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Rescuing Labs During a Pandemic

No in person meet and greets with prospective adopters...video home checks...distance meetings with surrendering owners...these are some of the adaptations that Rescue Reps and other GGLRR volunteers have been making in this era of Covid-19. In the beginning there were lots of questions: Could we still do Pet Fairs? Can we still have vet visits? What about dogs that needed to be spayed/neutered? How do we do video home visits without inducing motion sickness? Now, after 6 plus months of sheltering in place and wearing masks, we've placed 41 new dogs in forever homes, much more than was expected when things closed down in March. We asked our Rescue Reps to tell us about their experience in the age of Covid, and here's what we've learned:

So what's different for you as a result of the pandemic?

What people seemed to miss the most was in-person pet fairs, where lots of people came to meet our wonderful Labs. As Rescue Rep Dave put it, "The pet fairs were always a furry flurry of energy and camaraderie that infused excitement and joy into our rescue work." But losing in-person pet fairs wasn't the only thing that changed; in-person home visits and adopter meet and greets also went virtual. Walking cameras through the home can sometimes cause the viewer to run



for the Dramamine! On the more positive side, not spending as much time in the car has resulted in more video chats and the Virtual Pet Fair, which has been a big hit with great participation by prospective adopters. Rescue Rep Katy put it this way:

"The virtual pet fairs have been awesome, though I miss getting the opportunity to get kisses from all the pet fair dogs." Finally, we can't forget that some of our volunteers are not just volunteering for Lab Rescue, they are balancing running (or having to shut down) businesses and home schooling their kids, among other things with the time spent rescuing Labs. As Rescue Rep Liz said, "My company was shut down and I am trying to get through the pandemic so we

can stay open for many more years! I was not able to help much with repping the dogs as I needed to focus on my company, but I could help with things from my office."

What has been your biggest challenge in rescuing Labs during the pandemic?

When things started shutting down in March, Lab Rescue expected that there would be a deluge of dogs surrendered to shelters, and a dearth of potential adopters as people lost their jobs. And we thought that people would not be willing to meet dogs in person. But that's not what happened. Instead we had lots of potential

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adopters, and not very many dogs. In fact, our first Virtual Pet Fair was cancelled due to a lack of available dogs. The question of how to keep everyone safe for adopter meet and greets (and home checks) was a big challenge, and we didn't do adopter meetings for the first two months. As Rescue Rep Katy explained, "I'm glad we made that decision and I think it was the right thing to do. However, it was really tough explaining to 150 callers that we could talk about a dog and the potential fit, but they couldn't meet the dog yet and that it would be awhile before they could." This was also really hard on our fosters, who had their foster dog for much longer than they may have expected, at the same time they might be having to work from home, or suddenly homeschool their children. (A HUGE thank you to our wonderful fosters for sticking with it during this tough time!)

When we did restart adopter meetings, we changed our process so that meetings took place outside, we sanitized leashes and toys, kept our distance of 6 feet or more, and everyone was masked (except the dog). A big bottle of hand sanitizer featured prominently in the back yard. Screening prospective adopters, especially for popular dogs, often would take place at the pet fairs, and that wasn't an option. Instead Rescue Reps had to use phone and email, and as Rescue Rep Liz describes, that's often a challenge: "A good problem to have is that when I do list a dog, I sometimes hear from over 50 people asking to adopt the dog (by phone or by email). It is a BIG challenge to go through all the emails, screen the possible adopters and choose the home for the dog." Because of the imbalance between available dogs and available adopters, there was more competition for dogs, and it became more difficult for families to adopt. As Rescue Rep Dave put it, "It's hard to explain to people how darn competitive it has become to adopt a dog during the pandemic. This is great for the dogs needing new homes, but very discouraging for people looking to adopt."

A surprising challenge was the lack of affordable veterinary care for the dogs. Some shelters were no longer spaying or neutering dogs that we pulled. Some vets initially were only open for emergencies. As Rescue Rep Kris said, "We used to utilize a veterinary clinic that helped us get basic needs met (vaccines, heartworm tests, bloodwork) at a reasonable cost. That clinic has closed, and has not been able to reopen

as of yet." When vets did open, everything became curbside. We'd drive up, call the vet and a tech would come out to ask questions and take the dog in for their visit. Once the vet was done, they would bring the dog back out to the car. In some practices they had video so the Rescue Rep or foster could see what was going on and ask questions; others called from the appointment, and some explained everything when they brought the dog back to the car. It was challenging for everyone involved, including the dogs.

Have there been more, less or about the same number of dogs in need during the pandemic relative to a typical year?

There was universal agreement among the Rescue Reps that there have been fewer dogs available than in a typical year. Even the shelters are able to get their dogs adopted quickly, and have not needed GGLRR's help. Since March, GGLRR has taken in approximately 60 dogs and found homes for about 50 of them.

What is your favorite/funniest pandemic rescue story?

