



Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.

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GGLRR Rocks at San Jose's Bark in the Park!

On September 20th, Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue participated in San Jose's Bark in the Park event, for the first time ever! It was a beautiful sunny day, and our wonderful booth with its colorful tent stood out in the crowd. In addition, we had a great view of the many activities and events, all happening directly in front of us.

A huge thank you goes to the devoted volunteers who gave up their day for us: Liz Frome, Debbi

Behrman, George Behrman, Leigh Stacey, Stephanie Hinds, Barbara Estrada, Jennie Fong, Linda McCahon, Michael Tomaszewski, Nina Rodela, Ron Jankowski and Barb Guerra-Jankowski. A special thanks to Barb, who ran all the logistics and managed the event at the same time she was engaged more than full time in her company's annual budget process (no wonder she wanted to hang out with the dogs!).



GGLRR tent and volunteers Deb, Liz, Steph, George and Barb

Bark in the Park is considered by some to be San Jose's premier event for dog lovers and their pets. It is sponsored by Naglee Park & Campus Community Association, a neighborhood non-profit, for the purpose of supporting the Association and local pet charities. While we don't have attendance figures for 2014, as many as 15,000 humans and 3,700 dogs have attended in past years.

For Lab Rescue, it was a great opportunity to

put our organization in front of as many potential adopters, fosters, volunteers and all around dog lovers as possible in one location. Traffic to the Lab Rescue booth was non-stop for most of the day, with people drawn to both our red and white booth, and to the great dogs we had with us. While Bark in the Park is not an adoption fair, we made sure to have both adoptable dogs, and alumni (adopted) dogs

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so that attendees could see what great dogs they are, ask questions of our volunteers, sign up as potential adopters, fosters or volunteers, and get their dog fix all in one place.

It's a lot to expect a dog to hang out quietly for hours, much less a high energy dog like a Lab, so in the morning adoptable dogs Coal and Fahrenheit graced our booth, along with volunteers Linda McCahon and Jennie Fong, and their dogs (both from GGLRR) Charlie and Duggan, respectively. In the afternoon, we had Barbara Estrada with her dog Molly (a foster failure) as our alumni dog and Fahrenheit as our adoptable dog.

Traffic to the booth was brisk all day, and we raised nearly \$600 in donations! For a \$10 donation, you could get a Good Girl/Good Boy tennis ball bone toy; for a \$15 donation you could enter a raffle to win an amazing gift basket worth \$800! The gift basket included a deluxe dog bed, dog toys, dog treats, a water bowl, hiking booties, and much more, including a \$100 gift card and a bottle of wine for the winning human.

Vendors of anything and everything dog related were also at Bark in the Park, giving us the opportunity to learn more about them, and for them to learn about us. We saw toys, costumes, clothing, veterinary services, doggie day care,

boarding, dog walking, training vendors and more. More than one rescue group dropped by to see us too, checking out our displays and goodies, and wishing they had what we had.

In short, Lab Rescue's first Bark in the Park was a great success. We plan to attend again next year, so put Saturday, September 19, 2015 on your calendar now! We'd love to have your participation and you'd have a great time!



Mary Harnish and Sage—a successful adoption!



— *Debbi Behrman*

Happy Endings – Coco

Things are going well with Coco Wooster. She is the newest addition to our family. Our children Maddie and Henry wore us down. We had a Lab 7 years ago who passed away. Ever since we lost her, our children have been asking for a new dog. We delayed as long as we could, but have finally adopted Coco through Lab Rescue. She is pure joy and such a sweet girl. Our kids are so happy and she seems to be thriving in a family with kids around and regular exercise. We have been so pleased with Liz and Lab Rescue. They have provided us with training and have answered all our questions along the way. It has been great for our kids to learn that we could rescue a dog and give her a better life vs. going to a breeder. She had lost hair on her back and paws from fleas and it is just starting to grow back. The kids are seeing the difference we have made for Coco by giving her a young family and it is great for us to see the compassion they are learning from this experience of rescuing a dog. Thank you GGLR and Liz!



