



Lone Star Rescue Report

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Milan's Story

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As 2007 comes to a close, all of us with Lone Star Lab Rescue would like to thank you for your support and wish you the best this holiday season and for the new year!

And a special thank you from the wonderful Labs who have found their forever homes



Milan recuperating at the Frisco Animal Hospital

On Tuesday, September 18, 2007, we received an e-mail from someone who had found a yellow female Lab on the road near Farmersville, TX. She had obviously been hit by a car. The Good Samaritan picked the dog up and took her to her veterinarian. The veterinarian said that the dog was pregnant and it appeared that the puppies were dead. It also appeared that she had a broken pelvis but he would have to take x-rays. The Good Samaritan, whose first name is Milan, did not have the funds to pay for the x-rays or further treatment that would be required, so she contacted us.

Marsha Russell, Director of Incoming, drove to Farmersville, picked up the dog and took her to the Animal Hospital of Frisco. Dr. Jason Whitworth examined her and took the necessary X-rays. Even though her condition was very grave and her chance of survival unsure, we decided to do everything we could to save this poor girl. Dr. Whitworth,

with the assistance of vet tech Jonathan Meers, performed the surgery, removing the deceased puppies and confirming that the Milan's internal organs were not injured. He also observed that one of her rear legs had been dislocated and was able to put it back in place. She also had a severe injury to her front right leg where the wrist was broken and muscle and tendons had

been destroyed. Dr. Whitworth put two pins in the leg in an effort to fuse the joint.

For the next six weeks Milan lived at The Animal Hospital of Frisco under the watchful eyes of Dr. Whitworth and Jonathan. She showed lots of spirit and captured the heart of Amy Phillips, one of the employees at the hospital. The true outcome of the surgery is unknown. We hope that the bones will fuse and Milan will just walk a little stiff legged. If the fusion isn't successful, more surgery will be required or the leg will have to be amputated.

Milan is being fostered by Amy Phillips' family and Milan is a favorite of Amy's young son. Milan isn't totally out of the woods, but we are very optimistic that this story will have a very happy ending. We need your help to defer her medical bill which is currently over \$1,650.00.



Milan safe with her new friend



Financial Update

Adoption Income	\$16,250.00
Veterinary Expense	20,545.70
Training Expense	1,200.00
Boarding Expense	<u>942.28</u>
	\$22,687.98



January 1 to
December 5, 2007

The difference was made up by donation jars at adoption booths and gifts from friends like you. Thank you for your continued support!

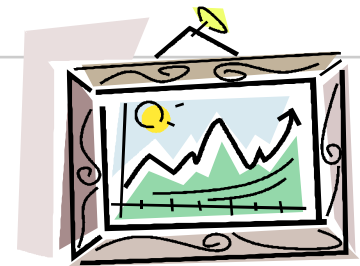
Statistics

83 homeless dogs were rescued
69 dogs were placed in forever homes.
12 remain in the program
59 dogs were spayed or neutered
10 dogs were treated successfully for heartworms
5 dogs had major surgical procedures because of earlier injuries or medical conditions
37 dogs were pulled from area animal shelters
19 dogs were strays picked up by Good Samaritans

27 dogs were surrendered by their owners because they could no longer care for the dog

3 dogs were puppies (under 4 months of age)


One dog was euthanized After a femoral head osteotomy, he developed hemolytic anemia, and despite a gallant spirit, could not respond to treatment.



Sport Makes A New Friend

Donations (July 1 to December 5, 2007)

*The Lone Star Lab Rescue would like to say a heartfelt thanks
to the following contributors:*

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| | <p>A special thank you to Waggin' Tails, located at 1151 West Parker Road, Plano, TX for boarding our dogs when foster homes are unavailable. There are several dogs who owe their lives to Carolyn. Without Waggin' Tails' sanctuary, they would have been euthanized at a shelter.</p> |



