

THE LAB'S TALE



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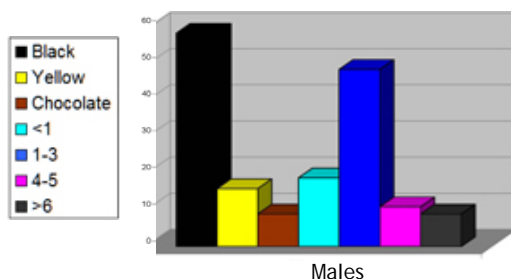
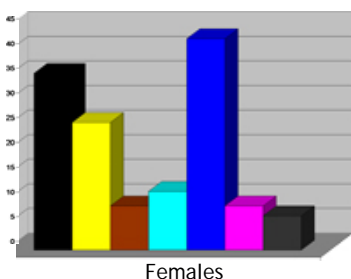
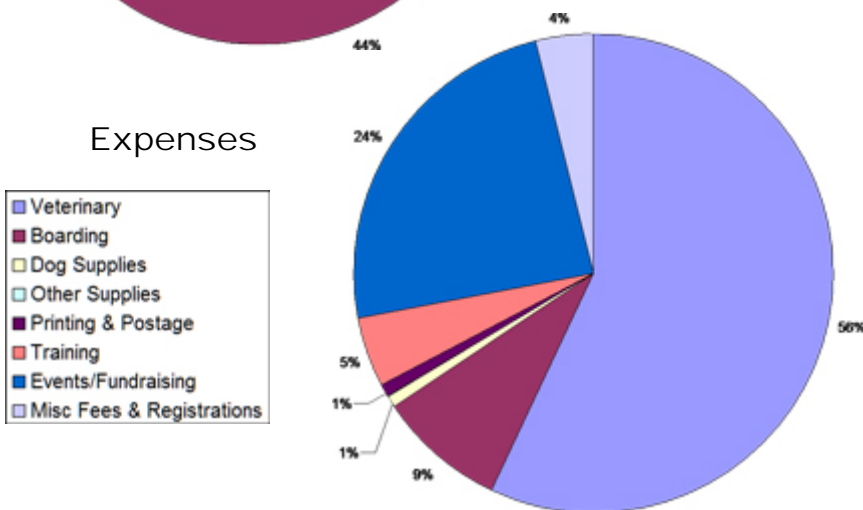
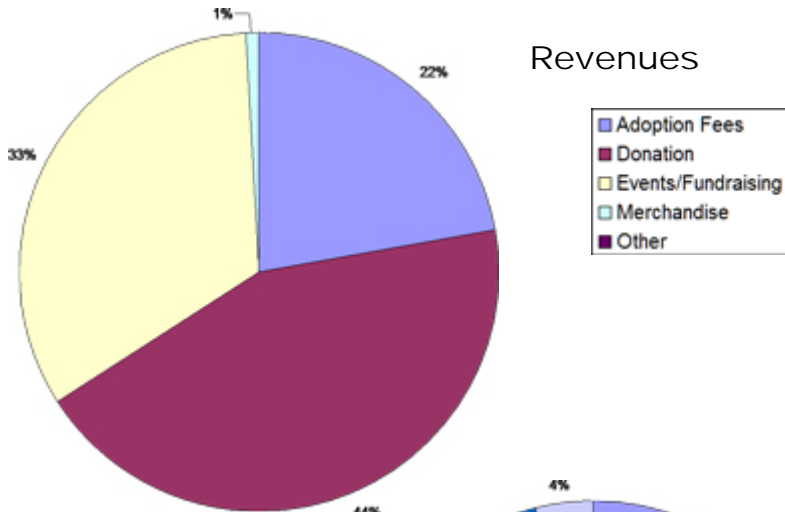
Midwest Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc
"We give Labs a second chance"

2010 Year in Review

Since Midwest Labrador Retriever Rescue was founded in February, 1999, over 1202 needy and very deserving Labs have been rescued! In 2010 alone, we rescued a total of 155 Labs, 71 females and 84 males.

Donations are vital to our efforts and we could not rescue so many Labs without the help of our generous supporters. In 2010 we saw a decrease in donations (2%) compared to 2009. However, revenues from adoption fees decreased only slightly (2%).

Veterinary care, which remains our largest expense, decreased by 12% compared to last year. We spent an average of \$500 per dog on veterinary care.



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News and Events

Doggie Dining Out Night at

Port Edward Restaurant
20 W Algonquin Rd, Algonquin, IL
(847) 658-5441 www.portedward.com

You and the whole family, including the dog, can enjoy a night out at this restaurant! (Seating outside)

The restaurant donates 20% of the total bill back to MLRR if you dine with your dog!

