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Cardiac Supplements in Dogs

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Over three quarters of all Americans take dietary supplements on a regular basis, accounting for 15 billion dollars in sales per year. 1 It's been said that we are a pill popping society; a poll in 2019 revealed

that 86% of Americans take vitamins

or supplements, yet only 24% have a confirmed nutritional deficiency.² Similarly, between 40% and 100% of athletes typically use supplements to try and gain a competitive edge, but unless they have a nutrient deficiency, supplementation may not improve performance

and may instead have a

detrimental effect.³ Some

are unnecessary for most people, but this is debatable.

physicians say that vitamins

While the jury is still out when it come to our furry family members,

I do not generally recommend supplements as long as the patient is on a healthy, well-balanced diet. In general, many cardiac supplements won't hurt and some may help. Science is only as good as the research that we have available to us, and there is a world of nutritional

supplementation that we do not know enough about. Hopefully one day we will! There are hundreds of supplements on the market, so we are left swimming

through a sea of products wondering which are best to prolong quality and quantity of life in our veterinary patients.

> While there is not a lot of veterinary research in the area of cardiac dietary supplementation, there is some. The best types are summarized below. These are generally not recommended except to treat specific diseases, as there is no data to prove that they do anything when a deficiency or disease is not being treated.

While not an actual "supplement", the best "natural medicine" recommendation for heart health in

dogs remains simple and something that every household can provide: reduced sodium intake. This is something that has known benefits in many types of heart disease!! For me, this is better than any supplement though arguably harder to accomplish. Reduced sodium intake is required in dogs Continued on page 2

with many severe forms of heart disease, so prior to the development of advanced disease, dietary modifications can be beneficial. Many dog treats are loaded with sodium - always check the ingredient label for added salt or sodium. The majority of sodium can also be found in people food (braised foods, gravies, deli meats, breads, cheeses, processed foods, etc.,) so cutting down on these is always recommended. Always stick to high quality dog foods, as some dog foods are high in sodium. Guidelines are provided in the links below.

Hopefully, as science progresses, research and knowledge will continue to grow as medicine continues to advance, allowing our canine loved ones to live their best lives possible!

Omega-3 Fatty Acids (EPA/ **DHA):** this supplement has the most research supporting its benefits. It has significant immunological, anti-inflammatory, and hemodynamic effects. Dogs with congestive heart failure have decreased concentrations of DHA, so supplementation in these cases could possibly be beneficial. Omega-3 fatty acids may also have some

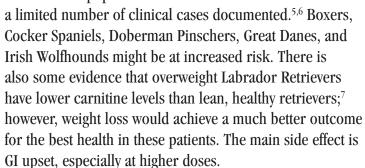
antiarrhythmic effects in dogs with heart disease, though these effects seem to be variable between breeds. Aim for providing omega-3 fatty acids in the form of DHA, and make sure that other supplements are not added/included, to avoid toxicities. Avoid cod liver oil because they may contain too much of other vitamins which can cause toxicity, and avoid flax seed oil because they provide less effective sources of DHA. Fish oils are the most potent and efficient source of DHA, but be careful about sourcing to avoid mercury toxicity. Side effects include vomiting/ diarrhea, delayed wound healing, and decreased platelet activity/increased bleeding times. Bayer's Free Form Snip Tips is a good product, as are many human formulations of DHA.

Taurine: Certain dog breeds, including Golden retrievers, have higher incidence of taurine-deficient dilated



cardiomyopathy (DCM) especially when fed certain diets. It is thought that there may be a genetic component that makes them less efficient at metabolizing taurine when those diets are fed, though the causes are likely multifactorial.⁴ Though taurine supplementation may not be indicated when disease is not present, it is safe and will not

L-carnitine: if your pet is diagnosed with carnitine deficiency, supplementation with l-carnitine is effective. However, the prevalence of carnitine deficiency is very low in the canine population. There are



A wealth of information on supplements, nutrition, and cardiac supplements can be found through the following Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine webpages, on which much of the information in this article is based:

https://heartsmart.vet.tufts.edu/nutrition/Watching your pet's sodium

https://vetnutrition.tufts.edu/tag/supplements/

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



you were a good boy.



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Emily, you were a good girl.



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vou were a good boy

Thank to our partners in rescuing Labs!

