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L.E.A.R.N.'s mission is to assist in the rescue of unwanted Labrador Retrievers by placing them in homes through fostering, adoption and referral. In addition, we strive to provide public education regarding Labrador Retrievers and to promote responsible ownership and the humane treatment of all dogs.

Need More Smiles? Adopt A(nother) Lab

L.E.A.R.N. alums and fosters may be guilty of a few indiscretions now and then. After the cake (or the couch) disappears, or after the dead fish has been cleaned out of the ears, the wake always leaves a good story behind or at least a laugh or smile that puts the day in perspective.

Of Snow Drifts

Gunnar will stick his head in a four foot drift with his rear end in the air when hunting for a ball.

On his first cross-country ski outing back in 2000, **Wally** stopped at the bottom of a slope, too narrow for a snow plow. This resulted in 2 seconds of panic which felt like 3 minutes. Wally stuck his head in the snow bank and quickly pushed his torso in; only a quivering tail and a few inches of hind quarters stuck out. Collision averted, the quivering stopped and Wally backed out. In his mouth hung a limp frog (or toad?) which he held by the head. In three decisive gulps, he slurped the frog down in equal segments. The three-gulp-chug was applied a month later with a frozen squirrel tail. The result? A huge canine smile with sparkling eyes.

When snow drifts of 3 to 6 feet blocked the door to the house, Dawn had to use the basement glass doors to get outside. Unexpectedly, **Buddy** jumped into a snow drift. He then came out and looked at Dawn as if to say, "The snow is trying to eat me! Did you see that?"

Various Forms of Chicken



Hershey, secretly training for the pounce

Hershey, a horribly neglected senior with numerous health problems, might have been the only dog on L.E.A.R.N.'s list of dogs available for adoption in which the box for comments stated: "must have a sense of humor to appreciate this dog." The highlight of Hershey's life came after his mom Martha, (a vet who fell in love with him while giving him acupuncture treatments) had finished examining a cat at a client's farm. She inadvertently let go of Hershey's leash while talking with her client. At that moment, Hershey realized his life dream: not only did he go into the hen house but he caught one. Although a delicate, injured and tenacious senior, Hershey could win a tug-of-war battle against a large, young Lab.

Martha and her client were thus not favored to recover the hen. Finally, Martha got the chicken free, raced it to the kitchen table, and administered acupuncture. The hen could not be revived. It had been the client's favorite, ironically also named Martha.

L.E.A.R.N. alum **Astro** plays the "tough guy," but like most "tough guys," it's a guise to hide the wimp underneath. Whenever one of the other Labs in the family steals one of Astro's stuffed squeaky toys, he runs to Mom and Dad for help.

Wally loved switching to a raw diet, but there was one initial problem. He didn't know what to do with chicken livers. He was given his first bowl in the kitchen (instead of outside where he ate his bones and more messy entrees) and instead of eating them, he scattered them around the dining room. When the perplexed, disturbed dog came to get mom, he led her to the liver blobs scattered about as if to say, "What about my breakfast?" After mom lightly seared the outside, he wolfed them down, and he did with all subsequent raw livers he ever ate.

Athleticism, Dexterity and Cast Iron Stomachs

Charlie, DeAnna's first foster, required a close eye. After three weeks, just when he seemed to be doing well, DeAnna was busy preparing a website update for Charlie. In less than 15 minutes, DeAnna returned to find Charlie's head in the freezer. He had taken some elk sticks and gone back for seconds! On a recent update from Charlie's forever home, DeAnna was happy to hear that they take his refrigerator visits in stride, find it hilarious, and simply keep a bungee cord on the frig; Charlie's diet.

Macke, a 100 lb black Lab, always needs to be thinking or he gets himself into trouble. Last year, he started opening the kitchen cabinets to search for anything he could eat. A bungee cord on the cabinet seemed to solve the problem. Only a week later, however, Macke opened the refrigerator and ate everything except for the salad dressing. All bins were opened, the contents devoured. Locks were purchased for the refrigerator. Well within a day,

Macke then opened the freezer and emptied it. Cindy comments, "It amazes me that he never gets sick. Macke now knows how to open the oven, microwave, and pantry so needless to say all food is kept under lock." There's more to it than the frig: thanks to Macke whom she adopted 3.5 years ago, Cindy became a volunteer for L.E.A.R.N..

Trying to eat a porcupine and getting quills down his throat did not sate **Hershey**. The very next week he ate an acupuncture needle.

