



The Retriever

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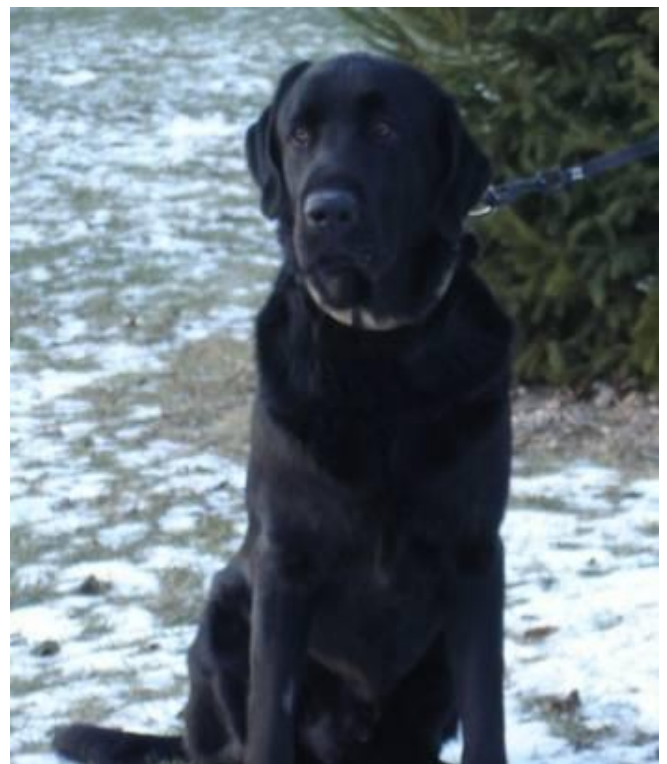
L.E.A.R.N.'s mission is to assist in the rescue of unwanted Labrador Retrievers by placing them in homes through fostering, adoption and referral. In addition, we strive to provide public education regarding Labrador Retrievers and to promote responsible ownership and the humane treatment of all dogs.

Marvelous Marvin

This edition of The Retriever spotlights Marvelous Marvin. While this is his story, he is just one of the many Labs. (Louie, Charlie, Bart, Pete, Mr. Ed, Bella, Annie, Jake, Georgia, and the list goes on and on . . .with similar stories.

L.E.A.R.N. has volunteers who retrieve voicemail messages for us. They either return the call and answer the questions or send the message to L.E.A.R.N.'s Intake Committee. The Intake Committee receives approximately 3-5 calls or e-mails per day from people needing to place an unwanted Lab. That is over 1,000 contacts/year on average. Last December we received a call from a vet's office in N. Central Illinois. Since I am closest I returned the call. They stated that they had a black, male Lab named Marvin at their office whom they wanted to get into Rescue. We made the arrangements to meet and off I went. Upon arrival I got some basic information from the clinic. Marvin was micro chipped. So of course, my first question was, "Did you contact the owners?" Yes, the Sherriff had paid them a visit, but they would not acknowledge that they owned a dog. Marvin was dumped: his owners didn't want him anymore.

We moved forward with the evaluation. There were other dogs in the room. Marvin looked up at me with those beautiful brown eyes and seemed to be saying "pick me". You know that look if you



have ever visited a kennel. I had them bring him out of the kennel so that I could do an assessment. He did fine and became a lucky L.E.A.R.N. lab.

My husband and I were fortunate enough to foster Marvin. He quickly made himself at home with our other Labs and enjoyed playing with our cat, Felix. It seemed as though he had always lived with us. Marvin has a way of "talking." When you



Marvin with Brandy

hug him he gives a little loving growl back to you. Marvin didn't know how to play with another dog but after several months of trying he finally caught on. After surgery to remove a growth, we began searching for his forever home. The tumor he had removed was a sun-induced solar neoplasm. Long story short – he can't spend lots of time in the sun. This made the Labmatch process more challenging. Fonda, Marvin's Labmatcher, hung in there with us, and we kept searching. Of course, I didn't mind that it was moving slowly as I had fallen in love with this big

guy. Michelle, another volunteer, had recently done a home visit for a family who seemed like they would be a good match. We contacted them and then set-up a time to meet. They have a dog, Brandy. She is a Lab too. Craig, Jackie and Brandy made the trip to our house and we had a great meet. When it was time to say good-bye, Jackie didn't want to give me back Marvin's leash. It was love at first sight. I had no doubt that they would be Marvin's new family.

