

Fortunate Pooches & Lab Rescue

Spring 2004



We hope you are enjoying lemonade, sunshine, vacations and of course your four-legged friends as it is summertime!

Fortunate Pooches and Lab Rescue wants to thank everyone for their continued support. Without our volunteers, adoption families, donations and other support, we would not be able to help save these beautiful dogs. But we still need your help.

We are always looking for volunteers. There is something for everyone. We need people who are willing to help with fundraising, transporting dogs, participating at dog adoptathons and fostering.

Have you ever considered fostering a dog? Many people feel they would get too attached to the dogs they are fostering. While you will probably fall

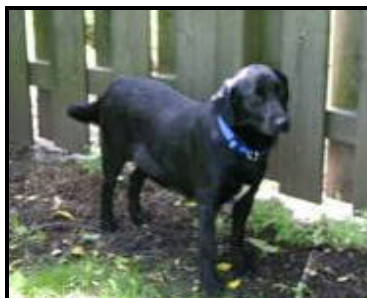
in love with these great canines, it is very rewarding to take care of an animal that was once unwanted, see it flourish with good veterinary care, food, and love and then be part of the ultimate reward when this doggie gets a home of it's own.



"Caesar"

Fortunate Pooches and Lab Rescue is always looking for more foster homes. The more foster homes we have, the more dogs we can save. If you are interested in becoming a foster family, contact Ileana at jpullos@comcast.net or 847-224-9560.

Some of our four-legged friends needing homes



"Lacie"

Lacie is a new mommy. She is very sweet. Lacie and her puppies will be available for adoption later this summer.

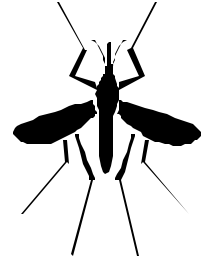
Heartworm Disease: Don't Forget Prevention

Mosquitoes are more than just a pest—the insect can spread a deadly parasite that can infect dogs. Heartworm can become a fatal disease if not treated. The disease is spread by a female mosquito biting a dog that is already infected with heartworm. The mosquito then transfers the infective larva when it bites another dog. After several months, the larva will enter the dog's blood stream and can eventually cause heartworms to grow in the right side of the heart. The heartworms look like spaghetti and can reach a length of 14 inches. Large number of heartworms can eventually block the heart leading to death.

There is treatment for heartworm but it is expensive and very intensive. Depending upon the stage of the disease, most dogs will receive a series of injections to kill the heartworm and any larva. The dog must remain quiet for up to 6-8 weeks with no activity. This includes no walks, playing with children or other dogs, and no running. After the first treatment, the worms gradually die and dissolve into the blood stream. During this time the dog must remain inactive or the worms could dislodge and cause pulmonary embolism. In extreme cases, the worms can be surgically removed.

Heartworm has been detected in every state including Alaska. Fortunately heartworm disease is preventable. There are several excellent preventative treatments available. Most

are a chewable tablet that is given monthly. It is best to discuss with your veterinarian which preventative medication is best.



Many people are considering a new injection that is given on a six month basis to prevent heartworm. While the concept of giving dogs a shot twice a year to prevent heartworm sounds promising, especially since many dogs in shelter suffer from



George is one of several FPLR dogs that have undergone heartworm treatment.

there have been reports of serious side effects associated with this preventative measure. Some rescues in Minnesota and Indiana have reported dogs suffering seizures, vomiting, and other medication conditions following the heartworm

prevention injection.

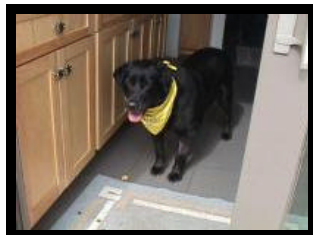
At this time, we use the monthly preventative tablet and we advise people to discuss the various heartworm preventative treatment options with their veterinarian.



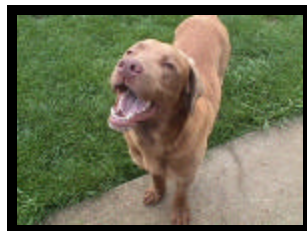
Give 'em a paw—they're ADOPTED!!!



"HAILEY"



"HONEY"



"ROMEO"



"GLADYS"

Family makes every effort to save their yellow lab “Bo”

“Bo” has Addison's Disease. A condition that can destroy the adrenal glands and result in lethargy, muscle weakness, vomiting and other serious symptoms. Treatment can be lifelong.

After many expenses, the family could not afford the treatment for Bo. As a result instead of taking the easy way out, the family searched for a way to keep their beloved yellow lab.

They contacted many rescues that declined taking Bo in or assisting with the cost of the medication. FPALR, Inc. agreed to pay for Bo's treatment so that they can keep Bo, and in exchange to gain a foster home. The Lutz family has been fostering for us and are doing an excellent job, not only by saving Bo the

yellow lab but by saving many other labs. That is what we call dedication from a law enforcement officer, that not only protects our society but also our animals. The Lutz Family is a unique example of excellent ethics and dedication.

A NOTE FROM BO

Hi there! I'd like to tell you a little about myself. I have seven brothers and sisters and when my little girl came to get me, her brother picked out my brother, and we went to live in a nice house. Things were great for 3 years, then I started to feel icky. I didn't have any energy, I was losing a lot of weight, and I was pooping everywhere and throwing up all the time. Mom took me to a vet, who wasn't very nice, so we got a second opinion. We liked this new vet, and kept going back, every week, and every week the vet would take some of my blood (which was ok, because I got a biscuit afterwards). He said that I have something called Addison's Disease. He gave my mom a prescription that made me feel better,

but not good enough. He told us to go to another vet who was really far away, we drove in the car for over an hour! This vet took my blood and gave me a shot (I got more biscuits!). For the first time in a long while, I felt back to my old self. But I heard my mom and dad talking about how expensive the shots are and that they might have to put me down. I don't know what that meant, but it didn't sound good. Then we found Fortunate Lab Rescue and they are helping us to manage the shots! Go to the 'Sponsor A Lab' page to see my picture and learn more about Addison's. Please consider sponsoring me!



Come Join Us!

Fortunate Pooches & Lab Rescue will be at the following locations in Illinois showing off some of our furry friends at our adoption days:

Petco in Lake Zurich, the 2nd and the Last Saturday of the month from 11:30—3:00.

Petco in Wilmette, the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 11:30—3:00.

Please stop by and visit us! We would like to thank Petco for supporting our rescue by hosting our adoption days!



MEET PAT!

Pat Van Osten is one of the volunteers with FPLR. She joined FPLR this past winter and has been extremely busy transporting dogs, fostering labs, and promoting our rescue. She is a great volunteer and has helped save many dogs that were scheduled to be euthanized at shelters in Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio. We are so happy she is one of our volunteers. Pat is AMAZING!!!! We are always looking for volunteers to help foster, transport or raise funds. Come join us!!!



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