We have two events scheduled:

June 21st and July 19th from 5-9pm.

Contact Judy at jkapicak@yahoo.com to reserve your spot!

"Meet & Greet" Events thru July

Click [here](#) for complete details

Doggie Playdates Midwest Lab Rescue is teaming up with some awesome Doggie Day Cares throughout Chicagoland and the suburbs to offer Doggie Playdates to all our adopters and volunteers.

Please email Robyn at robynn926@yahoo.com for a list of the locations, dates and times.



Jake's Success Story

Do you remember Jake? He was the 11 year old yellow Lab with the bad back leg that came into MLRR from a breeder. It seemed that he was on our web site forever; all of us were rooting for him, hoping he would find his forever home very soon.

Finally in March, we received an application from a family in Grayslake who said they wanted to adopt Jake, *only* Jake. Not wanting to lose this opportunity, one of home visit coordinators set up a visit to the family right away. After the family was approved, the foster home took Jake to their home since they already had two senior Labs, Cooper an 11 year old male and Montana a 9 year old female. As it turns out the couple had met Jake before, as a matter of fact, more than once, a long time ago. You see, Cooper is Jake's real brother and Montana is Jake's daughter. A family reunited indeed as the picture above shows.

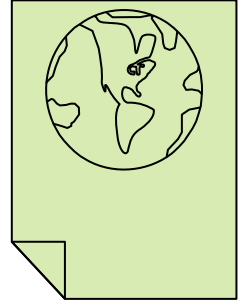
So now, Jake is living the good life, the life he deserves. He spends time outdoors enjoying the company of his brother, his daughter, and his family that welcomed him into their home and more importantly, into their hearts.



Jake, lying down with his doggie family!

Website News - Lab Forum added

New on our website is the [Lab Forum](#). As you can see, it is just getting started. We hope once more information is added, it will be a useful tool to Lab lovers.



We hope that all of you will find the Forum a good source of information on canine related issues, but we can't do it without your help.

Many new adoptees ask for recommendations on obedience training for their new dogs. Other adoptees might have questions concerning other issues with their new 4-legged family member. Please take the time and provide your suggestions and recommendations on good training facilities or on any other issues.

For example, one tab on the Lab Forum is [Main](#). We hope that people check it out and use it. It is a great place to send questions on issues you might be having with your pet. There are enough of us out there that we're sure someone will respond with helpful ideas.

[Success Stories](#) is another tab on the Lab Forum. So if you have recently adopted from us, we'd love to hear how it is going.

Jake ... continued

Jake's story is one that that brings a smile to your face, a lump to your throat, and a tear to your eye. And this real success story for MLRR could not have happened without the dedication of our volunteers who visit homes, transport dogs, foster dogs, and give so much so that our Labs can find their forever homes. Too, it is the adopting families and everyone out there who supports MLRR financially that help make all this possible. So from Jake and all of the other dogs who have found their forever home through MLRR, they send a tail wag and a big wet kiss to all of you.



Thanks to all who visited us as the Pet Expo!



Adoptions: These lucky dogs found their forever home!

November 1st, 2010 thru March 31st, 2011

Dog	Name	City
Abby	Heidi & Joe D	Algonquin
Afton	Karyn & Bob H	Downers Grove
Atlas	Tracy & Bob O	Wheaton
Ava	Dr. Dave & Sheri E	Sycamore
Bear	Kelly & Rob Gold R	Cary
Beau	John and Sandra S	Lake Forest
Bella	Richard & Cheryl N	Long Grove
Belle	Marjorie & James S	Northfield
Brody	Mark R	Chicago
Buddy	Susan & Bryan S	Naperville
Bull	Lorraine & Donald F	Palos Park
Buster	Tom & Aly W	Chicago
Callie	Linda & David C	Chicago
Candy	Michelle & Kevin S	Palos Heights
Cash	Julie & Steve M	Wheaton
Cash	Christine & John P	Highland Park
Cocoa	Carol & Ted O	Naperville
Daizy	Betsy & Jay T	Oak Park
Dallas	Troy & Rebecca P	Oak Lawn
Duke	Gwenneth G	Carol Stream
Duke/Buster	Gwenneth G	Carol Stream
Erika	Kari & Emmett K	La Grange Park
Finnigan	Lori & Rick R	Chicago
Frisco	Kim & Kevin A	Oak Park
Gunner	Katie M & Sergio Mateos	Waukegan
Gus	Dr. James. M. & Sandra Lema St D	Des Plaines
Halle	Susanna & Michael D	Lombard
Harley	Brian & Carolyn K	Naperville
Harley	Douglas & Sally M	Glenview
Holly	Conor D & Morgan F	Wheaton
Jack	Rene & Monica T	Clarendon Hills
Jackson	Linda F	West Dundee
Jackson	John O	Niles
Jester	Mary & Jim P	West Chicago
Joy	Kim & Jason S	Chicago
Lennon	Karen S	Wheaton