There's always a silver lining... GGLRR decided if we all have to wear masks, let them be Lab masks! Our first order of 500 (white Lab snout and red pawprints) masks sold out in what seemed like minutes. Our next order of black Lab snouts was snapped right up. And our last order of chocolate Lab snouts was also a hit. "If you told me in January 2020 that we would sell hundreds of face masks that had Labs depicted on them, I would think you are bonkers" said Rescue Rep Dave. "Hundreds of masks later (and after some nice revenue for Lab Rescue) I would be eating my words. Cause these dang Lab masks were and continue to be an absolute hit. Who knew?" But not all the dogs like the mask; for one meet and greet Rescue Rep Liz described the dog's reaction: "The dog would not stop barking at the mask and he ran over to lift his leg; I got out of the way quickly!"

It takes a village to rescue a Lab, and even more so during a pandemic. We could not do what we do without all our wonderful volunteers: Rescue Reps, Fosters, Transporters, and more. Thank you to Rescue Reps Kris, Liz, Katy and Dave for their contributions to this article, and a HUGE "Thank YOU!" to all of our wonderful volunteers who make saving Labs possible. Stay safe, and wear your mask!

In loving memory of our many good boys and good girls who have left us to cross the Rainbow Bridge.



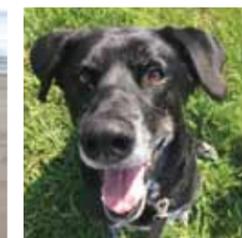
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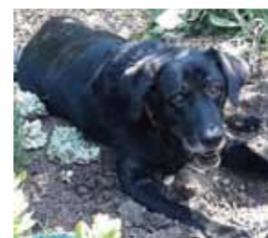
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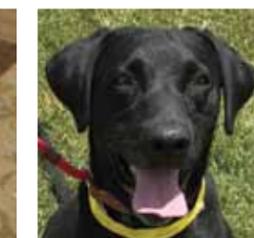
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Brownie,
you were a **good girl.**



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



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

Sometimes good things just take time...

Lab Rescue is all about second chances and finding the right match for each dog. Harry and Walter are both handsome dogs who were initially adopted quickly, but who had some behavior quirks that turned out to be not so compatible with their new adoptive homes. At GGLRR we commit to our dogs for the lifetime of the dog. We brought both dogs back into foster with GGLRR and our wonderful fosters and reps worked diligently for over a year(!) and through hundreds of inquiries to find both Harry and Walter the perfect-match

homes. We're thrilled to report that both Harry and Walter are doing fabulously well in their now truly forever homes, with families who understand and love them for the dogs that they are. It truly takes a village and we would not be able to take the time to find great dogs like Harry and Walter the suitable forever homes that they so deserve without the generous support of our volunteers, donors, veterinary, and training partners. WOOFs (thanks!) to you from Harry and Walter.

-By Rescue Reps Kris & Katy

Happy Ending- Harry

Susi and I feel so blessed to have been able to bring Harrison Jaxson Vice IV... AKA "Harry" into our family. When we first met him, we both knew that he would fit perfectly in our lives and it seems that we fit into his life as well. Harry was a street dog in Oakland who was found in a padlocked empty lot without food or water. Now he has five beds throughout our small house and more toys than he knows what to do with that he packs and plays with regularly. He continues to learn how to live in a family, learning and practicing his manners. He really enjoys



going for walks and playing fetch and tug. Living in Sacramento now, he is learning how to live in the warmer climate, mostly he chooses to stay inside and lay under the AC during the day! Thank you so much to Katy and Kristin for all your time and care in helping Harry to find his real personality and how to express it and then matching him with us!! GGLRR is amazing.

- Susi & Julie

Thank you Rescue Rep Katy, Fosters Katy & Lee, Kristin, & Jourdan!

Walter & Betsy...a love story

I knew that I wanted to have another dog in my life after losing my previous Lab at the age of 11 at the end of July 2019. But, I had no way of knowing that welcoming Walter into my family in February 2020 would be so important to my well-being!

I had met Walter at a GGLRR adoption event in San Jose a few weeks earlier, after seeing information about a different lab who was looking for a home. When I met the other dog, I could instantly tell that she wasn't the right dog for me. She had lots of energy, and I was looking for a more relaxed dog.

As I looked around at the other dogs available for adoption, I spotted a tall, handsome, calm, yellow Lab. It was Walter. I visited with all of the dogs, but ended up spending an hour with Walter, sitting with him inside his pen, getting to know him, and taking him for a short walk around the shopping center. I was in love.

Walter's foster mom, Kris, shared his story with me. He was surrendered anonymously at night to a shelter in Hollister, CA, and eventually transferred to GGLRR where he was fostered by Kris and her husband Jay.

Walter had been adopted once before but had been returned



to GGLRR after five months because he continued to display some territorial behaviors. Kris wanted to be sure to find someone who could love Walter and manage his behaviors. I feel so fortunate to have been selected.

