



Safe Harbor Lab Rescue

Rehoming Labs with Good People

Lab Gab

SUCCESS STORY UPDATE

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Written by Dick Cazier

Frodo (formerly known as Sonny) came to Safe Harbor, when he was just nine months old, in July 2004, from the Denver Dumb Friends League Buddy Center in Castle Rock. Frodo went into foster care with Dirk, a college student from the Netherlands. Dirk became so attached to Frodo that he adopted him in February 2005.

Dirk completed his studies at the end of the summer and made plans to return to Europe. The flight to Europe was just the first of Frodo's adventures in his new world.

During an early adventure Frodo was walking along one of the local canals and spied some ducks swimming in the canal. He decided to dive in after them. The canal walls are very steep, so Dirk had to jump into the canal to retrieve Frodo!

Frodo now lives happily on farm north of Amsterdam and far from the big cities. There is a lot of land for him to run and play on with his "parents", Jilly, his Lab sister, and Spookie, his Jack Russell Terrier brother. He spends most of his days outside and the evenings and nights inside with his family. He barks at cows, chases birds, and is friendly with the horses.

How great for Safe Harbor to have Frodo as its overseas ambassador!



Jilly, Spookie and SHLR Frodo

Safe Harbor Lab Rescue's mission is to successfully rehome stray or surrendered Labrador Retrievers in Colorado by offering medical care, training resources and breed education.

[Safe Harbor Lab Rescue](#)

is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization run solely by volunteers. Donations can be made through the SHLR web site with Pay Pal or mailed to:

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ALL BREED RESCUE NETWORK

Written by Leslie Brown

Safe Harbor Lab Rescue (SHLR) is a member of All Breed Rescue Network (ABRN), www.allbreedrescuenetwork.com. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, ABRN is a coalition of purebred rescue groups in Colorado that work to provide breed assistance, welfare, education and placement of purebred dogs. ABRN is a member of the Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies, which focuses on issues that impact animals and their owners in Colorado.



As a member, SHLR enjoys many benefits, including, upon application, grant funds to help with significant veterinary expenses. Among the most valuable member benefits is the advice and counsel of Martha Smith, the President of ABRN. As a still relatively "young" rescue, Safe Harbor has relied on Martha's experience and level-headedness countless times in dealing with difficult decisions or unusual circumstances.

Martha serves on several Committees and Boards including the Metro Denver Shelter Alliance, the Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs, the Colorado Alliance for Cruelty prevention, and Colorado's Helping Hands Foundation.

Martha is an important voice in the animal welfare community in Colorado and was recently awarded the Human Hero Award by the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association.

Every ABRN member group operates under its own policies and procedures, but shares the common goal of increasing the adoptions of purebred dogs in Colorado, and educating the community about responsible dog ownership including spaying and neutering.

Members of ABRN are occasionally called upon to volunteer at ABRN events, such as working a shift at the ABRN booth at the Furry Scurry or the Denver Pet Expo. This is an excellent opportunity to learn firsthand about ABRN and to meet some of its volunteers and share stories.

SHLR is honored to be a part of All Breed Rescue Network and to work toward their vision of ending euthanasia of adoptable dogs in Colorado. Together SHLR and ABRN know that vision can be realized.

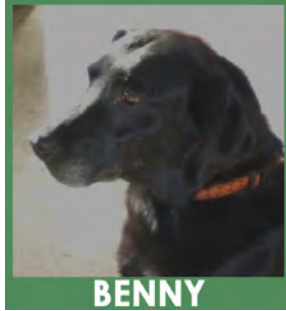
2008 SHLR Statistics:	
<i>(as of this printing)</i>	
Labs Placed	30
Labs Taken In	38
Spayed/Neutered	10



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Kevin & Pat Whiteley

Written by Jacky Eckard

No matter what the Labs need, long time volunteers Pat & Kevin Whiteley are always there in a flash to help! Lab lovers Pat & Kevin have been volunteering for about 4 years and learned about Safe Harbor through a friend. Active and experienced fosters, they have cared for a many Labs over the years. Cletus was their most recent foster "guest". Two fosters were too irresistible to part with. Bennie, a rescued senior, and young Buck joined the original resident Lab, Berit, to make a happy family of 2 people and 3 Labs. Past fosters love the Whitley crew so much some even return for babysitting!



