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It Takes a Village: Kora's Story

I've been a Rescue Rep with GGLRR for over 10 years. One hot Saturday I got an urgent call from Stephanie, an RVT at Sage Dublin: a young Lab, Kora, had been rushed in with a spay complication and her intestines were exposed. She was in critical condition. She needed emergency surgery or she would not survive. Despite exhausting every option to financially support the extensive surgery it was more than the family could afford. The family was devastated, and Dr. Wheeler, ER doc, asked them a very difficult, but important question: if Sage could find a rescue who could help, would they be willing to surrender Kora so she could get the surgery she needed and continue to live a full life? The family discussed the matter and made one of the hardest decisions a pet owner can ever be faced with. They decided to make the selfless decision to surrender her if it meant she would get the chance to live a full life. Time was of the essence, as Kora needed to be in surgery immediately. When they first reached out my first thought was "Oh my gosh!! This is such a large amount of funds; how can we make this happen fast?!" GGLRR has a process for accepting dogs with expensive medical needs,

but it isn't designed for emergency situations like this one. Since the representatives communicate primarily via email, there was no way anyone was going to be looking at their



email in time to approve Kora's case. So how could we make this happen? First, I sent a text out to the Intake Committee (people read their texts all the time, right? I hope!) and then sent an email out with more details. Finally, I picked up the phone to start calling fellow representatives to try to expedite the approval, but before I could dial, the phone rang. It was Rescue Rep Liz (our Treasurer), "Of course we could help Kora! This is what we are here for" she said! Texts starting rolling in saying "Yes! We should do this! We should help Kora!" In less than 10 minutes I was able to call Sage and notify them that "Yes! We can help Kora!" Dr. Ryan Wheeler was with the family when RVT Stephanie Rodgers walked into the exam room to deliver the

news... Kora's dad, with tears in his eyes looked at her and asked "Did Kora get approved by a rescue?" Once they heard that YES she was approved they were both grateful and heartbroken all at the same time. Tears were flowing, emotions high, but they signed Kora over knowing they would never see her again, but

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knowing they made the right decision for her. There was a special connection that Kora's owners had with her, like electricity in the air, everyone could feel it, see it, and sense it. It was heartbreaking for them to need to say their goodbyes, but they knew it was the only way she could live a full life. Kora was then prepped and ready for surgery just minutes after her paperwork was completed.

The surgery was long and complicated. It took an entire team to complete this life-saving surgery: Dr. Wheeler, Dr. Valverde, an anesthesiologist and 4 technicians. Luckily Kora had youth and general good health on her side, but the damage to her intestines and possibly other organs was unclear. Even if surgery was successful, there would be at least 2 days recovery time in hospital, and a long road of recovery after being released; and that's if there were no surgical complications or post-operative complications. (Kora ultimately spent 5 days in hospital.)

While Kora was in surgery, I started looking for a foster who could take her when she was released to go home. Not knowing the extent of the damage, we didn't know how complex her recovery might be or how long it would take. We didn't know if she would be able to eat, or would need a feeding tube. It was a lot to ask a foster to take on, but Pre-Screened Adopter Colleen stepped up and offered to foster Kora. Colleen and her dog Scout were ready for Kora whenever she was ready to leave the hospital.

That evening, Dr. Valverde contacted me with an update. Kora's surgery had gone well; Dr. Valverde re-sutured the spay incision, reconnected her bowel, removed roughly one meter of intestine and flushed her abdomen out thoroughly to decrease the amount of bacteria that had leaked from her mangled bowels. There had been some small bowel leakage but they were hoping for very little contamination inside. The rest of her abdomen looked good. Now all that could be done was to wait, the rest of this process was up to Kora and

her body. We were anxiously awaiting to see how she would recover. One of the risks she was facing with removing so much of her bowel was chronic soft stool.

The following morning, I got a call from Dr. Lynn Morris with an update. Kora had done well overnight. She wasn't eating yet but she was on her feet and going for short walks to potty. As she began feeling better, the challenge would be keeping her quiet enough to heal. She had a special body suit and a cone on her head to prevent her from licking the incision site and her drain site. She had a large drain placed inside her abdomen that

would help reduce the amount of fluid her body created inside her abdomen. Over the next few days the team at Sage would wean her off her IV pain medications, watch for the resumption of bowel activity and the return of her appetite. These were critical factors in determining when Kora could be discharged from the hospital.

