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Treats and Consequences

How Dogs Learn - Trish King, CPDT, CDBC

Food is what is called a “primary reinforcer.” That is, the dog needs food to survive. Therefore, the dog is likely to put himself out to make sure he gets food and stays alive. Toys and balls are not primary reinforcers, though they can also be potent motivators, when used properly. “Corrections” (punishment) are not usually the best way to get the dog to perform a behavior, though they have their uses for reducing certain behaviors (see below). At any rate, most dogs will work for food quite eagerly.

When to use treats – and when you don’t have to:

Use food:

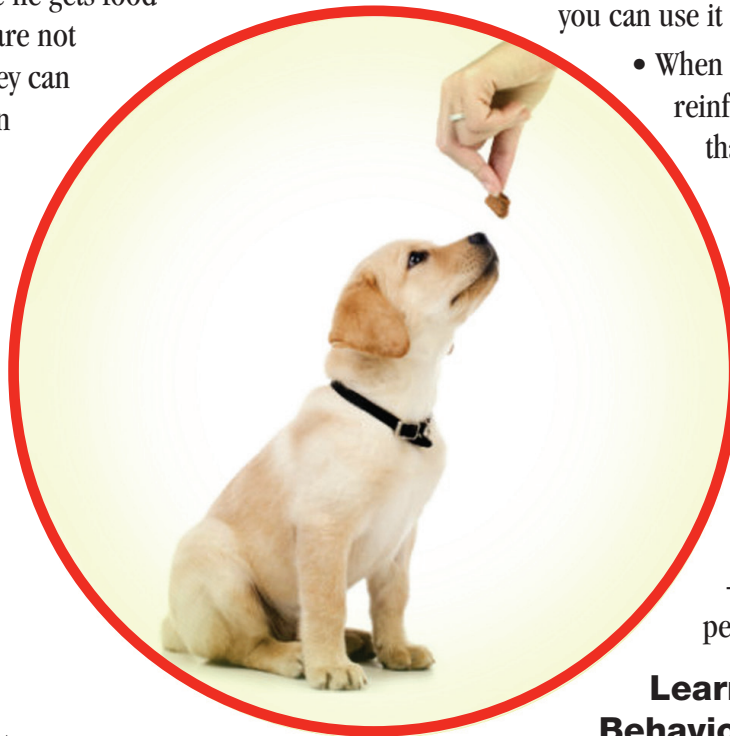
- To train behaviors you want to see repeated
- To train alternatives to undesired behavior (e.g., training the dog to sit, when she would ordinarily want to jump up)
- To train against the genetic grain (when the dog’s instinct or desire tells her to do one thing, and you want her to do another)

Food not necessary:

- To extinguish unwanted or dangerous behaviors – but you can use it to explore alternatives

- When the environmental reinforcement is more attractive than food (e.g., asking for a “wait” when the dog wants to go outside. Just getting there can be enough reinforcement for the dog.

Punishment might be used if the dog knows he is doing something unwanted, and willfully does it anyway. This does not happen very often – much less often than many people think.



Learning Theory and Dog Behavior

There are two stages of training – acquisition and maintenance. During acquisition, the dog is beginning the process of understanding what you want. If you use inducements to help him learn, he will learn faster. If you use punishment, he might do the behavior, but he will become cautious around you,

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and you may get what can be called “behavioral fallout.” Though the dog is doing what you want, her attitude may be depressed (behavioral suppression), or she may lash out at another dog or person (displaced aggression). Or she may require the punishment in order to do the behavior. Generally, positive reinforcement allows the dog to learn with little stress, so she can learn more quickly and effectively.

During acquisition, you should use reinforcement every time you get the behavior. The dog needs to be SURE of what you want. Much of the time, dogs just guess – sometimes they guess right, and sometimes wrong. We often think dogs know what we mean because they look so interested, and alert, as though they understand everything we say. They don't.

Just because you use the treat every time, however, doesn't mean the dog has to SEE the treat before the behavior. And, that's where most people mess up. The dog learns that he has to do something when a certain “picture” is in front of him. Trish is standing, treat in hand, saying, “Sit.” If Trish doesn't have the treat, the picture isn't complete, and the dog won't do the behavior. So to do training right, you should switch from the OBVIOUS treat to the HIDDEN treat very quickly indeed. Like within 15 to 20 repetitions, if possible.

