



Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.

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Lab Rescue: Then and Now

Have you ever wondered how Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue came to be?

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue (or GGLRR as we call it) has been formally in existence since 1997, but its roots lie in the mid '80's when Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club breeder-members sought to find adopters for their "pet quality" or returned Labs. Today GGLRR is the rescuer of Labs and Lab mixes in the San Francisco Bay Area, rehoming between 300 and 400 dogs each year.

It's not just GGLRR that has changed, the dogs have changed too!

As Labs have gotten ever more popular (the American Kennel Club ranks the Labrador Retriever the most popular dog for the 23rd year in a row), more and more people have gotten into the breeding business. After all, it's easy: you just need two dogs, and voila you have adorable puppies you can sell, right? Wrong! Responsible breeders breed for health, physical and temperament soundness, and they test to ensure that those qualities exist in the dogs they use for breeding. In addition, both the puppies and the parents are raised with high quality nutrition and are given basic training and socialization. Amateur breeders (also known as backyard breeders) may not do the same; as a result, we are seeing more and more Labs with health problems including allergies, joint and skeletal issues, and



temperament issues, even with an AKC pedigree! Some of these problems are expensive and difficult for a typical adopter to deal with, if they can be dealt with at all.

At the same time, the perception of the Lab as a great family dog, wonderful with kids and other dogs, hasn't changed, and the Lab remains the most popular dog.

As a result, we are seeing more and more dogs that pass our assessment in the home, or in the shelter, but display concerning behaviors once they are in a foster home. The major portion of donations to Lab

Rescue now go to resolving medical, and to a lesser extent behavioral issues. In rare instances, the issues, medical or behavioral, are so severe that the dog has to be euthanized. All of this makes rescue and adoption more challenging than in years past.

Lab Rescue: the future

So given all this, what are our plans for the future? GGLRR is a 100% volunteer organization. We have over 100 volunteers who unstintingly give of their time to assess dogs, coordinate and staff pet fairs, answer phones, visit shelters, work with surrendering families, and foster dogs until a forever home can be found. And we have very generous donors who give so that we can address the medical needs of dogs that are otherwise sound and deserving of a great home. So that all of us can be even more effective, placing more dogs into the right homes, we have:

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- Offered training to our volunteers so they can assess most of the dogs we take into our program and know when to bring in a professional to assess
- Developed relationships with professional behaviorists and veterinarians who help us diagnose and treat problems that appear once a dog is in foster care
- Developed “bright lines” that help us make the right

decisions about dogs with issues that we cannot treat, so that we are able help the dogs we can

As the number of Labs in need continues to grow, Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue will continue to grow to accommodate the need, both in terms of our volunteers and increasing our understanding of Labs and how to address the medical and other issues that can keep them from their forever homes.

GGLRR When Founded in 1997

Mission/Goal:

1. To assist as many purebred Labradors in need of new homes.

- We did not foster dogs; they remained with their owners until they were placed

- We did not accept any dogs that were not purebred Labradors

- We did not take any dog over 10 years of age

- Would only take back dogs under certain circumstances (generally for aggression or biting), and then the dog would be euthanized

- Facilitated and placed around 50 dogs a year

- Rescue Reps would meet a dog at least 2-4 times before taking them into the program

- Most of our dogs came from owners

- Rarely took dogs with medical issues, perhaps 1-2 per year budget permitting, but this was very limited. Later, medical costing over \$500.00 required Board approval.

- Did not work with behaviorists

- Did not do adopter home visits

- Limited follow up with adopters after adoption

- No dog accepted with a history of aggression

GGLRR Today

Mission/Goal:

1. Encourage and promote responsible dog ownership and reduce the abuse and neglect of unwanted Labrador Retrievers through rehabilitation and adoption.
2. Promote the humane treatment of Labrador Retrievers and accept for placement unwanted Labrador Retrievers, care for them medically, spay/neuter them and place them in caring homes.
3. Provide educational services to interested public regarding responsible breeding and ownership of Labrador Retrievers.
4. Educate dog owners about training, spay/neuter and the humane care for their dogs and promote good canine citizenship.

