

THE LAB'S TALE

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

SAVE THE DATE

The 10th Annual MLRR Reunion

Saturday, September 18
11 am to 3 pm

Half Day Forest Preserve, Shelter B

Join us for a catered picnic and fun events for you and your dog(s). Food served from noon until 2:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. No walk ins.



Activities

- 🐾 Shaun Sartin Photography \$25 includes a mini photo session & a 5x7 portrait that you choose after the event from their website. Sign up at the reunion when you check in. (Photo will be mailed after event.)
- 🐾 MLRR Merchandise Booth
- 🐾 Raffle Items
- 🐾 Volunteer & Adopter Recognition
- 🐾 A Fun Day out that is sure to make your Lab tired!
- 🐾 Your dog(s) will receive a tasty home made ice cream treat courtesy of Happy Dog Barkery in Downers Grove!
- 🐾 Socialize with other MLRR adopters
- 🐾 The TENNIS BALL DROP!

Directions:

Half Day Forest Preserve is in southeast Lake County near Vernon Hills. The entrance and parking area are located on Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue) at the light for Woodlands Parkway - south of Route 60 (Townline Road) and just north of Route 22 (Half Day Road).

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50/50 Tennis Ball Drop Raffle

The average prize over the last four years has been \$2,500!

One winning numbered ball will be chosen at our Reunion on September 18th by one of our rescued Labs. The winner will be rewarded with ½ of the money raised! The other ½ will go to MLRR to help fund our rescue efforts.

RULES: You can purchase as many numbered tennis balls as you like.

Tennis balls are **\$5 each or 3 for \$10.**

The winner does not need to be present to win.

All mailed forms *MUST* be received no later than 9/15/10 to be entered in the raffle.

Any forms received after this date will be considered a tax deductible donation and treated as such.

Please encourage as many people as possible to purchase tennis balls.



Look inside this newsletter
for Reunion Registration
and Tennis Ball Raffle Form!



Corvette Raffle!

We are extremely excited to announce for the fourth year MLRR has teamed up with Guardian Angel Basset Rescue to raffle off a Corvette! A portion of the proceeds of each ticket sold will go to Midwest Lab Rescue. The drawing will be held on 9/19/10, you need not be present to win!

1968 Corvette Roadster

This beautiful Rally Red 1968 Corvette Roadster has black interior, with a like new black soft top plus the optional black vinyl hard top.

Equipped with a 327 c.i. / 350 HP engine, four speed transmission and stainless steel exhaust. The car was recently completely striped and repainted in the original high gloss Rally Red. Mostly original except for the stereo and shifter.



Interior is in very good original condition with no rips or tears. The engine has approximately 1000 miles on it since it was rebuilt and there are no options such as power windows to worry about going bad. A beautiful car from front to back and it could be yours!

Tickets are only \$10 each with large discounts for additional purchases. Simply click on the link below to purchase raffle tickets!

Visit our website at:

<http://www.midwestlabrescue.org/news.shtml> for raffle ticket purchases.

Please note: When you purchase tickets the acknowledgement will say Guardian Angel Basset Rescue, but we will still get credit as long as you order from the Midwest Lab Rescue page (link above).



Is Your Dog Afraid of Thunderstorms?

Try the following strategies to reduce your dog's anxiety during storms. For dogs with mild thunderstorm phobia, these tricks may get rid of the problem entirely.

- Let your dog take refuge inside. Storms aren't as loud and scary with four walls around you! Bringing your dog into the house also ensures that he won't try to escape from the yard.
- Having some human company often calms panicked dogs. If your calm, quiet touch brings him comfort or if he comes to you for security, it's perfectly fine to pet and reassure him.
- Try turning on some calming music, a TV or radio, or a fan to muffle storm noises. Shutting the drapes may help if lightning also frightens your dog.
- More active distractions may help, too. See if your dog will eat from a food-filled toy, such as a stuffed Kong, scatter treats in the house for him to find, or try playing tug or fetch with his favorite toy.

