



Helping Labs Find Their Fur-ever Homes

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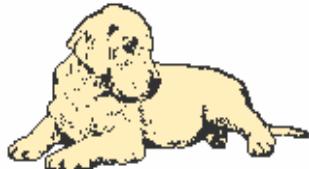
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- For more information on adopting a Lab from us
- To apply to adopt
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Surrendering Your Lab? We Can Help Find Your Friend a New Home

Making the decision to give up a faithful friend is never easy, no matter what the reasons. Surrendering through Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue (BLRR) will help give you peace of mind that you did the very best you could do for your dog, no matter why you had to say goodbye.

The surrendering process, while often emotionally difficult, is a simple one. There are three ways to contact us to get the process started: via our website at www.brooklinelabrescue.org and clicking on our *Owner Surrender* page, sending an email to info@brooklinelabrescue.org or calling us at 215-343-6087. A volunteer will contact you to discuss the details about the dog – the dog's sex, age, color, activity level, health status, home situation and reason that it's being surrendered. We'll then arrange for a volunteer to evaluate your dog at your home. Dogs being surrendered stay at their original home until an adoptive home is found. Although most of the dogs we place are healthy, we have successfully placed "special needs" Labs and Labs with less than perfect behavior. For liability reasons, we cannot accept a dog that has a history of aggressive behavior.

We will then post a photo/description of your Lab on our website and also notify our approved families waiting to adopt. Please be patient because it may take time to find the ideal home for your Lab. If multiple families express an interest in

your dog, you will be given their home visit reports to review and you can choose the best match with our guidance.

After the match is made, an introduction will be scheduled at a neutral location, supervised by a BLRR volunteer. As a surrendering owner, you will sign a contract that transfers ownership of the dog over to the rescue but you agree to take back your dog during its three-week pre-adoptive period if the match doesn't work. If the match is a success, the adoption will be finalized with the new family signing an adoption agreement. If for any reason the adoptive family can't keep the dog, no matter how long after the adoption is finalized – the dog is returned to BLRR.

A small non-refundable donation is requested for placing a surrendered dog – \$10 when your dog is evaluated and an additional \$35 when the dog is placed in a new home.

What makes us different than surrendering to a shelter is that unlike the shelter, we take care to match the dog to its new home. Shelters are far too overworked to supervise this process. So if you find yourself needing to make the decision to give up your Lab, please consider surrendering through Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue.

When the Lab Isn't Yours....

As hard as it would be to surrender your own dog, it can be even harder to know of a dog that needs a new home, and not be able to give it one, because the dog isn't yours. If you know of a dog that is being abused, call the police or your local animal shelter. Animal abuse is illegal. Unfortunately, the definition of neglect isn't as specific as it could be and often neglect can be just as devastating as abuse for a dog.

People have dogs for all kinds of reasons, some good and some not so good. They sometimes keep dogs longer than they have the time or the energy to give them the love and attention he or she deserves. Often, they don't know that there are other alternatives to surrendering a dog to a shelter.

If you know of someone with a dog, for whom the responsibility has become too much, talk to them about breed rescue. To find a rescue in your area go to www.petfinder.org. You'll find us there, but you can also find other breed rescues, eager to help dogs in less than ideal situations.

Where We Operate

Brookline serves areas of Pennsylvania and New Jersey depending on the number and availability of our volunteers. Our current coverage area includes all or portions of the following counties:

Pennsylvania (Adams, Berks, Bucks, Centre, Chester, Clearfield, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Perry, Philadelphia and York) and Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties in **New Jersey**.

Please refer to the Coverage Area page on our website at www.brooklinelabrescue.org for more details on the areas we serve. In certain areas, such as Philadelphia, we may ask that you email us with your address before you submit an adoption application.

About Brookline

Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue (BLRR), founded in 1997, is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization that specializes in placing Labs and Lab mixes. We place an average of 100 dogs per year in their forever homes. BLRR maintains 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 puppy mills who are placed in foster care with 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.

Help Us Help Our Labs

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 or to our *Bright Horizons Fund* for our Labs with special needs. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. You can donate through a link to PayPal on our website or send a check to the address on the form below:



Thank You for Supporting Brookline!

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

\$10 \$20 \$30 \$50 Other \$ _____
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Please specify:

Bright Horizons Fund General Fund
(for special needs dogs)

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