



# The Lab's Tale

Midwest Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.

"We give Labs a second chance"

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## MLRR 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion

The sixth Annual MLRR Reunion, was held on September 23rd at a Lake County forest preserve. About 140 people and 90 dogs registered for the event. The sky was cloudy, but fortunately the rain didn't start until the very end when we were finished packing up.

Activities included an agility demonstration and AKC Good Citizen test run by Monica Bedrosian, an Animal Communicator (Linda Epstein), and a pet photographer (Stephanie Ascencio). The delicious barbequed food was provided by Clowning Around Entertainment.

The reunion was a great opportunity for volunteers and adopters to mingle and share their experiences. All of the Labs in attendance seemed to have a fun time socializing as well.

## And the Winner Is...

As a way to raise funds for our rescue efforts, we held a raffle called the "50/50 Tennis Ball Drop". The numbered balls were dumped onto the ground, and a rescued Lab named Toby "retrieved" the winning ball. The total amount of money collected by sales of the tennis balls was \$5,544! Since this was a 50/50 raffle, it meant that the winner, Stephen I., received \$2,772, and MLRR was able to keep the remaining \$2,772. This was a record amount of money that we raised from the raffle.

Overall we raised just over \$5,000 dollars from the Reunion, including fundraising merchandise sales. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who attended, MLRR will be able to rescue and care for many Labs in the future.



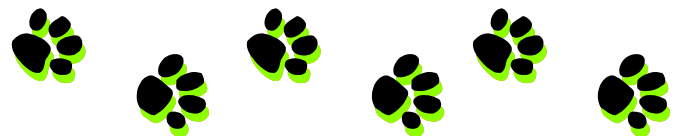
A "pack" of Labs hanging out at the Reunion



Rescued Lab Toby fetches the winning ball



Truman and Bosz relax near the barbeque grill



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MLRR is an **all volunteer**, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to finding loving, permanent homes for unwanted or abandoned Labrador Retrievers throughout the Chicago area.

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## Recent Adoptions

The following Labs have been adopted since July:

<b>Scarlett</b>	Danette & Jeffrey K.	Bartlett
<b>Bruno</b>	Jacqueline & Brad T.	Crystal Lake
<b>Travis</b>	Courtney P.	Chicago
<b>Novak</b>	Michael & Juliette D.	Glenview
<b>Josh</b>	Tina & Elizabeth S.	LaGrange
<b>Ingrid</b>	Tim & Eryl J.	Glen Ellyn
<b>Gracie</b>	Chris and Heather S.	Warrenville
<b>Bruce</b>	Steve & Barb H.	Naperville
<b>Grady</b>	Megan & Patrick D.	Chicago
<b>Julius</b>	Mary & Scott S.	Arlington Heights
<b>Charlie</b>	Pauline & Mike W.	Chicago
<b>Crede</b>	Samantha B.	Worth
<b>Squirt</b>	Rose & Frank F.	Northfield
<b>Maggie</b>	Sean S.	Oak Park
<b>Riley</b>	Megan & Thomas M.	Elmhurst
<b>Drew</b>	Clara & Anna B.	Woodstock
<b>Sierra</b>	Jonathon L.	Chicago
<b>Arnie</b>	Lucy & Jeff P.	Schaumburg
<b>Sienna</b>	Scott & Edie F.	Oak Park
<b>M&amp;M</b>	Cathy & Jodi K.	Oak Lawn
<b>Shelton</b>	Allison B.	Crystal Lake
<b>Brownie</b>	Linda & Robert H.	Plainfield
<b>Lorenzo</b>	Beth & Derek A.	Clarendon Hills
<b>Hamilton</b>	Cheryl W.	Lisle
<b>Jackson</b>	Joel & Regina A.	Chicago
<b>Cinnamon</b>	Phyllis & Matt S.	Mt Prospect
<b>Maxine</b>	Martha & Bill S.	Clarendon Hills
<b>Mars</b>	Rose & Sidney W.	Romeoville
<b>Hugo</b>	Brett S.	Chicago
<b>Duke</b>	P I A.	Chicago
<b>Kira</b>	Suzanne M.	Woodstock
<b>Helga</b>	Jacob P.	Chicago
<b>Zsa Zsa</b>	Rob & Cara Z.	Mokena
<b>Chance</b>	Richard S.	Chicago

## Volunteer Spotlight

**Nancy Zordan** Nancy and her husband Scott have been Midwest Lab Rescue volunteers for the past two years. They are fabulous foster parents, and Nancy transports many of our rescues as well. Nancy and Scott are caring, committed and don't think twice about taking on the challenges involved with fostering. They have fostered 15 dogs and even adopted one named Diesel. Their oldest dog Houston, a 7 year old chocolate Lab, is a wonderful foster brother. They enjoy sharing their fostering stories with their extended family and often send updates and anecdotal stories via e-mail. Nancy and Scott love taking care of their foster dogs and find it rewarding. We appreciate all they do.

## When God made

When God had made the Earth and sky,  
The flowers and the trees,  
He then made all the animals  
And all the birds and bees.  
And when his work was finished,  
Not one was quite the same.  
He said, 'I'll walk this earth of mine,  
And give each one a name,'  
And so he traveled land and sea,  
And everywhere he went,  
A little creature followed Him  
Until his strength was spent.  
And when all were named upon the Earth,  
And in the sky and sea,  
The little creature said, 'Dear Lord,  
There's not one left for me!'  
The Father smiled and softly said:  
'I've left you till the end.  
I've turned my own name back to front,  
And called you DOG, my friend.'