If your dog's quality of life is seriously impaired by thunderstorms, consider speaking with a vet about anti-anxiety medication. Medication can enhance the effectiveness of other efforts to help your dog cope with his fear. A technique called desensitization and counter-conditioning can also help. This technique involves gradually increasing the volume of an audio recording of a thunderstorm to help your dog become accustomed to it, while at the same time associating the sound of thunder with good things, like treats and toys. Additionally, there are a number of products on the market that may help your dog remain calm during storms, including close-fitting body wraps, noise-reducing headphones and herbal remedies. Help is just around the corner! Please visit the ASPCA's Virtual Behaviorist for more advice and useful resources.



The Bakery Has Gone to the Dogs!

Or maybe we should say the dogs have gone to the Happy Dog Barkery Bakery in Downers Grove.

Of course we are talking about MLRR adoptable dogs.

On Saturday July 17, MLRR set up a booth at the Happy Dog Barkery and had five of the cutest and sweetest adoptable dogs. Both puppies, Tony and Oscar, were there, charming everyone that walked by. After all, who can resist petting and hugging two 12-week old black lab pups.



Beth Staley, owner of the Happy Dog Barkery brought out a swimming pool for the dogs. Maddie, the only yellow lab there could not get enough of the swimming action; she appears to be the Ester Williams of the canine set. So if ever there is Olympic Canine Swimming competition, she will be bringing home the gold.

It was a great opportunity to introduce the Downers Grove folks to MLRR. Some folks stopped by to find out what MLRR is all about. Other folks stopped by to say that they had adopted from us and thanked us again for all we do for labs. Some had been to our website and wanted to talk to us about the adoption process. Still others weren't yet ready to adopt, but said when they are, they will be in contact.

Trying to snap a photo of 5 dogs all looking at the camera is not an easy task but Diane Smutny of DMS of DMS Photography (www.dmsphotography.com) came prepared with a squeaky toy and all eyes were on her, an experienced dog photographer for sure.

Photos by
Diane M. Smutny
DMS Photography



Reunion Registration Form

Family Name (First & Last)

Original MLRR Lab Name(s)

New MLRR Lab Name(s)

_____ # of Adults Ages 13 & up \$20 each

_____ # of Kids (ages 5-12) \$10 each

_____ # of non MLRR dogs

YES, we want a mini photo session!! _____

Please mail this form along with your check **no later than 9/15/10**. I fully understand that activities at MLRR's reunion picnic, which include me, my friends, family and/or my dog(s) may be with some risk. By attending the picnic and participating in any of the activities sponsored by MLRR, I understand that I do so at my/our own risk and that MLRR and/or its officers and/or any other person associated with MLRR are not liable for any accident and/or injury that may arise from my/our participation at the MLRR reunion picnic.

Signature

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MLRR is very excited to see the Labs we have rescued since 1999. There will be fun and games for everyone, so be sure to bring your rescued Lab, your family and the other dogs in your household. We have a few rules we must require to make the day a success:

- Please do not bring any dog(s) that may be aggressive. The MLRR Board of Directors reserves the right to request such dogs be removed.
- Pick up after your dog.
- No alcohol allowed in picnic area.
- Dogs must be on a maximum 6 foot leash. You may bring a long training lead for some of the events.

FEES:

\$20 per adult and kids 13 & up

\$10 per child ages 5-12

Children 4 and under FREE

Your fee includes a Freshly made to order meat or vegetarian main dish with a yummy "Summery" selection of side dishes with dessert.



Adoptions: These lucky dogs found their forever home!



TONY

Barney	Peter W	Chicago
Bear	Christy S	Chicago
Ben	Michael & Kristin de G	Oak Park
Big Boy	Brad & Nicole Kutinac F	Wauconda
Blackhawk	Bill P	Villa Park
Buddy	June W	Western Springs
Butterscotch	Kathy B	Chicago
Casey	Lynn & Paul E	Oak Lawn
Charlotte	Joseph & Dorothy K	Mt. Prospect
Cleo	Dave & Carolyn K	Wheaton
Cody	Allison & Brian W	Lake Forest
Cole	Kristine K & Joseph S	Park Ridge
Cooper	Kris & Jeff S	Addison
Daisy	Doug & Julie B	Glen Ellyn
Dominic	Kathleen F	Hoffman Estates
Finn	Carolyn and Ron A	Bartlett
Fiona	Paul & Laura M	Batavia
Gage	Robert S & Claire T	Evanston
George	Christine U - Senior Living	Glen Ellyn
Hank	Christopher & Linda N	Elgin
Henry	Kim K	Chicago
Honey	Harry & Sandra S	Western Springs
Jake	Becky F & Jimmy C	Naperville
Jimmy	John and Victoria H	Chicago
Kahlua	Linda B	Bartlett
Kai	Jeff & Lisa B	Riverside

