acts like a regular, spunky puppy now!

Dear Friend of Brookline Lab Rescue,

I was a puppy that nobody wanted. My name is Lulu and I was born in a puppy mill – a scary place where a lot of puppies are born and sold. The mommy dogs are often made to have too many puppies with the wrong daddy dogs and that means some of us are born with genetic issues. It happened to me and my sister, Roxie. It made our legs crooked and our eyesight poor. Our littermates were sold but the puppy mill said that we were defective and unwanted so they got rid of us. Little did we know that luck was finally on our side. We were rescued and 'wanted' by Brookline Lab Rescue.

Both of us were taken to several doctors. One told my foster mom that I had partial retinal detachments in both eyes plus cataracts. I get drops for now but eye surgery may be needed one day. Another doctor said that I was bow-legged in my front legs because my growth plates were closed off and not allowing my bones to grow properly. This would cause major problems and pain for me as I get bigger. Brookline didn't hesitate. In August, I had surgery on my legs and spent weeks and weeks (forever) recovering. It's so hard not being able to run and play when you're a puppy. I'm so much better now and getting around really well even with poor eyesight. My sister, Roxie's condition is better than mine and so far, she doesn't need surgery. Guess what? I am all ready to be adopted and looking for my new forever family!

Just as we did for Lulu and Roxie, Brookline would love to change the luck for the better for as many Labs as we can. But this can come at considerable expense to Brookline. Lulu's medical costs have exceeded \$8,000. Many of the dogs we rescue are happy and healthy Labs but some have special needs (heartworm, ACL injury, anxiety) that require expensive medical care or behavioral interventions. We don't want to turn them away and for some of these dogs, we are their last hope.

There's no shortage of dogs needing Brookline's help and with your support, we can make a difference. Our volunteers work hard to raise money through events and merchandise sales — but it's not enough and we need your help! The majority of our funds come directly from individuals like you – Lab lovers, previous adopters, and members of the Brookline family. Brookline requests a nominal adoption fee for our dogs but our medical expenses are already more than \$65,000 this year and far outweigh the amount collected. Consider joining us in our mission to find Labs in need their 'fur-ever' homes by donating as much as you can. There's no greater reward than knowing you've made a difference in the life of an animal in need.

You can donate via PayPal by clicking [here](#). Please select either the **2014 Annual Appeal General Fund** button or the **2014 Annual Appeal Bright Horizons Fund** button for special needs dogs. If you prefer to mail in your donation, please print and complete the form below. Checks are payable to 'BLRR' and don't forget to ask your employer if they participate in donation-matching programs. We are also an approved United Way agency in certain areas. Check with your local United Way chapter for our member agency number or [email](#) us for instructions. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sharon Frey
Treasurer, Board of Directors



Emma

Emma is another lucky dog. She's Lulu's and Roxie's breeder mom from the puppy mill. Brookline was able to save her from living life in a rabbit hutch and producing litter after litter of puppies. She had never received vet care and is recovering from a urinary tract infection but she's on the road to recovery now and will soon be spayed. Emma was recently adopted and is being pampered and

loved by her new family. Her new mom describes Emma as the perfect addition and is patient and loving with the family's four-year-old son. Emma now divides her time sleeping with him and his parents. We could not have saved Emma and dogs like her without your generous donations. *Thank you!*

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Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue (BLRR), Warrington, PA**

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