



Lone Star Rescue Report

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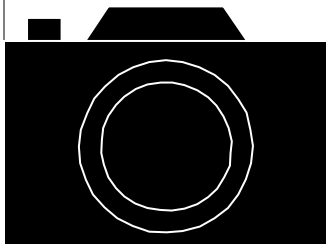
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We would love to hear from you. Please let us know how your dogs are doing and send pictures for the web site.



The Story of The Three Lucky Ones



Yogi (now Toby) being carried out of the animal shelter

We never know what to expect when we get a call from a shelter asking if we can take one of their Labradors. In late February we received one of the worst calls from the Collin County Animal Services Shelter. A man had been arrested and at his home officers found 15 unaltered Labradors in his small house. The conditions there were deplorable. The dogs were taken to the shelter, where all were to be euthanized within 24 hours. Not knowing what to expect, Marsha Russell, Director of Incom-

ing, met Jamie McRae, one of our wonderful foster moms, at the shelter. They were not able to see all the dogs because some were so frightened they were showing aggression. It's easy to understand why they were so scared. Living in horrible conditions, then dragged from their home, put in trucks, and taken by strangers to a place they did not know.

Before going back to see the available dogs, a shelter worker showed Marsha and Jamie pictures of the conditions in which the

dogs had been living. One of the pictures was of a dog, lying lifeless on the floor in a pool of blood. This turned out to be Champ. He had been attacked by some of the other dogs. Fights by unaltered dogs in a small house where food may have been in short supply is expected. But Champ had a spirit that wouldn't die. With what turned out to be only cuts on his face, he was at the shelter, happy to see us and eager to leave.

A few of the dogs didn't show aggression, but instead were frozen in fear and refused to move -- like Emmy and Yogi. It was evident by looking in their eyes that they had lost hope. But Marsha and Jamie could see promise in these dogs so they were literally carried out of their pens to Marsha's car. It hurt to know these three dogs were the only ones we could save, but three are better than none. We only had three foster homes at that time available to accept

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Emmy enjoying the good life

dogs. Foster homes are always needed!! The number of dogs we can rescue is limited by the space and funds we have to care for them.

All three dogs were in extremely run down condition and malnourished. Their coats were dry, brittle, thin and very dull. Both Emmy & Yogi had eye infections and Champ had an ear infection. When Emmy was spayed Dr. Whitworth noticed that her jaw had been broken and some of her teeth were severely misaligned. Several were extracted so that she could chew better. Both Emmy & Yogi had problems early on with keeping food down. For several weeks Yogi ran an intermittent fever and was treated with antibiotics. We still don't know if he had distemper but we are heartened to know that he has not displayed facial tics or any other evidence that it was distemper. Champ's major problems were infected sores all over his body caused by being bitten by other dogs. When he was adopted he looked like a very ragged fellow. He looked like he had mange. But these sores are gradually clearing up and Champ's good looks are being restored. Champ's total vet bill was \$379.40. Yogi's total vet bill was \$648.72 and Emmy's total vet bill was \$188.42. So a total of \$1,216.54 was spent on the dogs rescued from the Collin County Animal Services Shelter.

It took time, but with wonderful vet care, good nutrition, and lots of love from foster families, these labs' spirit returned. Champ, Emmy, and Yogi have now all been adopted into wonderful homes where they are having the time of their lives. Champ has children to play with, Emmy keeps company with a retired couple who allow her to sleep on the couch, and Yogi, now named Toby, the pride and joy of his new mom and dad is a happy, active young dog who has "play dates" with neighborhood dogs and children.



Champ hanging out with his new family



Toby going for a swim with his pal Rolex

Forever Homes (12/01/2006 to 06/30/07)

Congratulations to the following families / individuals who have given a deserving Labrador Retriever a home.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| John & Rachel Pfeiffer | Zach | April & Robert Kennedy | Roxie |
| Jay Beck | Hershey | Kyla & Patrick Blausner | Champ |
| Gerald Finley | Willie | Rebecca Stockum | Sonny |
| Jack & Darcey Newsum | Buddy | Joyce & Greg Wood | Yogi, now Toby |
| Carol & Larry Bracken | Sampson | R.J. & Cheryl Howerton | Danny |
| Suzanne Torres | Katy | Dan Inman | Emmy |
| Lonnie & Kristen Lehman | Sweetie, now Kaycee | Mark & Jutta Bromberg | Hunter |
| Robert & Connie White | Harley | Chris Todd | Teddy |
| Rachel Bray & Ben Plunk | Bogey | Elizabeth & Steven Winslow | Kalie |
| Pam Gibaut | Cassidy | Lisa & Chris Benigno | Ava (now Tara) |
| Susan Moore | Molly, now Frisco | Brad & Mary Gonner | Moose, now Buck |
| Rusty & Chae Coan | Mocha | Cindy & Joe Abbate | Lucy, now Molly |
| Sara Moore | Sundance, now Sunny | John Reis | Allie |
| Kathy & Tom Thompson | Ranger, now Mac | Brian & Caren Edelstein | Sally |
| Carlos & Maria Ortiz | Liberty | Monica & Danny Tillet | Gabe |
| Amy & Tony Pettitt | Luke | Kate Short & Heather Pinkerton | Jersey, now Izzy |
| Katherine & Peter McKee | Carley | Lisa & Tom Hall | Chili Dawg |
| Allie Rogosheske & Dawn Crow | Hannah | Lisa & Brian Langford | Sushi, now Spitzer |
| Vicki & David Medlyn | Daytona | Kaleigh Sparks | Gabby |
| Sherrie Phillippe | Ebby, now Domino | Ross & Vicky Paup | Sienna, now Lola |
| Angela & Matt Aquino | Toby | Anne Bienfang | Mosey, now Mr. Moe |
| Patti & Dave Adams | CoCo | Susan & James Dendinger | Bella |



