



The Retriever

Labrador Education and Rescue Network's Newsletter

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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.

Rocky's Real Success Story

We adopted Rocky in May of 2003. He was an exuberant, loving 12 month-old pup. In August of 2003, I applied to Dogs for Independence, out of Shorewood WI, to see if Rocky could be a candidate as a Hearing Dog ("Signal Dog") for me.

I became deaf five years ago and have always loved dogs, especially Labs. I didn't like the fact that I was becoming afraid in my own home. Often I would leave the den and suddenly walk into someone in the hall that I had not realized had come into my home. One day at work, everyone evacuated because of a tornado warning and forgot to tell me. I was looking forward to feeling safe again and hoped that Rocky could help.

We drove about 75 minutes each way to classes in Wisconsin every Monday night for 9 months. At first we worked on the basic foundation skills needed for a service dog to be reliable in public—basically, they need impeccable manners. Then we focused on the specific skills I needed to assist me due to my deafness. Hearing Dogs are a bit different from other service because they are really on duty 24/7. They also need to react to noises in the environment in addition to cues from the handler.

Rocky needed to be alert enough to wake up from a sound sleep and tell me that a fire alarm was going off and yet calm enough to lay down for an hour at a time at a meeting I might attend. It's a hard job, but he is just great at it. He tells me if my husband, son or daughter is calling my name, tells me where my husband is if he's in another area of the house, tells me when my husband's car is in the driveway or if someone is at the door, picks up items that I might not even

know I drop, tells me if a timer is going off or the tea kettle is boiling and of course tells me if the fire alarm is going off. When he goes with me to shop, just his



presence (with his vest on) lets the salesperson know that I am deaf and may need some extra help with communication. Most of all, he helps me feel safe again. Just a few weeks ago, my whole family took a vacation to Alaska. Rocky astounded us all with his ability to go on a plane, train, ship, canoe and bus. I needed to fly home alone and was so happy to have him with me. We have been a service dog team for about a year, and he has made a tremendous difference in my life. I could go on and on about the Adventures of Rocky, but I mainly want to say thank you to the people of L.E.A.R.N. When Rocky came to live with us, we were his fourth home in one year. As I understand it, he was scheduled for euthanasia before he was literally rescued by L.E.A.R.N. Rocky and I thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Written by Claudia Glenn, June, 2005. L.E.A.R.N. thanks Claudia for her hard work and commitment to help Rocky find his purpose and L.E.A.R.N. thanks Rocky for his hard work and dedication to help Claudia in her daily life.

PLEASE COME TO LEARN'S 6TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION ON APRIL 2ND —DETAILS ON P. 3

“Just The Best”—Senior Paradise

Jackie James found LEARN on a web search. The first thing she read was about Mitzi Heytow, patron saint of senior labs who hosted Pawgust Fest.¹ Inspired by Mitzi to help seniors, when Jackie read the story of Cashew, she and husband Tim adopted this 8-9 year-old girl—and renamed her Francie.



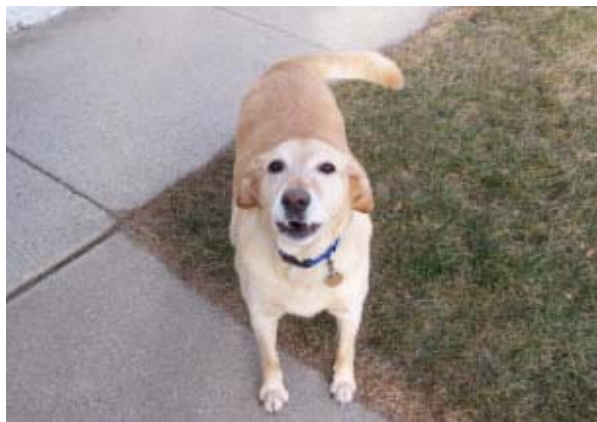
Cody and Francie

Francie, turned loose by her prior owner in the country, had run for days seeking food. Neighborhood kids pelted her with stones when she walked up to them wanting food and safety. A lady saw this and called a local shelter that fortunately called LEARN. Francie, grateful for the miracle of foster care, soon arrived in paradise when Jackie entered her life.

