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**Who We Are**

We are a small not-for-profit rescue in Northern Illinois. We are dedicated to those labs and lab mixes in need of our help. When pooches, especially labs, are up to be euthanized, we try to step in and help as much as we can. When we take a lab or a lab mix in, our goal is to find the a great foster home and wait for the perfect family to adopt our four legged friends.

In addition to rescues, we keep our pooches up to date on their shots. All of our friends receive a checkup and basic vaccinations from a veterinarian. Also our dogs are micro chipped and spayed/neutered. All the donations we receive go to help with the costs of these procedures for the pooches along with all the food and medical care our loveable friends need until we can find them the perfect home!

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# Fortunate Pooches and Lab Rescue

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[www.fortunatelabrescue.org](http://www.fortunatelabrescue.org)

## Calling all dog lovers!!

Fortunate Pooches and Lab Rescue is dedicated to saving dogs that are abandoned in shelters and animal control facilities and giving them the second chance to be adopted into loving and caring homes. Our organization is composed entirely of volunteers who are dedicated to finding homes for all the dogs we rescue. But in order to do this **we need your help!** We are constantly looking for foster homes for our friends so we can continue to save as many dogs as we can. As a foster family you will be able to save a dog's life while we try to find them a permanent home. Since Fortunate Pooches and Lab Rescue pays for all the care the dog needs, we are just looking for you to open up your home and hearts. If

this is not an option we are always looking for volunteers and donations as well to make sure our organization can stay alive and running. FPALR, Inc. is a not-for-profit, 501c3 organization so your donation is tax deductible! As a volunteer you could get involved as a dog walker, a home visitor, a transporter that takes them to the vet, or you could volunteer at our adoption and fund raising events. In 2005 alone, we placed 218 dogs into permanent homes and we hope that with your support that number can grow every year. If you are interested in being a foster

home, would like to donate or you are ready to adopt one of the fortunate dogs we have in our newsletter, please visit our website at [www.fortunatelabrescue.org](http://www.fortunatelabrescue.org) for more information! Save a dog's life, get involved!



Scottie is one of our dogs who was adopted!

## Upcoming Event!

### Great American Dog Adoption Day at Paradise Park in Lake Zurich

Come join us on Saturday August 18th from 11am to 3pm as we host in partnership with Paradise Park Assisted Living and Memory Care of Lake Zurich, our first dog adoption event and dog show. We will be bringing out some

of our loveable friends for adoption from 11am-1pm and then stay and join us as the residents at Paradise Park have their very own dog show complete with refreshments and prizes for the lovely four legged contestants. Paradise Park Assisted Living and Memory Care is located at 550 America Court in Lake Zurich which is located off

Old Rand Road and Route 12. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Hayes, customer Relations Director at Paradise Park. Hope to see you all out for this great event!!

## Please Adopt Us!!



Why not adopt **Landon**? He is great with other dogs and loves long walks on his leash. He is potty trained and loves to play with kids! He may have a slight limp but that doesn't stop this loveable dog from having fun!!



Sheena— She is about 3 years of age. She is a pure Alaskan Malamute with beautiful markings! She is playful and good with everyone and walks well on a leash!

*Come see some of these loveable dogs at the August 26th Paws Chicago Angels with Tails Adoption Event! More info on our website [www.fortunatelabrescue.org](http://www.fortunatelabrescue.org)*



Dottie— She was found as a stray in Indiana and is now one of the lovable pooches you can adopt! She is great with people and would be an excellent addition to a loving family!

My name is Cheeta! I am a 2 year old pooch who needs a good and loving home! I am smart, sweet and potty trained. I am looking for a companion to talk long walks with and just have fun!



## Stories that have a happy ending!

To Everyone at Fortunate Pooches & Lab Rescue...

I wanted to drop you a quick line about our new little girl Stella (Lab/Dalmatian Mix who is Deaf). We adopted her at the Chicagoland Pet Expo in Schaumburg a little over a week ago.

Miss Stella has quickly settled in. She is full of energy, personality, is very vocal and is always getting into mischief (she has discovered how much fun it is to tip over the water bowl when no one is looking). :-). She gets along beautifully with her two sisters CJ and Becky. Stella has started puppy class, her first full class was this past Tuesday and she is very smart. She is picking up hand signals well. She already understands sit, down & no. She is quickly learning touch, come, watch me and stay. We are still working through the housebreaking, but she's getting it. Any accidents in the house have been from us not paying attention to her signals. We are going to start working on a signal for outside. Everyone who sees or meets her just falls in love. Our trainers at For Your Canine are fighting over which one is her 'Godmother.' They just love her.