This seems really easy – why don't people use it? Couple of things. Mostly, we're impatient. Dog sits, gets treat. Dog sits, gets treats. Trish hides treat, dog doesn't sit, Trish gets impatient, brings out treat, picture complete, Dog sits, gets treat. Success!! Trish whines, “Dog will only do sit when he sees a treat.”

So, rule number one: Hide the @#\$(#@* treat! Quick!

Now your dog has the behavior. Sit perfectly, treat hidden, conditioned reinforcer (Marker word like “Yes” or “Good”) used every time. Still, this is frustrating. Sit/treat/sit/treat/sit/treat. Where do we go from here? Two places.

1) Reinforce only the behavior that you really want, or ask for more than one repetition. Ask for a sit. Dog sits. Say “yes.” Quickly ask for another sit. Mark and reward.

(You just got two behaviors for one reward). This is called variable or random reinforcement. You are asking for more behaviors per reward, as the dog gets better. And you can ask for better behaviors – a fast sit, or a straight sit.

2) Adding other behaviors. Now your dog knows Sit and Down. Really well. If you say “sit” she sits if you say “down” she downs. So, combine them. Sit, down, (treat), sit, down, (treat). And every once in a while sit (treat) down (treat). You can go on with this ad nauseum. Sit, down, come, wait, roll over (treat). Why don't people get to this point? One reason is guilt. Guilt is not a good motivator for dogs. It is for people, however. When you tell the dog to do something, and she does it, she looks at you like she's expecting something. Well, darn it, she is! So, make her do another one. THEN, give her a treat. She'll be just fine.

Can you ever completely give up treating the dog? Yes, but the dog needs some sort of reinforcement – play is a good one. For myself, I rarely go out without my treats – I never know when I might catch my dog doing something right!

When do you punish poor behavior? Probably not very often. It's generally best to analyze why the dog may be doing something you don't like, control the environment so it can't be repeated, and then train the behaviors you do want. If you do use punishment, be careful. Make sure you're not just chastising the dog because you're frustrated or embarrassed.

If in doubt about whether you are expecting too much from your dog, ask yourself the following questions:

- He s/he capable of doing it physically?
- Have I trained the behavior until the dog is 90% reliable?
- Is the environment one in which I have trained before?

Perfection...

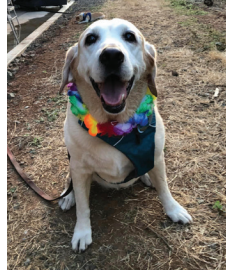
...is not possible. 100% recall is not possible. 100% sits are not possible. Even those people who brag that their dogs are totally reliable are wrong. You want something that's 100 % reliable, get a pet rock. Your dog will not be perfect until you are.

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For our many good boys and good girls who have left us to cross the Rainbow Bridge.



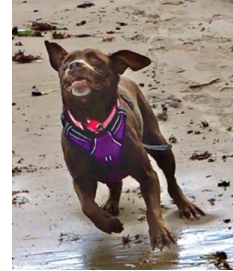
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you were a **good girl.**



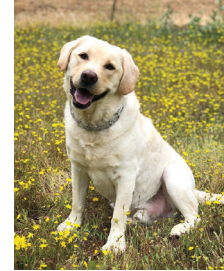
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you were a **good girl.**



Oakley,
you were a **good boy.**



Lola,
you were a **good girl.**



Vinnie,
you were a **good boy.**



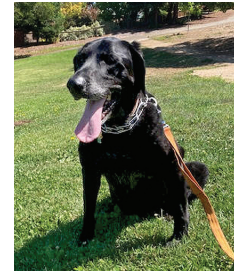
Aero,
you were a **good boy.**



Emma,
you were a **good girl.**



Dobby,
you were a **good boy.**



Zoey,
you were a **good girl.**

Oakley – He Was a Real Trooper!

