



Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.

Dear Friends,

This year we have seen many Labs adopted into new homes as people needed to move because of foreclosure and other problems. Thankfully, in almost all cases the dogs never needed to go to the already overcrowded local shelters. By going through Lab Rescue most owners can continue to keep their dogs at home until a new family is found to adopt their dog.

Our local shelters, such as Peninsula Humane Society and San Francisco Animal Care and Control are very happy to be able to send owners to us instead of taking their dog in as a surrender. We have also taken many dogs from shelters this year.

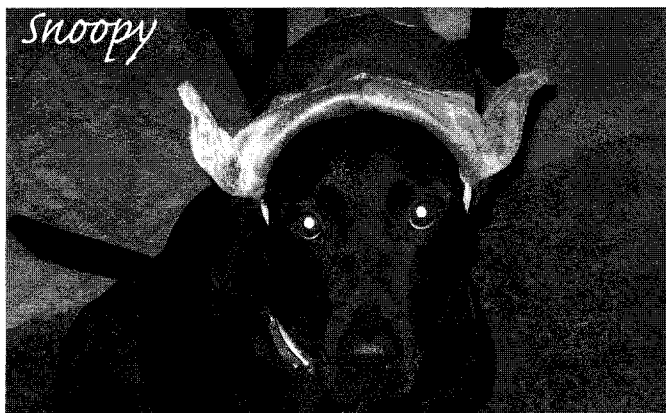
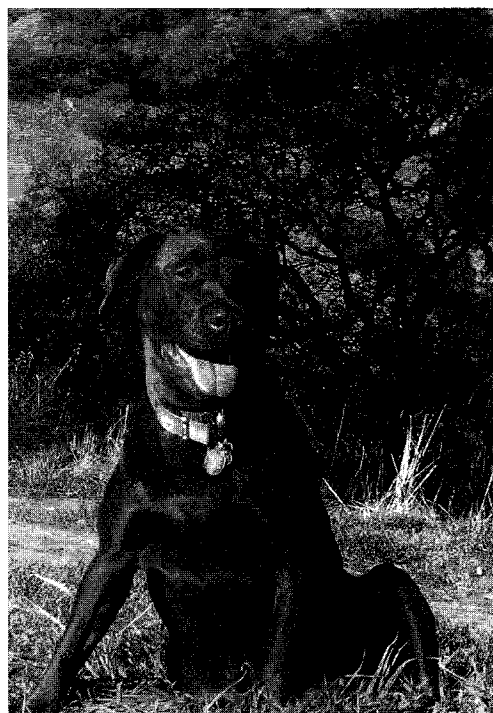
We expect that as budget problems in California tighten our local shelters will probably feel a financial pinch as well. This makes it even more important that all animal rescue groups stay involved in helping our shelters. Our total number of dogs adopted this year is already more than in 2007. Over 300 dogs, not including the referrals to other rescue groups and humane societies that use our website, so far have been adopted. The all together total will be close to 600 dogs placed in 2008.

Every dog that goes through Lab Rescue has all it's vaccinations up to date, as well as being spayed or neutered. If there are other medical needs we take care of those as well. Veterinary care represents 90% of our annual expenses.

All of us at Lab Rescue are volunteers. We donate our time to help the families and dogs that are not as fortunate as we are. We appreciate your support in our efforts to help our communities, and of course the dogs we admire so much.

Wishing you a great holiday season,
Don Richardson
President

Dear G. G. Lab Rescue,
I would like to make this donation on behalf of my wife, Carolyn Murray, and our wonderful lab, Snoopy Murray-Dansky. We adopted Snoopy 2 ½ years ago through Lab Rescue and she has since been the light of our lives. Thanks for all you have done for Snoopy and for us, as well as all of the other countless dogs and families you have helped.
Thank You,
Sasha Dansky



In February of this year, we rescued Honey from a Bay Area shelter. She was scheduled to be euthanized because she was considered, too old, too fat and had a bum knee that needed surgery. The shelter didn't feel that she was consid-



Honey Before

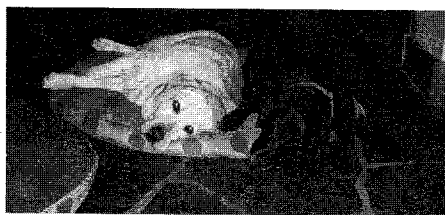
ered "adoptable" to the general public, so she was deemed "rescue only".