— *Anne Wooster*

Trainer's Corner – Recognizing Reactivity

One of the things I'm called out to assess frequently is whether or not a dog is reactive. A dog—especially a newly grown, or unknown dog—lunging at the end of its leash is assumed to be reactive by most people. This is good; it's a safe way to respond, to make sure that if the dog IS reactive, it won't hurt anyone else! But just because that's a safe assumption, doesn't mean it's the right assumption.

There are two general types of leash aggression: fear aggression, and reactivity. Fear aggression comes about due to some sort of trauma from the dog's point of view. This could be, "I am a timid youngster, and this dog sniffs me anyway, frightening me. Now I have been traumatized. The only way to make a dog go away is to attack."

Reactivity typically comes about from frustration. "I am an outgoing youngster, pulling on my leash and trying to get that other dog's attention to play. But I can't get over there, and I'm getting frustrated! Now every time I see a dog, I get frustrated. I will just start attacking!" (Classical conditioning at it's worst!)

Of course, the other possibility is that the dog isn't reactive at all. They just want to say hi, and they're really quite friendly but without good leash manners. How do you tell the difference in the three? Hang on to your pups, here we go!

Fear reactivity:

These dogs avert their eyes at the beginning, glancing sidelong toward other dogs. Their tails are low; "I don't want to act if I don't have to." This may only last a second or two before the dog lunges, if they've learned that lunging will make the frightening thing go away.

Reactivity:

These dogs pick their heads up, stick their chests out, and lift their tails high and stiff. "I can take on the world!" Is the general impression you'll get. This happens a block away from the other dog. From that far, they're already telling the other dog, "I can take you in a fight!" Their ears will also be pitched forward

with wrinkles in the forehead, "locked on" to the other dog. When and if they lunge, they'll do so with a series of deep barks, and the tension on the leash won't slacken until the dog is well away.

Playful:

A playful dog may also have a high tail and forward ears with wrinkles, but that tail will be wagging. That, alone is the single most obvious difference. A playful dog's tail will wag with a loose swishiness that a reactive dog won't have. A playful dog also has up and down body language: they don't walk forward like they're marching, but rather do a lot of bouncing, head ducking and lifting or weaving side to side. This dog may also play-bow, or do a partial play-bow: Bouncing up and forward (in what is often mistaken for a lunge) before, upon feeling the leash stopping them, bounce back and slightly downward. Then repeat! You'll notice the pulling upon the leash isn't constant: they back off briefly before beginning again. If they're barking—which is likely—it's a high pitched bark often interspersed with whining.

Now the tricky part: A reactive dog may get close, and then suddenly get playful. A playful dog may get close, and then get reactive or fearful. The most common way of figuring this out is trial and error, but there are a few things that will help.

With fearful dogs who start out playful, as they get close they'll get closer to the ground. Their ears will tuck back, and the wag of the tail will be a low wag, with the base of the tail tucked near their rump and the tip wagging furiously. Oftentimes, they'll start flicking their tongue out, ready to lick the other dog. This is all nervous, overly submissive behavior. At this point, take the dog away. They're so nervous that they're not likely to have a good experience, and they are likely to panic and snap. If you do make the mistake of continuing onward, before they snap their tails will most likely stop wagging for just an instant.

That's your moment! The best thing you can do for a fearful dog is to tell them, "If you're afraid, we don't want you to go near." Take away the pressure, and now that they know



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you have their back, their confidence will actually start to grow.

If a waggy, playful dog goes forward and turns out to be aggressive at the last minute, you can sometimes spot it just beforehand. They will often start “marching” forward at the last minute, tail suddenly not wagging. Alternately, they may get up to the dog, and sniff purposely at it’s nose, going back to the nose when the dog turns his head away. This is a very demanding, rude, and pushy behavior and dogs who are looking for a fight do it. Finally, they will sometimes stand very tall, trying to put their head over the other dog’s shoulders or back. This is also a rude, aggressive behavior; step away then!

