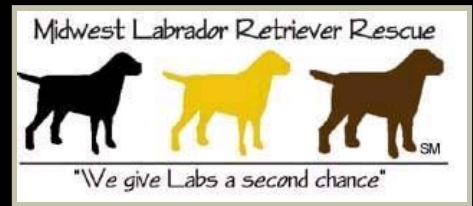


# THE LAB'S TALE



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

## A "HUGE" Success

Our "Ruff Night Out" dinner auction was MLRR's most successful fundraiser ever, raising a net profit of \$15,461.

The night consisted of a full sit-down dinner including Hors D'oeuvres, Dessert, and Champagne & Chocolate Fountains; and of course the highlight-the silent and live auctions.

During the event we also raffled off a 42" plasma TV and raised \$3,500 from the raffle alone.



We would like to thank everyone who donated all the auction items! Take a look at just a few of the great items in the pictures below.



Mark your calendar today for next year's dinner auction at the same venue (Chandler's Chophouse, Schaumburg, IL) on **May 17, 2008**.

If you would like to help with next year's event, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at [mail@midwestlabrescue.org](mailto:mail@midwestlabrescue.org). Please put 2008 Auction Volunteer in the subject line.

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## Reunion Picnic

Is your Lab sad because he hasn't seen his foster brother or sister in a while? Help your Lab rekindle old relationships by joining us for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual reunion picnic on **September 15, 2007**.

There will be food, fun and games for everyone, so be sure to bring your rescued Lab and your family (including the other Lab(s) in your household) to Shelter C at the Half Day Forest Preserve located between Vernon Hills and Lincolnshire.

Our actives include:

- MLRR Ball Drop
  - Numbered tennis balls will be "sold" for \$5 each.
  - The winner with the matching number will be awarded 1/2 of the money collected
  - The other 1/2 of the money will go to MLRR to help fund our rescue efforts.
- MLRR Merchandise Booth
- Best Friends Pet Motel will be there with games, prizes & information
- Raffle Items
- Volunteer/Adopter Recognition

Watch the events page at [www.midwestlabrescue.org](http://www.midwestlabrescue.org) for more details and be on the lookout for your official invitation via the mail.

Great News! MLRR is now accepting advertising in our newsletters. If you have a business that you would like to highlight, please let us know. We can send you all the information you need to get started. Thanks to all of our cherished MLRR supporters, our newsletter reaches approximately 1000 people in the Chicago area, so it's great exposure! For more information, please contact: [mail@midwestlabrescue.org](mailto:mail@midwestlabrescue.org).

## MLRR Spotlights

### Bella

Bella was adopted last October by Phyllis and Matt when she was about a year old. They noticed right away that she had some behavioral issues. She was snarling and snapping, mostly around her food. There were also some isolated incidents with visitors to the home.

They began training right away as they were dedicated to helping her through whatever was scaring her. The first trainer was not a good fit, but this did not deter them. They did some research and found not only a great trainer, but a renowned dog behaviorist. The combination of hands on, repetitive training (and bonding) and advice for behavior modification, became Bella's salvation. The behaviorist indicated that some dogs are just 'hard wired' with particular issues but they can still be helped to work through them and lessen their severity, if not completely eliminate them.

Bella is doing much better now. She leaves her food bowl and allows Phyllis to pick it up if necessary. She doesn't bark or growl as often and is more relaxed around strangers.

Phyllis wants everyone to know that some times rescued dogs do come with issues and it does take work, but they can be helped to overcome their fears and issues with patience and time.



*Bella relaxing in the winter sun*



*Dreyfus sitting with some of his extended family.*

### Dreyfus

It has been 7 months Dreyfus was adopted by Ellen and Jay, and now he is an integral part of their family.

When he was first adopted, Dreyfus had terrible allergy problems. But with helpful medical advice on both proper treatment and food, he is now much happier and healthier.

Weekday mornings after a brisk walk, Dreyfus, now a Canine Good Citizen, accompanies Jay to work at Oakton Pavillion Nursing Home in Des Plaines. Dreyfus' schedule varies from day to day. One of his assignments is to spend time on different floors with residents and their families. His presence is also requested at group activities facilitated by social workers or by members of the Activities Team.

Often he waits in the hall next to the dining room to greet residents before meals. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of residents can request time with him when they come to visit family members in either facility. Between assignments Dreyfus can be found snoozing in Jay's office.

After a hard day at work Dreyfus loves to romp in his yard and unwind before dinner. Weekends are often spent in Chicago visiting their daughter, son-in-law and grandsons. Dreyfus loves his 2nd family and is always gentle and patient with the children. The sounds and smells of the city fascinate him, and he loves to take long walks in the park.