After Lab Rescue went to the shelter to meet Honey, we couldn't believe that this cute, lovable and happy girl was going to be put down.

We didn't consider her too old (she was only 5!), and the weight problem could be easily handled and

of course, because of your generous donations, we knew that we could do something about her common knee condition.

So, we pulled her. After making numerous calls to various vet clinics, we found a wonderful doctor who was willing to provide us a substantial cost savings as long as we were willing to drive her up to Sacramento to have the surgery completed.



After the surgery and one month rehabilitation at

her fosters home, she was good to go!

Honey After

During her stay with her foster mom, we put her on doggie weight watchers and she was able to drop 8 pounds while with us. So, now that her knee was as good as new, and her figure was back, she was quite the catch! We found her a home instantly with a wonderful couple who absolutely adore her. Thanks to your donations and the help from several individuals, Honey is living the "good life" on 20 acres of beach front property with her new mom and dad and her two canine companions. So much for being too old and too fat!!

We received the GGLRR newsletter today and once again remembered how grateful we are to have been involved with this amazing organization. We adopted Tucker, our 1 1/2 year old lab, from GGLRR a year ago. Tucker was born in a puppy mill in Oklahoma, and ended up riding on a truck with a bunch of other rescue puppies to California. We were lucky that our neighbor had received a call from Katherine Bryce about these puppies and came knocking on our door. He knew we were hoping to adopt a yellow lab, and when we saw Tucker it was love at first sight. It turned out the Tucker and his littermates had parvo, and it was heartbreaking to leave him at the vet. We were so incredibly grateful to Katherine Bryce and GGLRR for helping Tucker survive this life threatening infection.

One year later, we are thrilled to report that Tucker is a healthy and super happy lab. He loves to play with other dogs, especially his good friends next door, Dixie, Scrub and Chloe. Always up for a social visit, Tucker found a way to sneak through our fence into our neighbor's yard, into his garage thru a dog door into the house and ultimately up onto his bed! Fortunately our neighbor was kind enough to put up with these early morning visits (6:30 am lab wake-up!!) until we could fix the hole.

We have since fixed the fence, but installed a "door" that we can open to let the dogs play. Tucker now believes that he lives on a large "estate".

Tucker has added a positive loving energy to our family, and we are still in awe on a daily basis at how he finds ways to squeeze our hearts with this cuteness.

Thank you GGLRR for making our lives, and the lives of these sweet dogs, better!

Craig & Jennifer Smith



Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters and pictures!