Besides fostering, Pat and Kevin generously help with transports near and far, Lab Fest and other events. When not busy with the Labs, they are active in their church, own Altitude Imprints (www.altitudeimprints.com), a small business that offers promotional items such as our snazzy adoption bandanas, and they teach and organize national dance events through their Let's Dance Denver studio. It's a good thing this busy and generous couple with a huge heart is so light on their feet. How else could they keep up with all they do for the Labs!



2009 Calendar PHOTO CONTEST

Our 1st annual Calendar Photo Contest Was a HUGE SUCCESS thanks to many of you who submitted photo entries and/or purchased our 2008 Calendar.

Let's do it again! Our 2nd annual Photo Contest will be announced on our website very shortly and we're hoping for an even bigger response this year. Winners will be Mr/Ms January through December 2009, and will receive free calendars. There will also be 12 Honorable Mentions.



So dust off those cameras and start snapping away – we all know that Labs are the most photogenic dogs in the world and are happy to oblige us with everything from belly-up naps to great action shots, to silly clown faces.

Photos must be horizontal, and high-resolution digital shots work best. Snapshots will also be accepted. The Labs need NOT be rescued Labs.

Please watch for details on the website coming soon!

THE VETERINARY CORNER

Written by Dr. Wilks

Dental disease is the number one diagnosed disease for our four legged friends, with as many as 75% of dogs over the age of 2 affected.

The first sign of dental disease is bad breath. This occurs when bacteria, food particles, and saliva form a slime called plaque. The plaque then makes a nice home for more bacteria to thrive in a harder substance called tarter.

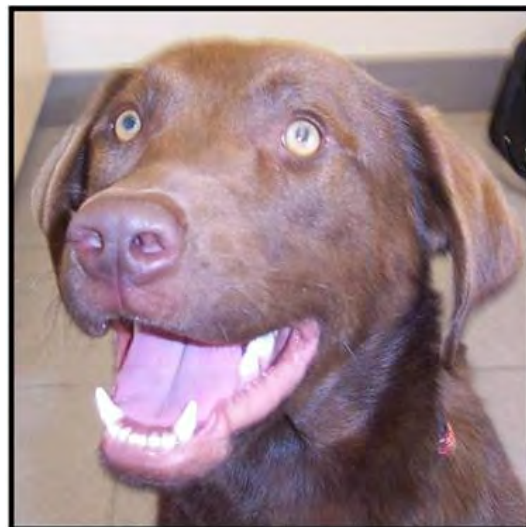
In addition to foul non-kissable breath the bacteria in the calculus, or tarter, can lead to health issues in the kidneys, liver and heart. Some signs we typically might attribute to age including: lethargy, weight loss and poor body condition, may in fact be due to dental disease.

Your vet can spot potential problems and determine if a scaling and tooth assessment needs to be done. Just like your dentist, your vet will clean, check for periodontal pockets, damage to the tooth and even radiographs to check for signs of disease under the gum line.

Unfortunately tarter can hide problems that can result in the tooth having to be extracted. Once your friend has a clean mouth regular brushing using pet specific toothpaste is recommended to help remove plaque accumulation.

Brushing is the best way to ensure your friends oral health, and with positive reinforcement and persistence most dogs will allow and enjoy brushing. However, there are some dogs and owners who will find this task challenging so for them there are oral rinses and water additives that contain an antibacterial agent to help decrease the population of bacteria that form plaque.

Other everyday products include: dental diets which are usually larger to help scrape off the plaque and tarter from the teeth, dental bones, chews and chew toys. With some of these products you will have to take into account your dogs chewing style and pick products that are size appropriate and strong enough to stand up to your dog's jaw strength.



So go out and enjoy life but be careful with your teeth.

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