Jazmine, a female black Lab, will always be remembered for getting her tongue stuck in a ball. She had wanted to play, but it seemed the ball was attached. Poor Jazmine had gotten her tongue shoved into a 3/8" diameter hole and needed veterinary attention. The vet gave her a sedative and iced her tongue which had become swollen. They were able to wiggle the ball off slowly-- only to find that nearly half of her tongue had been stuck inside such that the edge of the hole had actually cut her tongue. At that clinic, it earned Jazmine story of the month!

Jack, a black Lab, would dance as he backed up when next to someone. This became known as his "moonwalk."

Tessie, a yellow Lab, loves her raw meaty bones so much that she does kangaroo hops or Tango steps on her hind legs from the kitchen to the door out to the deck. Once there, she immediately does her best "sit" in anticipation.

Buddy can open jars. His first was coconut oil and he proudly brought the lid to his bed. Social at mealtimes, he'll sometimes pick up his dog dish and carry it next to the dining table, plop it down and eat next to his family.

Short stacks can be a surprise if you are used to Labs of typical height. L.E.A.R.N. alum **Chels Belle** would simply go under the other Labs in the house to get from Point A to Point B. **Buddy**, another short stack, would go under the car instead of around, and under lots of other things, like beds, that most Labs would go around (or over). It takes getting used to!

Robin said to her husband, “you don't ever put anything away and now you put the butter away?”



Dudley doesn't look like he has high cholesterol!

He blankly stared at Robin like she had finally lost her mind. So, Robin brought another stick out to soften for the kid's toast. The butter continued to disappear for a months. Robin finally caught **Dudley** (who is not a counter surfer) in the act swiping the butter off of the counter top right before her eyes, wrapper and all! When Robin took him to the Vet for a regular check up, they were very concerned when they told her that Dudley had high cholesterol! Eating daily sticks of butter for a month will do that!

Dugan refused to go outside. Despite Mitzi's talks, that explained why dogs must go outside, the Duge (pronounced “Doog”) refused: “I can't. I'm scared of the outside!” So each of the six times daily that Mitzi's senior pack went out, the Duge had a hot dog held in front of his nose to reward his bravery and make sure that he did, in fact, go outside.

Who Says Labs Aren't Allowed?

One of Mitzi's six senior L.E.A.R.N. alums managed to open the automatic doors on her mini-van in the Sam's Club parking lot. Some shoppers helped Mitzi round up most of the escapees. It was Pebbles who actually made it into the store. Have you ever met Pebbles? A very slight chocolate Lab, Mitzi refers to her as “a one-eyed tartlet.” Her entry into the store caused customers to panic and the manager to flail his arms in fear and consternation. Sam's Club does not train their managers to deal with small senior Labs. Mitzi ran inside to rescue Pebbles while asking, “Is there a dog in the house?”

Conclusion

“If you don't own a dog, at least one, there is not necessarily anything wrong with you, but there may be something wrong with your life.” –Robert Caras

WANT TO HELP SAVE MORE LABS?

L.E.A.R.N. needs foster homes to save more Labs! There are more Labs who need help than Rescues and Shelters can save. You can make a real difference! Consider being part of the solution. Consider opening your home and your heart to a foster dog. Even fostering just once helps. It will mean a lot to the dog whose life you save!

L.E.A.R.N. also needs VOLUNTEERS for home visits, transportation, fund raising, and more. Please join us!

Visit L.E.A.R.N.'s website for more info and an application:

www.labadoption.org/linkpages/HowToHelp/Fosters.htm or contact Chris Wallen at chris4Labs@gmail.com or call (847) 289-PETS (7387) and leave a message for Chris. Thanks for considering it. ☺

L.E.A.R.N. is now on Facebook! Please visit us there.

One Big, Happy L.E.A.R.N. Family



Luke, Calhoun and Stanley--a photo so perfect only a trainer could take

Labs outnumber the humans in the Sites family. Three male black Labs, all L.E.A.R.N. alums, together with Cindy and Bill, make up the Sites household.

Cindy and Bill first heard of L.E.A.R.N. at a Pet Expo. When they lost their Lab Andy, they knew that they would adopt their next dog from L.E.A.R.N.



What's happening?

The Sites adopted Luke, their first L.E.A.R.N. alum in December, 2007. Luke joined their Lab Pete (now at Rainbow Bridge). Stanley, also from L.E.A.R.N., joined them in February, 2009. Stanley, now 85 lbs, had been a neglect case, weighing in at 50 lbs with a bad coat. Luke had spent a year in a kennel before his rescue by L.E.A.R.N.. This January, although Cindy explains, "we were not looking but we're always looking," they adopted Cal. Cal is adjusting to his forever home well and beginning to play a bit.

