

Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue

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

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

DLRR's 4th Annual 2011 Donations Drive is officially underway!

Since our inception in 2000, DLRR has saved 2,585 Labs in need! Because Arizona's animal shelters are severely overcrowded, DLRR is often the last chance a Lab may have. Any treatable illness or injury and of course, space issues, force kill shelters to put even friendly Labs on the euthanasia list. And that's where DLRR steps in! The majority of our Labs are from Arizona county pounds and shelters. We also take owner turn-ins when we can and there is no shortage of Labs that need our help due to the economic hardships that many of their owners are now facing.

During our 2010 Donations Drive, we had an ambitious goal of \$50,000 and with your help, we raised over \$57,000 which is amazing and we truly appreciate your help exceeding our goal! In 2011, we hope that you will be able to **help us meet or exceed our \$50,000 goal again.**

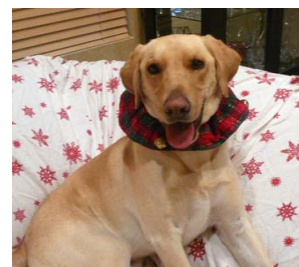
Veterinary care continues to be our biggest expense. We take the health and well-being of our dogs seriously and do our very best to make sure that all of their medical needs are met. DLRR pays for any veterinary treatment required and ensures that all labs receive updated immunizations and microchips. We also work to reduce pet overpopulation by funding spaying or neutering for all of our Labs. Last year, **DLRR's veterinary costs exceeded \$95,000. We expect to at least meet or exceed that figure in 2011.**

Here are just a few of the Labs that are benefiting from DLRR's ability as a rescue to pay for medical expenses:

Halo – this handsome boy was emaciated with Valley Fever and suffering from a brachial plexus injury, where the nerves in the armpit area are torn away from the spinal column. Halo was from the pound e-list and we have no history on what trauma he suffered. With our vet's recommendation, DLRR recently paid for the surgery to amputate his leg in order to give this happy boy a better quality of life. Halo is recovering now from this extensive surgery and will begin rehabilitation with his loving foster family.



Trigger - this darling yellow boy was hit by a car and his owner didn't want to have his broken leg fixed so they told the vet to euthanize him. DLRR was called and we took him in. Trigger's surgery required a plate and screws to make sure his leg healed properly but he has made a complete recovery and is now awaiting his forever home.



Java - a gentle young chocolate boy who was hit by a car and suffered severe wounds. DLRR paid for extensive surgery but just as Java was recovering, he had a fatal setback when the diaphragmatic hernia he suffered during the accident ruptured further and compromised his lungs and heart. We will all miss this sweet boy!



Cider - was on the E-list at the pound and is currently recovering from a severe case of untreated Valley Fever. Cider came to us emaciated and hardly able to walk. Several times a week he received Abelcet infusions and is now gaining weight and feeling so much better. In typical Labbie style, his sweet nature has always shown through!



Ezra – came to us from the pound emaciated, covered in ticks and with a terrible skin infection. Poor Ezra also had entropion on both of his lower and upper eyelids causing his eyelashes to turn in and painfully rub on both of his eyes. Once Ezra was feeling better he received his much-needed eye surgery. Happily, as soon as Ezra became available for adoption, he was welcomed into his forever home!



Bob5 – this handsome Labbie was found as a stray and turned into another rescue. He was then surrendered to DLRR so we could be sure to place him in the best home. Bob has entropion just like Ezra and recently underwent surgery to correct this and is now ready for his new forever loving family!



DLRR works hard throughout the year to find ways we can raise the funds necessary to save as many Labs as possible. Our beautiful 2011 calendars featuring our rescued Labs are almost sold out but you can still purchase them on our website and at most of our events. In addition, we are excited to be part of a fundraiser sponsored by Creative U on April 9th. Finally, DLRR's 3rd Annual *Corks and Collars* wine tasting fundraiser and silent auction will be held October 22nd and we are pleased to announce it will be hosted by Armitage/West Addison at DC Ranch Marketplace.

Please help us reach the goal we are working so hard to achieve this year by making as generous a donation as you can. Remember that all donations are tax-deductible. We gratefully accept stocks, bonds and mutual fund contributions. Checks can be made payable to DLRR and sent to the address below. In addition, we have a PayPal button for donations on our website at www.dlrrphoenix.org.

Thank you so very, very much for helping us help these amazing Labs find the loving, forever homes they so deserve! If you have any questions, please email our Treasurer, Karen Aubert at treas@dlrrphoenix.org. We really appreciate your generosity!

Sincerely,

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Bruce Miller, President