Kora's story is unique in many ways. It's not unusual to get a call from a vet's office, when a dog has an emergency need that a family is unable to afford. But a situation as dire and expensive as Kora's is rare. The cost for Kora's care was beyond what many families would have the ability

to pay. And in situations like this the dogs are unable to go home to their family. The entire Dublin office was engaged in Kora's recovery and rooting for her. So Stephanie started a GoFundMe campaign in honor of Kora, to help GGLRR cover a portion of her bill. It started slowly but as word spread more and more donations came in, big and small.

Then, came the surprise...the GoFundMe goal had been REACHED and then, it EXCEEDED THE GOAL! There were more than enough funds to cover Kora's bill...And then the question arose... "Wouldn't the best thing be if Kora could go home to her family?!" ... After much deliberation

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and contemplation about the specific scenario at hand, everyone involved in helping Kora decided it would be best for Kora to return her to her original family. The next step was to contact the family about this plan. Bright and early one morning, Dr. Wheeler and Stephanie (RVT) sat down to make the phone call that would take all the heartbreak and sorrow away from Kora's family. The anticipation was killing them as the phone rang, (ring, ring) then, a voice on the other line said "hello?" It was Kora's dad. They started off with a simple, "Hi there, it's Stephanie and Dr. Wheeler from Sage calling you about Kora." With a catch in his voice he responded "How is she?" They then explained the long recovery process she had gone through and all of the people who had stepped up to be a part of fixing Kora. He quietly listened on the phone, fighting back tears. Then, they hit him with the line they were dying to say: "Well, we are reaching out to you today to let you know that Sage and GGLRR feel it's best for Kora to return to you... is this something you guys are up for?" There was complete silence on the line. "Hello?

Are you there?" then a shaky voice on the other end said "Absolutely!" Dr. Wheeler and Stephanie were ecstatic to hear that they would take her back, and they explained how the GoFundMe campaign had raised enough to assist with Kora's expenses so they wouldn't have the financial strain especially in these challenging times. Her family was so grateful their emotions said it all. Ten days after

being rushed to Sage, Kora went home and is now happily reunited with her grateful family. As Stephanie commented when the happy family came to pick up Kora, "Happy endings like this is why we do what we do in veterinary medicine." As of this writing, Kora is doing incredibly well.

Kora's case is special in another way too. The communication with Sage was amazing; We got regular updates from Dr. Morris, Dr. Wheeler and RVT Stephanie. If only doctors for humans did as great a job keeping Lab Rescue updated! Being young and resilient, Kora made rapid progress. Sage and Lab Rescue were partners in Kora's

care and the teamwork and communication between the two made the difference between life and death for Kora. We (GGLRR) appreciate Sage giving us the chance to help Kora, and the close collaboration during the entire process from intake to release was amazing. A big thank you to everyone at Sage Dublin, and special thanks to Dr. Wheeler, Dr. Valverde, Dr. Morris, and RVT Stephanie. A big thank you to the GGLRR Intake Committee, whose rapid response to the call for help made it possible for

Kora to get the lifesaving treatment she needed. This was definitely a team effort!

-By GGLRR Rescue Rep Debbi & Sage RVT Stephanie Rodgers. Stephanie is an RVT who has been doing rescue work for many years, as well as working in emergency and critical care. She gets opportunities to peruse both passions in her line of work.

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Kora, her rescue team, and family

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



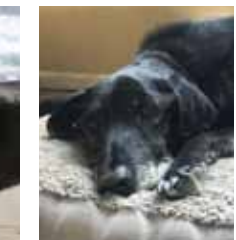
Posey,
you were a **good boy.**



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



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



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



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



Jetta,
you were a **good**

GGLRR Training for Volunteers, Adopters and Fosters a Hit!

Over the past few months, GGLRR embarked on a new program of holding dog training sessions for our adopters and fosters. We felt if we imparted appropriate dog handling knowledge, skills, and abilities to adopters and fosters of our rescued dogs, we would increase the likelihood of productive foster periods and successful long-term adoptions. Armed with these goals, we arranged for several 6-hour seminars led by renowned dog trainer and behaviorist Trish King. We also teamed with local animal rescue organizations (Marin Human in Novato, Animal Rescue Foundation in Walnut

Creek, and Humane Society of Silicon Valley in Milpitas) to host the events. While these events focused on the human element of caring for rescued dogs – this training was for humans, not for dogs – Trish demonstrated several useful techniques with select “demo dogs” that were invited to participate in the seminar. Each event had more than fifty attendees. Feedback from the events was very positive, and we hope to continue these seminars in the future to increase the dog handling knowledge, skills, and abilities of our Lab Rescue community.