The rest is history - Marvin now part of Craig, Jackie and Brandy's family.

Bringing a dog into L.E.A.R.N. requires the help of so many of our volunteers from those answering the phone messages, processing e-mails, assessing possible incoming Labs, transporting the Labs, doing home visits, Labmatching, and helping with events and fundraising. We couldn't do any of it without our volunteers and I thank you all for what you do. We couldn't save wonderful Labs like Marvelous Marvin without all of you.

Sincerely,
Chris Wallen
L.E.A.R.N. President

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, FUNdraising, and more. Please join us!

Please 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. ☺

Pet Obesity By Dorothy Vetovec

Pet obesity is on the rise and it is killing our pets. The fourth annual Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP) National Pet Obesity Awareness Day Study found approximately 53% of cats and 55% of dogs were overweight or obese. This is alarming since the number of weight-related diseases such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure and kidney disease is costing pet owners millions in medical expenses; most of which can be prevented. Pets who are obese can suffer from bone and joint deformity which can be permanent. There are many risk factors for pet obesity.

Risk Factors for Pet Obesity

- **Breed** – There are certain breeds of dogs that are more apt to be overweight than others. Some of the breeds are Cocker Spaniels, Dachshunds, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Rottweilers, and mixed breeds.
- **Age** - As your pet gets older, the risk of obesity increases.
- **Gender** - Spayed or neutered dogs are more likely to be overweight than intact dogs. Male cats are genetically predisposed to becoming overweight and that risk increases when they are neutered.
- **Diet** - Pet foods that are high in carbohydrates and fats are the major cause of obesity in both dogs and cats. Many diets are heavy on carbohydrates and low on protein. Other diet problems are; too many treats and a constant full food bowl.
- **Activity level** - Lack of exercise increases the risk of obesity in your pet.

Is My Pet Overweight?

The easiest way to tell if your pet is overweight is by checking the ribs. If you cannot feel the ribs as the pet moves, your pet is most likely overweight. You also should be able to see a waist on your pet when you look straight down at your pet. If your pet is the same size from head to tail, your pet is overweight. Annual veterinarian exams also help you stay on check with your pet's weight. Sudden weight gain or loss can indicate a medical problem. If you have tried to get weight off your pet with no success, your pet may need to be seen by your veterinarian.

Many people do not realize that the extra pounds their pet is carrying have different significance than with humans. When your vet tells you that your pet needs to lose a couple pounds, this actually equates to several pounds for humans. If your small breed dog is 2 pounds overweight, that is 31 extra pounds for a 5' 6" female. Now that is a lot of extra weight!

Weight Loss Tips

If you look at several of the pet foods sitting on the grocery store shelves, they will be high in carbohydrates and low in protein. This is a recipe for weight gain! Your pet needs protein to assist in weight loss. The leanest proteins for weight loss are fish based. Protein also promotes good muscle health, and it is muscle that helps burn fat. Portion control is also important for weight loss. I recommend feeding the lowest amount shown recommended by the pet food manufacturer and then making adjustment as needed. Every pet is different, and the portions can vary by breed, sex and activity level. An 80 lb, 10 year old dog who is not active may be fed the same amount as a 60 lb, 3 year old dog that is active.

Many pet owners tend to display affection towards their pets through the use of food, specifically treats. If you want to feed your pets treats, be sure they are healthy low-fat options. The best treats are those that are predominately protein based. Practice portion control with treats as well. A dog doesn't need a large biscuit every time he/she goes potty. A small morsel of some beef liver will make your dog very happy!