Within a month of adopting Walter, the COVID-19 global pandemic hit the Bay Area, resulting in Stay-at-Home orders and the closure of businesses and schools. Fortunately, the Stay-at-Home orders allowed people to go outside for exercise. Walter needs 2 good walks per day, so he and I continued our daily routine. He's been a fabulous "co-worker" as I work from home. However, his snoring is occasionally distracting.

Without Walter, I probably would have slipped into depression and gained a lot of weight over the last six months. But, because of Walter, I continue to get daily fresh air and exercise, and I have someone to care for. He's the ray of sunshine that's guided me through the global pandemic. I'll be forever grateful to Walter, Kris, and Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue!

- Walter's Mom, Betsy

Thank you Rescue Rep Kris, Fosters Kris & Jay, & additional helpers Canine Corral, Lindy M, Debbi & George!

Happy Ending- Mack



Mack is doing great! We just got back from a quick trip up to Tahoe & Reno where he was able to splash around in the lake. He has turned

out to be a huge fan of traveling. He does great in the car. Whenever I am getting ready to go somewhere with him, I have to be careful about waiting till right before its time to go before I pull out his duffel bag and harness. Once he sees those, he knows that we are going somewhere, and he will start barking, jumping, and happy dancing uncontrollably. Someday I am going to have to get it on video.

- Melissa Lancaster

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave & Foster Karen Chapple!

Happy Ending- Charlie Girl

When my husband and I decided it was time to get the Labrador that we had always dreamt about having, GGLRR was the first place we looked. I'm so glad we did, because that's where we found our sweet Charlie girl! The adoption process was very thorough, thought out and organized and Charlie's foster family was amazing - we're still keeping in touch many months later. Charlie has filled our world with such love, goofiness, nose kisses, tail wags and so much more! We are grateful every day that we adopted our family member from GGLRR.



- Elena Johnson

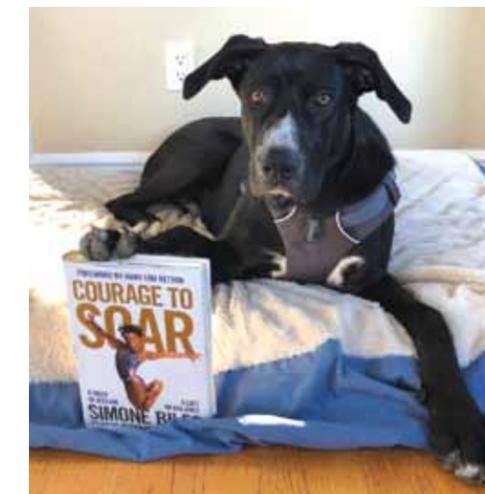
Thank you Rescue Rep Liz & Foster Kelly!

Happy Ending- Asher

Asher came to GGLRR from the CCAS shelter, along with his sister Lucy. They were 8 week old Lab mix strays. Here's the latest report from Asher's new family: "At close to eight months old, he is almost 80 pounds and still growing (sometimes overnight!). We expect him to be over 100 pounds. Asher can be intimidating, some dog owners with smaller dogs or puppies get a little nervous around him. However, he is a great dog, mellow, friendly and playful. He knows a variety of commands and is getting better on a leash (not pulling so much). We created a Tiktok account for Asher and he has over 1165 followers now. His page is called: @Asher.the.Doggy. <https://www.tiktok.com/@asher.the.doggy>. Check it out to see videos of Asher.

- Elizabeth & Alan Prussia

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave, Fosters Alyssa & Debbie, & Christina at CCAS!



Happy Ending- Aslan



Aslan is doing great, goes to doggie care to play with other puppies, getting used to us very well and only close to Penche when they are both tired and asleep. She still won't have anything to do with him.

- Ilkcan Cokgor & Haluk Ulubay

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave & Foster Dan!

Happy Ending- Cola

I wanted to let you know how well Cola is doing and that he is living a great life in Cazadero. His skin allergies appear once a year, and I treat with oral Apoquel. By the way, he is still a counter surfer and got my steak recently! We go several times a week to Blind Beach (before Shelter in Place) closed beaches at the mouth of the Russian River. I appreciate the opportunity to have Cola in my life and your help with making that a reality!

- Alex Kopp

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave and Foster Kim!



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Happy Ending- Josie

Josie celebrated her first birthday with us on May 12th, but she is now seven years old. She also went to the vet yesterday (Monday, 3/16) for the first time since we adopted her. She weighed 70 lbs, Dr. Louie said she has great teeth, and her overall health was great!

She loves to play ball and play with her squeaky toys, loves her treats and of course can't wait for her breakfast and dinner. We are going to Tahoe this summer and taking her with us. She still occasionally gets anxious on the leash, but nothing we can't control. We are so lucky to have found this beautiful girl!

