

Rescue Report

by Marcia Lucas

The Task Force completed all of its documents for the rescue website. Visitors will now find articles on how to start your own Lab rescue, what to expect when you adopt a Lab, what it's like to live with Labs, and things to try before you give your Lab up to an adoption agency. There is also a description of what the LRC's national rescue fund is.

Fortunately we got all of that done before Katrina hit. After Aug 30 we asked LRC members to please volunteer to house Labs from LA and MS and the response was enormous! Over 100 people, most of them LRC members, offered up their homes to displaced Labradors. The biggest hurdle was notifying rescuers in LA that we had these homes available. With help from the Bernese Mountain Dog Club, we finally are beginning to match a few Labs with some of these homes. It is slow going so far because the authorities are trying hard to keep the dogs in the area in the hope they can someday be reunited with their owners. As time passes and that becomes less likely, unfortunately, I believe more Labs will be leaving LA and MS and moving to new homes. The Rescue Task Force thanks all the many members who have offered their homes and kennels to house Labs displaced by Katrina. Please be patient; your services may still be much needed in the coming months as dogs are finally allowed to leave the area.

The LRC was anxious to provide financial help to the efforts to save dogs in the area and, at the time, we were not aware of any Labrador rescue groups operating in the Katrina disaster area. Therefore the Board of Directors felt it would be best to assist the veterinarians who were helping these poor dogs and made a \$3000 donation to the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association. The Rescue Task Force would like to thank the Directors for their generosity.

Later we learned of a Lab rescue group, based in Connecticut that has "branch offices" in Louisiana. The story of their rescue efforts appears at the end of this report. If you are still considering where to send your donations to help "Katrina/Rita" Labs, please consider making a donation to this hardworking group!! You can make a donation online at their website www.labs4rescue.com - they even take credit cards!

I would like to introduce the members of the task force to you:

Brandy Burton-Tarantino - I have been involved with shelters and rescue for nearly 30 years, and specialize in dealing with hard cases and aggression. Though most of our rescues are Labradors we are an all breed rescue home and regularly have other breeds in as fosters. I've been "in Labs" for about a dozen years now. Train & trial currently in rally, obedience, hunt tests, conformation and formerly in herding events (my "other breed" is GSDs, but I did herd with my first Labrador prior to taking him on to other titles! He was quite the little stock dog).

Deb Hamele - I have been involved in rescue since the early 1990s. I am the co-founder of LABMED and a member of several dog clubs as well as a founding member of Badger Labrador Retriever Club. I currently own 5 Labs, as well as a rescued Am. Staff Terrier and 4 Pugs. I have been "in" Labradors for 20 years doing breeding, training, and competing in breed, obedience, agility, tracking and hunt tests. My kennel name is Dunn's Marsh and my goal in breeding is a sound dog in both body and mind

who can compete in the show ring one day then the next day qualify in a performance event. Last year we moved to the country just south of Madison, WI where I have lots of room for my agility equipment and room for the dogs to play and run. To pay the entry fees, vet bills, etc. I work as an RN at a clinic working for 4 women pediatricians part-time and on-call for a large Special Care Nursery at an area hospital. I also teach obedience, tracking and agility as well as give private training lessons. My web site is <http://www.dunsmarshlabs.com>

Terri McFadden - I have been the AZ Point of Contact for rescue with the LRC and work with the local lab rescue organization with labrador referrals. I've been involved with Labradors for 28 years, mostly now in conformation, hunt tests, obedience, and therapy work. I have helped trained service dogs in the past through a Tucson service dog organization.

Sandy McMillan - I am currently the Director of Training at Capitol Illini Training Club in Springfield, IL where I have pursued work with difficult dogs and taught classes on dogs' body language and a Top Dog Instructor course. Out of my work with problem dogs I have developed a special interest in rescues and therein found a new arena to match my helping desire and my love of Labradors. I love to match a dog to a family whether it be a puppy or an adult, then follow-up to make sure that all goes well. Sometimes it's the simplest little things that makes all the difference in a successful adoption. (Sandy McMillan bought her first Labrador in 1983 and soon after discovered the world of canine sports. Since 1983 she has titled numerous Labradors in obedience, tracking, hunt tests and conformation. She breeds 1-2 litters a year aiming to produce sound working dogs that meet the AKC standard. She is an AKC tracking judge and applying to become an AKC hunt test judge.)

Jennifer Combs - I adopted my first "rescue" Labrador Retriever in March and after getting an ILP on her, I hope to enter her in agility and rally as well. Researching Labrador rescue groups really opened my eyes to the entire "business" of rescue. I realized that there are many more layers to the rescue experience than I had previously thought and wanted to get involved. I got my first Labrador Retriever in 1988 and got interested in conformation while attending the National Specialty in the town where I was living at the time. I am currently a member of the National Specialty Events Committee of the LRC, Inc. and I have a male Labrador Retriever that I am training for agility and rally.