Financial Update For The First Six Months of 2007

- Adoption fee income was \$8,025.00
- Veterinary expenses were \$10,116.00
- Training expenses were \$900.00
- *The difference is made up by donation jars and gifts of friends like you.*

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

Cash Donations:

Melinda Green

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In Memory:

Peter Jackson in memory of Don Slavik

Lloyd & Amy Nelson, Paul Mathis, Thomas Gooding, Marshall & Jane Shaw and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Morrison in memory of Michael McGowan

Margaret Bennison in memory of "Nappy"

Deborah Musher in memory of "Clinton"

Nanci Knight in memory of "Chloe"

Pat Shaughnessy in memory of "Chloe"

Donated Items:

Janet Sottile for extra large crate, raised feeder and bowls

Jon & Holly Frier and Lisa Hendrickson for their donation of kennels and dog supplies

Rohde's Nursery for hosting a donation jar at his store

Kim Lay for creating and donating new LSLR stationery, envelopes, note cards, and business cards

Waggin' Tails, 1151 West Parker Road, Plano, TX for boarding Gabe, Gabby, Buddy and Josie

Cash Donations Continued

In Honor:

- *Lynn Lambert in honor of Jane Landis*
- *Shelley Turner in honor of Pat Shaughnessy's birthday*
- *Jane Landis in honor of Lynn Lambert*
- *Judith Goldberg for "Daytona's" surgery*
- *Catherine Geddy for "Max III's" surgery*
- *Dianne Cannon in honor of "Preston"*
- *Kelly M. Heitkamp and Clyde Dickey in honor of "Sundance & Cassidy"*
- *Sara Back in honor of "Sampson"*
- *Liz Berkley for Teddy's surgery*
- *Ron & Michelle Schwartz in honor of "Bailey"*
- *Darryl & Nanci Knight in honor of "Rocky & Abby"*
- *Debra Giaimo in honor of "Bailey"*
- *Mary Haynes in honor of "Cody"*
- *Chuck Rhoades & Joe Martin in honor of "Kelly"*
- *Cristin & Jim Laccabue in honor of "Boomer"*
- *Christiane Patterson in honor of "Chevy"*
- *Kent & Elisa Wegner for Max III's hip surgery*

HAPPY ENDINGS



Max & Skipper— Best Friends



Cooper The Therapy Dog

Teddy's Story

In mid April, 2007 a truck pulled up in a grocery store parking lot in Wichita Falls, a chocolate female Lab and a black male Lab were let out of the cab, and the driver sped off. Horrified by-standers could not believe their



Teddy recovering from surgery

eyes. The frightened dogs were reported to

the grocery store manager who was going to have the local animal control pick them up.

Michelle Workman, one of the shoppers, did not want to see them go to the shelter where they had a high chance of being euthanized so she took them home with her, had them completed vetted (including spaying and neutering) and called us for assistance. Marsha Russell, Director of Incoming, was able to give her the name of someone in Wichita Falls who wanted a female and on Saturday, April 28, 2007 Michelle drove "Teddy", the male, to Dallas so that we could take him into the program.

Everyone fell in love with Teddy. The following Monday Pat Shaughnessy, Teddy's foster, took him to the Animal Hospital of Frisco to be examined and micro-chipped. Dr. Whitworth noticed that Teddy seemed to favor his right rear leg so x-rays were ordered. The x-rays showed that many months earlier Teddy had suffered some trauma that dislocated the femur. He received no medical atten-

tion so his body had adjusted as best it could. But the head of the femur was disintegrating and the socket had all but disintegrated. Can you imagine what it would be like to be walking around with a dislocated femur for as long as a year?

On Friday, May 4, 2007 Drs. L. Kevin Marcum and Jason Whitworth did a femoral head ostectomy on Teddy. This procedure called an FHO, cuts off the head of the femur and allows the musculature to take over.

On Monday, May 7, 2007 Teddy went home with his foster. In fact, he jumped right in the SUV! He is walking beautifully and can now look forward to a happy and healthy life.