- Nancy & Larry Yost

Thank you Rescue Rep Kris and Foster Karen D!



Happy Ending- Diko

We can't thank you enough for bringing Diko (formerly Decoy) into our lives. We had been thinking for quite some time about taking the plunge into getting a dog, but we just weren't sure if it was the right plan for our family. We thought we wanted a young dog, but Liz convinced us to give seven-year-old Decoy a try. It was love at first sight for my kids! We've had him in our home now for 5 days, and it's like he has always been a part of our family. He is loving and lovable, playful, and so well-behaved! He loves playing fetch, going for walks and giving kisses to everyone. Thank you so much for matching him with our family. We are so happy he's here bringing smiles to all of our faces, and completing our family!

- The Perkins Family

Thank you Rescue Rep Liz!



Happy Ending- Jett

We are all doing well. Jett is a very happy boy! I wish I had a dollar for every time someone has said what a beautiful dog he is! That he is. He is a comfortable 88 pounds, which is about 10 more than when we got him. He is definitely goofy! But also mellow and such a sweet soul! There isn't a day that he doesn't make me laugh! He loves to play baseball! He will be making the 2000-mile trek to Wisconsin with us in June. He still gets nervous in the truck, but he lays on his bed and relaxes now, after the drooling stops! He is going to love the lake and woods and pontoon boat!

- Toni Wilburn

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave & Foster Toni!



Happy Ending- Gracie

Gracie is about the happiest dog I've ever known, still has separation issues though (COVID crisis didn't help). Fortunately the weather has been pretty good so I can take her with me most everywhere I go. Funny thing about how we mistook her to have pointer or some other mix, she is getting a full Labrador coat now and doesn't look like a mix anymore. The hair is not nearly as thin and has gotten wavy on top like a typical lab, we suspect that this was due to being malnourished in her original home. She has been able to gain about 10 lbs., the vet says she should be 77 lbs. and weighed in at 75. Man is she athletic! She actually caught a mouse crossing the trail the other day as we were on the morning walk, she didn't even harm it. She just brought it to me, I had her drop it and then had to keep her from chasing it again (made for a good "leave it" exercise). We were going to join an agility training club in town but they are shut down due to COVID, maybe next year.

- Eric Billings

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave & Foster Julie!



Happy Ending- Moose

Thanks for checking in. Moose is doing great! Irini came on Sunday and was extremely helpful. She helped us a ton with "heel" and he completely ignored two other dogs on our walk this morning! We are having some trouble finding him a vet that's accepting new patients, but are widening our search to try to get him in somewhere soon. This blue "bailey" toy is his favorite.

- Michelle & Will Reblich

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave & huge thanks to Foster Jourdan for the board & train for Moose!!



Happy Ending- Lilly

Lilly is a handful. The little girl finally has a home she can call her own, and is acclimating, I wish at a faster pace, but she is progressing. She should be well on her way in another week or so.

She didn't know her name when we got her, so the first chore was to get her to respond to "Lilly". She does well to a treat and comes to an open hand, at a close distance. We're working on call backs but it's a little hard her way when they disappear in the snow. I only wish we could have gotten her weeks ago when we had the beautiful weather, as we would have been so much further down the line. Being indoors is more difficult for training.

She loves playing in the snow, and did get a chance prior to the recent storms to learn the yard. We've been on many walks around the neighborhood. She wants so bad to be able to run with our Hershey girl, but just cannot be trusted off leash just yet. Too many squirrels, deer, and other enticing smells to chase after. We made one long 4 mile hike in the woods before the snow, and she was in her element. I did let her off leash in two different neighbors' yards so she could run/romp with their younger dogs. She did well and has good social skills.

She gets a little too excited with our cat. So for now we have the upstairs blocked off and she's not allowed up there. The couple of times she was around the cat she barked and wanted to play with her. Our cat is 18 yrs, deaf, and not willing to tolerate her at all.

- Rich & Pam Montoya

Thank you Rescue Rep Liz & Foster Peggy!



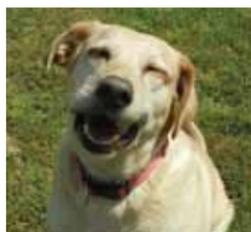
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Happy Ending- Stout

Stout's long journey home to our hearts.

The story began five years ago in the spring of 2015. A sweet but banged up chocolate lab was found in Lake County California and brought to the pound. The nice people at the Clear Lake SPCA took care of his bumps and bruises and called him Tuesday for the day he arrived. The handwritten notes on the vet's report stated, "Fine with cats and great with other dogs. Sits. Shakes. Loves toys and balls. Perfect dog." According to the Clear Lake SPCA, "There aren't many people who come here so we called Lab Rescue."