Oakley came to us in early 2019 from a good Samaritan who found him abandoned relaxing on her lawn. We deduced that he was dumped as he had missing fur around his neck where it looked like there had been a collar embedded in his neck. He wasn't neutered and had terrible ear and skin infections such that there was no fur on his back half, much of his legs and other parts of his body. He was adopted and subsequently returned as the vet bills to remedy his ear and skin infections became too costly for the adopter. We brought him back into the program, sent him to the dermatologist regularly, and made a few trips back and forth to UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital (UCDVMTH) as it looked like he needed a total ear canal ablation and bulla osteotomy. UCDVMTH didn't feel



his ears were at its end stages, and in spite of the allergy treatment he remained pretty much bald from the middle of his body to his tail. Oakley was subsequently adopted by a family who wanted to rescue a dog in need and gladly took on his vet expenses. As his mom said, "Oakley was a really good dog and we did the best we could for him. He was really doing great given his age until the end. Oakley passed away peacefully in his sleep in December. He touched the hearts of many and was a **good boy!**"

Special thanks to Rescue Rep Kris, Foster/ Adopter Maria, Mary, Mohammad & Family (Adopters!), Trainer Jenna McDonald, Debbi (Transporter/UC Davis Coordinator) & the great team at UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital! They never gave up on Oakley!

Happy Ending- Gumbo

I received a call from a local shelter asking if I would be interested in coming to meet a stray 9-week-old male yellow Lab puppy as they believed he had a fractured growth plate. This made him unadoptable as they felt they didn't have the clientele to adopt him. I went to evaluate him and right away agreed to take him into our program.

I drove him from the shelter to Bishop Ranch Vet in San Ramon where he saw Dr. Baine, one

of their Vets who specializes in Ortho. X-rays were taken and thankfully there were no fractures. Gumbo was diagnosed with carpal laxity in all four paws. Carpal laxity syndrome is a hyperextension and hyperflexion deformity caused by malnutrition or over nutrition of rapidly growing large breed puppies. It causes weakness and irregular tension between extensor and flexor muscle groups. This typically improves within a few weeks if the dog receives the needed therapy including walking on all soft surfaces and receiving physical rehabilitation like under water therapy. A wonderful foster stepped up to the plate and after a couple weeks we realized



Before



After

he wasn't going to improve without significant therapy. I then contacted two internal medicine Veterinarians with Sage Redwood City whom I happen to know from prior experience with my dogs. They readily offered to foster Gumbo and would see that he receives physical rehabilitation including under water therapy from their excellent Veterinary hospital. They fostered him for a few weeks and then Gumbo's (and my) dream came true.

They fell in love with him and adopted him. What a lucky boy! Gumbo will now receive all the love and care he needs for the rest of his life! Thank you to Drs. Heidi McClain and Diane Roberts at Sage Veterinary. Gumbo is now living with another dog and going to work with the Docs! I had the opportunity to go visit Gumbo at the hospital and see him walking around like the happy well-adjusted bouncy puppy he was meant to be. Just one more very happy ending for Gumbo and GGLRR.

Thank you Rescue Rep Sandy, Dr. Heidi McClain & Dr. Diane Roberts

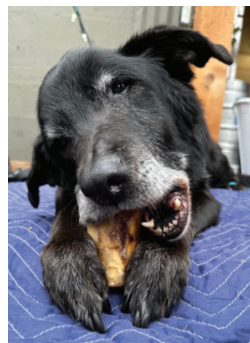
Happy Ending- Jack

Greetings!

We've had a few teary-eyed trips to the vet this year but Jack is still with us! He is persisting, despite his growing rap sheet of ailments.

The last month or so he has been surprisingly good! We may be jinxing it but there were several moments earlier this year when we weren't sure he would be with us this holiday season.

Five years ago you took a chance on an overweight,



senior dog with chronic ear infections and here he is many years later with a very strong will to live. He loves food, going on car trips and short walks, being petted and sleeping on the bed!

I'm not sure what next year will bring but he has brought a lot of joy to us! And, we are so grateful to you both and the Lab rescue team for saving him.

Happy holidays!

-Becky, Stephen, Jack & Jesse

Happy Ending- Daisy



Our Daisy continues to thrive. She reached the 70 lb. pound goal, and Dr. Jones feels it is the right weight for her, as she is a rather large Labrador.

She is truly a wonderful girl, extremely loyal, affectionate,

loves playing with all her toys, especially her sleepy doll (a small sheep we got when we adopted Lili.) Lili and Katie both did not play with the sleepy doll, but our Daisy loves it and brings it to us as a trophy. I continue to cook good foods for her, and we love her pronking while I am cooking her meal. How wonderful it feels to give Daisy the home she deserves. We are so thankful to Kelly for starting that process.