Author Unknown



Three of Nancy's dogs: Diesel (adopted MLRR dog), Frank (current foster) and Houston Zordan

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November is National Lung Cancer Awareness Month

## Secondhand Smoke Affects Pets, Too

Cigarette smoke is harmful to your entire family-and that includes your pet.

If you're a smoker and a pet owner, it is not a good idea to smoke in the same room as your cat or dog. Second hand smoke exposure in pets has been associated with lung and nasal cancers as well as an increase in respiratory problems and asthma.

In several studies conducted at Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, dogs that lived with smokers were more likely to have cancer than dogs that lived with non-smokers. Cats, too, can be affected by smoking, and can develop respiratory problems and worsen existing ones such as asthma. At Tufts University of Veterinary Medicine they reported that cats living with smokers also have a significantly increased likelihood of contracting cancer, specifically lymphoma.

Veterinarians also urge smokers to keep tobacco products away from their animals to avoid accidental ingestion.

If you need one more reason to quit then do it for the love of your pets!

From <http://www.co.rockland.ny.us/pior/second/second.shtml>



Happy Thanksgiving from Midwest Lab Rescue

## National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week begins Nov. 5.

Here are a few ways to show your local shelter some appreciation:

### Say Thank You

Drop a note in the mail or shoot an email to your local shelter and let them know how much you appreciate all they do for animals. If you can, sweeten your thank you by adding an item from the shelter's wish list, a check or a gift card from a pet supply store.

### Volunteer Your Time and Skills

Whether you end up walking pooches, helping at special events or lending your expertise as a newsletter editor, your shelter can match your schedule and talents to their needs. Not only will you be helping animals in your community, but you also will be building knowledge and skills. Call your local shelter and find out how to start volunteering.

For more information visit the Humane Society of the United States web site at <http://www.hsus.org/>



Grady is the MLRR Calendar Contest winner for November

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## Success Stories

All Success Stories can be viewed on our web site (<http://www.midwestlabrescue.org/success.shtml>).  
*Some of the following letters have been edited for length.*

### Santo (formerly Grady)

Santo (named after Ron Santo of the Cubs) seems to be enjoying his new home with us very much. We love having him! We had a bit of a problem, initially, because he was howling while we were at work, but that seems to have improved. He's about half way through his training class at Anti-Cruelty and making excellent progress. I've also been delighted to see that he is very good with small children. We've had him around a few toddlers now and even if they pinch his fur, pull at his face, or put their hands in his mouth, he is so gentle with them.



Santo

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### Cooper (formerly Bruce)

Cooper is doing wonderfully! He is the star of his training class and a celebrity in the neighborhood. He has definitely found his warm, snuggly spot in our family. Cooper loves his routine involving frequent walks, squirrel chasing, dropping off and picking up kids at the school bus stop, daily doting by three girl children of the family, training regimen, and dozing (always within earshot of the family) throughout the day. He has a wonderful personality.

Thank you for your help in finding him!

-Steve and Barb



Cooper

### Maya

Everything is fabulous. Maya fit into our household immediately and has become my shadow and constant companion every day (I work from home). She has completely charmed the family that pet sits for us when we go out of town. The only ones who are still acclimating to her are our two cats, but only when she gets excited, really--her enthusiasm magnifies her size and to them, she's enormous! Otherwise, she is an endless source of interesting smells for them that they investigate carefully (usually when she's sleeping).

Thank you for checking on her and thank you for all the work you all do making sure that wonderful animals like Maya make it to homes like ours. I can't imagine life without this new member of our family.

Claudine



Maya

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### Ginger

Ginger is doing great! She has two puppy classes being her and "I hope" looking forward to the next, has had the booster shots also. She and our Lab Libby are doing well together, play hard and then sleep. She is eating 3 cups of Lamb and rice, Eukanuba and gaining and growing. We are very pleased with her. She is much a part of our family we cannot imagine her not being here so loving you cannot believe it. Thanks again for our addition.

Warmest Regards,

Dorothy, Marvin, Pam, Libby and Ginger



Ginger and Libby



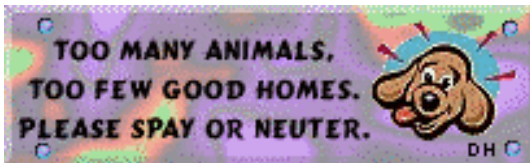
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## Wish List

MLRR is always in need of the following:

- \* "Frontline" Flea Preventative
- \* Heartworm preventative (ie. Heartgard or Interceptor)
- \* First class postage
- \* Gift certificates to pet supply stores
- \* Collars (large, snap-type)
- \* Laser printer paper
- \* Envelopes
- \* Cash donations
- \* More volunteers and foster homes!



## News and Events

Mark your calendar now!

### C.A.R.E Faire

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Unitarian Church

1330 Ridge Ave (at Greenwood), Evanston

Pet Pictures with Santa, Famous Cookie Walk Bake Sale, a huge Silent Auction, Informational Seminars, plus pet related crafts!

Come and visit the MLRR table at the Faire. We will have crafts and fundraising merchandise available.

Call the C.A.R.E. Hotline for more information:

(847)705-2653 web site: [www.care-ewanston.org](http://www.care-ewanston.org)

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