GGLRR wants to give a big-time shout out to the fabulous people at Central California Labrador Retriever Rescue (CCLRR), and Labrador Retriever Rescue of Fresno (LRRF). Although GGLRR, CCLRR, and LRRF are not formally connected, these Lab Rescue organizations maintain open lines of communications to raise awareness of Labs and Lab mixes in need of rescue in shelters in Sacramento, Stockton, and other locations outside the normal area of operations for GGLRR. If we (GGLRR) cannot evaluate or pull a Lab from

CCLRR

a central valley shelter, we often ask CCLRR if they can get involved. Likewise, if CCLRR cannot evaluate or pull a Lab, we are delighted that they reach out to us to help. LRRF often notifies us of Labs in need of rescue that we might be in a position to help. We greatly value and appreciate the teamwork and support we get from CCLRR and LRRF-just part of the greater Lab Rescue family in Northern and Central California.



Happy Ending- Bailey



Bailey is great! Super friendly and active. She is almost under voice control on the trails at Lands End. but cutting through the golf course she is not...because there are balls! She is crazy about balls and loves to pick up golf balls from the green. She did get some worms-noticed yesterday—so we just got her some of that OTC medication by Bayer.

Hopefully, it worked. She loves Clark the most and is getting 2-3 walks or chase the ball events per day.

-Peggy & Clark Thank you Rescue Rep Sandy & foster LeAnn Sucht & family!

Happy Ending- Bosco



Bosco is a great dog. Everyone who meets him recognizes it. He has learned to walk better, thankfully! He's still on and off with cats and sauirrels.

He has made some doggie friends which is nice, but once he greets

them he is ready to move on. It's kinda funny!

His coat is all chocolate now, no more blond or black parts! He also has figured out this is a pretty nice place to live. Early on he got out a few times; he didn't go far but now he will stay here. We are very thankful we found him and are looking forward to the coming year with him.

> -Karen & Brian Dozier Thank you Rescue Rep Dave & fosters Laura & Noel!

Happy Ending- Casey (and Nala)

I know my time and hunting adventures with my 12-year-old Lab Cooper are coming to an end soon, as his health and energy slowly decline. My girlfriend introduced me to GGLRR and suggested I reach out to offer foster support (and check my interest in a new dog) as Cooper nears retirement (from hunting).



My first assignment was sweet Nala. She was such fun to have around and kept me very busy. She was a bit anxious and overly excited around new dogs, but generally accepted Cooper and others with a little time. GGLRR (Dave) provided great support to help me navigate her challenges and anxiousness. Dave answered all my questions and even stopped by to help me work with Nala a few times. I loved watching her excitement on walks and her playfulness was much appreciated. Nala found an amazing family just before Christmas and I missed her company immediately.

A few weeks later, Casey came up for adoption and he had everything I was looking for in a companion and hunting

partner. I was super excited to meet Casey and appreciated his playful, highenergy puppy nature. We immediately started exploring the duck club and he went from curiously hesitant to excited and enthusiastic in about three trips. On the last day of the season, Jenn and I took Cooper and Casey out hunting and let them both have several chances to

retrieve ducks. Casev learned a lot and was able to find one (on his own) we were unable to locate. It's not often you see a first retrieve and last retrieve on the same day, but time will tell if this was the case.

Casey is doing amazing and loves our walks, hikes, trips to dog parks and daily training sessions. I enjoy guarding my socks and slippers every morning as he enthusiastically heads out to get breakfast. I am excited to have him as my companion and hunting partner next season. A huge thanks to Liz and GGLR for making this happen.

> -Darrell & Jenn Thank you Rescue Reps Liz & Dave!

Our time with Drax was much too short...

Lab Rescue welcomed Drax back into the program with open arms in October, 2021. His surrendering family couldn't afford a consultation with a cardiologist along with the recommended PDA surgery to repair a heart murmur.

We immediately got him in to the vet for diagnostics in preparation for a visit to the cardiologist. Most concerning was Drax's bloodwork which revealed he was in Stage IV/V kidney failure. One vet suggested euthanasia but we saw so

much life in this little guy, only 5-months-old at the time. We desperately wanted to give him a chance (thank you Dr. Gilman for supporting us through this decision). Off to an internal medicine vet he went where he was prescribed a special kidney diet, in-home IV fluids, and medications.

Drax was a pup that never met a stranger; the sweetest soul who truly captured the heart of every person he met.



He thrived under the loving care of his fosters-Phil, Cindy, and his canine sister Cheyenne (pictured here with Drax's paw on her). He made it through his first Christmas, and we were hopeful he'd make it through his first birthday, if not longer, but his little body couldn't keep up, and we sadly had to put Drax to rest in February.