Thank you both for giving us the dog of our dreams.

-Anneke

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave & Foster Kelly!

Happy Ending- Hank



I thought you would be pleased to know we have seen incredible progress with Hank. His elbow infections have completely gone and his fur is even growing back! He also is very mobile jumping around and onto the bed like a little puppy. He enjoys long walks and is generally in great health

and happy. He does still get ear infections but the vet says it's much better than before and may never fully go away. He's a very happy boy overall and we love him so much!

-Nadia & Matt

Thank you Rescue Rep Kris!

Happy Ending- Juno

Juno was one of five puppies pulled from the Martinez shelter in late August. Juno (then named Venus) came down with terrible parvovirus a week after she joined



our program... resulting in an extended in-patient stay at a local vet hospital. She bounced back and is now doing fantastic.

Update from her adopter: "Juno is awesome. Doing great in puppy training

class. No health issues at all. She and Oscar (older yellow Lab) are best friends now. All good. Fun to learn she's half Dalmatian—the other half is Lab. That was not on our short list of guesses."

-Chris DeCardy

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave!

Happy Ending- Hunter

We adopted Hunter in January/February of 2017. He has been a wonderful fit for our family and is one of the best, if not the best lab we've had. He is so gentle with family, guests, and other animals. Thankful everyday he is in our lives.

Here is a picture of Hunter from a recent walk at the dog park across the street from our house in Napa. A dog and his puddles!



-Ezra Savage

Happy Ending- Max

Thanks for checking in on Max. Max had a vet appointment on Jan 27. Previously, he had tested negative for heartworm but positive for microfilaria. So, for 6 months, we had him on a med that can eliminate microfilaria. It worked. Max is now testing negative.

He loves his walks; he takes one in the morning and one in the evening for a total of just about 2 1/2 miles each day. He still gets jumpy around squirrels, birds and stray cats, but he no longer lunges at them. We still keep him on a leash whenever we're outdoors and we do not leave him alone in the backyard. His personality has emerged. He is quite gentle and still shy. When he wants our attention, he gently brushes our hand or arm with his whiskers. Like many Labs, there are times when he simply likes to be nearby.

During the day, Max stays in the house. He no longer wants to go into his crate. The door is still open. If we put his toys in there to remind him that he's still welcome there, he moves them one by one from the crate and spreads them all over the house. He seems to have adjusted to being in the house by himself. He has not tipped over any trash cans or had any accidents in the house for about 8 months.



When Max moved in with us, he did not have a great appetite. But, after Jingo (previous foster) moved out, he became more comfortable eating. At Max's lowest point, he weighed around 66 lbs, and though we were feeding him 5 cups of dry food a day, he did not seem to put on weight at first. We learned that he had tapeworms. After two rounds of treatment, they have not returned. Today Max weighs 77 lbs and the vet thinks this is a healthy-ish weight. He eats everything we offer (about 2 1/2 cups of dry dog food each day) and sometimes begs for more.

He has become more comfortable with other dogs he meets on walks. But when he has off leash time at a dog park, he gets submissive right away with any dog he meets. Some of this could be lack of experience socializing with other dogs when he was a pup. And some of it could be his shy personality. He doesn't like car rides because he gets motion sickness. Not his idea of fun.

We have some newer pictures we can share. Let us know if there is anything we can do to support GGLRR.

*- Patrick & Glenn
Thank you, Fosters/Adopters Patrick & Glenn
& Rescue Rep Liz!*

Happy Ending- Sam



Earlier this month, we took a few days off to go to Jackson (Gold Country). Since there has been a lot of snow this winter, Sam and Gunner got to play in the snow. They had a blast!

Our friends had their 2 dogs as well so the four of them got to play together. (They have a white Lab that looks like he could be Sam's father!)

Here's a family pic from their ranch.

Hope you have been well!

*-Tiffany, Rich, Gunner & Sam
Thank you Rescue Rep Liz!*

Where Are They Now? From Abandoned to Hero, Lab Rescue Dogs are Serving Their Communities!