Happy Ending- Jack

We wanted to write to share that Jack celebrated his 15th birthday last week. He finished another road trip to Santa Fe to visit family and is now hanging out in Truckee. He is still able to do short walks, loves eating and sleeping on the bed, and is in generally good spirits for an old gent.



Earlier this year, he had a series of seizures. The vet believes that he may have a brain tumor. Since we aren't going to intervene, we didn't confirm it with an MRI. For the last few months he has been on an anti-seizure (Zonisamide) medication and has had only one small seizure.

We are thrilled he has made it to 15 and are so happy to have him as part of our family!

-Becky, Stephen, Jack, & Jesse

Happy Ending- Blaze

Well I had all these wonderful intentions of sending you regular updates on Blaze, then life got in the way and suddenly my phone is reminding me to ask you about switching over his microchip info, which means it's been a whole year already! How time flies!

To catch you up, Blaze is such a wonderful addition to our household. Definitely an old soul in a young body, very intelligent, likes his routines and order in the house, loves snuggling but also going out and meeting new people and dogs. His coat has grown in a decent amount, although the vet doesn't know if it will ever be a true full lab coat. That's ok by us and by him – he loves wearing “clothing” and will ask for his jackets and prance around all excited once he's wearing them, like he's showing off.



Blaze & new sister Lexi

Happy Ending- Pepper

Can you believe it's been six years?! Pepper continues to be a joy in our lives. She was just diagnosed with retinal degeneration, so she's severely seeing impaired. Nonetheless, she's a happy pup! Hope all is well with you!

- Cindy Nelson



Happy Ending- Toshi

The past year with Toshi (formerly Scotty) has been wonderful. He's a great dog! We adopted him last Labor Day so early next month I'll ask you to transfer his microchip registration to us. Here's a recent photo.

- Andrea

Thank you Rescue Rep Sandy!



His absolute FAVORITE thing in the world is going to camp, seconded only by walks – we have to spell out the words, but he's catching on. He's usually quite mellow but whenever we head toward the leashes, he'll do this adorable windup with his butt to the ground then leap straight up in the air in excitement.

We've taken him to wineries, Home Depot, hiking, swimming at a friend's pool...he loves it all.

And...at the end of last year we were lucky enough to add another Lab to our household! She's a 1-year-old female named Lexi who we adopted privately from a local family after they realized they bit off a bit more than they could chew. We had been starting to seriously think of adopting a second dog anyway, and then karma dropped Lexi in our laps. Blaze is the perfect role model for her. Now they are inseparable.

*-Lauren & Daniel Jarem
Thank you Rescue Rep Dave!*

Luca the Not Lab



Wait, that ain't a Lab!

In December 2020, a Lab Rescue volunteer evaluated gorgeous 18-month-old 125-lb female "Luca" at a local shelter. She had been surrendered by her owner who reported she was a Lab/Anatolian shepherd mix. That is one big Lab mix. But we've found homes for Lab/Anatolian shepherd mix pups before, so we brought her into our program. Well, her size and power

and my-way-or-the-highway attitude – combined with her jumping-up-on-you and mouthiness – soon overwhelmed multiple fosters...and we sent her to a dog trainer for evaluation...who reported: "Dave, this ain't no Lab. You got yourself a **genuine Livestock Guarding Dog (LGD)**!" A what? An LGD? LGDs are fiercely independent dogs that guard sheep, goats, etc. from coyotes, mountain lions,

and wolves. Yikes! They are not the kind of dogs that Lab families want. Sure enough, DNA testing revealed that Luca was an **Anatolian shepherd, Akbash, and great Pyrenees** mix – yes, all livestock guarding dog breeds. Zero Lab in Luca. Whoops! But she was now a GGLRR dog...and we had a responsibility to find her a new home. Fast-forward several months...and Luca was hanging out at a Lab Rescue volunteer's home in Placerville where she happily patrolled two acres of Diesel Ranch. Eventually, we were able to find Luca a new forever home at a ranch in the Sierra foothills where she is now guarding a herd of twenty goats and sheep. Quite a journey for Luca...and one heckuva a longer stay in our program that we'd ever expected. But we did not give up on her. We might just be a little more cautious next time when we encounter a young 125-pound "Lab mix" needing rescue. Hah!