Francie was to be a buddy for Bailey, their 10 year-old lab whom they'd adopted years ago from a difficult situation. Bailey suffered from muscles not fully developed, diabetes, and later cancer and did not live to befriend Francie. Jackie found Francie a wonderful dog from day one, the epitome of love, loyalty, and devotion. Tragically, Francie came down with a rare form of skin cancer—"the most horrible thing I'd ever seen . . . just eating away [at her]." Francie was put down in November, 2005. Even though Jackie and Tim shared their lives with Francie for just a year, it was the best year of her life: "we spoiled her rotten and she loved it!" Jackie says, "I'd do it again if something happened."

Jackie and Tim adopted two more seniors from LEARN: Dakota (Cody) in February, 2005, to keep Francie company; and Bud (renamed Juniper) this past

November, two weeks after Francie's passage because Cody felt lonely. Cody, at age 9, is in great shape, and fast and agile like a puppy. Cody had been given up twice during his life and, given his love and listening ability, Jackie's at a loss to figure out why. He sleeps gently with one of her shoes, as if a friend. Juniper, at 7 or 8 years, loves joining Tim on the couch. Juniper, found on the side of a highway, loves people and Cody; he's doing well at his weight-loss spa (chez Jackie & Tim).



Juniper

Jackie strongly endorses adopting seniors for important reasons. In her view, it's key to "take care of the ones who need a home." The implication is that creating more demand for puppies only hurts the overpopulation problem among dogs (for every human born in the U.S., EIGHT puppies are born; tens of thousands of healthy dogs are put down annually only because there are no homes for them).

Of the many benefits of seniors, Jackie points out: they are okay roaming the house; they appreciate everything—knowing they'll get a meal and having a place to rest and relax; and, they are typically good with small children. In fact, a senior's simple needs and lower energy level make them an obvious choice for a family consumed with young children and juggling activities, school, careers. LEARN sees many younger dogs given up because once children enter the scene, a dog's 'needs become too much' or because, 'on top of raising children, a young dog has more (*continued, p. 4*)

¹ See The Retriever issue from November, 2004, "Mitzi's Senior Pack"; also read Mitzi's tributes in November, 2003, p.1, and March, 2005, p.6.

L.E.A.R.N.'s 6th Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction

You're Invited!

Sunday April 2nd—Reply Today!

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 2nd! Join us for our Annual Luncheon and Silent Auction. The luncheon and auction are key fundraisers for L.E.A.R.N., and those who attend always have a fun, memorable time. We'll celebrate our 6th year and 700+ Adoption Anniversary—with, of course, a Lab Theme. As well as a delicious meal, we'll have an ongoing silent auction with many items for bid before, during, and after lunch.

All proceeds help Labs in need, from puppies to seniors. The more people who come to share the fun, the more L.E.A.R.N can help Labs. L.E.A.R.N. is pleased to hold the luncheon and silent auction once again at *The Country Squire* in Grayslake, Illinois, so it's sure to be delicious!

And, just like last year, please bring a picture of your pet with your name on the back so you can join in on our "dog" prize! We look forward to seeing you there! Please reserve your space by March 25th.

Date: Sunday, April 2nd

Time: 12:00 P.M. Cash Bar. 1:00 P.M. Lunch

\$30.00 per person

Place: *The Country Squire*, Routes 120 & 45, Grayslake, Illinois

(847) 223-0121

Note: You'll find us through the banquet room doors at the west end of *The Country Squire*.

(please cut and return this portion)

Menu:

Entrée – Choice of one:

Roast Sirloin of Beef *Broiled Lake Superior Whitefish* *Chicken Kiev with Orange Sauce*

Entrée served with Garlic Whipped Potatoes and California Blend Vegetables, Soup & Salad

Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Number Attending _____ @ \$30.00 per person

I will be unable to attend, but can help with my donation of \$ _____

Please return with your check or money order on or before March 25, 2006, payable to:

L.E.A.R.N., P.O. Box 164, Island Lake, Illinois 60042

Please reply early! Questions? Please call Lois at 847-949-7021 or email tollhouse@sbcglobal.net

(continued from p. 2) demands than ever imagined.' As senior age, the only needs they have besides the basics tend to be going to the vet.