Cindy, a CPA by day, works as a dog trainer on weekends and teaches classes for basic manners, puppy socialization, therapy dogs and shy dogs. She also trains volunteers as dog walkers at her local shelter. She had been an agility trainer for the fun of the sport, not for competition.



Bill's home!

The Sites love the older dogs and especially love watching how they interact. Cindy, all by herself, could be an entire L.E.A.R.N. fan club: "I can't say enough good about L.E.A.R.N.; they foster for success."

Selections from Merlin's Diary

L.E.A.R.N. alum Merlin continues a long career both as a blogger (even before bloggers were called bloggers!) and as an artist. He is soon to be inducted into the Retriever Humor Hall of Fame along with Enzo, narrator of best-selling *The Art of Racing in the Rain*.

Merlin was a night dump at a kill pound when he was about 5 weeks old. He was rescued just in time by L.E.A.R.N. and went through two foster homes before finding his forever home. Merlin learned to paint in the summer of 2003 at Dog Scout Camp. At home he has his own studio and asks to paint about once a month. He chooses his own colors and orientation for each of his paintings. The only things his human does is hold the canvas, put the paint on his "brushes" and clean up.

What's a Migraine? By Merlin

Mommy came home the other day with a migraine. She asked me if I could go potty outside by myself and not have a walk. I was so busy running out the door I didn't hear the not have a walk part. So, you could imagine my surprise when Mommy let me back in the house a little while later and I discovered she was wearing her go-to-bed clothes and not her walk-the-dog clothes! She gave me my dinner and then she ate a couple pills and then she went to bed.

I could tell she wasn't very happy so I decided to try to cheer her up. First I brought her my monkey that goes, "EEEEEEK EEEEEK EEEEEK!" when you bite it just right. I put it right by her face so she could see how it worked and I even made it work for her TWICE, but she didn't want to play with it. Then I thought that maybe she would like to play with my kong that she puts milkbones in. It still had a bone in it, but I was willing to share. I brought that to her and bounced it off her head a couple times, but she just pulled the covers over her head and said, "Go away!"

I was afraid that she wouldn't be able to breathe under the covers so I grabbed them and pulled them off the bed. She said I was a terrible nurse and that I should go away again! She got her covers back and fiddled with the pillows a bit. After she got settled I



thought that the pillows looked kind of lumpy and they should be fluffed so I pulled one out from under her head and shook it to fluff it up nice. Mommy escorted me out of the room then and told me to find something quiet to do.

So I did. I found some of her underwear in the laundry and I QUIETLY chewed it up.

Took Guts By Merlin

Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. I did, even though I didn't get ANY TURKEY or gravy or stuffing or potatoes or anything. See, here's what happened.

Mommy and I went to Grandma and Grandpa's place in Wisconsin. Right after we got there Grandma put Mommy to work making stuffing. I was GOOD and I just made sure the floor stayed clean. I didn't try to clean the counters or anything. Later that day



Grandma took the giblets off the stove where they had been boiling. I came right away to help. When Mommy makes giblets I get the liver and the heart and Mommy gets the gizzard and the neck, but Grandma didn't give me anything! Then the next morning (Thanksgiving morning) Mommy and Grandma made pies and stuffed the turkey. Again I was good. Again I kept the floor clean and not the counters. I got some egg for that.

Finally it was Thanksgiving dinner time. Mommy's oldest brother and his family came over. Seven people and two dogs were in the kitchen getting the dinner on. Grandma went into the fridge and got the giblets to put them in the gravy. She opened the tub and ate a piece of liver. MY LIVER!! She turned back to the gravy to stir it and I saw my chance. I quietly worked my way to Grandma and then I jumped up and grabbed the giblet container and quickly tiptoed out of the kitchen. Seven people in the kitchen and NOT ONE OF THEM saw me! Nobody noticed until Grandpa spotted me eating something in the next room and said, "What does Merlin have?" Mommy fought her way through the crowd and caught me, but it was too late. I had eaten EVERY piece of giblet!

So, I got no turkey that day because Mommy said I had had more than my share of dinner, but I did get some leftovers the next day.