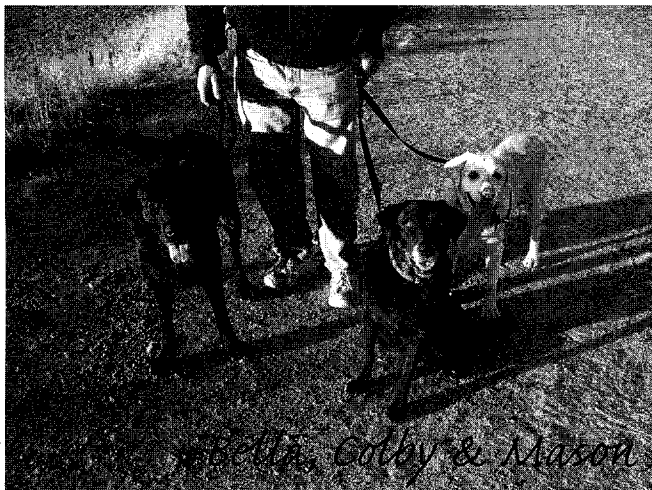
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Lab Rescue received a tearful call from a military wife needing help. She and her husband were divorcing. He was being sent overseas and she and her daughter had to move back East and couldn't take her two dogs. Mason and Colby were two 7 year old lab brothers who were going blind. Their eyes could not be fixed although they might always be able to see shadows and have some sight, but they were definitely special needs boys. Their "mom" was in tears, feeling that she was deserting her boys, whom she had loved dearly. Rescue stepped in and found these wonderful, sweet, well behaved dogs a fabulous home with a couple in Marin County. There were tears all around as the boys left with their new parents. Mason and Colby fit right in and happily explored their new surroundings. They had a big back yard for the first time in their life and lots of fun outings to go on. In no time, they knew their way around the house and the property and settled in. It was wonderful to be able to keep them together. They are so bonded. Then their new parents decided to foster another dog for us (we can't tell you how much we love this fabulous couple, the Josephs from San Rafael). We had just rescued Bella, a 5 year old black female lab, from the Vacaville shelter where she had been for over a month. Her time was up. Bella loved her foster home and they loved her. Mason and Colby were thrilled to have a girl lab around, especially one who could see everything and show them the ropes. You can guess the rest. Bella never left and now all three labs are happily enjoying a wonderful life together. Thank you to the Josephs and to all of our wonderful adoptive families for making such a difference in the lives of these precious labs.



Lab rescue is sometimes called upon to take a lab that is so high energy that they are having a hard time being a well behaved member of a family. Kona was one lab with that problem. He was a handsome two year old with a wonderful hunting pedigree and he was dearly loved by his family.

But he just couldn't settle down. Tons of training and love just weren't enough to make this boy a "house dog." But he LOVED to retrieve and would retrieve



until he dropped. GGLRR decided to see if he'd make a Search and Rescue dog and contacted the National Search and Rescue dog network. They took Kona on a trial basis but after a month they decided he wouldn't work at that job because he'd only search for something that he KNEW had been thrown or hidden. He wouldn't just go out and search, just to search. But then we called a group K9 Sniffers, who train dogs to search for drugs. Kona was perfect for that job. So he's now a working dog and he LOVES it. It channels his enormous energy and drive and at the end of the day he's happy to come home and hang out with his family (the dogs go home with their handlers and are complete members of the family). Another dog, Jessie, a high energy chocolate girl that we rescued from the Modesto shelter, is doing the same thing. She was obviously dumped by someone who didn't see her potential and GGLRR grabbed her. Even though she is four years old (National Search and Rescue will only take dogs under the age of 2 because of the tremendous time and money commitment to train them, K9 Sniffers trained her to be a drug sniffing dog because she just loved the work so much. GGLRR is happy to be associated with these fine groups who are happy to take our "high energy, avid retrievers."



WE EXTEND OUR THANKS TO YOU...

Thank you to all our wonderful donors. Without you we would not be able to continue to help the Labs that need medical care and/or new homes. Your donations make it happen!

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Roxie is a 6 year old yellow lab who had originally come from a well known lab breeder, but had fallen on hard times. Her owners decided they had too many dogs which they weren't properly caring for and decided to let rescue take Roxie. She was delivered to one of Lab Rescue's fosters in the back of a truck and she was BROWN. The previous owners never looked back and drove away. After three baths, Roxie's beautiful almost white coat emerged. She still had calluses on her elbows and hind feet and some sores from lying on concrete, but she was looking so much better. She had an ear



Roxie

infection, which Lab Rescue treated and then she settled into her foster home. Roxie was thrilled to be able to be in the house and never left her dog bed. Her foster mom (and we honor and love our foster moms) adored her. When Judy Kreger of Lab Rescue heard about Roxie and learned of both her age and the breeder she'd come from, she called some good friends of hers who had a six year old female lab from the same breeder. Sure enough, Roxie was related to their lab and the two dogs were only 6 months apart in age. It was a perfect fit. Roxie went to her new home in Carmel and joined up with her new "sister." But then we noticed Roxie's limp and the pain she had in moving and sitting. After a series of X-rays we learned that Roxie has TWO bad hips and will require surgery to repair them. Lab Rescue has agreed to cover the costs of the two surgeries (we fix one hip at a time) and Roxie's new family will see her through the months of rehab and recovery that she'll need. Roxie will do well. She adores her new family and is learning how to play with toys (which clearly she never had before). She loves her dog beds but especially loves crawling into her people's bed and curling up with her doggie sister by her side. Oh, and belly rubs are high on her list of favorite things too. Roxie is home and safe and loved.