Jackie and Tim have given homes and new lives to three seniors in a short time. Jackie's experience has

inspired two people from her workplace to adopt from LEARN. In her words, "Seniors are just the best!" Way to go Jackie! May you be the inspiration for many more people to adopt and love senior dogs of any and all breeds.

Partnership with Petfinder for a Free Month of Pet Insurance

LEARN wishes to announce that we have partnered with Petfinder to offer 30 days of free ShelterCare Pet Insurance with the adoption of each dog. LEARN will be activating the policy within 10 days of adoption. Adopters will receive a copy of their certificate of coverage via mail or email. Adopters will have the option to apply the value of the ShelterCare Gift (\$8.95) to any one of the ShelterCare Pet Insurance Programs, should they wish to convert it to a longer-term policy. The ShelterCare Gift policy covers unexpected accidents and illnesses common to shelter/rescue pets. There is a \$500 deductible per incident. Gift policy coverage includes:

- ▶ Kennel Cough/Infectious Tracheobronchitis
- ▶ Intestinal Parasites

- ▶ Urinary Tract Infection
- ▶ Upper Respiratory Tract Infection
- ▶ Ear Infections
- ▶ Mange/Mite Infection
- ▶ Canine Parvovirus Infection
- ▶ Foreign Body Ingestion Removal
- ▶ Motor Vehicle Accident
- ▶ Fractures
- ▶ Defined Poison Ingestion

LEARN will also be switching our microchip identification program to 24PetWatch. *Please* remember to notify LEARN if you move or change phone numbers so that we may keep our database current. This is our only way to contact you should you and your pet become separated.

WANT TO HELP SAVE MORE LABS?

LEARN needs more foster homes. Due to moves, changes in living circumstances, etc., LEARN has recently lost several foster homes and really needs to replace them. The more foster homes, the more Labs that can be saved. LEARN has had to turn away dogs in need because there were no foster homes available, often sentencing them to death.

Fostering is a very rewarding experience. Yes, it can be bittersweet when the foster is adopted . . . but only until you remind yourself that you just helped save that Lab and found him/her a great forever home where he/she will live happily ever after—and by his/her adoption, you are now able to save another lab's life.

Want to help? If so, please check out LEARN's website for more information and an application: www.labadoption.org/linkpages/HowToHelp/Fosters.htm or contact Donna Spangler at nortntrix@netscape.net or call (847) 289-PETS (7387) and leave a message for Donna.

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Please Don't Leave Your Dog Unattended Outside

While leaving a dog tied or fenced outside has been an all too common practice, please don't. Here's why. The dog could become . . .

1. Caught or tangled in a rope/tie (strangled or otherwise injured) or loose from it
2. Loose from a fenced yard because of digging, fence weaknesses, or gate left open; or the dog could jump the fence
3. Stolen, sold to research lab, or used for bait in dogfights. Even in "safe, good" neighborhoods
4. Teased by children and develop serious defensive aggressive behavioral problems
5. Let loose from a yard/released from a tie by child (or anyone) and be running loose
6. Insufficiently protected if a change in weather (too hot, too cold for too long, hail storm, etc.)
7. Harmed by something that enters your yard—skunk, another dog, coyote (now common in many residential areas), raccoon, or worse.
8. Poisoned by someone (yes, there was a case where poison-laced meat was thrown into a yard and the dog died)
9. A nuisance barker. (*continued, p. 6*)

(continued from p. 5) Please remember that a dog loose in the neighborhood can get into dangerous compost, mulch from coffee-grounds, poison not intended for dogs, hit by a car, picked up by a stranger or brought to a humane society. This can cause your best friend terrible stress and trauma.

If your dog is a LEARN alum, please note that it violates the Adoption Agreement to leave a dog outside unattended for the reasons above and in the interest of protecting our alums,.

Congrats to Labbies who found their new families!