As for a reactive dog who suddenly gets playful, if you think that might be your dog, call in a professional. If you’re wrong, it could mean trauma and vet bills for all involved.

All these things apply to other peoples’ dogs, too. Some dogs are afraid but haven’t learned to snap, yet. Others are so aggressive that the dogs they meet cower down to avoid a dog fight, so their owners don’t realize they’re aggressive. Use your best judgment when meeting dogs, rather than relying on others’. If I see an aggressive dog and the owner is saying to me, “Can our dogs meet? Mine is friendly!” I just tell them, “Oh, these guys are in training right now. Thank you, though!” It avoids the problem without insulting an owner who won’t believe their dog is aggressive, anyway!

So, start watching tails! Those are your first line of knowledge. Low tail = afraid, even if it’s wagging at the tip. High, stiff tail = aggressive, even if there’s a slow, stiff wag. High tail with a big waggle = this dog just wants to play!

– Jenna McDonald, *Feathers & Fur Dog Training*

Happy Endings – Coal

At the end of February 2014 we lost our 14 1/2-year-old Labrador. His name was Mojo. We didn’t think we could ever find another dog as great as him. We have two other rescued dogs at our house. Our Labrador is a 4-year-old female and our German shepherd is a 5-year-old female. Even though we have two other dogs, we wanted to adopt another Labrador.

Well, with the help of Liz we found Coal. Coal is a 10-year-old male Labrador (You wouldn’t think he could be that age, as he acts like a 5-year-old). Coal blended perfect with our family and two other dogs. Coal is a loving gentle man. He hasn’t stopped wagging his tail since he arrived at his new home.

Within a couple of days at his new home Coal got into the routine with the other two dogs. He picked his bed inside our bedroom. He likes to sleep on the side of the bed where



my wife sleeps. Susie tells me every morning, Coal stands up next to her side of the bed and gives her kisses. Coal has approximately 15 toys. He has them spread out inside and outside. He always has a couple in his bed. He likes to rest his head on the toys when he is sleeping.

We started daily walks with Coal the first day he came to our house. He started walking about 20 minutes before getting tired. Today, he is walking 60 minutes. He loves his walks and also loves to ride in the car. We have a built in pool in our backyard. Of course Coal likes to

swim 7-8 times a day.

We found the perfect dog for our family. We were a little apprehensive about adopting a 10 year old dog, but Coal has shown us that age doesn’t matter.

– Danny and Susie Aulman

Darcy – From Animal Shelter to Search and Rescue!



Darcy (originally named Sugar) came to us from the Ukiah shelter. Her owner told the shelter that he just couldn't afford her any longer. She was adopted, but had some major issues, and was returned to us. Our Trainer Beth worked with Darcy and determined that she had potential as a search dog. She was evaluated

by the Search Dog Foundation (SDF) who took her into their program. Today, Darcy is graduating from the program with flying colors, and will be matched up with a handler. She

has made friends with everyone in the program. Here's what Kate Horwick, SDF Program Manager, has to say about Darcy in her progress reports: "This goofy girl loves to spring up off all four feet when she gets excited. Such a goof! She is doing well searching over rubble and has been working with diffused scent. She is so confident and strong when she finds the victim. She has begun working "BOC" in direction and control and today seemed to really grasp the concept! We love Darcy; she has lots of drive and loves to work and play but is so nice and calm in the kennels. She is such a love. We had brand new handlers here for 2 weeks to get their own search dogs, and everyone took a liking to Darcy. She went "home" to one of the firefighter's hotel rooms one night to practice socialization and he said she just curled right up in his lap and went straight to sleep."

Darcy is likely to be paired with an experienced handler, most of whom are from California, so we may see more of this lovely girl in the future as she saves lives!