Roxie After Surgery

Dozer, short for Bulldozer, is a 6 year old 140 pound cuddle-bug. Labs really do come in all shapes and sizes and Dozer is a purebred boy who has the biggest head we've ever seen. We rescued him from a couple who were losing their home and couldn't take him. They were threatening to give him to a puppy mill breeder to be a stud dog. Fortunately we were able to convince them to let Lab Rescue take him....and not a moment too soon. Dozer needed to be neutered, which we did right away of course, and while he was at the vet we discovered he had a nasty ear infection, an eye infection and his skin and coat were in terrible shape (he was missing most of the hair on his tail). He also had a choke collar on him that was much too small and it had eaten into his neck, causing yet another infection. Poor Dozer...he was miserable, but sweet and loving throughout his treatment. Dozer's physical problems were on the road to recovery. Then a miracle happened. The day we found out we would be getting Dozer we had a call from a wonderful gal and her adult daughter who were home all day and were looking for a BIG lab to love. When we told them we had a REALLY big lab in terrible shape, they didn't even hesitate. Sight unseen, they jumped in their car and went to pick him up from the vet where we had treated him. The rest is history. Dozer, who had been forced



to be an outside dog with his previous family, *Dozer* loved the fact that he could come inside and sit next to "his people." In fact, he never leaves their sides. He goes everywhere with them and loves car rides. They absolutely adore this big boy, who is sweet and gentle with everyone he meets. His infections are healing but most of all this poor, neglected boy has found a loving home and couldn't be happier. This photo was taken in Carmel, where Debra and Ann, Dozer's new family, had brought him to finally meet Judy Kreger of Lab Rescue who had put them all together. Lots of hugs were shared and Dozer just looked on happily, thrilled to be on yet another adventure.

Hello,

We adopted Rufus about 3-1/2 years ago and he will be turning 5 end of this Nov. The poor fellow underwent 3 knee surgeries in the last 2 years. Each surgery required 6 weeks of nursing duties (frequent icing, medication, keeping Rufus still and rehab). The effort has paid off because Rufus is back to leading a very active life again.



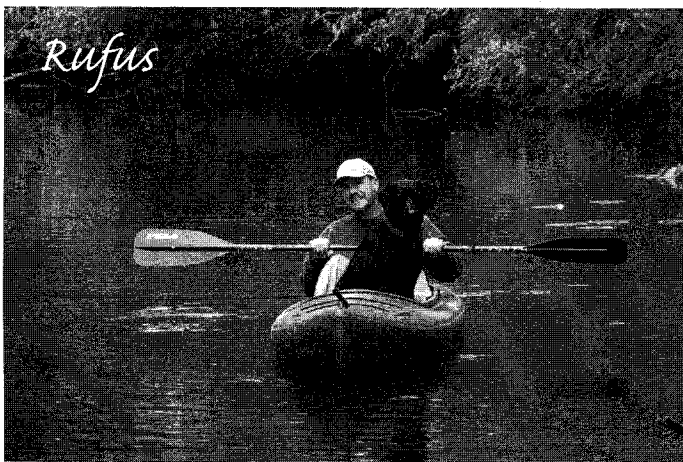
Like all labs, Rufus loves to swim whether in a pool, a river or an ocean. He even jumped into a kiddie pool

once and will hang out with us in the hot tub. Rufus will sit in a kayak but he prefers to swim alongside. His next favorite activity is a toss up between fetching balls, hiking, running on the beach, going for rides, ripping up stuffed animals or chewing chicken strips.