Forever Homes

Martha & Gary Vaughan	Tinley, now Casey
Remy & Albert Tolentino	Sam
Carrie & Patrick Anderson	Major
Chandra & Bryan Linqvist	Mia, now Bella
Tamara & Brett Robinson	Buddy, now Butter
Kimberly & Joe Colonna	Bailey
Bill Janin	Boo, now Blue
Robert Maszarose	Annie
Lisa & William Moss	Dixie
Jamie & Kyle Mittendorf	Woodrow
Whitney Barfield	Cade, now Brea
Lynda Dennis	Ariel, now Sunny
Susan & Darrell Baltimore	Josie
Erin & Josh Ilean	Shiner
Jennifer DiMarco	Lily
Polly Braun	Wally, now Charlie Braun
David Ray	Katie
Kimberly & Ron Jones	Helo
Harriet & Jack Anderson	Rookie
Kenneth Hilton	Topper, now Johnny Utah
Anita & Paul Artt	Kelly
Katherine & Drew Stenesen	Baylor
Shelley & Mark Diakun	Desiree, now Molly
Delores & Don McClean	Mannix
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Jeff Kelly	Goldie, now Dallas
Veronica & Tobias Fulton	Kip
Dana & Joe Griffin	Ripley, now Vegas
Angie Lintner	Jazz
Hadar & Paul Kauffman	Libby
Virginie & Casey Meyers	Sport, now Charlie
Mary Johndroe	Carley
Joan & Mike Schulman	Romo, now Chase
Mike & Nancy Robbins	Zach



Congratulations to the above families / individuals who have given a deserving Labrador Retriever a home (July 2 to December 5, 2007).

Holiday Wish List

More Foster Homes

Foster homes are the life blood of our organization! These are people who open their homes to give sanctuary to a homeless Lab. There are no special qualifications.

Most foster homes already have a Labrador Retriever and sometimes two of them. Introducing a foster dog to your “pack” is seldom a problem.

We ask fosters to treat their foster dog like they would their own dogs and integrate their foster into the family. It usually takes just two or three days for a Lab to adjust to a foster family’s routine.

More Foster Homes Will Enable Us To Save More Labradors

Lone Star Lab Rescue pays for all veterinary expenses, can provide a crate, and will help with food costs if needed.

Fosters are asked to crate dogs when they leave the house and they are asked to feed fosters in their crates to avoid dog squabbles about food.

They should also feel welcome to crate them if the situation calls for it, such as when very young children come over to play.

People say “What if I become attached to the dog?”

The truth is, you probably will get attached to the dog. However, it is enormously rewarding when a really neat family comes along and you see your foster dog move on to a new and wonderful life! Many foster homes end up adopting their foster dog and they always have that option. However, many of them also realize that if they adopt that foster they may not be able to foster again, and consequently countless dogs will be euthanized because they aren’t able to help.

People also wonder if this is “safe” for their dogs. All of the fosters in our program have Labradors of their own, so we understand that concern. When dogs come into our program they are taken immediately to The Animal Hospital of Frisco. They receive an examination, all of their vaccinations, a fecal test, a heartworm test, a Capstar (to immediately kill any fleas), an Advantix (to keep them flea free for 30 days), and if they are heartworm negative, their first Sentinel, which protects against heartworms, fleas, and intestinal parasites. They are also spayed or neutered and treated for any medical conditions. They are “safe” to be around your dogs.

For this holiday season can you find it in your heart to foster ONE dog in 2008? If each of us fostered just one dog, at least 200 more Labradors would be saved. If you are interested in fostering, please contact us at info@LoneStarLabRescue.org.



Honoring Donna Francis—A Very Special Foster

Donna Francis is a supervisor for the Sherman Regional Day School for the Deaf, which services all of Grayson County and parts of Collin Country. She teaches as well. Donna is also a “Pet Partner” with the Delta Society, which means she can practice animal assisted therapy.



Donna Francis

She is also an evaluator for the Delta Society and can evaluate pets and their handlers to become “Pet Partners”. Donna has been a regular foster “Mom” for LSLRR.

In February, 2007, Charlie, a personable and charming Lab mix was pulled from the Sherman shelter and brought into our program. Donna volunteered to foster him. Charlie has proved to be one of Donna’s biggest challenges.