Drive Thru By Merlin

Mommy took me to a fast food restaurant last night. It was the first time I had ever been to one. First we drove around the place and then Mommy stopped at a little box. The box talked to Mommy and Mommy talked back. I hung my head out the window to try to see the person who was talking. The box looked too small for a person to be hiding in, but I guess they were inside because I couldn't see anyone. After Mommy and the box stopped talking, Mommy pulled the car up a little way. That was kind of boring so I hung my head out the window again and looked back at the box to see if anyone was hiding behind it, but there wasn't anyone there.

Mommy said I had to put my head back in and then she pulled the car up a little more. There was a

window with a ledge and a girl behind the window. I KNEW THIS!! This is what it is like at the Tastee Freeze. When Mommy and I walk to the Tastee Freeze, Mommy talks to the girl behind the window and then I jump up on the ledge and the girl rumples my ears and says, "and you'd like a Pup Cup?" and then I get ice cream. I HAD TO tell that girl behind the window at that I wanted a Pup Cup so I tried to get out to the ledge. Mommy pushed me back into the back seat and blocked my path with her arm.

I HAD TO TALK TO THE GIRL BEHIND THE WINDOW!!! So, I climbed over Mommy's head and tried to jump out the window. (I'm not sure how I fit because the space between the back of the seat and the roof is only 5 inches and I am 28 inches tall at the shoulder and weigh 70 lbs, but I was determined!) I say I TRIED to jump out the window because Mommy grabbed one of my front feet and one of my back feet as I jumped and pulled. I only got my head and one paw onto the ledge.

The odd thing was that the girl behind the window didn't say, "and you would like a Pup Cup?" and didn't ruffle my ears. Instead she shrieked in terror and ran back into the restaurant. Then a big man with a tag that said, "MANAGER" came running to the window. Mommy pulled me back into the car and rolled up the window. She made me sit in the passenger seat and she tied my leash to the headrest. Then she opened the window again and another man handed her a cup. It wasn't a Pup Cup though. I kept trying to pop the top off of it to make sure, and Mommy kept shoving me back into my seat. Then YET ANOTHER man came and handed Mommy a bag that smelled really good. Mommy said she was sorry and that this was my first and obviously LAST trip to a drive thru, and we drove home. I never did get a Pup Cup, but Mommy did share her French fries with me.

Follow Merlin's diary, tweets and paintings at:

<http://merlinsdiary.blogspot.com>

<http://twitter.com/merlinwylt>

<http://www.cafepress.com/dogspaint>

<http://smg.photobucket.com/albums/v397/MerlinWylt>

Spring Health and Safety: Protect You and Your Pet

Quick notes:

1. Keep your dog away from water with algae blooms because they could be toxic. Dogs and livestock have died from toxic blooms in Wisconsin and Illinois.
2. Protect your dog and yourself from fleas and ticks—Beware! Some choices are much safer for your pet and your family. Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has excellent guides and info. Links include:
 - * General information on fleas and ticks: <http://www.greenpaws.org/better.php>
 - * Information on products and toxicity: http://www.greenpaws.org/docs/GP_ToxicFactSheet.pdf
 - * Printable pocket guide to help you avoid most toxic and carcinogenic ingredients: http://www.greenpaws.org/docs/GP_pocketguide.pdf
3. Reminder: Remember Heartworm preventative and tick repellants. Heartworm and Lyme diseases are both life threatening and, each year, becoming evermore widespread, please see, page 8:

http://www.labadoption.org/wp-content/uploads/2006_February_Newsletter.pdf

For information on (1) algae blooms; (2) safer choices for flea and tick prevention; and (3) heartworm prevention, please see the March, 2009 newsletter, pages 4 and 5:

http://www.labadoption.org/wp-content/uploads/2009_March_Newsletter.pdf

Is your contact info current? If you've adopted a dog from L.E.A.R.N. and have changed your address, phone or email address please visit our [contact page](#) to let us know.



"Spare the Lab" - L.E.A.R.N.'s first Bowling Fundraiser!

Please join everyone at L.E.A.R.N. for our Spring bowling FUNdraiser called "Spare the Lab" on Saturday, May 7th, at Alpine Lanes in Muskego, WI. It's great fun for all ages and helps L.E.A.R.N. save more Labs. We are looking for people to participate in the event as well as people to help put out flyers to promote, request donations for the raffle portion of the event and help out the day of by getting participants registered and acclimated, helping with the raffle, awarding prizes for special events that day, and more.

If you would like to help make this FUNdraiser a success by raising much needed funds for continued foster dog veterinary/medical care in preparation for adoption, please contact Mary Beck at lablean@wi.rr.com. Visit L.E.A.R.N.'s website for

additional information as well as participation information at

<http://www.labadoption.org/4155/events/spare-the-lab-fundraiser>.