We have more pictures of Rufus than anything else but we never tire of viewing his gorgeous face and magnificent body. One of Rufus' pictures is featured on the front page of <http://www.blacklabrador.com>. He is the one sitting in front of a river. Rufus has gained many admirers on this website.

We are ever so grateful to Lab Rescue for bringing Rufus into our lives. We intend to keep Rufus happy & healthy for the rest of his life.

Cheers,
Julie, Steve & Rufus



A few months ago, Lab Rescue received a call from the Fremont Shelter and informed us that they had a wonderful dog they named Harrison (after Harrison Ford for his good looks!!) that was in need of rescue. Unfortunately, Harrison was infested with fleas and ear mites when he was won-



dering the streets of Fremont. Someone clearly didn't take care of this beautiful, sweetheart of a dog. Despite his previous life, Lab Rescue saw that he was one of the coolest, sweetest, happiest, "up for fun" Labs out there! Unfortunately, good temperament alone is not enough to save you from a certain death at a shelter. Given Harrison's age (6-8 years) and his skin condition, the shelter didn't feel he was adoptable to the general public, so he was scheduled to be euthanized unless we were able to save him. Given his wonderful disposition, we just knew that we would be able to find him a forever home, so we pulled him. We immediately had our vet examine

Harrison



him. She felt he was a healthy dog and would thrive once he was cared for. We treated his flea infestation, put him on medication and cleaned out his ear mites.

Fortunately, he started to heal and become more comfortable with each day. However, due to years of neglect, he had lost patches of fur underneath his belly (developed "elephant skin?"), tail and hind-end due to life-long inflammation caused by constant biting and itching. Consequently, he wasn't the most attractive dog to everyone, but we loved him and knew that someone else would too! Eventually, we got a call from the right family and now he's very much loved by a caring family with 3 children. They didn't care that he wasn't perfect looking, in their eyes he was a handsome boy with a beautiful spirit.

Thanks for making it possible for us to save Harrison - without your support, he wouldn't be living out the rest of his life with his new big-hearted family.

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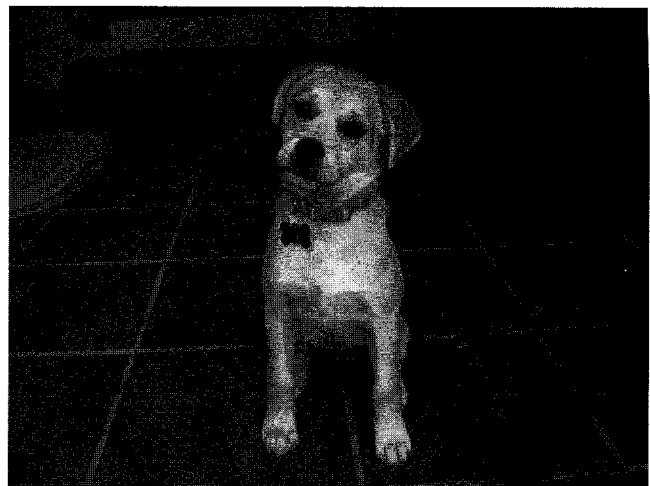
About GGLRR Inc...

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 in 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 providing good homes for Labrador Retrievers who might otherwise be abandoned or euthanized by their previous owner.

Our service area is Northern California and covers seven telephone area codes: 408, 415, 510, 650, 707, 831 and 925. GGLRR has more than 30 volunteers. None of our volunteers receive any form of compensation for their time and effort, other than the pure personal satisfaction of matching a displaced Lab with a loving family.

GGLRR relies upon placement and adoption donations, fund-raising events, and charitable donations for its funding. We suggest a minimum donation (currently \$200.00) for prospective families wishing to adopt from us. Special consideration is given to older and special needs dogs since our goal is that our rescued Labs are loved and well cared for.



FOSTER CARE NEEDED

We are always looking for foster homes to care for our dogs until permanent homes can be found. This is not an easy job but it is very rewarding.

For more information on fostering a dog please contact: Holly Still 650-322-9888.