July, 2005 - 2nd part

Brooke--*Bill & Rhonda Tierney*
Benny--*Richard & Lynette Tierney*
Jack--*Chuck & Terry Fisel*
Walker--*Joan Foeste*

August

Zar--*Michael & Barbara Mertes*
Iris--*Andrea & Chris Drexler*
JoJo--*Jeff & Vivian Aiken*
Lilly--*Mark & Bobbie Leoni*
Mama--*Eric & Michelle Linner*
Jackson--*Cathy Gorski & Larry Slupianowski*
Gidget--*Dianna Rutta & family*
Rex--*Suzanne & Kurt Reuss*
Bishop--*Amy Madlom & Karyn Cecele*
Watson--*Jim Graham*

September

Bingo--*Cheryl & Jim Dutkiewicz*
Millie--*Randy & Susan Olson*
Kendall--*Rick & Sherri Valenta*
Homer--*Bob & Laura Rychel*
Lucky--*Dale & Michael Sturm*
Carson--*Neil & Laura Tuttle*
Karlie--*Leah Hartwig*

October

Addy **and** Clea--*Robert & Barbara Friedrich*
Destiny--*Dorine & Doug Meinholz*
Daisy--*Tom Stump*

Duke--*Bob & Patty Brock*
Libbie--*Paul Bannach*
Eli--*Matt & Debbie Anderlik*
Charlotte--*Joe & Katherine Lauer*
Macie--*Mike & Tammy Marshall*
Campbell--*Dawn Seymour*
Willie--*Robby & Betty Jacobson*
Max--*Marcia & Scott Lemley*
Hope--*Leslie Smith*
Elvis--*Nick Ptaszynski*
Tally--*Sunrise Assisted Living of Gurnee*
Natasha--*Ryan & Ilse Gaulke*

November

Tyson--*Julie LaCrosse*
Cody--*Karl & Wendy Scheel*
Maizey--*Peter, Kellie & Nora Miesbauer*
Oliver--*Michael Lopes & family*
Emma--*Kathy Butcher*
Grace--*Carolyn Okmin & family*
Sonja--*Eric & Cindy Lamb*
Belle--*Toni Pawlowsky*
Jade--*Lynn & Bob Klinke*
Alize--*Stephanie Hansen*
Cubby--*Julie Hapeman*
Gloria--*Janna Hood*
Daisy--*Steve & Diane Streck*
Faith--*Brad Keller & Jennifer Ries*
Bud--*Jackie James*
Foster--*Donald Sosnowski*
Meatloaf--*Tom & Denise Guhl*

December

Sugar--*Stewart & Patti Tihinen*
Harley--*Cindy & Dan Dorf*
Gabby--*Pam Andros*
Clark--*Dennis & Cathy Schulz*
Flora--*Eileen Sherburne*
Tyler--*Rob & Jeannie Salazar*
Salvador--*Amy Rechlitz*
Hunter--*Veronica Kinzel*
Joe--*Randy & Debby Schepp*
Ruby--*John & Nancy Edgcomb*
Trapper--*Bryan & Sarah McDougall*

January, 2006

Grant--*Andrea Wroblewski & Matthew Kopier*
Dexter--*Robert Goldmann*
Barry--*Paul & Paula Graftin*
Gabby--*Dan & Sheila Marron*
Bear--*Nancy Kraft*
Cooper--*Tim & Lori Jarumbo*
Aries--*Katrina Bell*
Lewis--*Dale & Laurel Johnson*
Garbo--*Dan & Sharon McKelvey*
Nessie--*Robert & Aive Yturalde*
Tawny--*Mike & Carolyn Agee*
Leo---*Robert & Janice Kabbe*
Piper--*Rose Borck & Shelly Crandall*
Reggie--*Mitzi Heytow*
Webster--*Matt & Jill Statler*
Ginger--*Dale & Cari Noha*

Critical Reminder to Adopters! Please update your address and phone with L.E.A.R.N.

Should your dog become missing, our network of volunteers across IL and WI and other organizations we work with can help return your dog to you. A L.E.A.R.N. tag stays with all alums for life and that tag number and/or microchip, combined with current adopter info, has enabled a number of labs to be reunited safely with their families.

Enormous Thanks! The following people generously donated money, supplies, or services to help our rescued Labs. Without your help, these Labs wouldn't be alive today. Special thanks to those who provided Hurricane Katrina support. (*Donations in memory of Bill Abramchik; **Donations in memory of Java Horst)

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Ticks, Fleas, & Mosquitoes are back—Please protect your dog now!