- We foster or board most of the dogs we take into GGLRR

- We accept mix breed dogs, as long as they have the looks and temperament quality of a Labrador Retriever

- We accept all dogs no matter the age as long as they meet our requirements

- We take all dogs back we adopt out, at any time, for any reason

- Facilitate and place around 400 dogs per year

- We meet the dogs once for about 60 minutes to do an assessment

- Most of our dogs come from shelters (much more difficult to evaluate)

- We take adoptable dogs with medical issues & resolve those issues, then find their forever homes

- We have developed relationships with behaviorists who help us resolve behavioral and training issues at no or low cost to us

- Home visits prior to adoptions is typical in most cases

- Follow up with each adopter for the first month or so

- No dog accepted with a history of aggression



PLEASE SPONSOR ME



Mason

My name is Mason and I am a spunky yellow Labrador Retriever. I am a big handsome boy at a studly 80 lbs and I am turning two years old at the end of this May! I would do anything for a run around the park with other dogs, and a nice big bone!

But I have hurt my leg, and now I have to have surgery before I can go running around with my human or dog friends. Can you help Lab Rescue get me the surgery I need by sponsoring me? The

surgery costs a lot, and it takes a lot of time after for me to recover, so I will be in a nice foster home where they will have to make sure that I stay quiet for a long time so my leg can heal.

Mason came to GGLRR through another rescue, where it was discovered that Mason would require TPLO surgery to repair his leg, which was beyond that group's capability to undertake. The surgery has been performed with great success on many dogs, especially young ones like Mason, but it is expensive and the convalescence is challenging for both the dog and his human guardian. Mason is a wonderful handsome boy, so we just had to take him in, but we need help to cover the procedure he needs to return to his active, joyful self.



Once Mason has recovered from his surgery, we'll be looking for his new forever family. Mason is a wonderful dog, normally high energy but after good exercise quite happy to lay around the house for the rest of the day. He will need to go to a home where someone can help him carefully rebuild the strength in his injured leg, so he needs to be in a home where someone can be with him during recovery, and is both patient enough to get him through rehab and active enough to keep him exercised once he has fully recovered.

A few last words from Mason: I'd love to be in a home with other dogs to play with as well. I know that I

go potty outside, and I also know

commands like sit, stay, paw, and down. I will either sleep in my crate or on a bed of my own near a nice human! My favorite part of the day is when I get to cuddle with my human while she rubs my ears and I give her licks!

If you can find it in your heart to be Mason's sponsor, and commit to covering all or part of the cost of his surgery, he and we will be so very grateful. Please contact Liz at (415) 613-6374 or labrescuesfbayarea@gmail.com for more information.



Happy Endings – Shasta

Things are going great (with Shasta). The boys are really excited! She is settling in quickly. Other than the initial barking by our dachshund the dogs are getting along well.

The boys named her Shasta and she has already mastered sitting on command (voice & hand signal) and is doing pretty good with coming when called. We are working on stay and she is getting a lot of practice on walks with a leash. She is a very smart girl who wants to please.



We did have to move the lower ornaments up the tree a foot higher because she liked to take them off. So far no big chewing incidents but it's still early.

On our walks she has encountered other dogs/people and she has done great. As you can imagine once the word was out we had a new puppy there have been lots of kids coming by and she gets excited but hasn't been jumping.

She really is a wonderful dog and we are so thankful to have her!

–Kristy Pyles

Happy Endings – Maggie



It took us more than a year to get over the loss of our beloved springer spaniel, Buckley. But, when it was time to move on, we contacted Liz at GGLRR and checked out many attractive candidates for adoption. After exploring several possibilities, 10 year-old Maggie looked like a good match so we

made arrangements to visit her at the foster home of Kaleen and Carter with their family dogs Cheeto and Beau. On the day we met Maggie we were sure we wanted her and she seemed to want to be with us.

We adopted Maggie in May 2014. She came to us testing positive for heartworm. We knew this before hand but we wanted to help her through this ordeal. The recovery period was 3 months and required periods of restricted activity. GGLRR generously helped with medical expenses and our local vet clinic provided expert care. During the treatment period we were able to make our annual

3-week trip back to our family's summer cabin in northern Minnesota. Maggie was a great traveler. She seemed to be very comfortable in the back seat hammock with her head resting between the two front seats. Her smiling face and gentle nature caused many strangers to strike up a conversation. Maggie's heartworm treatment has been completed and she is now free of the parasite.