Tuesday was on his way to Golden Gate Lab Rescue where his foster mom Kristin called him Cab after his beautiful coat color. Kristin estimated that Cab was about 6-or 7-years-old and liked to cuddle. She also noted that he liked chewing on tennis balls, preferred being indoors, and slept quietly through the night. Her most interesting comment, "He has an iron bladder." Within a couple months he was adopted out to a first-time dog family in Benicia. They had two teenage kids and a good-sized backyard. They renamed him Brutus. Fortunately for us, after a few weeks the family realized the kids didn't have time to play with the dog so they called up Lab Rescue. We had been on Golden Gate Lab Rescue's waitlist for several weeks. Earlier that year, our beloved 11-year-old chocolate Lab Guinness had died. We were so



devastated we cried for several months after she died. But we were now ready to bring a new pooch into our home so we completed the application and made a deposit to Golden Gate Lab Rescue. About a month later we got the call and drove an hour and a half to Benicia.

His current family let us take him for a walk and he was so sweet. As we walked down the street we saw some deer in somebody's yard. Brutus didn't pull at the leash or bark. He looked at the deer and then continued on. He was such a good dog. When we got back to their house, I got down on the floor and played with Brutus. I nuzzled his noggin with my nose. His current family seemed mortified that I was on the floor hugging this dog. We went home that night and told our two boys about Brutus. We all decided he was the dog for us. We went back the next day, brought him home, and renamed him Stout (like the beer). And it was true about

the iron bladder—the first few months he was with us, he was glued to our shins and rarely wanted to go outside. Stout has lived with us for five years now and he has been a wonderful part of our family. We love him SO much! We learned that in addition to the basic dog tricks he can even sit up on his hind legs. He loves to play hide-and-seek and still loves to chew on tennis balls. He's about eleven now so he's slowing down but he still likes walks around the neighborhood...and I still nuzzle his noggin with my nose.

- *The Westover Family*
Thank you Golden Gate Lab Rescue!

Happy Ending- Sandy

I'll keep you posted on Sandy and my training plans. (Note from Rescue Rep Kris: Even though it's a drive from SF to SJ, Danielle and Sandy will be participating in a 6-week group training class in San Jose! Thank you Danielle!) Here's a sweet photo of her sleeping at the park yesterday.



I love her so much! Sandy has been a lifeline for me. She's been by my side between my house and my parents'. She's getting along great with their dog. I honestly don't know how I would get through this without her. She's the best dog in the whole world and having her helps me get through every hour of every day.

- *Danielle McPherson*
Thank you Rescue Rep Kris,
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Dirk Van Waart & Karen Bisagno-Peterson
Alison Kele (Honor of Millie Kele, the best dog in the world!)
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"They had buried him under our elm tree, they said - yet this was not totally true. For he lay buried in my heart." Willie Morris, My Dog Skip)
Sally Nordlund (Memory of Bailey)
Betsy & Bill Pace (Wherever needed most)
Robert Pulvino
Wylie Sheldon
Erin Stuart - Cayot (Honor of Sarabi)
Audrey & Gina Tomaselli (Memory of my Gioia)

\$101-\$250 "SPAY / NEUTER"

Beverly Jeanne Mager (In Memory of CCI Anarie 15 1/2 years)
Penni Lundquist
Karla Rees
Carol Santa Maria
Evie McClintock
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Carole Frank (Honor of Debbi Behrman for all the important work she does for GGLRR)
Tara Heumann (Honor of the generosity and community spirit if Alicia Kapjian-Pitt and her illustrious GGLRR pup, Anoush.)
Lynn & AC Mosher
Roxanne Nelsen
Judy Taylor (Memory of Sweet Stella, Memory of Moose Bailey)
Kris Mousavi (Training for Tessa)
Vanessa McDonnell
Jim Burke
Robin H. James
Damon Asmis
Jerry & Linda Avellar (Honor of Shadow)
Randy Bowes
Rob Elders
Priyajeet Hora (Please use for Esther)

Richard Ignatowicz (Please use for Esther)
Choy Wong Oon Yek
Elizabeth Ponce
Bikki Randhawa (Memory of Lucca – the best dog ever!)
Gary Rinehart
Scott Rubin
Jennifer Salmon (Honor of Koda)
Pamela Waddington (Donation in Memory of Geno Waddington – a dog. He was adored, well-loved and so well-cared for. We will always love you Geno!)
David & Marcia Waldron
Nicholas Wooters (Memory of Porter)
Greg Zeren
Sarah Jain
Lush Music
The Chin Family (Memory of Murphy)
Franklin T. Acojido
Eric Bower
Kathryn Brinkman (Honor of Kathryn Brinkmann from the Dennis & Barbara Snyder Fund)
Victor H. Dalot (Bones thanks you!)
Peter & Carol Grassi
Katrece & Peter Hunt
Kat Montgomery
Kenneth & Elizabeth Myers (Honor of our rescue Labs, Jasper and Laci. Also Memory of Duchess and Dixie.)
Kathy Reed (Please use some or all of this donation to help Esther.)
Carol Reen
Charles Simonds (So happy to have adopted Scooby!)
Michael Hamburger & Susan Horvath
Valerie Taglio
Lynn Wassom

