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Special Edition—Volunteering

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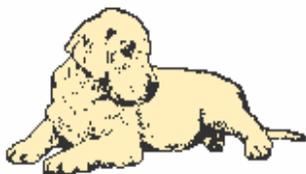
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Volunteering with Brookline

You Can Make a Difference in the Lives of our Labs

Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue (BLRR) is always looking for volunteers to help in its effort to save Labrador Retrievers. If you have a special interest in Labs or are just a sucker for a sweet face, we could use your help!

We are looking for people to:

- Foster Labs waiting for permanent adoption
- Conduct home visits of prospective adoptive families
- Evaluate Labs being surrendered
- Assist with fundraising, attend events, check references, dog transport and more

So what would being a volunteer with BLRR entail? Read on!

Fostering

Brookline is always in need of foster homes for Labs we've taken from shelters because their "time is up." These dogs are evaluated by one of our volunteers and then placed in a BLRR foster home until they can be matched with a forever family. Dogs in need of foster parents can range from puppy to adult with energy levels from rambunctious to couch potato. They also vary in their need for training. All of these dogs require lots of love and attention more than anything else. Foster placements can last for as little as two weeks up to several months, depending on the dog. So what is a foster home like? Foster homes differ almost as much as the dogs they take on. Some have resident dogs or other animals. Some have children and some don't. Foster parents range in age from young to senior adults – couples or singles. They live in the city, the suburbs, or in rural areas. But in all cases, they love dogs and have the time and attention to give a needy Lab.

Home Evaluations

Our volunteers who conduct home evaluations really enjoy their jobs. Almost nothing is as rewarding as being able to match just the right home with just the right Lab. A volunteer will go out to an applicant's home and talk with the prospective adopters about what kind of dog they're looking for and talk to them about what Labs we have available. At the same time, the volunteer will evaluate the home environment to make sure that it is appropriate for the kind of Lab the people are interested in. Volunteers ask questions such as "How will you exercise the dog?", "Where will your dog sleep?" and "What will you do if your new dog doesn't get along with your cat?" Our goal is always to make sure the dog and home are a good fit.

Dog Evaluations

Just like our applicants, our volunteers evaluate the Labs coming into the rescue. We want to have a good idea of the dog's background and temperament before we try to match him with a forever home. Dog evaluations are typically done wherever the dog is currently residing – in the surrendering home or sometimes in a shelter. The volunteer will go out to that location and spend about an hour with the dog, looking specifically at the dog's surroundings and interviewing his caretakers about his behavior, likes and dislikes. The volunteer will ask about any health issues, find out the dog's routine and also give the Lab a "pop quiz" on obedience training. Following the evaluation, a report is made to the rescue and a decision is made as to whether or not we will take on that particular Lab. We turn away very few Labs in need and don't accept dogs with aggression issues.

Volunteering (cont'd)

Fundraising

Brookline is a 100% volunteer organization and we rely on donations and special events to fund our efforts. We participate in several pet fairs a year where we sell donated or homemade merchandise including tennis balls, dog treats, collar covers, bandannas and T-shirts – all profits go to support BLRR. We're always looking for volunteers to work the display tables or make some of the goods we sell.

Regardless of how you would like to volunteer your time, we guarantee to find a way to put your particular talents to good use. While we need volunteers for the above jobs, there are other tasks that are equally important. If you're interested in volunteering with us, please email us at info@brooklinelabrescue.org or complete a Volunteer Application on our website at www.brooklinelabrescue.org.

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:



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