Event Details:

May 7, 2011, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location (www.alpinelanes.net):

Alpine Lanes
S80 W18700 Apollo Drive
Muskego, WI 53150

Cost:

\$20.00 (Includes 3 games of bowling, bowling shoes, bowling ball and lunch). Raise at least \$50.00 in additional sponsorship donations to receive an event T-shirt.

Enormous Thanks!

. . . to those people who generously donated money, supplies, or services to help our rescued Labs. Your donations help keep our Labs alive, healthy and happy. L.E.A.R.N. appreciates your generosity in these challenging economic times!

Denise Aulik
Jen & Michael Bachmann
Barbara Baron
Lorraine Baron
Audrey Beasley
Paul & Linda Blum
Paula Bogdan, in honor of Skyler's
10th (adoption) anniversary
Julie Boxx
Jessica Brochtrup
Nancy Burton
Dennis & Catherine Cauley
Dorothy Colby, in memory of Cindy
Perina and Morgan
Tainia Connell
Jim & Nancy Corey
Carrie Corrigan
Chet & Sue Cusick, in honor of
Sarah's birthday
Kay & John Day
Tom & Sheri DeKarske
Daniel Di Leo
Barb & Mike Doyle, in memory of
Cosmo doyle
Robert Edwards
Barbara Eichorst
Steven & Jackie Eisenberg
Janice Ellis
Allene Entzminger
Frank & Laura Farwell
Herb & Bern Flentye
Howard Gleason
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Jim Lyddon
Vicky Magrini, in honor of Sadie
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Nancy & Douglas Maurer
Kathleen and James McCormick and
Powell
Kenneth & Eydie Myszka
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Janet Paluch

Barbara Pinkalla
Connie Piroso
Sue Pomerantz
Jessica Putnam
Marsha & Jerome Rather, in honor
of Murphy Brown
Jessica Schoonover
Ann Rebecca Schnaper
Amy Schuett
Jeanne Schuett
Dale & Annette Schuh
Marnie Schulenburg
Gary & Anne Slawny
Ron & Lynette Soave
Melody Sorenson, in memory of
Sierra Beck
Mary Stahl-Katte, for Scout in
memory of Indy
Diane Streck
Julie Tatar, in memory and honor of
Ella
Lisa Torrey
Julie Toshner
US Bones Reward Program
Monica Vitek, in memory of Cindy
Perina and Morgan
Rochelle Wacker
Frank &Carolynn Wagner
Greg Ward
Ryan Welsh, on behalf of Ted and
Barb Perdelwitz
Colleen & Davis Whittier
Stacy Wilcox
Yoder Memorial, Phyllis
Nancy Zabadal, in honor of Parker

Congrats to Labbies who found their new families!

Prior to November, 2010

Dottie--*Frank & Carolyn*

November, 2010

Danny--*Greg & Jennifer*

Coach--*Paul & Cindy*

Buster--*Brian & Christine*

Potsie--*Shane & Lindsay*

December, 2010

Splash--*Sue & James*

Petey--*Dennis & Pamela*

Cassie--*Donald & Amanda*

Clarice--*Gary & Gina Fry*

January, 2011

Blackie--*Maggie & Jim*

Brody--*Laura & Rick*

Calvin--*Laura & Andrew*

February, 2011

Calhoun--*Billy & Cynthia*

Marley--*Suzanne & Marco*

L.E.A.R.N. Tips-compiled from questions adopters have asked and L.E.A.R.N. volunteers' experience

1. Want a companion for trips around town? Wait until the weather is cooler. **Never** leave your dog in an unattended vehicle on even a warm day. Even with windows open, a parked car can quickly become a furnace and cause heat stroke or death in a dog.

2. Does your dog love to go on car rides with you? Be sure not to open your windows too far. Dogs can and will jump out of moving vehicles! Also, don't let your dog hang his/her head out the window. The wind, dust and dirt can damage your dog's eyes. Finally, if your car has push levers/buttons for window operation, disable the levers and use the child safety lock on the doors. Several dogs have inadvertently opened car windows and doors and either fallen or jumped out. Recently a dog fell out a window and was hit by a car. The dog survived but had to have a leg amputated.