Many of the dogs that Lab Rescue saves come from backgrounds that are unknown or traumatic. We've taken abandoned dogs, abused dogs, dogs that lived in homeless camps, sick dogs, dogs needing surgery and more. We do what we can to rehabilitate them physically and otherwise, and then find them great homes. We've learned over time that some dogs are not meant to be your typical family dog – too much energy, or they need a job to do, or maybe they are ball obsessed – while these things can make for a less than ideal family dog, they can also be just what it takes to be an amazing search and rescue or detection dog. Here are some of our dogs who have overcome their sometimes traumatic pasts to surprising success in jobs that give them new purpose in life.

Cooper – Search and Rescue Hero!

Cooper was removed from his home as the result of abuse, and placed in a local shelter which contacted Lab Rescue



Mike & Cooper

to find him his new, loving, forever home. Cooper's wonderful foster noticed that he was absolutely obsessed by balls and that he would play fetch and retrieve for hours. He never gave up until he found the ball. A recruiter for the National Search Dog Foundation (SDF) noticed Cooper's posting and reached out to his Rescue Rep. She later

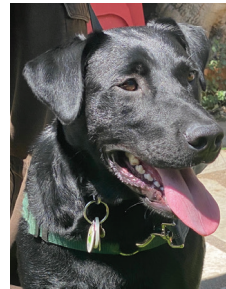
drove down from Oregon to meet Cooper in person. After evaluating Cooper, she loaded him up in her dog transport van and took him down to the SDF training center in Santa Paula, California. Cooper and his handler Mike first certified as a FEMA search team in 2020 and have just recertified again this year. (Every search team must re-certify every three years in order to remain active on their task force roster.) Congratulations to Cooper and Mike!



To learn more about National Search Dog Foundation, visit: [SearchDogFoundation.org](https://www.SearchDogFoundation.org)

Goose & Leia join the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office!

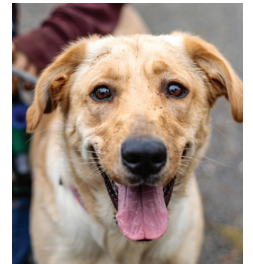
Goose (formerly Maui), a 2-year-old male Lab/Cattle mix dog, came to GGLRR from a family who'd adopted him from a shelter. They found Goose a bit too much to handle with small kids, so he came to Lab Rescue, who found that she was a bit too much for a second family as well. He needs lots of exercise, has very high energy, is very athletic, and most of all, was always looking for a job to do. Turns out, the very things that made Goose not such a great fit as a family dog, made him a wonderful detection dog! Sandy, Goose's Rescue Rep, described how it happened:



Goose

"Lieutenant Nick Baldrige of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office saw him on our website as being available for adoption, but just not as a family dog. Goose needed a job! Lt. Baldrige reached out to me to inquire."

Turns out Lt. Baldrige also had his eyes on another Lab Rescue dog: Leia (formerly Roxy)! "Nick also reached out to me regarding Roxy" Sandy continued. "I told him Dave was the rep and suggested Dave call him. Dave thought



Leia

he had an adopter for her but it didn't work out. Dave called the sergeant, and that's how Roxy became a drug detection dog." At the time, Leia was a 1-year-old female yellow Lab, found abandoned in Oakland, full of energy and super sweet. She is now the second dog in the Santa Cruz County K9 program. As of this writing, Goose has passed his training and is now officially certified and working hard! He recently was involved in the seizing of a significant amount of drugs and even a loaded firearm! Leia started her training at the beginning of this year, just passed her exams and is now an officially certified canine detection dog.

You can learn more about Goose and Leia, their progress (and successes and video!) at their Facebook page: [facebook.com/watch/?v=1125228808148969](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1125228808148969)



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Health Alerts!

Nausea, Wobbling, Confusion: Dogs are Getting Sick from Discarded Weed

One of our recently-adopted dogs, young chocolate female Piper, recently suffered these symptoms. Her adopter thought it was a seizure, and rushed her to the vet. The vet believes the dog may have consumed some weed that it found during a neighborhood walk. The New York Times recently had an article highlighting the dangers of weed and other substances that dogs may pick up on walks. Scan the code to see the full article.



We all know that Labs can suck things up off the ground faster than we can see them! Here are some things to look for if you suspect your dog may have marijuana poisoning: Mild symptoms can include lethargy, low heart rate, urine dribbling and difficulty standing or walking. If your Lab ate a high concentration of THC, serious symptoms could occur, such as vomiting, exaggerated response to stimuli (such as noise or light), seizures, coma and even death.