\$251-\$500 "MEDICINES & PROCEDURES TO MAKE A DOG WELL"

Marc Cohen
Jean Camy (Memory of our beloved Cooper!)
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Yelena Lyulchenko (Honor of Sarabi and Karen Todoroff for pulling Sarabi out of the Martinez shelter.)
Linda C. Perez
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Deborah Souza (Please use for Esther)
Balasubramanian Chandrasekaran
Tiffani Ingham & Family (Honor of Winston – formerly Noah. He and our 16-month-old son Gavin are the best buds and inseparable. We are so lucky!)

Bill Greene
Donald Powell
Adam & Sarah Horowitz
John W. Poysa Jr.
Kristin Spindt
Hugh & Judy Tuck
Christopher Ward
Rhett Lewis & Whitney Umino
Janet Berry
Martin Porras
Laura Winter
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Edmund A. Davis (Honor of Pepper Jack)
Tim Jones (For Ray's & Rosey's Surgery)

Joseph Lansford (Adopted our Pup Acea (Ford) 9 years ago. He is the best dog ever. Liz Thank you for trusting us.)
Charles MacNulty (Honor of Dr. Gilman, Dr. Vega and all the staff at Bishop Ranch to help my dog Mason!)

Bryan & Carol Miller (Thanks to Liz, Dave and Melinda and everyone at GGLRR for helping us adopt Mocha and for helping many other dogs find their forever homes.)
Jeffrey W. Robertson (Where it is needed most)
Andrew Shebanow
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\$501-\$1000 "SPECIAL SURGERY"

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Phillip Osborn
Cindy Culcasi
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Stephanie Polizziani
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Carlino Cecilio
Christopher M. Amy
Jamin Hawks (With gratitude to Dave Ely)
Karen Gardner
Laura Pollifrone
Raminder Randhawa (in memory of Lucca)
Stephen Todd (In memory of Raider & Madden)
William Gittler

\$1001+ "ORTHOPEDIC PROCEDURES"

Carter Cromwell
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Johnna Bowley
Peggy Kivel
Michael & Ann Parker
Barry Hoglund
Chris Wein
The William Donner Foundation Inc.
Karen Gardner (Memory of Roxy dear and beloved Labrador retriever of Judy Taylor & Family; GGLRR where needed.)

SUPPLIES

Casey Hornback & Hasset Ace Hardware (Donated 10 brand new dog beds)
Geraldine Bischofberger (Donated Collars and Leashes)
Dianne Lynch (Memory of Maple – Love your dog brother, Bean!)
Jay Mary Oborn (Donated Dog Supplies: Dog Beds, Elevated Bed Frames, Wheelchair)

Thank-you to our fellow GGLRR volunteers

On August 18, we picked up terrified, frantic little Cody (now known as Jones) at the Yolo County Animal Shelter and drove him down to his GGLRR foster, Sumee, who is guiding his amazing transformation. Then my husband and I celebrated his birthday with a seafood dinner in Benicia, enjoying a brilliant sunset behind the Carquinez Bridge without realizing that it was smoke from numerous forest fires that painted the sky red, pink & orange. At 2 am back in Vacaville, we woke to sheriff's cars, sirens, flashing lights and repeated announcements of a "mandatory evacuation - 15 minutes". We stumbled around pulling on clothes and leashing dogs. The air was bright orange & thick with smoke and flying embers. We drove out past roadside bonfires and spent the night with friends.

By morning our house had burned, along with 10 others on our road. Dave Ely (a GGLRR rep we're pleased to work with often) called to see if we were okay and then alerted the GGLRR volunteers, who did what they do – rescue homeless critters. GGLRR folks' kindness to us 2- and 4-legged strays hasn't stopped since!

THANK YOU ALL!

- Marilee Scholl & Steve Silberstein

Happy Ending- Morris



Things are very good! Morris has dropped 20 pounds and is down to 113. He's completely weaned from the phenobarbital and as far as we know, he hasn't had a seizure. On Dr. Gilman's recommendations, we gradually weaned him off. He's settled into the house nicely. He runs with me twice a week, and loves his walks and hiking. We love the big boy. He still has absolutely no clue how big he is.

- Cindy Tottle

Thank you Rescue Rep Liz!

Happy Ending- Rugar

Rugar: King of the house. Camping, getting along with Honey, being handsome. The only issue is, we finally went to see my vet; he says Rugar has a lower canine that needs a root canal. Otherwise life is good!

- Anita Laiwa

Thank you Rescue Rep Liz!



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!