- Dave Ely

Happy Ending- Sherpa

When we received Sherpa she was approximately nine months old. Sherpa is so well behaved! She enjoys the water and my Uncle's ranch, (where she's not so sure of the cows) but the turkeys and crows are fair game. We don't allow Sherpa to catch the birds and keeping her out of water is impossible. Sherpa is a great addition to our family.

A special thanks to Dave Ely and Liz Frome for helping us with this adoption.

-Gary Donabue

*Thank you Rescue Rep Liz & Dave,
& Fosters/Adopters Dennis & Angi Nowicki*



Happy Ending- Jazzy

First, some background about Jazzy (formerly known as Betsy and Boop). Jazzy, along with another silver female, likely her sister, were picked up as strays in Solano County and transferred to a shelter in Hollister. Both presented with loose belly skin and appeared to have had at least one litter (possibly more) and both were treated for dry eye. When we went to meet the two girls in Hollister, we discovered another rescue picked up Betsy's sister but not Betsy. Sweet Betsy was a little timid at first but did respond to treats with a wagging tail as we walked her up and down the corridor of the shelter. It didn't look like Betsy was taken care of, pretty neglected actually. Our suspicion is that she and the other female were primarily used for breeding and discarded being that they're a little older now. In addition to dry eye, Betsy had some alopecia and Happy Tail that we treated. Devoted and



longtime fosters since 2009, Laura and Noel, fostered Boop/Betsy, now named Jazzy and couldn't let her go. Jazzy was their 60th foster dog!

What Laura and Noel have to say about Jazzy: She is so gentle and sweet, and she is very good with our four cats (which is unusual for most Labs). When she's happy she wags her whole body, and when she is really happy she prances like a Westminster show dog! Her hair is coming in well now, and she is just beautiful! I so love having a dog of my own now!

*Thank you, Rescue Rep Kris,
& fosters (& adopters!) Laura and Noel!*

Happy Ending- Hal

We had been fostering for GGLRR and finally unloaded the hellion "Mack" Née "Maxwell" on an unsuspecting couple in Dixon when we got an urgent call to foster "Hal" Née "Logan" who had been grabbed from the Martinez Animal Shelter. Hal quickly found the food good, the doggie bed comfy and the humans doting and easily manipulated, and he refused to leave. That was four and half years ago. Since then he has graduated summa cum kibble from the SPCA Manners



Courses and like the proud parents we are, have posted his diplomas on the fridge door although not his paw paintings. Hal is a straight jock but has adapted well to his gay male pack. He attends Pride gatherings as a "Straight Ally" with a rainbow collar. Thanks to Liz and Sarah for allowing us to keep him. More so now that Alpha (Patrick) is poised to leave the pack with cancer. Beta (Gary) and Hal have long talks, cries and howls on our walks together as we prepare to become a pack of two. We are grateful to have become a

"failed" foster.

-Gary Donabue

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What's Up with this Tsunami of Puppies?

Lab Rescue doesn't usually get many puppies in our program, but these last few months have seen a tsunami of incoming young dogs. There is no common denominator that one can put a finger on. We are just responding to the need, so when the call comes we respond! As of the writing of this article, we have rescued:

- Seven (7) puppies (and their mama Poppy) came in from down in Bakersfield. They were facing a difficult situation down there and we sprung into action.



Molly and her dozen pups



The Martinez five

- One (1) puppy came from the Stockton shelter. He had been bitten by another dog and faced some serious medical issues.



Poppy & puppies



Modesto puppy party



Little Wally

- Seven (7) puppies were surrendered by a Modesto owner who has an unwanted litter. We are trying to work with that owner to get the mama dog spayed.

- Two (2) four-month-old pups came out of the Stockton shelter. They'd been found as strays in Stockton.

- Pregnant Molly delivered twelve (12) puppies to our foster in early July. Molly had been surrendered to us in



Bingo & Django

late May by an owner who believed she was pregnant. One of the puppies did pass away early on but eleven pups are doing great.

- Five (5) four-month-old pups came out of the Martinez shelter. They'd been found as strays in someone's backyard in San Pablo.

So do the math...
7+1+7+2+12+5= 34 pups... That is crazy!

Oh, did I mention that we are working on bringing

in five (5) more puppies from the Madera County shelter... and maybe two (2) 5-month-old Labs from owner-surrender in La Grange???