Exercise is also essential in maintaining proper weight. Pets who are not given the proper exercise for their size and breed will generally have weight problems. Exercise is also a great way to create a bond between you and your pet. Your pet will look forward to that time together. Many dogs who are destructive in the home lack the proper exercise. Exercise stimulates the mind and helps release any energy or anxiety the dog may have.

This article is for informational purposes and should not be used to diagnose a medical problem.

Dorothy Vetovec, a L.E.A.R.N. volunteer, is owner of Nature's Feed in Spring Grove, IL (www.naturesfeed.net)

Black Cat with White Stripe or a-a-a Sk-sk-sk-unk?

Post-Spray Remedies by Laura Farwell

When Dan and Brenda's L.E.A.R.N. alum and L.E.A.R.N. referral were two and three years old respectively, Brenda got up early in the morning to let them out in the backyard. Dan describes,

"all of the sudden, something near the bird feeder got their interest. It was a small black and white animal that had a striking resemblance to the cat who lives next door--but unfortunately it wasn't . . . Brenda swung the flashlight around [and] she saw our two Labs with their noses about two inches away from the end of a skunk . . . something you really don't want to see. In a moment it was all over--two dogs rolling in the grass gasping for air and dripping that primordial ooze that can be mistaken for nothing else. Blissfully asleep at the time, I heard a scream. The odor coming through the bedroom window gagged me. By this time the dogs recovered enough to run toward Brenda, lodge themselves between her legs, and beg for some relief. I ran to the patio door in my underwear and saw a look on my wife's face that was unlike anything I'd ever seen before. Being a gentleman I rushed to her aid and to share the experience. We retreated to the garage disrobed and took a very long shower. After a quick look on the Internet to see the best remedy for the dogs in their condition, I ran to the store and got what ever I could find to counteract the stench. After a number of baths and about two weeks the smell finally was gone. . . . Now we scan the backyard in the evenings with a one million candle power spotlight looking for those beady eyes looking back at us."

The post-skunk challenge, as anyone with Dan and Brenda's experience well knows, is getting rid of the smell. That's hard because the spray contains sulfur and is very oily. Thanks to chemist Paul Krebaun, there's a simple recipe with household items that works because a chemical reaction breaks up the oils and neutralizes the odor.

First, with gloves on, check to make sure your dog doesn't have bites, scratches or eyes with redness

or discharge. If yes, contact your Vet before attempting to wash your dog.

You will need:

- ✓ **Rubber or latex gloves**
- ✓ **1 quart hydrogen peroxide** (must be fresh/unopened)
- ✓ **1/4 cup baking soda** (the real thing, no imitations!)
- ✓ **1 teaspoon liquid soap** (check for safe/non-toxic ingredients)
- ✓ **Paralube ointment or 1-2 drops of mineral oil**

Work outside with a hose or in an easy-to-clean bath. From experience, it's really nice to have a hose or other spray mechanism. The sooner you begin the process, the easier it will be to remove the smell.

To help protect your dog's eyes, apply a thin strip of eye lubricant or 1-2 drops mineral to them. (I didn't do this as midnight options in remote location were limited, but I avoided washing near eyes, nose and ears.)

The washing:

1. Mix 1 quart hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda and 1 teaspoon of liquid soap. Add lukewarm water if needed. Mix well and look for the solution to fizz. Use immediately. Storing does not work.
2. Wash the sprayed areas with the solution and massage deep into the coat. **AVOID** getting the solution in the dog's eyes, ears, nose or mouth.
3. Let the solution sit on your dog for 5 to 10 minutes.
4. Rinse your dog. If the odor persists, repeat the process. (In my two experiences, the first time a single washing worked, and the second time, a

second washing was necessary. That second washing, which I let sit for 10 minutes, resulted in a slight lightening of the undercoat, such that our black Lab mix had a reddish-chocolate undercoat if the sun shone just right or if we pet him from tail to neck.)

After the ordeal, do something your dog likes--play, give a treat, etc.

Cautions:

1. *Never* store the solution in a closed container. You'll be at risk of building pressure which could burst the container and injure you and/or your dog.