Dog	Name	City
Macy	Marti & Jim S	Chicago
Maddie	Peggy B	Arlington Heights
Maggee	Andrew W	Chicago
Maggie	Natasha & Mitchell G	
Manny	Cheri P	Downers Grove
Marcus	Donna & Norman K	Chicago
Max	Juanita C	Chicago
Merisa	Melba S	DeKalb
Molly	Ann Marie C	Chicago
Mr. Lincoln	John & Karen G	Mount Prospect
Murphy	Paul & Natalie R	Chicago
Ollie	Brenda & Ken W	Arlington Heights
Patty	David & Cheryl P	Mokena
Patty/Kenna	Norman & Diane P	Lansing
Pebbles	Debbie W	Mundelein
Pepper	Katie & Gary G	LaGrange
Phoebe	Mindy & Mark S	Chicago
Ranger	Margaret O & Kara L	Evergreen Park
Remi	Donna & Christopher M	Winnetka
Rev	Judy P & Roxanne W	Aurora
Rudy	Michelle & Kevin S	Palos Heights
Saddie	Kelly & Rob Gold R	Cary
Sammie	Scott & Rachel A	Libertyville
Shadow	Michael & Marie L	Oak Brook
Stormy	Joe & Teresa N	Oak Forest
Suzi	Michael & Jeanette B	Aurora
Tinkerbelle	Sophia & Michael Campbell P	Chicago
Veronica	Francee N & David F	Highland Park
Violet	Julie & Scott McKillip S	Naperville
Wilma	Valerie & Brian M	Brookfield
Winnie	Lynne & Robert H	Western Springs
Yaeger	Nick & Jennifer Z	Naperville





Donations November 1st, 2010 thru March 31st, 2011

Abbott Labs	Abbott Employee Giving Program
Abbott Labs	Employee Giving
Joyce A	In honor of Cheryl & Jim Stevenson
Allstate Giving Campaign	Giving Campaign
Liz A	In memory of Lulu
Jamie A	In Honor of Ernest & Beverly Fortney's 40th Anniversary
Chris & Beth B	In honor of the Wojkowski/Bane Wedding Guests
Lee & Joan B	
Chuck & Pam B	In memory of their beloved black Lab Shadow. In honor of their rescued yellow Lab from MLR
Lisa B	
Rita & Peter B	Jury's Fundraising Event
BP Foundation	
Carol B, Brody Exteriors	
David B	
John & Darlene C	In memory of Baily. In honor of Riley.
Kelly & Brian C	
Randy & Tracy C	
Dianna & Brad C	In Honor of Bud
Dean Foods	Matching Gift
Bettina D	
Kathy D	In Memory of Maggie.
Al & Karen D	
Carole E D	
Donald Veterinary Hospital D	Donald Veterinary Hospital annual "pictures with Santa" on 12/18/2010
Heidi & Joe D	
Tammy D	
Darold D	In honor of Don Pennington 10/14/2010
Michael & Dorothy D	
ECHO Giving Fund	Made by David A. Bulleck
Todd E	In memory of Baily
Jane F	
Beverly & Ernest F	Profits from Beverly Fortney's Book In Honor of Ernest & Beverly Fortney's 40th Anniversary
M E F	
Mike & Jenny G	
Raymond & Rose G	In honor of Don Pennington 10/14/2010
Olivia G	
Dolores & Mark G	

Dennis & Diana G	
Garry & Michele G	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Nancy H	
Mark & Natalie H	
Henry Crown & Co.	
Linda H	
iGive.com H	
Karyn & Bob H	In Honor of Ernest & Beverly Fortney's 40th Anniversary
Betsy & Bob H	Gift Donation for Christmas in Sister Barbara Rittenhouses name
Robert H	
David & Jocine I	
Karen J	
Owen & Judi J	In honor of Don Pennington 10/14/2010
Jane JM	employee match
Kristen K	
Jan K & Roberta L	
Katherine & Roman K	
Bill & Ruth Ann K	Adopted Max! Doing Great!
Jay & Ellen L	
James L	In Honor of Ernest & Beverly Fortney's 40th Anniversary
Adrianna L	
Cynthia & Mark M	In Honor of Ernest & Beverly Fortney's 40th Anniversary
Robert M & Greer C	In Honor of Ernest & Beverly Fortney's 40th Anniversary
Leo J M	
Pamela and John M	
Carole M	In Memory of Don Pennington
Leanna M	
James & Sharyn M	In Honor of Ernest & Beverly Fortney's 40th Anniversary
Jill M	Employee match from Wn Wrigley Jr. Company Foundation
Beverly N	
Network for Good	
Doreen P	
Andrew & Cynthia R	
Pamela & Gary R	
Ramona & Jim R	
Al R	
Myron R	Myron