Our bond with Maggie has become stronger over the weeks. She is sweet, gentle, calm, and loves attention plus she is great with other dogs and loves kids. She has taken to living on a farm like she was born to it, roaming the fields and following us around. Maggie loves car rides, so much that any open car door is an invitation to jump in. She also likes to have a favorite toy or Kong in her mouth almost constantly. She has recently discovered that sleeping on our bed is really comfortable which makes for cozy sleeping for three. The other evening our neighbor had guests over for a house warming party. We stopped by with Maggie to say hello. Because we had another engagement, the hostess asked if Maggie could stay for the party. We reluctantly agreed and apprehensively went on our way. Sometime later that evening we phoned the neighbor to see how Maggie was doing. "Maggie", she exclaimed, "is the life of the party." Maggie, the party animal. She is a blessing.

–The Gilmer Family

Happy Endings – Athena

Athena is doing spectacularly well! We just finished a basic training course on Friday and Athena passed with flying colors. She loves to practice all of the exercises we've learned. I can't wait to take her to the intermediate class. She still comes to work with me several times a week.

My colleagues love her. On Thursday we were walking down the hall to my office and four doors opened simultaneously—



my colleagues all wanted to say “hi” and pet her.

Athena and Isla are having a great time together. Isla calls Athena “sister.” We really love this dog so much and can hardly remember what life was like before we adopted her. She is so sweet and goofy and so much fun. And she is such a good girl. She now lies on her rug during dinnertime and stays for long stretches as long as I give her a treat every ten minutes or so. I traded in my Accord for a station wagon so it would be easier to take her places. We are so lucky to have this amazing girl in our lives. She is truly a part of the family. She is happy and

healthy and doing just great!

—Kristen Whissel

Happy Endings – Riley



Riley is doing well and getting settled in. Yesterday was the first day our kids went to school since he has been with us. He was all excited as we gathered at the door because

he thought we had a fun outing planned for him. :(But he was also thrilled when they came home.

He is quite active for an 8 year old. We are working on making sure he doesn't pull up when he is out for a walk or run on his leash. He loves to swim! He “chases” a ball or anything into the water but doesn't bring it back; just happy to be in the water.

—Gretchen & Brian Koch

Happy Endings – Hartley



We had been looking for our newest family member for a while and happened to meet this sweet girl who we immediately fell in love with and named Hartley. Hartley came from a field with

her mom and three siblings and ended up here with us where she is surrounded by two older labs and three kids who love her very much. She is very friendly and loves her

playtime with the kids and other dogs. She loves to roam the property, explore, chase our other dogs (and make us chase her) and cautiously greet everyone who comes to meet her. Hartley is adapting to crate training well and loves a routine. This energetic puppy luckily gets plenty of playtime and enjoys her down time as well. Her puppy class will begin soon and we hope to teach her more commands and manners. From where she came from, she is doing exceptionally well and learning quickly!

We feel like she came to us at the most perfect time and was truly meant to be with us.

—Steve, Jenelle, Sienna, Kaia, Rylan & four-legged family members, Jersie and Brodie

Happy Endings – Scooter

The Joys and Challenges of our Rescue dog

Every week Scooter is transforming into an ideal dog and loving/lovable family member.

When we got him he was a mess. He did not know how to behave or play. He was scared and lost.

When Lab Rescue pulled Scooter from the San Jose Shelter he was skinny, his skin was a mess and he had sarcoptic mange. He was nurtured back to health by fosters Anita and Brian. He had three other older dogs as mentors to set an example how to behave and to play with 24/7. The foster home was a lovely place for him.

As Carolyn (Scooter's human sister) says, then he felt he was abducted by aliens and taken on a long space ship ride (hour and a half) to a strange and unknown place. Of course he was scared. He was at attention for a while wondering what was happening and then curled up with Carolyn for consolation. For the next week all he wanted was to be petted and reassured. He had severe separation anxiety, afraid he would be abandoned again. He was scared of everything.

Scooter had separation anxiety at night because he was supposed to sleep on his dog bed in the family room while we slept in our respective bedrooms. Scooter would roam through the house at night looking for anything to chew up. Carolyn and I took turns sleeping on the couch in the family room to give him company. After a few days he would sleep through the night on his dog bed peacefully. Well, sometimes he sleeps on the couch but jumps off when he hears me coming. Anyway, he learned he was not abandoned. We were simply going into our private lairs and would return in the morning. He no longer even needs a night-light.



He refused to go into the car, crouching down and not budging. Debbi (Scooter's Rescue Rep) said it would not traumatize him to pick him up and put him in the car. After

two occasions of that he now jumps right into the car.

He was afraid of the garage and refused to go in or get out of the car inside the garage, even in the bright of day. I had to back out of the garage and walk him around the house, up the hill into the back yard and then into the house where there were no stairs. Then I could put the car into the garage.