- Balanced Behavior Dog Training/Dog Training/Caitly Hastings
- Balanced K9 / Board & Train/Mahogany Gamble
- Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care/Veterinary Services/
Dr. Gilman and the wonderful team Cal West Pet Hospital/Veterinary Services, Fairfield (Dr. Kelly Palm)
- Coast K9/Dog Training & Assessment/Jourdan Murphy
- Companion Animal Mobile Vet Clinic/Veterinary Services/Dr. Sue Buxton
- Fango Fund Donors, UC Davis/Veterinary Surgery
- Feathers & Fur Dog Training/Dog Training and Assessment/Jenna McDonald
- Greg Flejtuch Design/Greg Flejtuch, Designer
- Happy Tails To You Dog Training & Canine Corral Daycare/Dog Training, Socialization and Assessment /Dawna Caldwell and team
- Karen Gardner/ Serial Adopter & Generous Donor to Senior Labs
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- Pet Food Express/Giving Tree, Pet Fairs & Food donations
- Reed Animal Hospital/Veterinary Services/Dr. Reed and his wonderful team
- Sage Campbell/Veterinary Services
- UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, Gourley Community Surgery Service and the Small Animal Clinic
- MedVet Silicon Valley (formerly Silicon Valley Veterinary Specialists)/
Veterinary Services/ Dr Kristine Chan/DVM/DACVIM (Cariology)
- Dogs 4 Diabetics/Training/Service Dogs
- Trish King/Animal Behaviorist
- Veterinary Vision/Canine Ophthalmologist
- Pooja Photography/Animal Portraits
- Pupster Studio @pupsterstudio/Photography
- Central Boulevard Veterinary Hospital/ Veterinary Services
- Dermatology for Animals/Dermatology Specialist/Dr. Genovese and team

In Memory of Betsy Adams

The GGLRR mourns the loss of foster mom Betsy Adams. Betsy and her husband Pete fostered many GGLRR Labs, and were incredibly committed to all the Labs they helped. The GGLRR family is blessed to have had such a wonderful person be part of us. Our hearts go out to Betsy's family; she will be greatly missed.



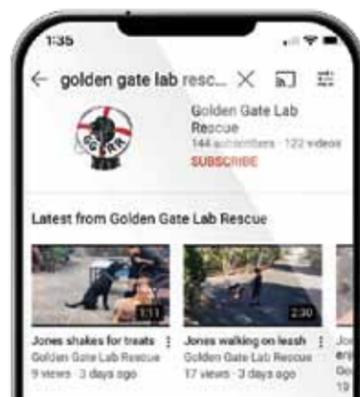
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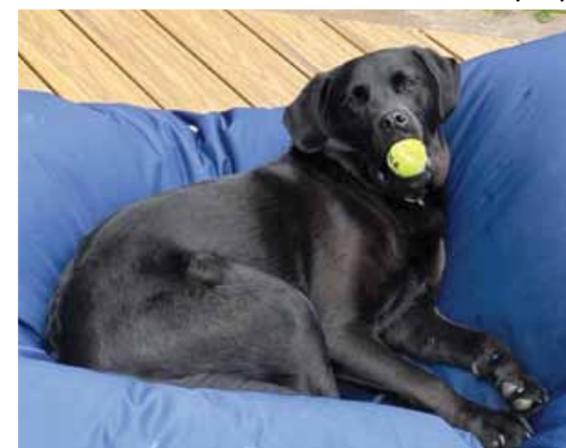
Happy Ending- Cody

I “met” Cody earlier this year on the GGLR website. I read the entirely vague description of his health status and didn't much think about it...after all, there were pictures on the website of the most beautiful, soulful seven-month old pup looking straight into my heart.

I already had two dogs at home, but something was pushing me to foster a dog in need of a temporary home. It'll be easy, I told myself. I have a house with a backyard, two dog doors for outdoor access, lots of experience as a foster dad, plus I had the time it would take to care for and train a 40-pound puppy. Easy peezy, right?

The night I picked him up at his first foster home was sort of dizzying. I learned that Cody wouldn't walk because of the pain in his damaged left hip. Plus, his right leg wasn't in good condition either. Yet he wasn't immobile. Instead of walking, he'd sort of swim along the floor, dragging himself using his two front legs, which eventually caused the muscles in his shoulders to grow to abnormal proportions. Liz Frome of GGLR and his temporary foster mom were talking a lot that night about how to care for Cody, but I'm not sure I heard much of what they said. All I could think was “Oh my God. Can I really handle a dog with such monumental needs?”

Getting him into the car for the four-block ride to my house seemed insurmountable, but we did it. Getting him up the stairs in my house using a sling to support his rear end was an epic learning experience. And figuring out the best way to get him out to relieve himself kept me up for hours, planning



his bathroom trips based on his last meal and drink of water. But in all honesty, my fears disappeared quickly, very quickly.

He moaned loudly when it was time to go out. He played fearlessly with my two dogs, who weren't very welcoming at the outset but quickly became his protectors and companions. And then there was Liz! Her calls were my lifeline, offering advice and supplies and toys and pain medication. With her constant support I never felt like I was doing this alone. For the first few weeks, that made all the difference.