Sincerely,

Sue Sentowski & Family



Stella with her two sisters (CJ is a yellow lab and Becky is a Lab/Springer mix).





## There are more of us to adopt!!



How could you not adopt him?? Joey is an energetic, playful lab mix boy, about one year old. He is a friendly, happy guy who loves to run and play outside with his foster brothers and sisters. Joey will need some basic obedience training, but he is very smart and eager to please. This good natured boy will make a wonderful companion and friend. Look at my happy eyes!



Kimchy - I am a 9 week old lab mix puppy, cute, on the way of being potty trained and full of love and affection. I love to give kisses and I am Cheeta's daughter. I would love to get my own permanent home and be a part of someone's family

*We believe that no animal, regardless of how severely it has been neglected, deserves to be ignored and destroyed. They all deserve a second chance. Please go to our website to see how you can donate! Thank you for your generosity. We couldn't save these precious lives without you!*

Laddie is a pure collie and he is about 4 years old. He was running away, probably from being shot by more BB's as the shelter manager found some embedded in his coat. He is very sweet on the calmer side, and loves other dogs and his good human friends. He is being neutered next week, and applications are being accepted now! Don't miss out on taking him home with you!



## Upcoming Event!

*August 25th at Knupper's in Palatine will host an Adoption Event from 11-3. It is wonderful for such a known landscaping company to host an event. They are located next to the Menard's in Palatine on Route 12. Please come and support us!*

## Why you should adopt from FPALR!

**What makes FPALR different from all the other rescue operations? In addition to our profiling process that helps you choose a dog that fits your preferences, FPALR provides follow-up support for every FPALR pooch!**

- We guarantee a full month of veterinarian services after your adoption and will always be around for you to call if you have questions concerning your new companion. Say, for example, that your pooch decides it does not want to tackle a steep stairway. Call us and we'll recommend simple techniques to help resolve the dilemma.
- We organize periodic reunions and events to keep us all in touch. Plus, our website serves as a centralized information center that allows you to share your unique stories and recent photos of you and your FPALR companions.
- If within the first 15 days of adopting a pooch you decide you cannot fulfill your adoption commitment, FPALR will refund 50% of your adoption fee and will send a volunteer to pick up the dog as soon as possible.

With all the support and care FPALR gives their dogs and new owners, why not adopt one of our pooches and make their lives better!

## Why do we LOVE Labs?

The Labrador Retriever is a strong built, medium size short-coupled dog, possessing a sound, athletic, well balanced conformation that enables it to function as a retrieving gun dog. The Labrador Retriever has a disposition of kindness, is outgoing, tractable and is always eager to please and non aggressive towards man and animal. Its appeal comes from the dogs gentle ways, intelligence and adaptation to its surroundings which makes the Lab an ideal dog for people! The

height at the withers for a male dog is 22.5 to 24.5 inches; for a female dog it is 21.5 to 23.5 inches They weigh between 55 and 80 pounds and their trademark is their coat which is short, straight and dense.

Labs come in black, yellow and chocolate with variations of shades.

Why should you adopt a lab? They are friendly, kind and learn commands easily. They are eager to please and love children. One thing to note about labs is that they love water. They also love to play fetch

and carry things in their mouth so if you need the morning paper, send out your new lab to retrieve it!

So as you can see Labrador Retrievers are wonderful, playful and kind dogs that would be a great addition to any household looking for a family pet. No wonder we try and rescue so many before they are put to sleep! So come and check out our website at [www.fortunatelabrescue.org](http://www.fortunatelabrescue.org) and see if one of these loveable animals is the right one for you!

## Protect Animals in Puppy Mills!

What is a Puppy Mill?

Puppy Mills are facilities where humans breed helpless dogs, providing minimal care while maximizing their profits. There are approximately 5,000 puppy mills in the United States! Dogs are often inbred to maximize their use, thereby saving money for the breeder. The female will often breed repeatedly until she becomes useless due to an illness and excessive breeding. At this point she will most likely be killed or sold for further exploration. Dogs that are born and raised in

puppy mills often have genetic disorders due to injuries from loose wires or dog fights. Additionally they often live in such inhabitable conditions including, but not limited to, standing in feces, lack of air conditioning and cramped quarters that cause them to be physically and/or emotionally scared.

Currently, puppy mills are not required for inspection due to a loophole in the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The Pet Animal Welfare Statue is working to change this, making breeding operations (those that sell

seven or more litters a year) are subject to the requirements of the AWA. You can make sure this happens by contacting your Senators and Representatives and urge them to co-sponsor and strongly support the Pet Animal Welfare Statue.

Contact the Humane Society at <https://community.hsus.org/humane/home.html> or visit our website for further information.