



The Labbie Ledger

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Season's Greetings!

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QUARTERLY RESULTS:

- Labs4rescue story aired on WKTV - article on our website's home page.
- Best Friends Rocky Hill – 10 Labs adopted
- Durham Fair \$150 raised Info given to over 500 people
- Pet Expo Hartford 2 Labs adopted
- Dirty Dog/Berlin 1 lab adopted \$200 raised
- The Playground Wallingford 1 lab adopted
- The Playground Photo Portraits \$185 raised
- Chilly Dog Walk \$432 raised

Thank You For All Of Your Hard Work!

Upcoming Events:

- 12/6 – Celebration of Lights & Song, New London, CT
- 12/7, 12/14, 12/21 – Gift Wrapping Liverpool, NY Barnes & Noble
- 12/14 – Adoption Event Clinton, CT PETCO
- 12/19-21 – Gift Wrapping Manchester, CT Barnes & Noble
- 1/18 – Adoption Event Wallingford, CT Crate Escape

Visit the event calendar on-line:

Labs4Rescue.com/events

Fostering Love by Amy Di Leo

It was early spring 2005, when my 12-year-old son, Nick, spied the photo of a petite black lab mix puppy while perusing petfinder.com. She stole his heart. We picked up Kasey (now K.C. for "Kisses and Cuddles") on a rainy April Fool's Day. She spent the nearly two-hour car ride home resting in Nick's arms.

When she got into her new house, K.C. quickly hid herself under a kitchen chair, seemingly at home within the confines of its constricting metal bars. I learned from her rescuer that K.C. was neglected, left under the supervision of a child who knew nothing about caring for a puppy. We didn't know if K.C. had been abused, but she sure was scared. With Nick and me, our new pup was comfortable, outgoing and playful, but as soon as someone else was present,

she became timid and skittish, cowering in the corner behind a chair, physically shaking.

Five months later, Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and I, like so many others, needed to do something. I knew Labs4rescue was saving dogs from the area, and learned the greatest need was for fosters. So two days before Thanksgiving, we picked up Janie "Sunshine," a sweet yellow lab/hound mix. Janie was tired from her trip and only wanted to rest, but K.C. didn't let her relax much. The two bonded immediately – almost as if they'd known each other before this meeting.

I prepared Janie's bio and photos to post on the Labs4rescue website, but at the same time was noticing how K.C. enjoyed having a "big sister." Janie assumed the role of alpha

dog and K.C. seemed to have a newfound confidence with her around.

Today K.C. is much better around people. The girls are inseparable. They cuddle and sleep together, play tug of war and chase each other around the yard. They even swim and splash water at each other while cooling down in a wading pool on warm summer days.

Three years have passed and Janie's bio never was posted for adoption. There was no need; she was already home.



K.C. & Janie

Marley and Me: A Lesson to Be Learned by Amy Bender

Every few years, a movie comes out featuring an adorable dog who steals your heart. This year, that movie is *Marley and Me*.

Marley and Me features Marley, a loveable Lab who grows from a cute ball of fur into a 97-pound bundle of mischief. In the end, the audience gets lots of laughs out of Marley's antics, and Marley's family learns something all Lab lovers know – having a Lab to

share your life with is worth every minute of trouble.

Just a caution before this heartwarming movie has you running out to adopt a Lab – there's a lot of truth in fiction. Labs tend to have an extended adolescence. Even with training, a Lab is going to exhibit some of the same typical canine teenage behaviors as Marley. Don't let the movie encourage you to get a Lab on an

impulse. Instead, take some time to learn about the breed by visiting our website:

labs4rescue.com/faq.shtml

Then, if you decide you can't live without a Lab, boy do we have the dog for you!





Why Foster? by Jen Murray

Have you thought about opening your heart and home to help a Lab in need? Here are some reasons to consider fostering: it allows potential adopters to easily meet them and opens a space for another dog to be helped; foster homes get to know the dogs' personalities to better match them with potential adopters; foster

homes also work with the dogs on basic training and socialization skills.

Remember, Labs have a better chance of getting adopted when they are in foster homes. To find out more about fostering and helping a Lab find its forever home, visit the Labs4rescue website:

labs4rescue.com/foster.shtml

Photos: Labs just like Reed, Dexter and Sammi are waiting for a foster home.



DOGGIE RECIPE:

"Paw-fect" Peanut Butter Holiday Cookies:

Contributed by:
Randi Diemand



Combine 2 cups whole wheat flour and 1 tbsp. baking powder. In separate bowl, mix 1 cup peanut butter and 1 cup milk. Stir in dry ingredients. Roll dough to 1/4 inch thickness on floured surface, and then cut into holiday shapes. Place on greased cookie sheet, and bake in 350° oven for 18 minutes.

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Shop On-line and Help Save a Lab by Missy Garnett

Are you doing any on-line shopping this holiday season? Then be sure to shop with www.igive.com. A percentage of every dollar you spend will be donated to Labs4rescue - hundreds of stores are participants. And if the whole family shops through *iGive.com*, it might be just enough to rescue a Lab from a shelter.

It's easy. Start from the Labs4rescue home page (labs4rescue.com) and click on the "Support Us" link.

Find the *iGive* box and click on "Deb" for a personal invitation. By joining through this invitation, Labs4rescue receives \$5 as soon as you start shopping. If you shop within 45 days of signing up, *another* \$5 gets donated.

Each of the 700-plus stores at *iGive.com* lists the percentage it donates right next to its name. For example: 1-800-flowers.com donates 6% of the amount you spend and PETsMART 3.2%.

Spending \$2,000 through *iGive.com*, with an average store donation of 4%, provides just about enough money to help save one Lab.

Don't forget to check the Labs4rescue affiliate shops on our website at: labs4rescue.com/affiliates.shtml There are over 300 stores to choose from, and many offer an even larger donation than *iGive.com*.

iGive.com and our affiliate shops are free and the donations are tax deductible. So get clicking!

Healthy for the Holidays by Cindy Dvorachek

Holiday food and decorations make the season bright. But the same treats we enjoy can be harmful to our dogs and cats. To keep pets happy and healthy for the holidays, **remember these simple rules:**

- Holiday foods that are dangerous to pets include: alcoholic beverages, seeds, pits, chocolate, nuts, coffee, tea, salt, onions, raisins, cranberries and bones (which can be choking hazards).
- Decorations made with

food should be kept out of your pets reach.

- Candles, mistletoe, poinsettia, holly and hibiscus are all poisonous to pets.
- Keep live plants and lit candles out of reach, or use artificial ones.
- Tinsel, ornaments, garlands and electrical cords should be made inaccessible.

Remember that the hustle and bustle of the holidays can be stressful to animals. Set aside a quiet area in the house just for your pet, especially if he or she is fearful of visitors. For more information visit: www.hsus.org.

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