Libby	Patricia & Ronald L	Palos Heights
Lucky	Philip & Rebecca N	Willowbrook
Maci	Craig & Heather P	Clarendon Hills
Maisie	Rich B	Glen Ellyn
Mason	Eric & Jeanine T	Crest Hill
Mia	Dale & Melinda R	Batavia
Mickey	Charles & Veronica Ortiz Y	Chicago
Missy	Sharon C	Bartlett
Molly	Chris & Marilee B	Schaumburg
Molly May	Eric & Kristen Kaseeska B	Evanston
Mystic	Marie & Kevin N	Park Ridge
Oscar	Leslie P	Burr Ridge
Ozzie	James H	Chicago
Peggy Sue	Donna, Duane & Peggy Sue V	Westmont
Princess	Chris and Heather S	Warrenville
Ramona	Lauren W	Oak Park
Rosanna	Peggy B	Arlington Heights
Roxy	Carol P	Frankfort
Rudolph	Shaun & Tracy S	Glenview
Simon	Karen B	Geneva
Slim	Chris & Kavita H	Chicago
Sonja	Kate T	Naperville
Spring	Karen & Bob L	St. Charles
Stanley	Tracey O & Tony C	Lombard
Starla	Tara M	Chicago
Tilly	Candace & Donald B	Western Springs
Tony	Damion & Melinda P	Elmhurst
Trevor	Fred & Heidi W	Naperville
Tucker	Alyssa & Chris D	Chicago
Willis	David & Tracy S	Chicago
Zeb	Jan & Daryl C	Roselle



FINN



DONATIONS: MLRR is able to help so many dogs thanks to generosity of so many donors.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Abbott Labs	Abbot Lab Employee Giving Campaign	Michael G	auction donation
Jen A	auction donation	Dennis & Diana G	cannot attend auction/fundraiser
Anonymous	Allstate giving campaign	Garry & Michele G	auction donation
Loretta B	in memory of Eileen Vichinsky - "mother" to the late Conrad Vilchinsky	Laurel G	auction donation
Sally B	Donation in honor of Max Harrington	Happy Dog Barkery	collection of customer donations
Richard & Earlene B		Deb & Alan H	auction donation
Lisa B	auction donation	Liz H	Drake-Heartworm Treatment, Pneumonia
Danielle B	cannot attend the fundraiser	Tim H	April-ACL Surgery
Lisa B	auction donation	Kathie & Kenneth H	
Daniel B	auction donation	Carol & Mike H	auction donation
Rita & Peter B	auction donation	George H	
Greg & Meg B	cannot attend the fundraiser	Laura H	auction donation
Deborah B	auction donation	iGive.com Holdings, LLC	
Jennifer B	Allstate giving campaign	Karen H	April-ACL Surgery
Scott & Jennifer B	donated dog food to fosters at Bark Avenue; Auction donation	Craig & Corinne J	auction donation
Jessica C	April - ACL surgery	Patricia J	on behalf of Pete Wetzel's b'day
Michael & Suzanne C	cannot attend auction/fundraiser	Shelagh Moore & Gary J	cannot attend auction/fundraiser
John & Katie C	cannot attend the fundraiser	Tim & Eryl J	
Jan & Daryl C	auction donation	Jean J	auction donation
Randy & Tracy C		Judy K	auction donation
Deborah C	auction donation	Kimberly K	cannot attend the fundraiser
Rose & Joseph C	in memory of Murphy	Mary Lee K	auction donation
Stacey D		Anne L	
Kathy D	cannot attend auction/fundraiser	David L	in honor of Zeus Podwell
Sue D		Jay & Ellen L	cannot attend auction/fundraiser
Maureen & Dennis D	in honor of the deceased members of the O'Shea family	Paul L	Allstate giving campaign
Daniel & Rebekah D	in Honor of Jim and Kristine Sams	Chris & Kim McBride M	cannot attend the fundraiser
Katherine E	Drake-Heartworm Treatment, Pneumonia	Douglas & Sally M	auction donation
Elizabeth & Scott E	in honor of 2 great years with Trooper	Allison M	April-ACL Surgery
Lori F	cannot attend auction/fundraiser	Mark & Sue M	cannot attend the fundraiser
Mike F	cannot attend auction/fundraiser	Edward M	cannot attend auction/fundraiser
Beverly & Ernest F	auction donation	Ellen M	
Lisa & Gary Kramer F	auction donation	Karen N	cannot attend the fundraiser
Ruth F	I have in laws who just bought a lab from a breeder. This is to right their wrong	Lisa & Derek N	auction donation
Rebecca & Barry F		Robert and Shirley N	for Jan Cooper's Birthday
Andrea & Wilbur G	for Sadie's 3rd anniversary	M. Kim N	auction donation
Barbara G	in loving memory of Paxton	Dan & Colleen N	
Mike & Jenny G	auction donation	Mary N	
Dorie & Ted G	April - ACL surgery	Sara P	
Chuck & Maribel G	Allstate giving campaign	Ellen & Chris P	cannot attend auction/fundraiser
		Jennifer & George P	auction donation
		Ben P	Drake-Heartworm Treatment, Pneumonia
		Andrea P	Allstate giving campaign
		Donna and Arthur P	auction donation