Donations...continued November 1st, 2010 thru March 31st, 2011

Emily R	
Dale & Melinda R	
Kelly S	
Mary Ellen S	
Tim & Julianne S	
Ralph & Helen S	
Marcia S	Name of Donor: TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICALS (employee Giving)
Evan S	
Thelma S & James B Ralph S	In honor of Pete & Rita Borkman
Kathy S	CARDINAL HEALTH FOUNDATION employee giving/donations
Dina & Len S	from Dina Strepek's co-workers "in memory of Frank Trentacosti"

Kathleen S	In memory of Boss.
Carolyn & Mike S	
Marie & Terrence S	In Honor of Ernest & Beverly Fortney's 40th Anniversary
Steve & Stacey S	
Amy T	Description: Brodie Gunn
Mark T	
Trio Animal Foundation	In honor of Cosmo. MLRR using \$ for McFlurry's HW Treatment
Scott V	
Sue W	Donation from Family!
Wet Nose, Inc.	
Robert & Barbara W	
Maggie W	
Nancy & Larry W	Sponsorship for Hulk & Kingston's HW Treatment

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

JURY'S FOOD & DRINK
4337 NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE IN CHICAGO.

JURY HOSTED A FUNDRAISER FOR MIDWEST LABRADOR
RETRIEVER RESCUE ON DECEMBER 16TH, 2010.

Ways to Help MLRR

Volunteer

MLRR needs every willing body to keep things running and to take care of the animals that end up in our care. There are so many ways to volunteer your time to help out.

Maybe you are unable to foster a dog, but you might be able to spread the word about the MLRR and its needs. You can volunteer to do fundraising or share information about the shelter. You can write letters, post fliers and many other tasks.

Donate

While your first thought when you hear the word "donate" might be "But I really don't have any extra money," that's not the only type of donation MLRR can use. Sure, they need funds, but they're also glad to have donations of items they spend their money on. Cleaning supplies, paper towels, blankets, pet toys, pet cages and carriers, and many other pet supplies are always needed.

If you don't have anything to donate, perhaps you could collect donations. One barrier to MLRR receiving donations is often that the person making the donations has difficulty finding time to stop by and drop it off. Offer to pick up donations for MLRR.

You could also organize a donation drive among friends, family and neighbors. Create a collection box to place in a central location and outline specific donations needed. Take the responsibility of collecting and delivering the donations.

Spread the Word

In the same way MLRR is always in need of volunteers, they also need caring people who will help spread the word. [Visit MLRR on Facebook](#). When they have news, they post on their Facebook page. It takes very little effort to share posts on my own Facebook wall about MLRR. This is an easy way for me to help out without leaving my own home.

Do you have a way with words? Offer to write press releases for MLRR and contact local media sources to get the information out to the public.

Write letters to your local newspaper about MLRR and show your support for its purpose. Encourage friends and family members to be responsible pet owners and get their pets spayed or neutered to cut down on the population of unwanted pets – which is one reason why so many shelters are full.

Transportation

MLRR is always in need of people to transport animals to other locations like from shelters, veterinary appointments and foster homes.

Raise Your Paws for the Cause

The Midwest Lab Rescue 7th Annual Dinner and Auction, "Raise Your Paws for the Cause", was held on Saturday May 14. The fundraiser was held at a new location this year, the Wellington of Arlington in Arlington Heights. Eighty-six people attended the event, which included hour d'oeuvres, dinner, drinks, and of course the silent and live auction.

Auction items included a weekend getaway on Chicago's Magnificent Mile, a "Chef for a Day" package at the Moto Restaurant, and a Blackhawks Jersey signed by Patrick Kane with a 2010 Stanley Cup patch.

The "Fund A Cause" section of the auction raised a record \$7,500!

This event is always our biggest fundraiser of the year, and thanks to our generous supporters it was once again a success. The funds that were raised will help us save the lives of many more homeless Labrador Retrievers.