He would chew up everything, all the recycling, phone books, live extension cords and anything valuable.

He was given chew toys but did not know what they were for. If I tossed a toy he would look where it went, look up with puzzled eyes and want to be petted again. He was afraid of stairs, up and down, cars (reminded him of the space ship abduction) and anything sudden or startling. He

would poo in the living room. He was afraid of the dark and refused to go for walks at night.

With help and advice from everyone, Scooter has made a great transformation to a great dog and family member. He figured out what the chew toys are for and now (almost) exclusively chews those, with great gusto. He especially likes the Mammoth Rope and the Starmark Wheel. He has learned what it means to be a retriever. He brings the rope and I throw it and he brings it back.

He has learned that car rides are fun and jumps right in. He is no longer afraid of the dark and will go out at night and through dark places (reluctantly).

Now I can drive into the garage, even in the dark of night, close the garage door with the loud sounds. He will jump out of the car, walk through the dark garage and up the long

stairs. He rushes up the long stairs to make that as quick as possible.

I can leave him for an hour or two home alone to go to church or doctor's appointment and the house is left alone (except for any temptation left on the counter). I am home with him the rest of the time as I telecommute from home. Scooter got second place in the Obedience class. That is great for a dog who started the class completely clueless. He especially loves the dog park where he can run freely and chase and be chased by other dogs. After an hour of that he is happy and exhausted.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring Scooter into our home and family.

He still will not even go near the gate of the crate, even if I insert a favorite toy. I think he was imprisoned in a crate in a dark garage for much of his puppy-hood. That is OK as he now sleeps through the night on his dog bed.

When we got a rescue dog we did not realize that they come with lots of baggage. It would have been helpful to know that the first month or two would be very trying on patience. Thanks for all the encouragement that Lab Rescue gave us. In conclusion, it took a lot of loving and encouragement and patience but Scooter learned to love his new forever home.

—Bill Claghorn

Editors Note: Scooter was adopted by Bill and Carolyn Claghorn, who invested a lot of time, love and chewed things to made Scooter the wonderful dog he is today.

Happy Endings – Rocky



My husband and I really wanted a lab and decided our kids were old enough and the time was right. When we first read about Rocky, I thought he might be too big. But then we met him. He was friendly, affectionate, calm, and easy

going. As a tall family ourselves, we realized he would fit right in! And he has.

Every morning I take him on a long walk along the shoreline in Alameda, which he loves. We are working on resisting going after squirrels, but he is friendly with all the other dogs and people we pass. He wakes up to belly rubs on his tummy and lives to be petted. Between myself and my husband and two kids, he gets a lot of that!

When we first got him, he had no interest in toys or balls at all. Wouldn't even look at them! After giving him a treat for every glance or touch at a toy, something clicked the other day and he ran for the ball! Now he enjoys chasing and retrieving the ball, which is adorable.

Rocky gets us out enjoying nature. We've always loved the beach and forest, but haven't always made the time for them. Now we do and are so happy Rocky is in our lives. He's already given us so much love, it's our privilege to care for him.

—Rebecca Aced-Molina



Happy Endings – Timber

Thank you so much for allowing us to bring Timber into our home! After the death of our beloved Ashes in February, we feared nothing could take his place in our hearts. But Timber has filled that empty place and is a beloved member of our family! He is the kindest and friendliest dog ever. He loves to run at the beach and in the mountains and enjoys visiting all of his friends at our local park. Timber is very comfortable and happy now in his new home and never lets us too far from his sight. After a busy day he likes to lie down next to my feet in the living room for his nightly loving session.

—The Folan family

Happy Endings – Luna

It will be a year in April since our sweet girl Luna joined our family. She came in to our lives at a sad time when we had lost our Lab-mix Poke after 7 years together. I was compelled to write a year later as Luna has brought us so much joy and laughter, and I cannot believe it has been a year! Thank goodness for GGLRR!

She has turned back time for our 12 year Lab-mix Shadow, and he is playing and happy in a way we have never seen.

Luna has a sweetness about her that is hard to describe. She smiles and wags at strangers and I see how it just melts their hearts; mailmen, exterminators, plumbers too, not just the friendly neighbor down the street! It has made me rethink how I



react to people everywhere I go....and how impactful a genuine “hello” can be. Luna acknowledges people in a way that says, “Hey, I like you and I don’t even know you!” and “You look like you are really special!” What a beautiful thing!