– *Debbi Behrman*

Anook – From Prison to Paradise!

This beautiful girl was surrendered to the Humane Society by her original owners. She's a gorgeous girl, but she had some problems with possessiveness, especially when it came to food. The Humane Society was willing to work with her, but then discovered she had a torn cruciate ligament and required surgery. Lab Rescue took care of the surgery, but it's hard to find families who can handle the 12 week recovery time, so Anook was sent to the Pen. That's right, Anook went to San Quentin as part of a Marin Humane Society program called Pen Pals of San Quentin. Selected inmates who qualify foster dogs that need help with training and other problems. It works out great for both dog and human. Anook and her assigned human Max spent 24/7 together, helping each other learn a kinder, gentler approach to problem solving. Max had a crate for her in his room. They would play games, and Max worked with Anook to be more relaxed about sharing her food and other treasures. It was difficult, as her activity level was severely restricted after surgery. Upon her release from

the Big House, Lab Rescue sent Anook to training to build up her stamina, and work with her issues so she would be more adoptable.

Anook is now with her forever

family, which includes mom, dad and 2 teenage boys. She still has a very strong protective sense, but her family loves her and continues to work with her. She will never be a dog park dog, but she is great with her canine brother. Her one "sin" is that she is a dumpster diver; when her mom gets home she asks Anook "have you been a good dog?" This means, has she stayed out of the garbage cans in the house. If she has been foraging, she scampers into her kennel as a "self-punishment." If she has been good, she does a little jig into the kitchen, because she knows she gets a cookie.

– *Debbi Behrman*



An Older Companion

I am writing this to suggest that you, the reader, consider adopting an older Lab companion. The joys of doing so are almost uncountable. I speak from experience. But first, let me fill you in on my background in adopting dogs, from puppyhood to adulthood, from birth to final parting. As I write, my eyes are filled with tears...of joy, and of sorrow. I want to share both with you.

My life has been enriched by canine companionship. Let me give them recognition: OJ, Aki, Gretchen, Hansel, Bear, Shadow, Sampson and (presently) Bruce. The first four were German shepherds (of “mixed” heritage). Bear was a classic Golden Retriever. The last three, Labs. With the sole exception of OJ, who was a puppy (one of eight) delivered by my son (an Eagle Scout) and other members of our scout troop at their birthing, all of the others were adult canines. Each unique; each a teacher of unconditional love! I want to give special recognition to Shadow, a black Lab, who was three years old when he adopted me out of the Palo Alto Animal Shelter. It was love at first sight, with an instant bonding. He fell asleep with his head in my lap on the drive from the shelter to my home in Gualala, a distance of about 150 miles.

I was tutoring Indian and Hispanic children. Shadow became a “tutor dog.” Sometimes children are embarrassed to read to adults, but they would read to Shadow, who often would put a paw in their laps to show he was



paying attention to them, and showing that he understood everything they were reading. In his 10 remaining years, he was a constant companion to me, and a friend to over 40 children, listening to their every word. When Shadow expired at age 13, the children asked if I was sad, and did I cry. My answer was “yes” to both!

In all of life, there comes the moment of final parting. It is never easy to say goodbye forever to a companion who has given total devotion to you. I know! I have said goodbye seven times to companions whom I have loved, and who have returned that love many fold. My present lab Bruce, adopted through GGLRR, is nearing 15. We have been together for the past nine months, and although he is in good health, in “people years” he is in his 90’s. Bruce is a gentle companion, and very well behaved. He is an expert at non-verbal communication, and will stand in front of me to get my attention before expressing his desire to “go outside” and make friends with the local vegetation. He is a “toucher.” While I read, he often will climb onto the couch next to me and lean into me. I pet him. What else could I possibly do?

What does the future hold? For me, an “8th parting.” With sadness and tears? Of course! But I will be at Bruce’s side. I owe it to him (and his seven predecessors) not to leave him alone when that moment arrives. And somewhere, #9 is waiting!