2. Use real baking soda--not a substitute or similar product.

3. Use only fresh hydrogen peroxide which has not been opened. It becomes less effective over time. Keep a fresh bottle on hand for this!

4. Use Dr. Bronner's Baby Mild Liquid Soap or other castile soap product with safe ingredients for your dog and yourself. An estimated half of all liquid soaps on the market in the U.S. legally contain neurotoxic/carcinogenic chemicals. These products cannot be sold in some other parts of the world and are illegal in Europe. (For more info, see: <http://www.pureliquidgold.com/dangerous-household-products.htm> and <http://www.wikicancer.org/page/The+list+of+carcinogens>)

We now keep a "skunk kit" in our pantry and a second one in our dogs' little travel bag; writing this has reminded me we need a third kit in the car. The first time our dog was sprayed, it was 11:00 pm in a small town of 300 on the south shore of Lake Superior. By the time my husband explained to me that a single bottle of Very Veggie would not be sufficient and did Internet research; it was after midnight when I called local gas station and market. The owner answered--they closed at 11:00 pm but he was happily doing inventory. He said to c'mon down right away as he only had one hydrogen peroxide left. Solution mixed and standing outside in the full moon (beware: skunks like full moons!), I learned that skunk odor is not as effective as mosquito repellent.

Sources, and for more "skunk" information:

<http://dogs.about.com/od/caringfordogsandpuppies/ht/deskunking.htm>

<http://www.woofreport.com/k9-care/1092-a-dog-a-skunk-a-thanksgiving-tale.html>

<http://briansplace.ynt1.com/skunk.php>

For those interested in avoiding hydrogen peroxide, you may wish to consider: <http://www.buddyrhodespresents.com/index.html> or Nature's Miracle Skunk Odor Remover, an enzymatic approach.



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.



L.E.A.R.N. is now on Facebook! Please Visit Us There

Enormous Thanks!

The following people generously donated money, supplies, or services to help our rescued Labs. Your help means these Labs are alive and happy. L.E.A.R.N. especially appreciates your generosity in such challenging economic times!

Jeff & Vivian Aikin
Stanley & Carol Antczak
Julie Bauer
Janene Beck-Hafner
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memory of Alan Mittelstaedt &
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Bryan Chappell
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Carol Duffy
Mary Goltz

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How You Can Help

L.E.A.R.N. provides a second chance for many Labs that have extraordinary medical needs. We rely on your support and generosity to do this. **Please consider Sponsoring one of our Labs** at this time by making a donation for a specific foster dog. You can do this on our website in the Sponsor a Lab section at <http://www.labadoption.org/how-you-can-help/sponsor-a-lab> or via mail by noting the dog you would like to help.



If you prefer to help and support L.E.A.R.N. in your own special way, we offer a number of options in our “How You Can Help” section of our website.

Please consider making a donation directly to one of the Vets used for L.E.A.R.N. foster dog veterinary needs. We currently have programs with Fox Lake Animal Hospital in Fox Lake, IL as well as North Main Animal Hospital in Rockford, IL and Roscoe Veterinary Clinic in Roscoe, IL. These programs allow you to donate directly to L.E.A.R.N.’s account at the Veterinary clinics. Your donation is applied directly to the veterinary expenses associated with L.E.A.R.N. foster dogs receiving Vet services at these clinics.

Tennis Balls Anyone? We are in need of more tennis balls. If you have a tennis club in your area please stop-by and ask them if they would donate their used tennis balls. We will take any quantity. We wash them, bag them and then sell at events and FUNdraising functions. They are very, very popular. Phone: 847-289-PETS; Email: L.E.A.R.N.dogs@labadoption.org

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

1. Want a companion for those trips around town?

Wait until the weather is cooler. **Never** leave your dog in an unattended vehicle even on a warm day. Even with the 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 swim? Watch out for the blue-green algae blooms which are especially bad this year. They are toxic; some dogs become very sick, others have died after swimming in water with blue-green algae.

