



Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue

*Dedicated to finding loving, life-long homes
for displaced Labrador Retrievers*

Federal 501(c)(3) non-profit rescue

Hello!

2008 has been a very busy and exciting time for Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue! Since our inception in 2000, we've saved 1,940 Labs. So far this year, we have rescued 139 Labs and expect by year-end to have saved over 250 Labbie lives! 2008 is a very different year for our rescue because, in the past, we were very fortunate to have an extremely generous benefactor who made large annual contributions to us each year. Sadly, last year, our wonderful benefactor passed away.

DLRR is turning to you as we embark on our 1st Annual Donations Drive! We really hope that you will be able to help us reach our goal of \$50,000. We know this is ambitious but we have so many wonderful Lab-lovers out there we know we can do it!

Veterinary care continues to be our biggest expense and the main reason we are conducting our Donations Drive. We take the health and well-being of our dogs seriously and do our very best to make sure all their medical needs are met. Last year we spent \$96,986 and so far this year, we have already spent \$52,377. DLRR has paid for surgery for Rupert who was so emaciated when we got him it was hard to tell that he had severe hip dysplasia. DLRR paid for his much-needed surgery and Rupert is recovering with his new loving family. Logan was found abandoned in the desert with a badly torn ACL, dislocated knee and torn cartilage. DLRR paid for his recent surgery and, like Rupert, Logan is now recovering in a wonderful new home. DLRR has taken as many proactive steps as we can by applying for grants from several sources. We received money to help fund a part of Rupert's surgery through LabMed and will continue to explore the opportunities available to us through these organizations.

DLRR's fantastic volunteers have already been busy trying to achieve this year's fundraising goals! We had a blast with the Phoenix Roadrunner and PACC911 Fundraising Competition that DLRR won! In addition, we marched with our labs in the St. Patty's Day Parade in downtown Phoenix, showed off our beautiful dogs on TV news coverage spots and talked up our rescue with Dave Pratt on KMLE radio. DLRR has also been seen out and about at several PACC911 Adopt-a-thons across the Valley.

We have lots more to do this year! On June 13th, we'll be cheering on our Diamondbacks in the K-9 corner and raffling off a D-Backs memorabilia item. Also, on September 13th, DLRR will co-host a Casino Night fundraiser with the Animal Rescue Center and the National Canine Cancer Foundation. In addition, we will be coming out with a beautiful calendar featuring our Labs as well as organizing a Reunion Picnic for all our past adopters at Cosmo Dog Park. As if all that wasn't keeping us busy enough, we hope to participate in gift-wrapping at Barnes and Noble stores during the holidays. Whew! There's A LOT going on!

Please help us reach our goals we are working so hard to achieve by making as generous a donation as you can. Remember that all donations are all tax-deductible! Checks can be made payable to DLRR and sent to the address below. We also have a Pay Pal button for donations on our website at www.dlrrphoenix.org. In addition, we gratefully accept stocks, bonds and mutual fund contributions. You may even choose to make monthly contributions to DLRR. Thank you so very, very much for helping us help these amazing Labs find the loving, forever homes they so deserve!

Any questions, please let us know! You can contact Karen Aubert at treas@dlrrphoenix.org.

Thanks again for your generosity!