– Al Flack, Gualala, CA

Happy Endings – Oski

Oski and I are great! I continue with his training and he is (as well as me) a very happy dog. He did have an operation about a month ago to remove a fatty tumor on his leg and some growth on his eye. It all went well and both samples were negative for any bad stuff.

I had to turn off my deer detectors as Oski likes to play with them too much and we can’t waste the water!

– Barry Hoglund



Happy Endings – Cody

Cody came to Lab Rescue as a stray at about 6 months old. He was found wandering around on his own by a nice family who tried to find his owner, but to no avail, so they called Lab Rescue. We couldn't pass up this wonderful dog, and we soon found an adopter for Cody who recognized what a great (not to mention gorgeous!) dog Cody is. Cody is now in training to be a dementia therapy dog at Byron Park in Walnut Creek, and goes to work daily with his human, Renee Hamilton.

I'm way overdue sending you an update on our handsome Cody. What a wonderful hound he is! He is absolutely the perfect dog for his new life as a community therapy dog... sweet, intelligent, loving and eager to learn. The residents have embraced him completely, referring to him as "our dog" and asking his whereabouts if they see me in the halls without him...which is rare. He is off-leash in my office and outdoors on the property, but I continue keep him on a leash in the community...at least until we have all his commands completely ingrained. He's still a pup after all!

Cody has continued to grow, still slender but tipping the scales at 85 lbs. now. He loves to carry a stick or ball, and has discovered the joys of swimming. We start each day with an hour walk at 5:30 a.m. and then take another half-hour walk in the evening before bed. Weekends are for hiking, which he does with a couple of dog friends. It's good to have a dog again...gets me out on the trail more often. I can't wait to take him to the snow this winter! He's going to love it!

On Thursday we had a luau for our staff (our annual associates appreciation party) with BBQ ribs, games, swimming in the pool and general fun and frolic. Cody was with us the entire day, and enjoyed every minute. He was mobbed by the staff's children (he's great with kids), participated in all the ball games to the hilarity over everyone watching, and looked great in his lei! :-)

I've attached a picture of my handsome boy. I do want to get a good picture of him for the GGLR 2015 calendar. That's my project in the next few weeks! He's too handsome not to be a calendar boy!

– Renee Hamilton

NOTE: Watch for Cody in the GGLRR 2015 Calendar!



Thank You!



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How to Win the Lab Rescue Lottery for a Popular Dog: A True Adoption Story

First, make it to two Pet Adoption Fairs a considerable distance from your house. This involves juggling 4 kids' schedules, covering sports events with help of husband. Apologize at the second one that only 3 kids were able to make it.

Second, fall in love with a dog that is not a good match for your family, and be gracious and understanding when a rep tells you no, that's not the right dog. Emphasize that you want what is best for that dog.

Third, call on another dog, make arrangements to visit at the foster's home, a long way away. Split kids with husband, husband takes one daughter to Woodland to soccer tournament, leaving very early in the morning, with instructions and directions to come to the fosters home after the game.

Fourth, get other three kids ready to go meet dog at fosters. When oldest son breaks a plate while he is doing the dishes, and cuts wrist badly, gushing blood everywhere, stop putting conditioner on daughter's hair, throw a hat on her, grab other son and wounded son, and go to the emergency room.

Fifth, from the emergency room, call the fosters to let them know you will be late. Call husband, tell him dog appointment is rescheduled to a little later.

Sixth, with son now properly bandaged and no longer gush-

ing blood, get all kids in car and drive to fosters. Apologize that husband and other daughter are on their way, but that because your daughter's team lost the game in overtime, husband is taking daughter to Brown Sugar Kitchen on the way to console her. So he will be late.

Seventh, have incredibly personable and respectful kids, who ask the fosters questions, and are wonderful with the dog on a walk and in the house. And have a cute husband who falls in love with the dog at first sight.