Shortly after coming into our program, he was diagnosed with entropion, a condition where an eyelid turns in and the eye lashes scratch the eyeball.

This was corrected with surgery. Charlie was very fearful of men, probably because of unpleasant experiences early in life. Donna has worked faithfully over the months to socialize Charlie, and he has become a wonderful and playful companion dog. Everyone he meets enjoys being around him.

Recently Charlie experienced some severe muscle weakness and was regurgitating his food. He was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis with megaesophagus. Myasthenia gravis is a neuromuscular disease in which weakness is the primary sign. Megaesophagus is the enlargement of the esophagus due to muscular weakness and leads to problems swallowing. This can cause regurgitation and may lead to inhalation pneumonia.

The thought of euthanizing Charlie never entered our minds. Instead, Donna took the lead and scoured the internet to learn all she could about the condition and to find others who had dogs with this problem. And, thanks to the internet, she found them! One family had a nine year old dog with megaesophagus. Because dogs with this condition must be fed from elevated bowls and must be encouraged to remain standing or sitting for at least ten minutes after eating, they had constructed a feeding chair. They sent Donna a video tape that tells all about the illness and shows how to make this special chair.

Donna put out the word, and Justin Alderson, an employee of Monarch Air in Addison, TX built the chair for Charlie. Today, Charlie’s muscle weakness is responding very well to medical treatment and he is again playing with his pals in his foster home. He sits in his feeding chair better than



Justin Alderson with the chair he built for Charlie

most toddlers and eats his meals. Charlie is still up for adoption and it will take a very special person to fill Donna’s shoes.

*Donna Francis is,
indeed, our St. Francis.
Thank you, Donna!*



Charlie and his feeding chair are available for adoption to a very special family



Willow's Story

Dumped Because Of A Medical Condition. She Was Given A Second Chance

Willow was a victim of a “drive-by dumping”. She was literally tossed out of a car by her owners at a local city shelter. They didn’t have the courage to take her inside.

A few days later LSLRR received a call from a shelter employee asking if we could take this sweet girl. She was heartworm negative, but she showed weakness in both hind legs. She is such a sweet girl we couldn’t say no.



Willow anxiously awaits her second surgery at her foster home

gains strength in this hip, she will have surgery on her other hip. Donations by LSLRR supporters are so important. Willow’s vet bill totals \$701.04 and we anticipate to spend at least another \$600.00 for a second femoral head ostectomy.

Without donations we would not have been able to help Willow and her life would have ended at the shelter.

After an examination and x-ray by our wonderful vet, it was determined that Willow had hip dysplasia and would require a femoral head ostectomy (FMO*) on both of her rear hips. We believe Willow’s condition is why she was so unceremoniously dropped off at the shelter. Unfortunately hip dysplasia is not uncommon in Labrador Retrievers, and its treatment is expensive.

Donations we receive are earmarked for just this type situation. Willow had her first surgery, and as soon as she

****FMO is removal or excision of the ball portion of the hip joint. After removal, the bone is smoothed so there is no bone-to-bone contact occurring between the pelvis and the remaining portion of the femur. Removal of the portion of the femur that articulates with the hip joint then causes formation of a false fibrous joint.***

How can you help?

Lone Star Labrador Retriever Rescue is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to preventing the needless destruction of Labrador Retrievers by:

- rescuing them from shelters
- providing sanctuary for them in temporary foster homes
- providing appropriate medical care (including spaying and neutering)
- finding responsible and loving permanent homes for them

Foster: We need foster homes!! The number of dogs we can rescue is limited by the space we have to care for them. Please volunteer to foster and you will save a dog's life!

Volunteer: If you would like to volunteer please call us at 214-855-1515 or e-mail us at info@lonestarlabbrescue.org.

Support. Please consider a tax deductible donation to Lone Star Lab Rescue. Your donation will help buy dog food, prescriptions, and medical care. Send your donation to:

Lone Star Lab Rescue
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Dallas, TX 75248

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____



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