If you think your dog is high, write down the symptoms you are noticing and call the Pet Poison Helpline at (855) 764-7661 (www.petpoisonhelpline.com) or ASPCA Animal Poison Control at (888) 426-4435 (www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control). Both are available 24/7 and both charge a fee, but you will know quickly if you need to get to your vet, get to the after-hours emergency vet or relax. It is important that you be honest with them, both in describing the symptoms and what you think they may have ingested. This will allow the hotline to better determine the next course of action.

You can find more information on marijuana ingestion at: <https://cvm.msu.edu/vetschool-tails/pets-on-pot-just-high-or-highly-dangerous>



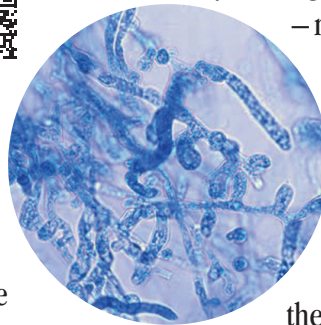
Shamrock Poisoning in Dogs

And speaking of things your dog can swoop up off the ground, something else to be aware of are shamrocks. Several varieties of shamrocks and wood sorrels are part of the Oxalis family and these plants can cause serious problems for your pet should they be ingested. They can cause diarrhea and drooling when chewed or swallowed. If eaten frequently they can cause metabolic disturbances and kidney damages; in some cases, if a dog eats a large amount over a long period of time this can cause stress on kidney function as well as changes in electrolyte and hormone levels, leading to an emergency visit to the vet's office. Scan the code for more information.



Ever heard of Pythiosis? Neither had we until we saw this article, which is a **MUST READ** if you and your dog visit wetlands!

We are hearing about a potentially deadly organism that dogs are picking up in wetlands, *Pythium insidiosum*, which causes a condition called pythiosis. If you take your dog anywhere that there is stagnant water – near wetlands, ponds, or swamps – please read the information below from the Whole Dog Journal (for an explanation of the problem) including Dr. Bailey's article on pythiosis, so you can recognize any early signs of an infection. The sooner the diagnosis and treatment, the greater the chances of recovery.



- Whole Dog Journal: www.whole-dog-journal.com/blog/read-this-if-you-and-your-dog-visit-wetlands
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 Michael Lauffer
 In memory of Oakley
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 Melissa Macko
 In honor of Hogan & Leo
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 In memory of Myles McGovern
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 In memory of Benny & Kent
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 Carolyn Murray
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 Karen Ohta
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 In memory of Rory, Sunny, Gumbo
 Raminder Randhawa
 In memory of Lucca
 Vasudha Rangaprasad
 Edward Rowe
 In honor of RJ
 Carol Santa Maria
 Sherry Shepardson
 In memory of Chuck Shepardson & Lucy

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 Julie Ulmer & Stephen Alves
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 Tognazzini's Dockside
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 Katy Jenkins
 Leslie McCoy
 Rhonda Vitanye
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 Dedicated to all of GGLRR fosters!
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More Thanks:

To all the dog transporters, Pet Fair volunteers, wonderful fosters, and others – we wouldn't be able to save as many dogs as we do without you!

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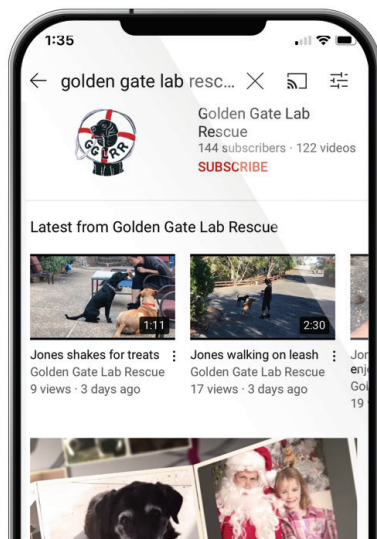
2024 GGLRR Calendars Call for Photos!

Want to see your Lab in the next calendar? Send us your best photo(s) of your furry friend and their name by Sept. 1st so they can be included in our 2024 calendar for everyone to see! Minimum file size should be 2 MB. (Don't enlarge your photo.) To be considered as a main photo, at least 10 MB in size is suggested. Go to www.Labrescue.org for details. Email your submissions to labrescuescalendar@gmail.com



Check out GGLRR on YouTube!

