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A breeder didn't want Gus due to a birth defect.



Brookline made sure Gus got the surgery he needed.



He's a ball of energy now, acting like a regular puppy!

Dear Friend of Brookline Lab Rescue,

Not all Labs are born perfect and I was one of them. I was suffering from a birth defect that prevented me from urinating like a regular male dog. My breeder didn't want me after the diagnosis and left me at the vet. I was only six weeks old. Two corrective procedures were performed on me but failed due to scar tissue build-up. The vet said I needed a serious surgery that would be a more permanent solution — a perineal urethrostomy (P.U.). That's when Brookline Lab Rescue stepped in.

Brookline agreed to take care of my expenses and my foster mom took me home and saw me through my P.U. surgery and the recovery process. I'm not sure about all of the technical stuff, but the surgeon diverted the urine flow to another location and now I am good to go. I may look a little different now for a male dog but I am the happiest puppy ever. I was just adopted a few weeks ago and my forever family says that I am a bundle of energy and getting into lots of puppy mischief!

Just as we did for Gus, Brookline would love to step in and help as many Labs as we can. But this can come at considerable expense to Brookline. The medical costs for Gus have totaled about \$4,000 and he's only one example of all the Labs we helped in 2015. 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 \$73,000 this year and far outweigh the amount collected. Consider joining us in our mission to find Labs in need of 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 **2015 Annual Appeal General Fund** button or the **2015 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



Maggie Mae

Gus is young and has his whole life ahead of him. Senior dogs, however, often get overlooked for adoption—especially when they have medical problems. Maggie Mae and Rocco were pulled from shelters by Brookline recently for foster care. When both were diagnosed

with laryngeal paralysis, Brookline didn't hesitate to get them the surgery they needed. The procedure has opened up their airways and now both dogs are breathing easier and can better enjoy their golden years. We could not have helped Maggie Mae and Rocco and dogs like them without your generous donations.

Thank you! Please retain this half as your receipt. Donation: \$ _____
Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue (BLRR), Warrington, PA



Rocco

Yes! I'd like to help you save more Labs!

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(for special needs dogs)

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(We'll send a thank you note via email to save on postage.)

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