Thank you GGLRR and Liz for bringing us together with this angel, and for all the love and kindness she received from her previous owner Linda, as it helped encourage her wonderful, gentle nature. I only hope my husband, Mark, and I can pay it forward and create moments of happiness for others like Luna does, and that it gets passed on, and on and on...no wagging tail required!

Best Wishes!

– Cindy Greanias

Happy Endings – Lightning

Lightning has been in our home for over 3 months and he is so comfortable now. At first it took him a while to get used to the house rules, but now he is well behaved and the best companion. He frequently spends time with my grandfather when Pedro and I are gone or if my grandpa just feels

like having a friend for a little bit. Lightning gets so excited to see him and you can tell it’s a special

bond. Grandpa takes them to play some fetch at least once a day. Lightning goes a few rounds but quickly gets over it.



– Lauren Nichols

Happy Endings – Charlie

Happy endings for GGLRR are happy beginnings for our family now that we have Charlie!

Our little guy is doing very well. It took a few days for him to get adjusted to his new home, new faces and new surroundings but he’s certainly a part of our family now. Full of energy and eager to please present their challenges but we already can’t imagine what our home was like without him.

Liz and the folks at GGLRR have been super! Great guidance and follow-up to make sure Charlie is fitting in well and that we are also fitting in well with him. We know puppy adoption through Rescue is somewhat rare so we’re thankful to GGLRR for connecting us with this little guy.

The days ahead for Charlie will include hikes, campouts, driving trips and other adventures with our family. We hope he’s as excited about that as we are (but first – crate training and housebreaking)!



– The Psefteas Family

Happy Endings – Callie, Gus, and Roxie



Callie and her new family



Gus goes to his new home!



Roxie brings joy to her new family.

Thank you – Girl Scouts Troop #44325, Oakland California

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop # 44325 in Oakland, California. As part of earning their Pet Badge the Troop made dog toys that they decided to donate to Lab Rescue. Three members of the troop have adopted labs from Lab Rescue in the last year. The girls had a great time making the toys for the dogs and we are sure the dogs will enjoy them.



GGLRR Pet Fairs and Special Events in 2015

Adoption Fairs

May 30th Danville 10am - 1pm

June 14th San Jose 12 - 3pm

June 27th San Francisco 12 - 3pm
at Moto Shop www.motoshopsf.com

July 11th Redwood City 12 - 3pm

August 22nd Danville 10am - 1pm

September 6th San Jose 12 - 3pm

October 10th Redwood City 12 - 3pm

November 14th Novato 12 - 3pm

December Pet Fairs / Santa Photos:

December 5th Danville 10am - 2pm

December 6th Novato 12 - 4pm

December 12th Redwood City 12 - 4pm

December 13th San Jose 12 - 4pm

Special Events:

May 21st 5 - 8pm – “Danville Doggie Night” in Danville

September 19th 10am - 5pm – “Bark in the Park” in San Jose

November 1st 11am - 3pm – “Pawtrero’s Dog Day Afternoon” in San Francisco



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Thank you to all of 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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2016 GGLRR Calendar “Call for Photos”

Is your Lab photogenic? If you've ever shared photos of him or her with friends and family, or on Facebook, how would you like the chance to make your Lab an even *bigger* celebrity? We are asking for submissions for our 2016 calendar, with lucky Labs to be chosen to grace the pages of the calendar, while raising much needed funds for Lab Rescue. Last year we featured more rescued Labs than ever! If you would like a photo of your Lab(s) to be considered as one of the 12 months of photos in GGLRR's 2016 Calendar or collage pages, read more about our guidelines and submission process on www.labrescue.org, review your existing photos or take some new ones, and enter for *your* Lab's shot at fame!

Send your photos **by August 31st** to labrescuescalendar@gmail.com



Bonding with Your New Rescue Dog *by Diane Demée-Benoit*

The first few weeks are critical in building a positive relationship with your new dog. In order to build trust and establish yourself as the leader of the pack, you must behave in such a way that you project calm and consistent leadership and provide an environment that is safe and conducive to learning. Make every new association positive, avoiding things that could trigger fear in your new dog.

I'm Coming Home!

Make the homecoming as calm as possible. Save the “welcome home” party for weeks later when you know each other a little better. Hopefully, everyone in your household has met the dog prior to her coming home. Keep introductions calm, especially with children, and especially if your new dog is shy or timid.