3. Timing your dog's exercise: In hot, humid weather, early morning or evening walks are best. Remember your dog can suffer from heat exhaustion or worse, heatstroke, too. They depend on you to exercise good judgment. Also, be sure to give your dog adequate time after eating before exercising him/her. Vigorous exercise too soon after a meal can cause dogs to get Bloat (aka twisted stomach) which is usually fatal for canines.

4. Is your dog anxious? Is your dog afraid of thunderstorms? If so, he or she may benefit from an anxiety wrap or thunder shirt. These body wraps look a lot like a dog coat. Some body wraps are designed to use acupressure points to help calm the dog. Others are designed specifically to counter the static discharge from approaching thunderstorms. Dogs can sense thunderstorms long before people. If you use a wrap for thunderstorm anxiety, be sure to put it on

before or just as soon as your dog becomes agitated, rather than waiting until the storm is upon you. Be careful not to inadvertently reinforce your dog's anxious behavior by positively rewarding them. Likewise, don't punish them. Remain calm and try to appear confident and happy. You can find more information about body wraps and other ways to help relieve your dogs anxiety at <http://anxietywrap.com.au/thunder.html> , www.thundershirt.com and on L.E.A.R.N.'s website under Education; Reference Documents <http://www.ladoption.org/education/reference-documents>

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

6. Trim my nails, please! Long nails can be very painful for your dog and cause him/her to be less active. When a dog's nails are too long, they interfere with the dog's gait making it difficult for them to walk properly. As the nails continue to grow, walking becomes painful. Long nails can jam into your dog's toe causing bruising and swelling, and long nails can split, tear or rip off, exposing the quick and resulting in pain, bleeding and possible infection. If you're uncomfortable or unsure about trimming your dog's nails, your Vet or groomer can quickly trim them. Nails may be easier to trim after a nice summer swim!

Our Labs Need Your Help!

Many dogs desperately need our help, including expensive medical care that drains our funds. Donations are greatly appreciated and tax-deductible. L.E.A.R.N. and their Labs thank you!

I want to support L.E.A.R.N.'s efforts to rescue unwanted Labs and Lab mixes and place them in forever homes.

Name: _____ Address _____

Donors sending \$50+/year will receive our printed Newsletter. To help stretch your donation further by receiving our Newsletter by email, please include your email address here: _____

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.Ladoption.org via **PayPal**.

Congrats to Labbies who found their new families!

Prior to March 2011

Gordy - *Martha & Tal*

March 2011

Jake - *Chris & Maria*

Scout - *Babe*

Cadi & Sparkle - *Cheryl*

Mya - *Rodney & Roberta*

April 2011

Taylor - *John & Andrea*

Squall - *Vickie*

Mocha - *Lloyd & DeAnna*

May 2011

Boseefus - *Mary & Scott*

Finnigin - *Jason & Kelly*

Nip - *Jeffery*

Faith - *Josh & Jennie*

Lucy - *Dennis*

Marvin - *Craig & Jacquelyn*



7th Annual Pawgust Fest --August 13th

You and your dog(s) are invited to the world's best dog party! Please join us for the fun and festivities. A great time is always enjoyed by all. We hope to see you there! (visit L.E.A.R.N.'s website for more information <http://www.ladoption.org/947/events/pawgust-fest>)

Pawgust Fest is made possible through the generous support and donations of our volunteers and sponsors.

Saturday, August 13th, 2011

10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

25775 St. Mary's Road

Libertyville, IL

- ★ Lure Course
- ★ Swimming for dogs in Pool or Pond
- ★ Animal Communicator
- ★ Animal Massage
- ★ Dog Grooming Services
- ★ Animal Rescues
- ★ Food & Shopping
- ★ Games & Prizes
- ★ Adoption Parade
- ★ Free goody bag to attendees!

Admission: \$10/person, children under 12/Free —All Breeds Welcome!

Please only bring dogs that are well socialized and up to date on vaccinations.



Something for those looking to L.E.A.R.N

By Hilary Dickinson

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The first Beloit farmer's market of the season is going to the dogs.

