

Fortunate Pooches and Lab Rescue, Inc.

Fall 2004 Newsletter



FPALR SPRUCES UP ITS WEBSITE

Many of you have noticed and have called us about our revamped website. FPALR, Inc., in order to stay competitive, needed to upgrade the website and make it appear more professional so it could compete with other rescue sites. The site now allows us to sell items, feature adoptable dogs, and advertise



Brian with Brandy & Sally.

upcoming events. The new FPALR website is now updated daily for newly arriving dogs, as well as adopted dogs. We are now able to take donations, application fees, adoption fees, raffle ticket sales, and merchandise sales using a credit card online. Brian P. Freeman, one of our Downers Grove volunteers, made these upgrades and is now maintaining the site and is our Webmaster. FPALR appreciates his efforts.

FPALR LAUNCHES ITS FIRST BENEFIT DOG WALK

On Sunday, October 17th, several friends of FPALR came together at Deer Park Forest Preserve near Palatine to raise money for the rescue. Each walker was sponsored by



several benefactors who offered a donation per mile walked. It was a chilly day, but it was a good opportunity for adopters and their labs to meet one another. We plan to conduct more of these benefit walks in the future. Check out the adoption event link on our website for upcoming benefits.

A GOLDEN EXPERIENCE WITH A CHOCOLATE FLAVOR

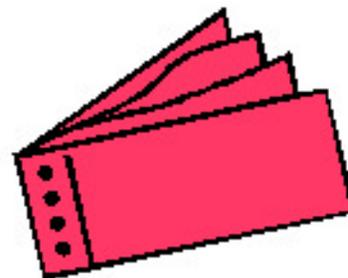


This past fall FPALR had two different families adopt two chocolate labs to two different families with golden retrievers. Each story had a

happy ending. Here are Hershey, the chocolate lab, and Mully, the senior golden retriever. The Hepner-Halac family from Schaumburg adopted Hershey from our rescue to keep Mully company. As you can see, they get along very well. To the right are Samson, a golden retriever, with Peggy, a chocolate lab, that was



adopted through FPALR as well by the Schuttes', also of the NW suburbs. They appear to be enjoying each other's company too! Thanks to both families from FPALR!



RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

Beginning Sept 17, 2004, FPALR began selling raffle tickets at their adoption events and online. Tickets are only \$1.00 each. At least 1000 tickets will need to be sold before the raffle is closed and the winners are selected. 1st Prize = \$200, 2nd Prize = \$50, 3rd Prize = \$15, 4th Prize = \$10. The proceeds collected in excess of

ALL THEY NEED IS A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS

No, we're not talking about Lennon & McCartney's lyrics...we're talking about the poor unfortunate labs & lab mixes who are abandoned everyday, needlessly. Some of them are sick, some are injured, and some are just left to fend for themselves. It is our mission at FPALR to save these poor homeless labs.



Mr. Jiggs, a small male yellow lab mix was left in the wilderness on his own, to fend for himself. FPALR heard about him from the Clay County Shelter and rescued him. Now he has a wonderful

forever home. Hercules (aka Houndi) is a male black lab mix who was abandoned with a lacerated right front leg and left at a Tennessee shelter to die. FPALR ensured he received the best veterinary treatment and although he only has 3 legs now, he has a chance to live a happy life.



Sally, a lab-doberman mix came from a shelter with previous experience as an abused, malnourished pup, and was one day from being euthanized. Now, she is with a loving family and has been through tow training courses, and is going to be attaining her Canine Good Citizenship certification, necessary for

therapy work. Sally is very happy now.

Time is running out for many other labs and lab mixes like these. All they need is **a little help from their friends**. Just a few dollars from you every now and then can help us rescue these dogs from kill shelters. Most people don't even give them a second thought. **But, we**

but you do, because you are reading this newsletter. You can help by buying raffle tickets, sending a donation, fostering, volunteering, or by paying your adoption fee, if you've neglected to do so. **Why not help FPALR save them, TODAY?**

MEET THE "SPOTTED LABS" (HA HA) BO AND KINSELLA

Occasionally, a situation arises in rescue where a decision has to be made to take in a dog outside of our scope. Such was the case with the "spotted lab" (otherwise known as a Dalmation) called Bo. The Dewey Family from Wisconsin already had a Dalmation named Kinsella. This past summer, they adopted Bo from FPALR. Bo and Kinsella get along **GREAT**, and they are the best of pals. We from FPALR wish Bo and Kinsella, along with the Dewey family a very happy life together. Our thanks to the Deweys.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

FPALR needs volunteers if we are to continue our mission to save unfortunate labs & lab mixes. A variety of rewarding opportunities exist for talented people like you!



WE NEED:

- **Transportors** to pick up and deliver dogs from shelters to our veterinarians.
- **Dog Walkers** to exercise dogs at boarding kennels
- **Home Visitors** to visit families interested in adopting.
- **Foster Homes** to transition newly rescued dogs from shelter to home lifestyle situations.
- **Persons to work adoption events** on weekends, greeting visitors, taking applications and showing dogs.



Why not stop in at some of our listed adoption events, on the web site, and pick up a volunteer application, and talk with some of our current volunteers. Even just a few hours a month would be a wonderful contribution and will make you feel good inside.