3. Did your dog put on some weight over the Winter? Help your dog lose excess pounds by gradually increasing the amount of exercise they receive and/or reducing his/her food in small increments. A gradual weight loss is much better for your dog than a sudden one. For severely overweight dogs, substitute canned pumpkin, cooked oatmeal or veggies for food (one for one substitution: example ¼ C for ¼ C). This helps your dog feel full without all the extra calories. Also, make sure to feed the correct amount of food for your dog's level of energy and exercise. For more info, please see the "Ideal Weight" article on our website's Education section: <http://www.labadoption.org/education>

4. Be careful using cocoa mulch for landscaping. According to the ASPCA: "Cocoa beans contain the stimulants caffeine and theobromine. Dogs are highly sensitive to these chemicals, called methylxanthines. In dogs, low doses of methylxanthine can cause mild gastrointestinal upset (vomiting, diarrhea and /or abdominal pain); higher doses can cause rapid heart rate, muscle tremors, seizures and death. Eaten by a 50-pound dog, about 2 ounces of cocoa bean mulch may cause gastrointestinal upset; about 4.5 ounces, increased heart rate; about 5.3 ounces, seizures; and over 9 ounces, death."

5. Considering sunscreen or insect repellent for your buddy? Avoid using sunscreens or insect repellants not labeled specifically for use on animals. Some ingredients, like DEET, can cause problems.

6. Are Obedience Classes really necessary? Even if your dog already knows the basic commands, he/she could benefit from an Obedience Class. Obedience Classes are a great way to help newly adopted dogs bond with their adopters and L.E.A.R.N. to defer to them. Obedience or Agility Classes are a great way for shy dogs to become more confident. Positive reward classes are fun for the dog and good exercise. Mental exercise can be just as tiring as physical exercise. L.E.A.R.N.'s website <http://www.labadoption.org/education> includes a list of recommended training facilities that use positive motivation training techniques and with which L.E.A.R.N. volunteers have direct experience. (The link to this list is in the third paragraph.)

Our Labs Need Your Help! Many dogs desperately need our help, including expensive medical care that drains our funds. Your donation is tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. L.E.A.R.N. and the Labs we save thank you!

I want to support the efforts of L.E.A.R.N. as they rescue homeless Labs and Lab mixes and place them in permanent adoptive homes.

Name: _____ Address _____

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Please find my check for: ___\$25.00 ___\$50.00 ___\$100.00 ___ Other Amount \$ _____

Please mail to **L.E.A.R.N., PO Box 164, Island Lake, IL 60042** or donate at www.labadoption.org via **PayPal**.

L.E.A.R.N. Calender

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
★ May 7th: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm	★ Spare the Lab Bowling Fundraiser (see p. 9 for details!)	★ Alpine Lanes in Muskego, WI
★ May 14, 2011; 12:00 am to 1:00 pm	★ Healthy Paws Meet and Greet	★ Pages Healthy Paws, 249 Rand Road, Lake Zurich, Illinois
★ May 22nd: 11:00 am to May 23rd: 6:00 pm.	★ Carlson Canine Camp Rescue Rally --Rescue Booths, Silent Auction, Baked Goods, Food and More	★ Carlson Canine Camp is on the corner of Lamm and Baileyville Road in Freeport, IL
★ Sunday, May 22nd 11-4, is Rescue Rally		
★ Saturday, August 13th, 10 am to 4 pm Save The Date! Tell friends and family, post on Facebook! For more details, watch www.labadoption.org	★ PAWGUST FEST! L.E.A.R.N.'s biggest, fun-est, FUNdraiser of the year for dogs and their families!	★ St. Mary's Road, Libertyville, Illinois

Great Lab Resources on L.E.A.R.N.'s Website

Our website offers excellent information on common Lab-related topics. It's there for you and any others in need of answers to questions related to caring for or modifying behavior of your Lab. All this can be found the Education section of L.E.A.R.N.'s website at www.labadoption.org--or click on the links below.

<i>Adopting and Caring for a Dog</i>	<i>Behavior Modification</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing pets to a new child • Placing dogs with children • Problems Adjusting to New Home • How can I get my dog to leave my cat alone? • The Truth about Dogs with Bite Histories • The Collar's Role: Avoiding Spine, Neck, and Other Injuries • Choosing the best dog food • Ideal Weight • Crate Training Basics • Canine Car Safety • The importance of door manners • Invisible Fences; a False Sense of Security? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDA – Puppy Displays of Affection (licking). • How to stop demand barking. • Barking • How to stop jumping? • Is it normal for my Lab to be so mouthy? • Help! My dog is afraid of men. • What do I do about possession aggression? • How to deal with dogs that won't let you use "their" furniture. • Stop my dog from mounting... • What do I do when my dog counter surfs? • To dig or not to dig. • Dog's Fears and Anxieties