Eighth, with whole now reunited family, take dog on another walk so fosters and rep can talk.

Ninth, cry when told that yes, that dog is your family's. Hug the fosters, thank them for the wonderful care they took of that dog, exit with family, and try to contain the kids' joyous whooping down the street.

Tenth, read everything sent by Lab Rescue rep, go shopping for dog, borrow crate from mother, get everything ready.

Eleventh, pick up dog, have a quiet first day, call about trainers the next day, scheduling so that everyone in the family will attend training with their new dog together.

Twelfth, send pictures of dog's first day to rep. Understand that new dog needs structure, provide it and make sure all family members understand that.

Thirteenth, love and delight in your new dog, totally.

– Dale Jensen on behalf of the Monroe family who adopted Ace



Happy Endings – Annie

Annie is doing incredibly well. Krista and I were just remarking last night how she has lost all her fears. Krista was brushing her with the FURminator, and said “she wouldn't let me get this close in the first couple of months we had her.” Every morning Annie jumps on the bed and wakes me up with kisses. She still gets her almost daily hikes in the hills with her beagle brother. As Buster is getting older, Annie really helps him out with visual and aural cues. They get along so well.

Last week we adopted another 6-year-old beagle girl who is also now learning to lose her fears. Annie is being such a good example and taking good care of her. They sleep near each other every night. We have quite the fun little pack now.

– Brett and Krista Strader

Happy Endings – Suzy

Our 4 1/2 year-old yellow Lab, Zeke, started acting weird on Thursday evening. We took him to the Vet Friday morning. We collectively felt like he must have ingested something. No signs of anything except for lying around and panting a lot. We took x-rays and he was treated for tummy trouble. By Friday evening he was having a bit of trouble getting up in the hind end. We put him to bed and thought if he wasn't better, we would take him back to the Vet in the morning. We woke up at 4 am to find that he was completely paralyzed from the waist down. We rushed to the emergency clinic where they diagnosed him with a stroke or slipped disk. Neither situation was a good one. Zeke had a stage 4 heart murmur from birth and would likely not withstand anesthesia. Either diagnosis required an MRI and likely a major surgery, which he would very likely not handle. With the suggestion of the Vet, we had to make the toughest decision of our lives. I had to leave on a business trip the next morning. This left both my husband



and I with broken hearts and nobody to console one another. I decided that we must rescue a Lab to help ourselves get through this, and I started looking at GGLRR while on the road. Before I headed home, I told my husband how I felt and he said he had been doing the same thing.

There was a fair the next weekend after I got back and this is where we met Suzy, our sweet 2-1/2 year-old black Lab. We are so pleased with her— she has settled in very nicely. She is a bit timid but has come a long way in the 5 1/2 days that she has been with us. She has helped bring us out of our depression; I think

we have done the same for her. She has become the queen of her new domain. We are looking forward to gaining her trust and transforming her into an even more warm, loving and wonderful companion.

Suzy is not a replacement for Zeke—she is a new chapter in our lives and we are looking forward to many more chapters to this happy ending. Thank you GGLRR.