GGLRR is now on YouTube with great videos featuring your favorite Labs that you can watch most any time and anywhere!



Poppy, Puppies and People Reunited

In our last issue, Poppy and her puppies were featured in our “Tsunami of Puppies” article. Well, they and their new families recently got together for a little family reunion and family photo.



Don't miss these fun events!

Virtual Pet Fairs

Saturday May 20th, 11 am -1 pm

Saturday June 17th, 11 am -1 pm

Saturday July 8th, 11 am -1 pm

Check our website for registration information!

Santa Photos/In-Person Pet Fairs

(All at Pet Food Express locations)

Sun. Nov 11th, 11 am -3 pm Novato

Sun. Nov 12th, 11 am -3 pm Walnut Creek

Sat. Nov 18th, 11 am -3 pm San Jose

Sat. Dec 2nd, 11 am -3 pm Redwood City

In-Person Pet Fairs

(All at Pet Food Express locations)

Sat. July 22nd, 11 am -2 pm Redwood City

Sat. Aug 12th, 11 am -2 pm San Jose

Sat. Sept 16th, 11 am -2 pm Novato

Sat. Oct 7th, 11 am -2 pm San Jose

Lab Rescue @ SF Pride Booth

(In San Francisco)

Saturday June 24th, 10am -5 pm

Sunday June 25th, 10am -5 pm

Shopping & Giving Events

National Rescue Dog Day – Saturday May 20th

Giving Tuesday – Tuesday Nov. 28th

GGLRR Holiday Shopping Days:
November 29th and December 6th!

Buy your holiday gifts for humans and canines!

Check our website or call for details, locations, and information!

GGLRR Training Seminar

Sun. June 11th, 10am -4 pm Walnut Creek

Sat. Sept 23rd, 10am -4 pm TBD

Help Wanted!

GGLRR is an all-volunteer rescue organization serving the SF Greater Bay Area whose mission is to find loving homes for unwanted Labs or Lab mixes. Our Lab Rescue team saves purebred Labrador Retrievers and Lab mixes from shelters, as well as assists people giving up their dogs for adoption. We provide foster homes, veterinary care, and rehabilitation when needed, and place them with loving, forever families. Our volunteers *are* GGLRR!

These positions are our current, most critical needs!

Volunteer Website Manager

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue needs a Volunteer to help manage the website. This exciting position requires organization and drive. This is a job that would be shared with a full-time company volunteer and thus would be only needed for the volunteer to fulfill requests on the weekends. Tasks include: receive email requests to post newly available for adoption Labradors onto the organization's website; update the status of dogs throughout the adoption process (no more calls, adoption pending, recently adopted); creating pages for new dogs; updating old pages; and resizing pictures for the website. You would receive training from the current Volunteer Website Manager and to prepare you for the position. Coding expertise is not required; the coding style is similar to logic programming and can be learned on the job. This is a great job for a student volunteer.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Liz, liz@jobshopsf.com

GGLRR Event Organizer

The event organizer would be the on the ground leader for our participation in particular events such as pet fairs and community events. This includes recruiting and managing volunteers and coordinating with the event location to ensure our participation runs smoothly. The GGLRR Event Organizer also coordinates with local Pet Fair Coordinators; in some cases, Pet Fair Leaders may also take on the Pet Fair Coordinator role.

Rescue Reps

We desperately need more Rescue Reps! Rescue Reps are the dogs "Hollywood Agents!" You would meet and evaluate dogs at shelters and at homes as well as manage the adoption process, including promoting the dog, identifying prospective adopters, coordinating with foster families for adopter meetings, organizing home visits, making the adoption decision, and providing post adoption support to new families.

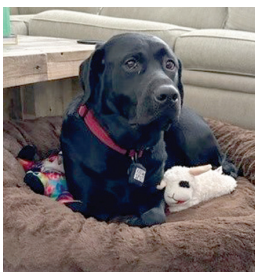
Fosters

Fosters provide loving interim homes for our dogs until a new forever home is found. Fosters are critical to our ability to save Labs; without them, we cannot meet our mission!

For information or to apply for any of these positions, send an email to labrescuesfbayarea@gmail.com or go to www.labrescue.org/volunteer.html and complete our brief volunteer information form.