When? *Now!* Before the insect season begins.

How? *For tick and flea control*, topical products—each with their own active ingredients—exist that require monthly application. Some prefer garlic as a natural preventative, but do your research if you go this route as enough is good but too much is toxic. A Lyme disease (carried by ticks, see below) vaccine is out but has mixed results—ask your vet for more info, and research the pros and cons of vaccination. *For Heartworm prevention*, your vet can provide you with a tablet, taken once a month which will protect your dog from intestinal parasites such as roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms. Even if your dog takes a preventative all year round, please have your dog tested annually to make sure he/she's heartworm-free. At the same time, your vet can do a Lyme disease test—a wise idea in WI/IL as canine cases have increased dramatically.

What should I know about flea and tick products? Vets consider the topical products safer and more effective than flea/tick collars, but ask your vet what's best for your dog. Beware that some products are more toxic than others and hence may pose long-term health risks that have not yet been quantified. Topical products kill and repel ticks and fleas and also kill their eggs before they hatch. Breaking the flea/tick life cycle saves your dog from irritating fleabites. These products also kill most ticks on dogs within several days of application. For example, Frontline may be a better choice than Frontline Plus; "Plus" may be stronger in ways that aren't relevant to your dog and therefore

unnecessarily expose your dog to synthetic chemicals. Read labels carefully. Don't be shy about calling toll-free numbers on websites or packages.

Why are ticks dangerous to my dog?

Ticks carry serious diseases (canine Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and more). *Most kinds of ticks now carry Lyme disease*—in the Midwest this includes the Deer, American Dog, Lone Star, and Black-legged ticks. **Lyme Disease symptoms can be hard to recognize. They mirror "older dog" signs: arthritis, joint stiffness, lameness, less energy, etc.**

LEARN has already treated an increasing number of dogs for Lyme Disease. It's curable if caught early, otherwise potentially fatal.

What is Heartworm Disease? . . . *serious and potentially fatal for dogs.* Much damage happens before outward signs can be observed, so prevention is key! A large round worm that lives in the heart and neighboring blood vessels causes the disease. Without a preventative, numerous worms (up to 14" long) can infect your dog and clog the heart and the major blood vessels leading to the heart. This causes malfunction of lungs, liver, kidneys, and more.

How does Heartworm disease spread? Heartworm disease can be spread from dog to dog by more than 70 species of mosquito. It takes six months for heartworm larvae grow in a dog, move to the heart, mate, and begin the cycle once again.

Our Labs Need Your Help!

Many dogs desperately need our help, including expensive medical care that drains our finances. All tax-deductible donations are greatly appreciated. All dogs thank you!

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

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LEARN Volunteers Inspire... This new column introduces LEARN's volunteers and tells what they do and why, often behind the scenes, to save labs. Our labs have their own stories, and so do our volunteers.

Tammy Rasey learned of LEARN when she and husband adopted Willow, a playmate for their puppy Sadie. The dogs became fast and tight buddies. A year later Tammy began volunteering: *"I started helping with transports, then microchipping, helping at events, etc., [then] temperament evaluations. It just kind of snow-balled! We kept getting emails about dogs that needed foster homes (. . . with the PICTURES attached!) So we decided to foster . . . to help out with ONE! . . . I have no idea how many dogs we've fostered since then, on several occasions more than one at a time."* Tootsie came last spring as a foster and became their third dog. *"What's one more, right?"*