– Bob and Phyllis Barbour

Happy Endings – Max

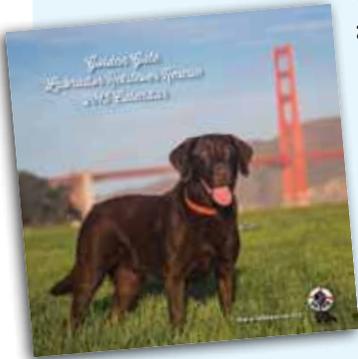
It has been two years this month since we adopted Max from Golden Gate Lab Rescue. We had fostered for three years, all wonderful dogs with whom we fell in love, and then experienced the joy of seeing them move on to perfect forever homes. So why couldn't we let go of Max? Simply because he is so special and funny and wistful. He totally captured our hearts with his sweet goofy manner. Max is the pesky little brother to Santé, our older female Lab, sometimes peeing on her head in an effort to mark whatever she has stopped to sniff. He brings such joy to our grandchildren when they visit, and charms everyone he encounters with a demand for attention by flopping over in front of, or on, them. He bravely endures Vet visits (numerous because he has residual dental problems and a penchant for accidents due to his inherent klutziness), and always has the whole Vet staff smiling. He is afraid of being left out of whatever activity is happening, and happily treats even simple daily occurrences—walks, mealtimes, car rides—as new adventures. Sometimes his eagerness gets ahead of him, and he has been known to crash into the gate before it is open, or jump into the back of our hatchback before we have raised the door. He just picks himself up, looks a bit embarrassed, and continues on. Max is one-of-a-kind, our silly insecure boy, and we are forever grateful to Lab Rescue for bringing him into our lives. – Tom, Dale, and yes, even Santé



Get Your 2015 GGLRR Calendar!

The 2015 GGLRR calendar is here, featuring more than 100 gorgeous Labs adopted from us!

Our calendar also includes a **20% off coupon at Pet Food Express®!** Please visit www.labrescue.org/calendar to order your calendar showing these lucky Labs now enjoying California beaches, parks and places in and around their forever homes. Order one for everyone on your holiday list. You'll get a beautiful Lab calendar, support rescue efforts by helping raise much needed funds to save more Labs, and save 20% on your purchase at Pet Food Express. It's the perfect holiday gift for everyone on your list!



If you have any questions on ordering please email liz@jobshopsf.com

Santa Photos are coming!

Don't miss out on the upcoming Pet Fairs because they are the last Pet Fairs of 2014 *and* they are also **Santa Photo shoots!** Bring your pets and your family for an awesome picture with Santa! Get your holiday photos and cards and you help Lab Rescue at the same time. Plus, it is *bilarious!*



Santa Photo Shoots are at these **Pet Food Express** locations and dates:

Sat. 12/6 12-4 pm. Walnut Creek – California Street

Sun. 12/7 12-4 pm. San Jose – Blossom Hill

Sat. 12/13 12-4 pm. Redwood City – Woodside Road

Sun. 12/14 12-4 pm. Novato – Diablo

Check the website for locations and updated information on Santa photos, and check back throughout the year for dates and locations for other GGLRR Pet Fairs and events.

Happy Endings – Chloe

We are still loving having Chloe in our family. She is so easy going! She is very smart; knows all her toys by name! Knows when I say “uh-uh”, it means don't do that! She instantly moves away from whatever it is I don't want her to do.

Chloe made herself at home right away! It seemed like she had been with us all her life. I can't remember ever having an A-D-O-P-T-E-D (rescue) dog acclimate so quickly to us and our surroundings. It made our lives even easier than expected. She is the perfect dog for us! She is so mellow, obeys directions, walks beautifully on leash and when off leash, she comes immediately when I call her! She is a leaner, meaning she is quick to lean into us for pets, loves, whatever, just to be close. She has even done this with friends who have come to welcome her to our home!



She has 2-3 favorite toys: (pink) Miss Piggy (whose squeak is still alive!); Quacky (her limp duck) and “Hurley”, a rubber elongated bone! “Piggy” goes practically everywhere with her, even outside to do her business. Sometimes she'll come back without Piggy and I have to tell her to go get Piggy! She immediately goes back to pick up her pal.

She's always ready to go for a ride in the car and gets really excited when we go to the doggie playground. She's excellent with other dogs, although the more closely a dog matches her size, the happier she is; smaller dogs tend to be more scrappy.

So, life is good (better) with Chloe in our lives. It's almost 4 months at this writing. It's amazing! It seems like she's been with us forever. Thank you for all your hard work.

– *Bobbi and Brian Adams*

This amazing condo in Cabo San Lucas can be yours for a week, AND you can help the Labs at the same time!