DONATIONS: continued...

Name	Comments
Ken & Rose P	cannot attend the fundraiser
Craig & Heather P	
Barb R	
? R	Allstate giving campaign
Melissa & Joseph R	auction donation
Kimberly & Elvis R	Drake-Heartworm Treatment, Pneumonia
Al R	Allstate giving campaign
Jenny & Mike R	auction donation
John S	Drake-Heartworm Treatment, Pneumonia
Carolyn S	auction donation
Jeff & Sirkka S	cannot attend auction/fundraiser
Marcia S	
Shannon S	In memory of Bearon Behlau, beloved lab of Linda and Wayne Behlau
Sabine & Gregg S	
Sarah S	auction donation
Ralph S	
Sally & Jim S	auction donation
Beth S	auction donation
Sandra S	Donation to help Lucky and other deserving Labs
Erin & Justin S	in memory of William Folak of Lincoln Tavern, Chicago
Theresa T	auction donation
Mark T	Allstate giving campaign
Marsha V	Drake-Heartworm Treatment, Pneumonia
Florence W	cannot attend auction/fundraiser
Karen & Steve W	cannot attend the fundraiser
Stacy W	Drake-Heartworm Treatment, Pneumonia
Jake & Laura W	auction donation
Dan & Jennifer W	In Memory of Guss Williams
Amanda & Matthew W	
Anthony Z	Drake-Heartworm Treatment, Pneumonia
Network for Good	anonymous

MLRR Auction Results

This year's auction resulted in a net profit of \$12,800 through ticket sales, auction bids and medical donations, topping last year's auction by \$1,800!

From all the future dogs who will benefit from the generosity and dedication of many that participated to make the auction a success

THANK YOU!

DONATING TO MLRR

Since Midwest Labrador Retriever Rescue is an all volunteer, non-profit organization, it relies on donations for funding. The primary expense is veterinary bills. All Labs which are rescued are spayed or neutered. The dogs receive vaccinations for DHLPP (distemper/lepto/parvo) and rabies. In addition, all dogs will undergo a heartworm test. Rescued Labs will receive treatment for other medical conditions that may exist at the time of their rescue at MLRR's expense.

MLRR is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Because MLRR has no paid employees, all donations go directly toward rescue efforts. Any and all donations are **greatly** appreciated. Even a small donation will truly help us to **save a dog's life.**

Would you like to make a secure credit card donation to MLRR? Simply visit www.midwestlabrescue.org and you can easily make a donation through PayPal. If you prefer, you can mail a donation to the address at the end of this newsletter.



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finding loving, permanent homes for
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MLRR Sweatpants

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MLRR logo in the corner.

They come in S, M, L, XL and 2XL.

\$35 each. (includes shipping)

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