Happy Ending- Thor



Thor is doing great! He has met our dog walker and gone out twice with him and some other dogs to a fenced in dog park. Our dog walker has advised us Thor has done great in this setting and he has not shown any aggressive behavior. Our dog walker thinks Thor is a very good boy. On the days Thor has not gone out with our dog walker, Beth has given him plenty of exercise weather permitting. They sometimes will walk up to

4.5 miles a day throughout our neighborhood. It's obvious to us his former owners did train him. He knows some basic commands and on some of his walks he barely pulls on the leash. We think he just needs a bit of a refresher.

Thor truly is a wonderful addition to our family. He has not had an accident in the house and sleeps throughout the night. We wake him up most mornings. The ear infection cleared up and we now have him on a poultry free diet.

He is amazing! So sweet. We are all already in love with him.

-Jeff & Beth Klugman

Thank you Foster Brad Coburn & Rescue Rep Dave!

How to contact Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue

Mailing address: 268 Bush Street, #4322, San Francisco CA 94104

Website: www.Labrescue.org | **Email:** Labrescuesfbayarea@gmail.com

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www.Labrescue.org/donate.html

To send a check:
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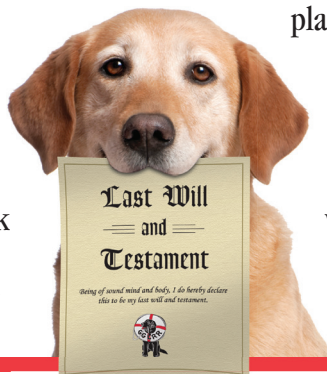
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Other ways you can help Lab Rescue: Make a gift through your estate or a charitable trust!

Making a gift through your estate can be pretty simple if you have a will or living trust. If you would like to add GGLRR, consult with your tax planning/estate advisor to simply add Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue, San Francisco California to your list of beneficiaries. Specify the amount and nature of the gift (cash or stock or property, for example). It's potentially even easier to give by making GGLRR the beneficiary



of a bank account, life insurance policy or retirement plan. If you'd like your donation to go to a specific purpose, you can make that clear as well. If it helps, our team here at GGLRR is happy to chat directly with you and/or your tax and estate consultants to help come up with a plan that works best for you and GGLRR. Your donation is always greatly appreciated, and will go directly to save the lives of Labs in Need.

About GGLRR, Inc.

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc. (GGLRR) is organized under the California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable and educational purposes. We have been granted nonprofit tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. GGLRR is a public, nonprofit, all-volunteer organization.

GGLRR facilitates the placement of unwanted Labrador Retriever dogs into new homes. We are sought out by concerned individuals and humane organizations who come into contact with Labrador Retrievers. We have a spay-neuter requirement for all dogs that we place. Families residing within our Northern California service area who desire to adopt a Labrador Retriever complete an application form and are introduced to potential pets. Our purpose is solely to provide good homes for Labrador Retrievers who might otherwise be abandoned or euthanized by their previous owner.

Our service area is Northern California and primarily covers nine counties: San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Napa, Marin, and Sonoma. GGLRR has more than 300 volunteers. None of our volunteers receive any form of compensation for their time and effort, other than the pure satisfaction of matching a displaced Lab with a loving family.

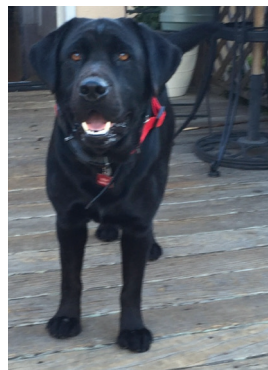
GGLRR relies upon placement and adoption donations, fundraising events, and charitable donations for its funding. We suggest a minimum donation (currently \$400) for prospective families wishing to adopt from us.



You can also use PayPal to make a donation. Go to www.Labrescue.org/donate.html and click on the PayPal icon.



Happy Ending- Jackpot



Talk about turning a dog's life around. Jackpot went from being called Mr. Nobody and being a dog uncared for, always muzzled living with a homeless person to the beautiful boy he is now living with his lovely family in Washington state.

-Rescue Rep Sandy

Happy Ending- Piper

We are all so in love. She really completes our family. Can't thank you enough! She is finally crate trained, potty trained, knows basic commands and excellent on her leash with the Gentle Leader.

*-Sharon Meyers
Thank you, Foster/Adopter Sharon
& Rescue Rep Dave!*