When Tammy joined LEARN's Board of Directors, she became Intake Coordinator for three Wisconsin area codes. The Intake Coordinator decides which labs in need of rescue LEARN can take based on available foster homes. With many more labs in need than foster homes available, it's one tough role. Tammy also administers ShelterCare and 24 PetWatch programs and is the contact for discounted *The Whole Dog Journal* subscriptions. After volunteering at the HSUS shelter in Mississippi post hurricane Katrina, Tammy fell in love with a dog there. The dog was transported to Florida, where she traced him and flew to adopt him and bring him home to Wisconsin. Levy, a border collie/husky mix is *"our honorary lab [who] loves the SNOW [and] was never meant to be a southern dog!"* Why does Tammy do it? *"There are so many Labs that need help . . . It is not their fault they are neglected, abused, brought into a family on a whim, not trained properly, or left to run loose. The dogs are an endless source of inspiration! No matter what they've been through, they are still happy, playful, energetic, and want to give love! Also, we enjoy working with many great people in this goal. Long story, short....it's fun!"*



from top—Tootsie,
Willow & Sadie



Mary and SaM

Mary Beck's dedication to L.E.A.R.N. derives from her love of her lab SaM and her motivation to unite homeless labs with great homes. You'll see Mary at Laps for Labs and the Annual Luncheon to smaller, more local fundraisers. She's a huge source of information for potential and past adopters and stresses the importance of obedience training: give discipline and consistency through positive reinforcement and the result is a great adult dog whom you lead and love. Mary's dedication often translates to conducting home visits and training volunteers to do them. She eagerly visits homes on the fringes of LEARN's region because she *"hate[s] the thought of a great family not being able to adopt from us simply because there was no one [nearby] to perform their home visit."* It's a privilege to her when she visits potential foster homes where new volunteers are opening their home to a lab in need in preparation for adoption.

Mary has effectively harnessed the enthusiasm of students from elementary to high school levels to "give away baggies" and to bake dog biscuits for different LEARN events. *"It teaches the students the importance of volunteerism and gives them a sense of pride to know they are helping."* To thank the students, Mary organizes groups of volunteers and labs to visit them. This helps educate the students about LEARN. Mary also loves promoting LEARN. See the January/February issue of *Just Labs*, which mentions L.E.A.R.N. in an article about adoption; look for the Spring edition of *Fetch Magazine* for a contribution on finding a reputable rescue.

After a year of volunteering, Mary explains, *"I finally convinced my husband that we should try fostering. He finally agreed [to] an occasional foster puppy, if I would sign a piece of paper saying that I would never, ever ask even once to keep any of them. Not that it would hold up in court of law, but I signed away. We now foster puppies twice per year. I've held true to my word [but my husband] actually suggested [adopting] on two occasions."*

"Knowing that I've worked with each and every [foster puppy] to prepare them for a new home, met the adoptive families and felt very strongly that each one will have a great new home and loving, committed family. That and getting an occasional email and/or picture, or seeing an adoptive family at a L.E.A.R.N. event makes it all worth my while in the end!! I can't imagine life without my lab SaM or not being involved in helping others to find their definition and requirements for a perfect lab!"

Pawgust Fest

Hope you were there and brought all your humans along! Last August the biggest and funnest lab party took place at Mitzi Heytow's "lab spa in the country" with a special pool dedicated for canine use only. Labs were able to do Lure Coursing, bob for tennis balls and best of all, SWIM!! Both a blast and a FUNdraiser, all doggies and LEARN volunteers send their thanks and gratitude to Mitzi. Please mark August 12th on your calendar for this year's Pawgust Fest.



Please Come to LEARN's Biggest Fundraiser!

The 6th Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction—April 2nd See inside for details, p. 3.



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LEARN & Lab 2006 Events!

- ▶ March 17th, 18th, & 19th **Chicago-land Family Pet Expo**, for info, see www.petchicago.com. Arlington Park Racetrack, Arlington Heights, IL
- ▶ March 25th, **Family Pet Expo**, Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, WI
- ▶ April/May, **Candy Bar FUNdraiser**
Watch www.labadoption.org for info
- ▶ April 2nd, **6th Annual Spring Luncheon & Silent Auction**
LEARN's biggest fundraiser!
Invitation inside. Grayslake, IL
- ▶ April 8th, **Burlington Pet Wellness Fair** Burlington, WI
- ▶ August 12th **Pawgust Fest**, Libertyville, IL
- ▶ June 3rd, **Lagrange Pet Parade**, Lagrange, IL
- ▶ June 11th, **Mounds Dog Fest** Madison, WI
- ▶ September 23rd, **Laps for Labs** L.E.A.R.N.'s annual Dog Walk TBC—Kettle Moraine State Park, WI