But it doesn't end there. All of these puppies needed new homes...and we worked diligently to find them. It was a total puppy-palooza as we were flooded with calls and interest. After caring for the pups in their foster homes, conducting many phone interviews, holding in-person meet-and-greets, and performing home-checks, we successfully placed them

all. Woo-hoo! Many, many families now have the incredible joy (and relentless chaos) of raising a puppy. Good luck to them all!

- Rescue Rep Dave Ely

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Happy Ending- Henry

We lost our 12-year-old Chocolate Lab, Bo, in September 2021 and he left a big sad hole in our hearts and home. We learned about GGLRR and began the process of adopting our next fur child over the winter, and we decided to be patient and not rush, but we knew we were ready. We met Henry in March. Henry was only 10-months-old and had received very little training when his owners decided they could no longer care for him. He is high energy and full of love and curiosity and he has a BIG personality – he is the perfect match



for our family. We have a vivacious 5-year-old daughter who loves to play with Henry and during the summers, I direct a children's summer camp in Tahoe where Henry is one of the "Camp Dogs". He is constantly surrounded by children who love to pet Henry and play fetch endlessly. Henry is especially good at helping campers who are feeling homesick when they need a friend to sit with. He keeps us active and laughing and is a great at snuggles. We are so grateful that we have found him. Many

thanks to the team at GGLRR.

- Don & Cara Whipple

Thank you Rescue Rep Sandy & Foster LeAnn & family

Happy Ending- Raffi



We've had Raffi almost two months and I realized I had not updated you. Here are some pictures of us. It's hard to get Raffi standing or sitting. I have lots of pictures by himself. It took about two weeks for Raffi to get settled but he has acclimated to the routine. He doesn't like to get up early in the morning to eat but "the girls" bark at him to get up for breakfast. He lays around a lot but if we move from a room he barks at us and wants us to come back for him. Our black Lab Nala looks out for him and if he is barking in the back yard she goes to get him. He "bosses" all of us around except for the real boss, our Chocolate Lab Spur. We absolutely love him. My brother was here from back East and wanted to buy him a seat or two to take him home. Most of the time we call him "Big Dog".

His favorite spot is on the couch and of course we always lift him up. He seems to be slowing down even more this last week.

- Ann Lemack

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave & Foster Randy

Santa's Naughty List

The holidays may be cause for festive foods, drinks, and decorations, but they're also a time for all sorts of potential dangers to your pet if not kept out of reach. Here are a few you'd better watch out for:

Chocolates and sweets

Chocolate contains a stimulant called theobromine that's poisonous to dogs. All **grapes, raisins, and currants** (and foods that contain them) are toxic to dogs. **Macadamia nuts** can cause weakness, tremors, vomiting and fever. **Artificial sweeteners** (xylitol, for example) found in foods, especially cakes, can lead to potentially fatal hypoglycaemia, acute liver disease, and blood clotting.

Holiday foods

Onions, found in stuffing, vegetables, and gravy can cause stomach irritation and lead to red blood cell damage and anaemia. **Blue cheese** contains roquefortine C, which dogs are sensitive to. **Cooked bones** become brittle and prone to splintering, which can pierce your dog's digestive tract or cause an obstruction.



Holiday plants

Poinsettia, mistletoe, and ivy are all mildly toxic and can cause vomiting, drooling, and diarrhoea. **Lilies** can cause convulsions and are potentially fatal when eaten in large quantities. Pleasant-smelling **potpourri** can cause serious gastrointestinal problems lasting for days if ingested by your dog.

Holiday candles

Besides the obvious danger of burned whiskers from a curious dog, a wagging tail can accidentally knock over a **burning candle** if placed within reach.

Holiday decorations

Pine needles from a dry tree can cause mild stomach upset, cuts to the mouth, and even perforation of intestines when ingested. **Tinsel** can cause blockages or worse if it makes its way to the intestine. **Ornaments, lights, small toys, batteries, and wrapping paper** can all cause obstruction and damage.

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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Santa Photos are coming!

Bring your pets and your family for your awesome picture with Santa! And order your holiday photos and cards. Santa Photo Shoots and Pet Fairs are at these Pet Food Express locations:

- Sat. 12/3 11am - 3pm Walnut Creek
Sun. 12/4 11am - 3pm San Jose
Sun. 12/11 11am - 3pm Novato



2023 Calendars are here!

Our beautiful GGLRR calendar is back and ready to order for teveryone on your holiday list! Featuring over 200 Labs and including a 20% off coupon at Pet Food Express! It's the perfect holiday gift that helps support important rescue efforts by raising needed funds. To order yours, go to www.labrescue.org/calendar



In Memory of Admiral

Admiral passed away a couple of days before Easter.