Many thanks to Dr Erin Scott, Dr. Tien and Staff at Bishop Ranch, Dr. Katz at Silicon Valley Med Vets, Dr. Brenda Mills at Integrative Veterinary Care, Fur Angel

Blessing Blanketeers (blanket pictured made by them) and last but certainly not least, Drax's family-Phil, Cindy, and Chevenne who immediately stepped up to foster Drax fully aware of his condition. They wanted to spoil him from day one which included a very special exception, allowing Drax to sleep in their bed where he burrowed himself under the covers every night!

Happy Ending- Goose

It's been a while since we had a foster dog so I jumped at the chance to foster this sweet 14 week old. A puppy fix was just what we needed! Then, we got her and I remembered how much work a puppy is and how important that other dogs in the house buy into the baby pestering them! No problem, I was sure she would get adopted in no time so had some fun working with her, teaching her some manners, the basics. We couldn't

believe how smart she was; she watched and paid attention to everything the older dogs did, looked in my eyes for guidance and before we knew it, we were all hooked! At least I was right about one thing, she got adopted quickly...#fosterfail!

She decided she liked her new name, Goose, because her favorite snuggle buddy is our old man Maverick and she will stop whatever she's doing (except eating) and come running



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when she hears her name. The only other name that would have worked was Goldilocks because she jumps from one bed to the next to cuddle with Maverick. Stella and Athena. Goose just suits her so well, she's a very silly goose!!

Thank you so much to Liz for letting us foster her, waiting for me in Fairfield with her forever while I returned from a rescue mission in Tahoe for a friend, and for always checking in on us and

making fostering for GGLRR so easy and fun! Thank you to Sandy for knowing we were keeping her before we did and being constantly supportive and patient while we "made sure"!

Thank you!!

-Stacy, Paul, Abby & Andrew Thank you Rescue Reps Liz & Sandy!

Happy Ending- Milo

We love Milo so much. He has been such a loving addition to our family—he is fully offleash trained, so eager to please, and has a cat now!

We are very proud of him and couldn't love him more.



- Brit & Steven Thank you Rescue Rep Liz!

Happy Ending- Remi

Remi has enjoyed snuggling under blankets and extra naps with the winter's rainy weather. She had her very first advent calendar full of cheese and bacon treats.



Remi is still loving agility. She's been introduced to most of the obstacles, but the tunnel is her absolute favorite. You can see it in her face. She's such a smart girl.

She also spent the last few months taking virtual nosework classes with Dickson. She loves it...what's not to love? She gets to sniff boxes for cookies! Our girl is doing great!

- Kristine & Dickson (& Remi) Thank you Rescue Rep Kris & foster Elizabeth!

Happy Ending- Cocoa

Cocoa is such a little sweet-heart and we're happy she has come into our lives. She is comfortable with us now and is very snuggly and cuddly. She is still not thrilled with strangers and barked at a statue that my in-laws have in their garden. Mike had to go and pet the statue and tell the statue that it



was a "good boy" so that she would calm down and see it wasn't a threat.

I believe Cocoa picked Banjo. Banjo didn't seem interested in Cocoa when they first met and preferred to sniff around rather

than pay attention to her. She was persistent and tried to engage him in play, winning him over within a half an hour. We were all pretty surprised how well they took to each other so early on. We had an appointment to meet another dog that same day but canceled it knowing that Cocoa was going to be a great fit. Cocoa is very quick and loves to chase Banjo while he fetches the ball. They both managed to get into mischief by rolling in poison oak and other unmentionable substances, so promptly had baths and dried off playing in the sunshine. I had the worst case of Poison oak in my life with these two characters, and had to take time off work but we all survived.

Julie, Mike, Banjo (GGLRR alum), & Cocoa Thank you Rescue Rep Kris and fosters John, Jay & Kris!

Happy Ending- Bruno

Goofy, lovable
Bruno (formerly
Bruce) has been
so much fun to
have around.
He is eternally
happy and very
curious—he loves
the dog park,



and always runs straight up to the largest dog he can find to make friends. At home, he will eagerly offer his lobster chew toy to anyone in the hopes they will toss it for him to catch. A good pet or belly rub is also always welcome.

We had previously adopted then three-year-old Rocco from GGLRR in June of 2020. While we were initially afraid they might not get along, Rocco and Bruno are the best of friends - they play together, sleep together, barrel up and down the stairs together, and are pretty much inseparable.