In light of the pet food recall, have you thought about making your own dog food/treats? Check out these sites for ideas and recipes:

<http://www.simplypets.com/>

<http://www.i-love-dogs.com/dog-food-recipes.html>

<http://www.cooksrecipes.com/category/pet-recipes.html>

[http://www.healthrecipes.com/pet\\_supply.htm](http://www.healthrecipes.com/pet_supply.htm)

<http://www.recipezaar.com/recipes/pet-food>

## Recent Adoptions

The following Labs have been adopted since April:

Patti	Robert & Phyllis C	Batavia
Bert	Mike & Michelle W	Chicago
Abbey	Jordan & Jenny D	Schaumburg
Doolittle	Lisa L	Plainfield
Maddie	Joseph & Lynn W	Bolingbrook
Tucker	Karen N	Berwyn
Mindy	Carol & Richard K	Algonquin
Copper	Jean S	Skokie
Brooke	Lynn & Glenn M	Naperville
Loki	John & Chris S	Chicago
Bella	Joe & Blanca T	Joliet
Neela	Kristen S	Oak Park
Cody	John and Daryl Lynn K	Wheaton
Bartholomew	Jeff & Anne J	Lake Bluff
Brigit	Lynn & Glenn M	Naperville
Bonnie	Lisa & Samuel H	Bolingbrook
J.B.	Kevin H	Evanston

*Barrett  
adopted by  
Marilyn & Rita  
M. in Wheaton*



Barnaby	Vanessa & Jay M	Chicago
Becka	Michelene & Han T	Geneva
Beatrice	Gail & Anthony T	Chicago
Jasper	Julie C	Chicago
Sadie	Andrea & Wilbur G	Riverside
Bethany	Josh & Jody L	Buffalo Grove
Zambrano	Leah & Tony S	Elmhurst
Buffy	Katherine & Romana K.	Chicago
Barrett	Marilyn & Rita M	Wheaton
Roxy	Julie & Tony G	Naperville
Jersey	Mary & Robert W	Arlington Heights
Bronson	Aaron & Jennifer D	St Charles
Hazel/Mocha	Danielle & Peter T	Glen Ellyn

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### Yummy Frozen Treats!

During the hot summer its important to keep your pet cool. One way to do this is with yummy frozen treats. These recipies get "paws" up from my test "Lab".

**\*Frosty Paws Ice Cream-** 32 oz. vanilla yogurt, 1 mashed banana or one large jar of baby fruit. 2 T. peanut butter, 2 T. honey Blend all together and freeze in either 3 ounce paper cups or ice cube trays.

**\*Pumpkin Freeze-** Cover cookie sheet with waxed paper, spoon out individual sized portions of canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling) directly from can and freeze for 30 minutes. Peel frozen portions from waxed paper, place in plastic bag or other container and store in freezer until needed.

**\*Bullion Ice Cubes-** Any bullion flavor; beef, chicken, vegtable-1 cup of boiling water to 1 cube. Melt and pour into ice cube trays. Freeze, pop out and place in zip lock bags.



## Thanks to Our Donors

Donations from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

Happy Dog Barkery	Donation Jar
Lombard Veterinary	Donation Jar
Kenneth Jr. W	In honor of Traveler
Kimberly K	
Kathy D	
Howard P	
Barbara R	Sadie is doing great!
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Carl & Antoinette W	
Thomas & Diana H	
Gale E	On the occasion of Wilbur's anniversary of Adoption
Chrysse & Joe P	On behalf of Wrigley fka Edgar
Paula O	
Beth F	
Sara M	
Maureen & Joe B	
Hunting Retriever Association	In memory of Mark Hayes
James K	
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Andrea & Wilbur G	
Mary B	
Desert Labrador Rescue	
Jim C	
Karen W	
Daniel A	
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Carol S	
Kathleen & Joe R	
Robert & Phyllis C	In honor of Patti Cassidy
Cheryl & William F	
John and Sandra S	
Donna I	
Chris and Heather S	
James & Nancy K	



*Kappy is back home recovering from his surgery.*

Amy S	In memory of Kelsey & In honor of Brody
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Mike G	
Cynthia B	
Katherine S	
Margaret S	
Carrie N	
Joni & Paul H	In memory of friend's beloved Lab Nala
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Diane G	All State Giving Campaign
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Sarah S	For Kappy's surgery
Kari F	Abbott Lab Employee Giving Campaign
Stan S	Abbott Lab Employee Giving Campaign
Melissa & Joseph R	All State Giving Campaign
Jennifer B	All State Giving Campaign
Chuck & Maribel G	All State Giving Campaign
Andrea P	All State Giving Campaign
Al R	All State Giving Campaign
Pamela K	
Lita L	Thanks for all you do

*Hugo looking for his forever home*



## Beds, Labs and Allocated Space

(For those who "share" a bed with a Lab)

There is a formula for figuring out how bed space is allocated. It is called the "Foot Rule". You start by determining the total number of feet (as in those at the end of the legs). Then you divide that total by the number of feet belonging to the person(s) or lab(s) in question.