Eventually I learned that a vet had recommended that Cody be euthanized, but Liz and GGLR refused to give up. Thanks to GGLRR, Cody had his damaged hip repaired with FHO surgery, and it was a joy to care for him and watch his progress as he healed. Within a month he was walking tentatively, and in another month or so he tackled the stairs on his own...no more sling! And within four months he was running in the park, playing in the surf along Ocean Beach and doing his best to join other dogs playing chase.

My bond with Cody today is unshakeable. I actually resisted formally adopting him until recently because I had set out to foster a dog and adopting him seemed selfish. I'm not one for sentimentality, but there is something miraculous about Cody...it was a miracle that GGLR found him and refused to give up on him, and it was beyond lucky that his surgery happened in February, just two weeks before the Covid lockdown, and it was a blessing that I could share his love and compassion during a very bleak time.

- Peter Dobbins

Thank you Rescue Rep Dave Liz & Foster/Adopter Peter!

Don't miss these fun events!

Virtual Pet Fairs	Shopping & Giving Events
Saturday, November 21st at 11 am	Giving Tuesday, Tuesday December 1st
Saturday, January 9th at 11 am	GGLRR Cyber Shopping Day, Monday, November 16th
Saturday, February 27th at 11 am	Buy your holiday gifts for humans and canines!

Check our website, Labrescue.org, for details!

Happy Ending- Lucy

Lucy came to GGLRR from the CCAS shelter, along with her brother. They were eight-week-old Lab mix strays. Here's the latest report from Lucy's new family: Now that we've had Lucy for a whole week now, I thought I'd give you all a quick update on how she's doing. She really seems happy and she has brought our family together. Our kids are actually bickering less and they're taking a very active role in helping out with her. She loves us and constantly wants to be around the kids. She also loves to counter surf and is smart enough to wait until we aren't looking to grab those cranberry oatmeal cookies. She's a handful but we love it!



We're starting to settle into a schedule, I think the kids really wear her out because she takes really long naps! But she is completely unfazed with our loud and active household. She's so smart and we are so appreciative of the early work that you all did with her. She is still following the commands "sit" and "wait" and she's doing well with "come" "leave it" and "down" too. Lucy is also starting to understand the concept of fetch, which has been really helpful to expel some of her energy! She's still sleeping in her crate and loves the room of the big girl crate we set up for her.

She's enjoying exploring our house and yard. She's interested in the dogs she hears next door, but she never barks. We've only heard her bark once since she's been here.

Thanks again to all of you, we love her more than words can describe, she makes us so happy!

- Victoria & Dustin Holley
Thank you Rescue Rep Dave,
Fosters Alyssa & Debbie, & Christina at CCAS!

Help Wanted! Volunteers Needed!

Looking for a way to feel good and help out some wonderful dogs at the same time? Golden Gate Lab Rescue has the following "openings" for volunteers:

Foster Families – Open your heart and your home to a needy Lab while we find their new forever home. We provide the dog, supplies, and potential adopters, you just supply the loving home!

Social Media – GGLRR is looking for a few volunteers to help with our social media posting. We need people who can do postings on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! We will be splitting up the tasks so 2-3 hours per week would be all that is needed! (Most of the content will be emailed to the people who will be doing the postings.)

Lab Transport – Have a car and like to take dogs for a ride? GGLRR is looking for people to transport Labs around the Bay Area for vet appointments, Pet Fairs, from shelters to fosters, and so on. Feel good about using gas, drive a Lab!

Fund Raising – Labs like to eat! And darn, they need vet care! Things like spay/neuter, shots, and surgery. The only funds we have come from our wonderful donors, and we need more of them. If you like fund raising, we need your help!

Teen Pet Fair Volunteers – This is a great opportunity for younger volunteers to help Lab Rescue! We set up a table with Lab Rescue info and merchandise near the entry to the Pet Fairs, and our wonderful volunteers help raise awareness about GGLRR, sell merchandise and direct people to the Pet Fair.

Phone Reps – This very important position takes those first calls from potential adopters, possible surrenders, and people who just want to know more about Lab Rescue.

Contact: For all positions, please go to www.Labrescue.org/volunteer.html and complete a volunteer application form indicating your preferred position. You can also email us at Labrescuesfbayarea@gmail.com.

How to contact Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue

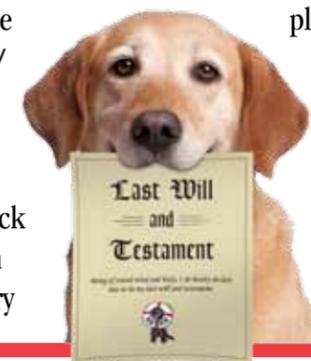
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Other ways you can help Lab Rescue: Make a gift through your estate or a charitable trust!

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 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 200 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.

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