We are looking forward to many more happy memories with both of them!

- Lisa & Cody Thank you Rescue Rep Kris & fosters Lisa & Cody!

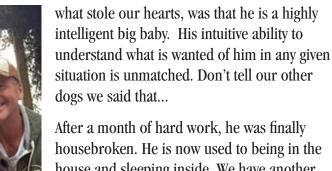
Happy Ending- Tank

Another foster fail...
Tank was our second foster dog and his personality and disposition seemed to match our family from the get-go!
Tank was a stray dog, which meant Golden Gate Lab
Rescue did not have any background on



him. He's estimated to be between 7 and 10 years old, and weighs in at a whopping 92 pounds—the largest dog ever to join our family. What an adventure for us all! Tank included!

He was definitely not housebroken, not neutered, and was never an inside dog. His favorite toy was an empty plastic water bottle. He didn't even know what a dog bowl was, and was scared of a toilet flush. What we did discover, and



After a month of hard work, he was finally housebroken. He is now used to being in the house and sleeping inside. We have another Chocolate Lab who's quite elderly—almost 13 years—and Tank seemed to know to tread lightly around her right off the bat. (By the way,

we named him Tank for his size, but not for how he handles himself around others).

We are spoiling him with dog toys and giving him lots of love. He deserves to have the best life possible. We are so lucky to have Tank in our lives.

- The Deardorff Family Thank you Rescue Rep Kris & fosters, the Deardorff Family!

Happy Ending- Parker & Pluto

These two babies make me so darn happy! I "rescued" them 9 days after I put my most beloved Lab to sleep. I couldn't be without a fur baby. These pups have filled our home with so much love in such a short amount of time! My girlfriend got me the little sign in the pic with them. It is so darn true, I believe they really rescued me! Parker is in the green and Pluto is in the blue. They were already named and trained as their previous owner had to surrender them and they'd been in foster care for 4 months waiting for the perfect home. The irony is, my favorite pup that crossed the

rainbow bridge was named "Packer," after the GB Packers.

Now Parker came to me with a green collar on and his name is only one letter off, and he acts just like my last pup. It feels as though Packer had a paw in this situation as he knew it would take two amazing dogs to fill the void he left



behind! So grateful for Sandy from Golden Gate Lab Rescue and DeeDee the foster mom who kept these boys until they were matched to their forever home! We are in love!

> - Keri & Allen Thank you Rescue Rep Sandy & Foster DeeDee!

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Announcing the Adopt a Stuffed Lab Program!

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue, in partnership with the Pet Food Express Community Outreach Team, is excited to announce our new youth education program titled, "Adopt a Stuffed Lab!" The purpose of this program is to create awareness, at a young age, of the challenges, responsibilities and rewards involved in deciding to get a dog. Our hope is that we can stop the cycle of surrendered dogs by empowering

our younger generation to have the knowledge and understanding of what it really means to bring that new, cute, loved one home.

Details of the program are still in the process of being finalized but the GGLRR volunteer committee consisting

of Committee Chair, Stacy Hallett-Brasher plus members Tiffanie Brown, Heidi Inglefiinger, and Mackenzie O'Toole have outlined a one to two-week program where children of all ages will start by attending an interactive workshop brainstorming with the volunteers on such topics as what they know about dogs, what dogs need on a daily as well as long term basis, things to be prepared for like injury/illness, socializing and training as well as what the children expect to be the most fun but also some of the hardest parts of caring for a dog might be.

During the workshop, GGLRR volunteers will have a few of their own dogs in attendance for hands-on learning to show the kids the basics of walking, grooming, feeding, petting, training, and socializing. At the end of the class, each child will be given the opportunity to "adopt" their own stuffed Labrador Retriever to take care of for the next 2 weeks

along with a journal to track their daily activities.

Over the course of the next 2 weeks, the kids will be responsible for their dogs as if they were living, breathing animals. They will track their daily routine to include walks, feedings, training time, poop clean up, etc. In addition, they will receive notifications throughout the 2-week

period about different surprises from their dog. As anyone with a dog knows, anything can happen from a potty accident in the house to an illness or injury and the unfortunate loss of a favorite toy or shoe that was left out for their pup to chew on. Our volunteers will serve as their mentors over this time and be available to



assist as pretend veterinarians or just guide them through any questions they may have.

The conclusion of the program will include witnessing a real live puppy training session and/or grooming appointment along with another group discussion about the week. We look forward to hearing how the reality of caring for a dog impacts each child/family and hope to spread our passion in helping every dog start and end in their loving, forever home.