This is how it works: Two of you share your bed with 1 lab. That makes a total 4 human feet and 4 canine feet. That is a total of 8 feet. The dog has 4 out of 8 feet or 50%, therefore, the dog gets 50% of the bed.

Now I have 5 labs. At 4 feet per dog, that is 20 feet. Add to that my 2 feet and we have a total of 22 feet in the bed. I have 2 out of 22 feet which is 1/11th or 9.1% of the bed. The dogs, since they share a total of 20 of 22 feet, get 10/11ths or 90.9% of the bed. Simple isn't it?!

Once I figured out my percent of the bed space, the next step was to work the exact area that I am entitled to. My bed is a California King which is approximately 6 ft x 7 ft.

Here is the math:

6 ft x 7 ft = 42 square feet

42 square feet = 6048 square inches

9.1% of 6048 = 550 square inches

550 square inches = 45.8 total inches

45.8 inches = 3.8 total feet

In order to determine the exact size of my bed space, I needed to know the percentage of length to width - this comes out to 54% long to 46% wide.

When I apply these percentages to my spot:

550 square inches x 54% = 297 square inches

550 square inches x 46% = 253 square inches

297 square inches = 24.7 inches

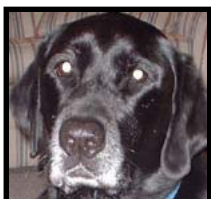
253 square inches = 21.1 inches

24.7 inches = 2.1 feet

21.1 inches = 1.8 feet

Now that the math is all done, the figures show that the dimensions of my part of the bed are 2.1 feet by 1.8 feet; or in other words: I GET THE PILLOW!!!

Remembering a  
journalistic  
colleague.



## On the Road Again...

As you hit the highway with your rescued lab this summer you may want to add the handy reference guide *Traveling with your Pet: The AAA PetBook*, to your stack of roadmaps.

This new edition, published in May, features 13,000 pet-friendly hotels, campgrounds and attractions in the US and Canada. It details the property's pet policies-pet sizes, whether a deposit is required-and features the trusty AAA Diamond rating. It also might help make your MLRR rescue a star. Each year the AAA holds a photo contest, with the winner gracing the next editions cover! \$17.95-available online at [www.aaa.com/petbook](http://www.aaa.com/petbook) and at some AAA club offices.

Need help in finding the perfect location? Based on the number of pet-friendly lodgings in 2006, Houston, San Antonio and Austin are the top 3 US cities. Rounding out the top ten are; Albuquerque, Phoenix, Dallas, New York, Orlando, Nashville and Tucson.

In addition to finding a vacation destination for you and your dog, you also have to think about what you need to bring in order for your canine traveling companion to be comfortable.

Items to Pack-Portable carrier, leash, extra collar (with ID tag), dog's bed(ing), food, 2 gallons of drinking water, food/water bowls, treats/toys, required meds/copy of health records, vet information, first aid kit (components listed below), flashlight, etc. For a full list of supplies, check out this website:

[http://www.informationroadtrip.com/what\\_to\\_bring.htm](http://www.informationroadtrip.com/what_to_bring.htm)

To outfit a first aid kit for dogs (for use at any time) you may want to include the following:

Adhesive tape (1" wide)	For bandaging; muzzle
Sterile dressing pads	Protects wounds
Cling gauze	Holds pads on wounds
Gauze sponges	Cover/cleans wounds
Elastoplast	Hold the bandage in place
Scissors	Cuts bandage material
Antiseptic soap	Cleans wounds
Thermometer	Measure rectal body temp
Antibiotic cream	Treats minor skin wounds
Pepto-Bismol	For upset stomachs-1/2ml per lb body weight 3 x daily (1 tsp. per 10 pounds.
Eye wash (saline)	Washes debris from eyes
Hydrogen peroxide 3%	To induce vomiting-1 tsp. per 10 pounds
Blanket	To keep warm
Rope leash	Restraint

We are sad to announce that shortly after Fred wrote his first edition of *Fred's Corner* he passed away. Fred will always be remembered by all his foster siblings

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## Corvette Raffle!

We are extremely excited to announce MLRR has teamed up with Guardian Angel Basset Rescue to raffle off a 1972 Corvette! Approximately 50% of the proceeds of each ticket sold will go to Midwest Lab Rescue. Simply click on the link below, and be sure to choose Midwest Labrador Retriever Rescue from the list of participating rescues so that we get credit for the ticket price.

Get your tickets now! On either  
<http://www.bassetrescue.org/gabrraffle.htm> or  
<http://www.midwestlabrescue.org/index.shtml>

*Please note: When you purchase tickets the acknowledgement will say Guardian Angel Basset Rescue, but we will still get credit for the donation as long as you click on the Midwest Lab Rescue link*



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