Our wonderful veterinarians do our veterinary work at a greatly reduced cost. We are very appreciative of their skill and their unabated generosity in helping us to always do the best things for the dogs. We are also extremely

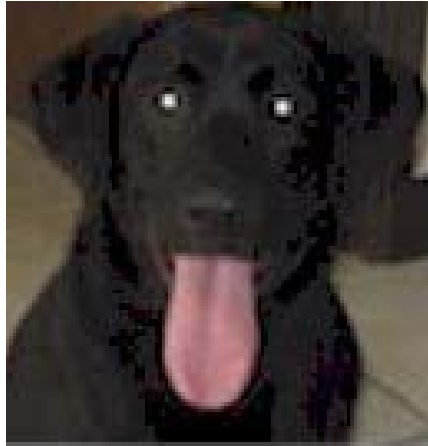


Teddy today, safe and loved

appreciative of all of our "friends" who make financial contributions which allow us to do what is always in the best interests of the dogs. Without our "friends" Teddy's surgery would not have been possible.

Mooney

Every once in a while a dog comes into our program who has special talents. Mooney is one of those dogs. He was originally picked up as a stray and taken to a city shelter. We got the call and, having a foster home available, we took him into our program. We soon learned why he was a stray. The boy would climb a chain link fence or dig under a wood fence even when he had other dogs to play with. We knew this would make it difficult to find him a good home.



A tip from his foster mom Jamie McRae that he was very driven to find a thrown ball led us to have him evaluated by a Gifted Animal Program (GAP) diagnostician. The first test was how many times he would retrieve a ball, even when he didn't see where it was thrown. Some dogs' attention wanes after a few throws due to distractions, but Mooney kept going. Marsha Russell was so proud of him.

Mooney who was a stray at a city shelter is now serving the community as a drug detection dog!

The next step was to have him tested by Detection K-9 of America. They do further testing for stamina and finding a ball. With Mooney's head turned, a ball was hidden in one of three boxes with just a hole in the top for him to get a scent. It didn't take long for Mooney to find his ball.

Mooney is now in training to serve the community as a drug detection dog, sniffing out illegal drugs in schools, airports, or other public areas. He will live with his trainer/handler as a member of the family. We are keeping in contact with his current trainer and are confident he'll pass with flying colors. After all, he's a Lone Star dog!

GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS

April 28, 2007 was a bright, sunny Saturday and we're sure that contributed to our very successful garage sale. It brought in \$565.00 which went into our veterinary expense fund.

Thank you to all of the folks who contributed wonderful merchandise. We are especially grateful to **Sandi & Ron Williams** who contributed a couple of truck loads of furniture, children's

clothes and toys and also to **Nanci & Darryl Knight, Susan & Marcus Burson, Carol & Sim Trotter, Marsha Russell, Pam Brewis, Michelle & Ron Schwartz** and **Andrea & Steven Solka**.

We also want to thank **Marsha Russell & Carol Trotter** for spending several hours on pricing and **Carol Trotter** for returning the next day to work

on the sales team with **Nanci Knight, Pat Shaughnessy, & Zachary Schwartz**.

With nine year old **Zachary Schwartz** on hand, clean up was a snap.

Sampson

Who showed us the worst and the best in people

In early December, 2006 Sara Back, who lives near Kilgore, Texas, contacted us about a chocolate Lab that apparently had been dumped in the country down the road from her home. He was living in the brush alongside the road waiting for someone to return for him. He was very friendly and Sara began to feed him and bring him clean water but he steadfastly stayed where he was so his owner could find him. As the weather grew colder Sara realized that his wait was futile and she tried to find a rescue group to take him in because she already had five dogs at her house.



Sampson, safe and loved in his forever home

Sara drove this fellow from Kilgore to Dallas on December 5th and turned him over to us. She named him Sampson because of his size. We whisked him to our rescue vet who estimated that he was only about a year old. Dr. Joyner immediately noticed the knot on one of his rear legs. Seems that many months earlier this leg had been broken and never set so the bone just healed the way it was. We subsequently learned that his right hip, left knee and left fibula had also been broken and also healed with no veterinary intervention. All of this had happened many months earlier and Sampson was obviously getting around okay so there didn't seem that there was anything to do but accept his strange gait.

Sampson was a big, personable dog who had been utterly neglected. He was malnourished, his coat was dull and dry, and he obviously had not received medical attention for a grievous and traumatic injury. Rachel Bray and Ben Plunk opened their home to Sampson as fosters and in a very short period of time he was house-broken, crate trained and loving every minute of his new life.

On December 17, 2006 Sampson attended his first adoption booth. Carol Bracken, from Willow Park, Texas, came to the booth to see another dog...an older yellow male Lab. But when she met Sampson it was love at first sight. Sampson

was delivered to Carol and Larry Bracken on December 20th. "Sam" had a wonderful time in his new forever home running around the huge yard, eating good food, and playing with two other Lab housemates.

It was a little too much of a good time! In late January, 2007 Sam was romping with his new friends and tore a ligament in his left knee. There was no treatment available except knee surgery followed by 14 weeks of crate rest – a sore trial for an active young dog. However, Sam was a good sport and seemed to trust that his new family was trying to help him. He emerged from his latest ordeal with his joyful spirit intact. The Brackens report that they have been awed by his courage and heart and are grateful that Sam has made their family complete.

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. 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@lonestarlalabrescue.org.

Support. Consider a donation to Lone Star Lab Rescue. You can also help buy dog food, prescriptions, and medical care, by sending a tax deductible contribution to:

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