Labs4Rescue of Connecticut comes to the rescue after Hurricane Katrina. Labs4rescue is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing and finding permanent loving homes for abandoned or displaced Labrador Retrievers and Labrador Mixes. Since 2002, Labs4rescue has placed over 3000 labs into adoptive homes in New England. We have group members and volunteers, from located in states from Louisiana to Maine.

When hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, Labs4rescue rapidly responded. Since we have many members and volunteers throughout Louisiana, we sprang into action to aid abandoned labs throughout the hurricane areas. Our initial efforts were aimed at pulling labs from the high-kill shelters in Louisiana, as these shelters had to euthanize to make room

for dogs impacted by the hurricane. Later we took in owner surrenders and strays. Due to the devastation in the eastern portion of the state, we shuttled the labs to points west, for vet work, prior to transport to New England. Our members in Alexandria, Lafayette, and Lake Charles, LA were taking in a higher than normal number of owner surrenders, labs surrendered to shelters, and strays from shelters. When Hurricane Rita struck southwest LA, our strategy had to change, and we began taking the labs from Louisiana to Ohio, where a group member there, continues to coordinate their vet care. Even though the homes of most of our 12 members/volunteers who live in Louisiana were damaged during one of the two hurricanes, they remain dedicated to the goal of helping the labs from their area, find wonderful, loving homes.

Since September 1st, Labs4rescu has adopted 154 labs from LA, 15 from MS, and 4 from AL. We currently have an additional 36 labs from hurricane areas in foster homes in New England, 42 in OH, receiving vet care, and another 50-60 in boarding and receiving vet care in Louisiana. We are so proud of the efforts of our members, volunteers and past adopters, who have all enthusiastically and generously responded to pleas for help.

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Dog for All Reasons
Award Winners

Due to the incredibly wet conditions during the 2005 National, the paperwork for the DFAR Award is too wet to read.

Will the winners please contact Nina Mann to let her know you should be recognized?

Please email Nina and tell her what your qualifications were for your award.

Thank you!

Nina Mann

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Working Certificate Qualifiers, 2005 National Specialty

Peakebrook Farm, CT

Judges: Janet Davis & Betsy Fogg

Luckydux Quacker Jaxx

Andrea Carlson
 Andy Carlson
 Campbell &
 Sarah Muir
 Melody Losea
 Andrea Carlson

Kiscos Shyladh Madagh

Campbell &
 Sarah Muir

Viking Surf's Up

Luckydux Graham Quacker

Andy Carlson

Kiscos Milidh Bhan

Michelle Howe &
 Chad Morse
 Mary Wakeman
 Campbell &
 Sarah Muir

Nycoma Way's Dolcissima

Caccha's Willow Amazing Nyne

Kiscos Greta Mor CD NA NJW

Graycroft Providential Design

Davikas Little Miss Molly

Tameric's Choose Your Poison

Taylor Farms Shelby Cobra

Windrush-N-Manora's Colleen

Karen Cheney &
 Anna Clark

John L'Heureux
 Nancy Brandow

Valerie Small
 Diane Gering &
 Nancy Scholz

Carl & Gail Ford
 Jo Ann Reynolds

Cheryl & John
 Stedner

Michael & Holly
 Chamberlain

Nancy Brandow
 Diane Gering &
 Nancy Scholz

Melissa Wood
 Kristen Maloney

Russell & Robin
 Laine

Mary Fowler &
 Mary Kobis

Melissa Wood &
 Aaron Tourtillotte

Claire White-
 Peterson

Nancy Wolston
 Scott Fleming &
 Cathy Vavrina

Wendy Ernst
 Robin Laine

Russell Laine
 Valerie Small

Kristen Maloney
 Robin Laine

Russell Laine
 Wendy Ernst

Daniel Fenno
 Gretchen Rich

Susan Barrett &
 Julie Quigley

Smith
 Susan Raynis &
 Lyla Rudgers

Prospect's Bosun at Seawatch CD

Khourie Meadow's Black Pearl

Kisco's Ashokan Luke

Birchwoods Cross Island Drake

Cedarwood's Shades of Katahdin

Windrush Play It My Way

Beech Hill's Oscar

Allegheny's Five Alarm

Isabella Rosa Laine

Augustus Ode To Grace Farms JH NA NAJ

Beech Hill's Advtge Wetlands

Decoy Carver at Stonecrest

Franklin Hills Ammo

Graewall's Oliver Twist

Come-Mia Mackenzie

Taylor Farms Yellow Lily

Sasco's Zinnia CD

Lou's Maggie Mae

Graewall's Back In Black

Wood Duck's Sarah Honeybee CGC

Hollyridge Legacy At Highmeadow

Heybern's Chauffeur