Interested in volunteering, attending, or helping spread the word about our new program? Please reach out to **stacyhallett@gmail.com**.



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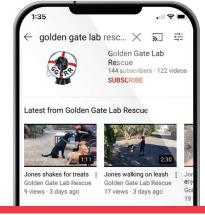
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Check us out on YouTube!

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



Don't miss these fun events!

Virtual Pet Fairs

Saturday April 30th, 11 am -1 pm

Saturday July 23rd, 11 am -1 pm

Saturday Oct 22nd, 11 am -1 pm

Check our website for registration information!

In-Person Pet Fairs

(All at Pet Food Express locations)

Sat. June 4th, 11am -2 pm Redwood City

Sat. Sept 17th, 11am -2 pm Redwood City

Sun. Nov 6th, 11am -2 pm San Jose

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Sat. May 14th, 11am -2 pm San Jose

Sat. July 9th, 11am -2 pm

Sat. Oct 8th, 11 am - 2 pm

Santa Photos/In-Person Pet Fairs (All at Pet Food Express locations)

Sat. Dec 3rd, 11am -3 pm **Walnut Creek**

Sun. Dec 4th, 11am - 3 pm San Jose

Sat. Dec 10th, 11am -3 pm San Francisco

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

Lab Rescue @ SF Pride Booth (In San Francisco)

Saturday June 25th, 10am -5 pm

Sunday June 26th, 10am -5 pm

Shopping & Giving Events

National Rescue Dog Day - May 20th

Giving Tuesday - Tuesday Nov. 29th

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

Buy your holiday gifts for humans and canines!

GGLRR Launches Training Workshops for Humans!

Golden Gate Lab Rescue is pleased to announce that we have launched a new program for our volunteers and adopters starting in 2022. We will be holding dog training seminars in locations around the Bay Area. We plan on having 2 to 3 seminars each year to help support our volunteers and adopters. Our purpose in

offering these seminars is to provide help with any issues that may arise with our adopted dogs to help them stay in their pack! Our first seminar was held March 2022. 55 people (adopters, fosters and volunteers) attended and Trish King of Trish King-Canine Behavior Associates



(canine-behavior-associates.com) was our speaker. Using videos, demo dogs and a very engaging Question and Answer session, Trish educated the humans about a variety of common issues and potential solutions. Everyone walked away with some new tools to work with their dogs and of course dog training is really all about training the humans!

For more information, email **liz@jobshopsf.com**; our next one is Saturday June 11th from 11 am to 4 pm at Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), in Walnut Creek. We will also be scheduling one in the South Bay. These workshops are free for our volunteers and adopters!

Help Wanted!

GGLRR is a virtual, 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@iobshopsf.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 our Volunteer page at www.labrescue.org/volunteer.html and complete our brief volunteer information form.

Chewy's Give Back Program provides donations to rescues and allows supporters of those rescues to make an even greater impact by donating through our wish list. Here's how it works:

Lab Rescue is participating in **Chewy.com's Give Back Program!**

• Use Lab Rescue's special link to shop our wish list (https:// www.chewv.com/g/golden-gate-labrador-retrieverrescue b94269853) or go to https://www.chewv.com/g/ animal-shelters-and-rescues, enter Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue in

the search box and hit the "Find a Rescue" button. This takes you to our special page (and our wish list)

- The first time you purchase from this page, Chewy donates \$15 to GGLRR
- You can make donations to GGLRR of

items on our Wish List (and other things) right from this page

Be sure to use our special link! If you don't, GGLRR won't get and let us know what you think! Send your comments to dragonflydebbi@gmail.

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How to contact Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue

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Other Contact Information			
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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.

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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 private, 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 covers six telephone area codes: 408, 415, 510, 650, 707, and 925. 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.



If you prefer, you can also use PayPal to make a donation. Log onto www.Labrescue.org/donate and click on the PayPal icon.



Pet Food Express supports rescue organizations in a variety of ways and GGLRR wants to spread the word. Please consider shopping at Pet Food Express for all of your pet supplies. Pet Food Express will donate 4% of your on-line purchases to GGLRR but you must shop using the link:

www.petfood.express/?p=GGLABR

This 4% donation only applies to on-line purchases. You can select "in-store pick up" or "home delivery" for your purchase. We encourage everyone to use this link to shop at PFE on-line so Lab Rescue can benefit from the 4% donations.