Mocha the chocolate lab will be at the farmer's market on Saturday to help inform citizens about L.E.A.R.N., the Labrador Education and Rescue Network. Volunteers from L.E.A.R.N. will have a booth set up from 8 a.m. to noon.

"We're spreading the news about the rescue," said Chris Wallen, a Roscoe resident and president of L.E.A.R.N. "Lots of times people don't realize there is a rescue for almost every breed. They just think unwanted dogs go to the shelter. This is a good way to advertise who we are and that we have dogs who need help."

This non-profit organization that serves Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin is committing to placing abandoned and unwanted Labrador Retrievers in new homes.

Wallen said every day L.E.A.R.N. receives three to five calls or emails from people wanting to give up their Lab or from shelters who have Labs that can't find homes.

"It's unbelievable how many Labs are in that situation," she said.

The organization on average has about 10 to 15 foster homes who take in the dogs for usually about

two weeks while L.E.A.R.N. takes care of any needed vetting such as shots and spaying/neutering, evaluates the training the Lab has or needs, and determines the kind of home best suited for the Lab. After the Lab has been in foster care for a couple of weeks, L.E.A.R.N. begins the process of finding them a forever home.

Typically, five to eight Labs are up for adoption at any one given time, and anywhere from 100 to 200 dogs a year are adopted out by L.E.A.R.N., according to Wallen.

At the farmer's market on Saturday, L.E.A.R.N. volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about how to become a volunteer or how to adopt a dog. Mocha will also greet attendees along with her owner, DeAnna Dahl of Beloit. She and her husband, Loyd, began fostering the 6-year-old Lab who was rescued from a shelter in Milwaukee last August and adopted her in April.

L.E.A.R.N. volunteers like Dahl will also hand out vouchers for a Culver's Scoopie Night to be held Monday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Culver's will donate 10 percent of the sales when people turn in a voucher or mention L.E.A.R.N.

The organization is always looking for donations because all Labs adopted out are spayed/neutered, heartworm tested and on preventa-



Staff photo by Hilary Dickinson

Beloit resident DeAnna Dahl is a foster and volunteer for L.E.A.R.N. (the Labrador Education and Rescue Network). She used to foster Mocha, a 6-year-old chocolate lab, before she adopted him in April.

tives, microchipped, and up-to-date on vaccinations.

Other times the Labs require surgery such as one who recently needed eyelid surgery because its eyelids folded into its eyes.

"I'm very proud of the organization and what we do and the num-

ber of dogs we can save," Wallen said. "Labs) are just great dogs — they're so even-tempered and easygoing. They love life and make you giggle."

For more information on L.E.A.R.N. and its upcoming events, visit www.labadoption.org

Thanks to Hilary Dickinson and the Beloit Daily News for granting L.E.A.R.N. permission to reprint their article about us! We appreciate their help in spreading the word to save Labs.

Rescuer's Creed

I promise I will take your unwanted animals.

I will heal their wounds, their diseases, their broken bones.

I will give them the medical attention they need and deserve.

I will nurture their starvation and give them a warm place to sleep.

I will spay and neuter them, vaccinate them against the diseases that can harm them.

I will treat them and honor them.

I will buy them toys, blankets, balls and teach them to play.

I will speak softly to them.

I will try to teach them not to fear, not to cry and not to hate.

I will whisper sweet, kind, gentle words into their ears, while gently trying to stroke their fear, their pain and their scars away.

I will face their emotional scars and give them time to overcome them.

I will socialize them, potty train them, teach them to be obedient, show them dignity

I will hold their paws and stroke their ears if they have endured too much and walk them over the Rainbow Bridge...

~ Author Unknown ~

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

Our website offers excellent information on common Lab-related topics. We'd like you to know it's there for you and any others in need of answering a question related to caring for your Lab or modifying behavior. All this can be found at www.labadoption.org in the Education section--or click on the links below!

Adopting and Caring for a Dog	Behavior Modification
<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



Are you ready
for

Pawgust Fest?

These guys are!

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Please see page 8 for
details

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visit www.labadoption.org

Look forward to seeing
you there!