Need a break from the rain and the fog and the drought? Does a long white beach outside a luxury condo sound like just the thing! Well, GGLRR might have just the thing for you!



A generous donor has gifted us with one week at Pueblo Bonita Sunset Beach Golf & Spa Resort in Cabo San Lucas, and we are raffling that week off to one lucky winner!

Here are the details:

- Jr. Suite with over 435 square feet of living space
- Features a fully-equipped kitchenette for convenient in room dining
- Living area with over-sized chairs facing the ocean
- Elegant sleeping quarters, furnished with 2 double beds, but you can request a queen bed
- Private balcony or terrace with a view of the ocean and outdoor seating so you can drink Margaritas and watch the sun go down (or come up!)
- Good for one week (7 Days) in 2015

You can have all this AND help Lab Rescue too! Here's how:

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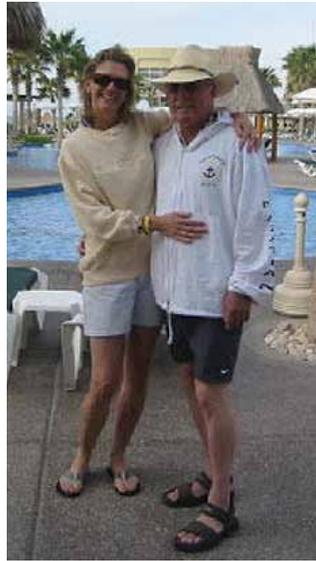
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Noel and Laura Sewell have fostered many Labs for GGLRR over the years. We'd like to give them a big "thank you woof" on behalf of GGLRR and the many dogs they have helped to save.

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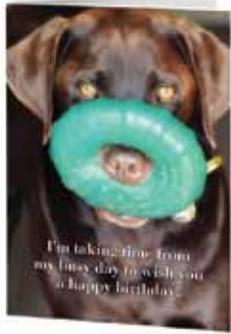
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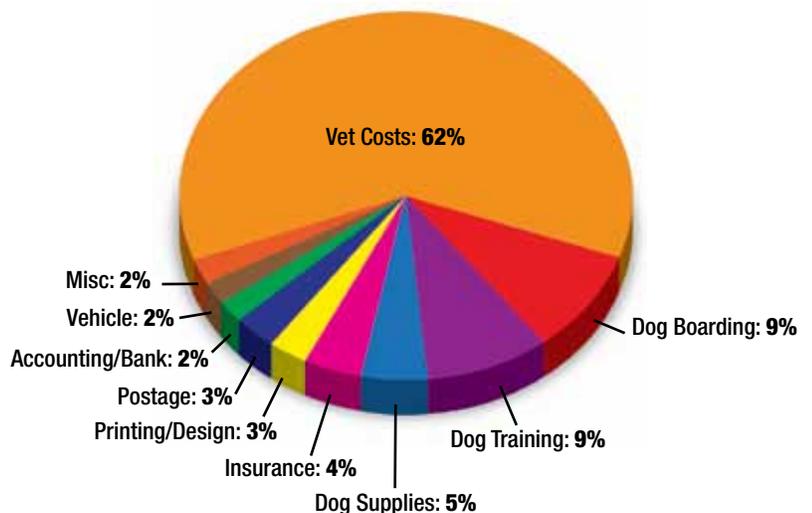
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GGLRR facilitates the placement of unwanted Labrador Retriever dogs into new homes. We are sought out by concerned individuals and humane organizations who come into contact with Labrador Retrievers. We have a spay-neuter requirement for all dogs that 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 100 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.



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Meet Lab Rescue volunteer Barb! Barb coordinates all of our Pet Fairs around the Bay Area, sometimes coordinating as many as 4 in a single month! She coordinates which dogs will attend, arranges transportation for them, gets our fabulous new tent to the venue, corrals a sufficient number of volunteers to handle all the tasks, and does it all with a smile on her face and a cheerful word for everyone.



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