If your dog is high energy, wear her out a little by playing fetch (on a long leash) or going for a fast-paced walk outside to explore the front yard and neighborhood before coming into the house. (Even a calmer dog should be walked so she can relieve herself. You want to start housetraining right!)

Becoming the Leader of the Pack

Manage your dog's behavior from the moment she's yours by reinforcing behaviors you like and never reinforcing unwanted behaviors. The more you praise—using food, affection, play or anything your dog likes—each time your dog is behaving correctly, the more that good behavior will become established.

Set a predictable routine so your dog becomes comfortable and learns the family routine. All family members need to agree on the same house rules; for example, allowed on the furniture or not? Set a regular schedule for feeding times, going outside to potty, going for a walk, going to bed.

To bond with a new dog, try feeding all meals from your hand for the first few days (or longer) so your dog associates you with something it wants—food! And, why not ask your dog to sit, lie down, come, etc. and reward her with food. If your demeanor is happy and you make a game of it—hide and seek, come and sit fast, etc. your dog will be entertained and motivated to obey.

Have your new dog on leash (tied to your waist) when you are doing calm activities that won't scare the dog, like washing the dishes. This reinforces bonding and the leadership-

followership relationship. When your dog is sitting or lying down calmly, praise her quietly and hand her a tasty treat. Smile and speak to her softly when she makes eye contact, then continue on with your activity. There are several “hand-free” leashes on the market, including The Buddy System.

Have your dog on a tie-down on a pad when you are watching television, or tie her to a furniture leg. All this teaches her to be calm and settled. She can have a Kong toy stuffed with some peanut butter or some other tasty treat to chew on while on tie down.

Other things that can help with bonding

Don't be too “touchy-feely” until you know whether your dog likes physical affection. For example, many dogs don't like being hugged/embraced, or patted on the head and must endure what their human considers praise.

While rescue does its best to temperament test dogs, be watchful of a dog's body language. Some dogs can be protective around objects it values such as food, a bone, a favorite toy. Some dogs may be fearful of men or objects like vacuum cleaners or umbrellas.

Enroll in a group dog training class even if your dog knows the basic obedience commands. These classes are a great opportunity to see how your dog reacts around other dogs and humans. The trainer may also identify and help correct behaviors you may want to work on such as charging out doors, jumping on people, demand barking, etc.

There is so much more to learn more about being the kind of pack leader that will elicit the kind of dog you want that we can't include it all here. The following resources will build your skills as the pack leader and will help develop a happy, obedient dog:

- 1) *How to Behave So Your Dog Behaves* by Dr. Sophia Yin
- 2) www.drSophiaYin.com for fabulous articles and videos, including www.drSophiaYin.com/blog/entry/the-learn-to-earn-program
- 3) *Bonding With Your Dog: A Trainer's Secrets for Building a Better Relationship* by Victoria Schade
- 4) *The Culture Clash: A Revolutionary New Way of Understanding the Relationship Between Humans and Domestic Dogs* by Jean Donaldson
- 5) *The Other End of the Leash: Why We Do What We Do Around Dogs* by Dr. Patricia McConnell

Happy Endings – Caddy

Bob and I couldn't be happier with Caddy (the small black Lab-looking, not Lab, dog). She is wonderful, so very eager to please and easy to train. She is very well mannered.

The only unfortunate thing for her, however, is having to live in a leash-only environment tethered to either of two older folks who don't run. We took her to the cabin we all love at Wawona, in the woods, where she could run and run and run like the wind. It was great watching her, and she was sooooo happy. At the dog park she won't chase Frisbees or balls or play with other dogs (she is not social); so the only way we can get her to run is for the two of us to stand at opposite ends of the park and call her from one of us to the other.

She still shows some insecurities. She is shy with other dogs and even people; they can pet her, but she doesn't really



respond with any show of gratitude. We introduce her to all of the dogs we meet, and she is quite stoic but polite. ("I'm ready to leave now, Mom") She is very secure with us, and we seem to be her only real security blanket; she is a bit clingy. We love her and are very grateful for your letting us have her.

P.S.: I forgot to tell you that Caddy is very smart; she understands an increasingly impressive number of words. She also is very animated

and comical and keeps us laughing. She is very playful in the house. When I pick up all of her toys and put them away in the basket, she will pull one out, parade it in front of us and then hide it, and she has some amazing hiding places.

Also, she is getting much better at not barking at people coming to the front door – especially if she remembers that one of us is home. She is WONDERFUL!

–Janet Mize

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Jenna McDonald – Feathers and Fur Dog Training

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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.

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