Quick backstory, Admiral (Daisy at the time) was a rescue from the Monterey chapter. They said that she was about 4 1/2 years old at the time, so we figured add 6 months or so...and St Patrick's day was her new "birthday"

We adopted her a few days before Halloween in 2011. We remember this pretty vividly since my wife and I were newly married in our new house, in a neighborhood that gets 400-500 kids for trick or treating. So this poor dog, just days after meeting her new family, trying to adjust to a new house, gets bombarded with a few hours of knocks, doorbells and spooky costumes.

My wife was not working so she was with the dog all day and Admiral settled in relatively easily. In July 2013, we welcomed our daughter Gwendolyn. We knew that Admiral had been around kids during her 4-5 years, so I never worried, but I was curious to see how she would react. During the first night of our daughter being in our house, I woke up at maybe 2am, a bit uneasy like any new parent, sort of wondering if my kid was breathing...all that normal fear. When I walked into her bedroom, I saw Admiral lying awake next to Gwen's crib. She gave me a calm look as if to say, "Don't worry, I got this. I

know what I'm doing.' I am not sure if she had ever been in that bedroom before. So it was pretty obvious from that day forward that we had a good babysitter.

Our house is on a corner lot in a small neighborhood in San Anselmo. We have a sunroom that looks out on both streets and this was Admiral's favorite room. She would look out the windows for hours and watch the world go by. Some people knew our house by saying, "Oh yeah, the house with the dog in the window." I often commuted by bus to the city for work, and when I would come home, she was there in the window ready to greet me. Admiral had her dog friends, especially Cody the Golden Retriever who lives a few doors down and who will be 15 in a couple weeks. My daughter wanted Admiral and Cody to get married.

Admiral was an unbelievably sweet, gentle and happy dog. She loved her family. She turned 15 in March, but her arthritis was really starting to wear on her, and then we had to put her down. We miss her, we think of her all the time, and we are so thankful to have had her in our lives for over a decade. As you write in the newsletter, she was a good girl.

-Matt



In Memory of Dukke



We were alerted about Dukke, a handsome 8-year-old black Lab, on a Sunday in September as he was scheduled to be euthanized at 5pm the following day over in Manteca. Dukke was a special case as it was reported that he had snapped at/nipped a child,

and GGLRR has a policy not to accept a dog with any bite history. However, the main person who was trying to save his life reported Dukke had zero aggression. I also spoke to his family who had him since he was a puppy. They said no one witnessed what happened but they think their son may have pulled on Dukke's tail while he was eating crumbs off the floor and that outside of this isolated incident, there were never any

issues. Dukke did have a canine brother (not related) that began initiating squabbles with Dukke and would often pull on Dukke's tail. Dukke was described as lovable and always wanting to be near his humans. With the assistance from another Lab Rescue local to the area, they evaluated him for us and Dukke got our committee's approval to join GGLRR. I was unable to find a foster and Dukke went into a boarding facility. He was found deceased the next morning in his kennel. We presume he passed in the night; as his body was already in rigor mortis in the early morning when he was discovered. His cause of death was unknown and we were unable to get a necropsy done but we think it may have been a heart attack. We were deeply saddened by his sudden loss and sorry we weren't able to find him a forever home. May he rest peacefully now with the security knowing that he was embraced by a village of compassionate people trying to save his life.

-Kris

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

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:

- Use Lab Rescue's special link to shop our wish list (https://www.chewy.com/g/golden-gate-labrador-retriever-rescue_b94269853) or go to <https://www.chewy.com/g/animal-shelters-and-rescues>, enter Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue in

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



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.

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 credit for your purchase! Check out our page and let us know what you think! Send your comments to dragonflydebbi@gmail.com.

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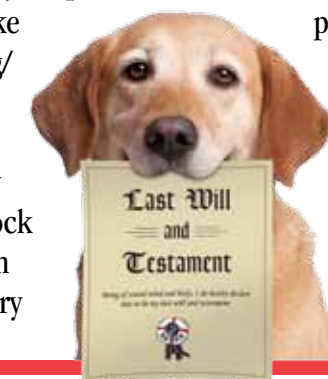
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Other ways you can help Lab Rescue: Make a gift through your estate or a charitable trust!

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 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.