



## QUARTERLY RESULTS:

### Adoption Events

Avon, CT  
Bloomfield, CT  
Clinton, CT  
Durham, CT  
Glastonbury, CT  
Manchester, CT  
Wallingford, CT

### Fundraisers

Pampered Chef  
Scentsy

### Info Tables

Millerton, NY  
Quakertown, PA  
Stafford Twp., NJ

### Monthly Totals

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| January  | \$71  |
| February | \$153 |
| March    | \$496 |
| April    | \$411 |
| May      | \$751 |

**\$1,882** was raised to help Labs in need!

**388 LABS** Adopted Since January!

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

# The Labbie Ledger

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## A Star is Born by Debbie Midford

First time dog owners Bernadette and Joe Costa spent a lot of time looking for just the right Lab to introduce into their family, which included two young daughters, Meghan and Caroline. The Costas adopted four-year-old Barney in December 2007. They knew they were getting a dog, but never expected to end up with a ham!

Barney is the perfect dog for the Costas. He would fetch a tennis ball 24/7 if someone had the energy to keep up with him. He loves to go on walks and runs too. Inside the house, he is a mellow fellow and perfectly content to lie on his bed in the family room.

The first sign that Barney was destined for the spotlight was when the Costas discovered that he loves to "sing." His



Barney Performing in "Annie"

specialty is "Happy Birthday!" It's traditional for the Costas to call family members on their birthdays and sing to them. Barney comes over as soon as he hears the first verse, and joins in by barking.

Barney also loves to ride in the car and often goes to school to drop off and pick up

the girls, which led to his "discovery" – an invitation to play Sandy in Meghan and Caroline's middle school production of "Annie" this past May. He was well-behaved on stage, even coming when called by the name "Sandy." He stayed on stage throughout the song "Tomorrow" and when the song was over, he barked at Annie and the police officer, as if to say, "Let's go, guys!" He's quite the ad libber!

So far fame hasn't gone to Barney's head. He's settled back into his regular routine and still likes his normal treats, running in the room whenever anyone mentions peanut butter, bananas, or cheese. His tail is always wagging, even when he's sitting. He's a very happy dog with a family very happy to have him, and now he can add "stage actor" to his resume.

## Tips for New Adopters by Jenn Wiles

Are you a new adopter of a Labs4rescue dog or puppy? Congratulations! If you're like many adopters, you might be experiencing some unwanted or even concerning behaviors in your new pup.

Based on recent posts on the L4R Facebook page, we've decided to start a short series with helpful tips for new adopters. You may also visit the "Helpful Hints" page on our website for more info: <http://labs4rescue.com/helpfulhints.shtml>

### Is your "house trained" dog suddenly having accidents?

- A crate is an excellent tool to use when house training, even with adult dogs. Keep the dog in the crate when unsupervised.
- Tether the dog to you with a leash in the house and watch for signs that they have to go.

- Keep the dog on a strict feeding schedule so you can begin to predict their bathroom habits. Remove their water about an hour before bedtime to prevent overnight accidents.
- Be proactive and take your dog out frequently with tethering/crating in between. When you do have success, be sure to show praise.
- If it seems obsessive (like the dog isn't eating or engaging in any household activities), contact your Vet to rule out a medical cause and talk more about preventative steps.
- Having a trainer come to your home or enrolling in a basic obedience class will also help give your new dog some confidence.
- There are over-the-counter herbal stress-relief remedies, like Bach's Rescue Remedy, that are safe for use in dogs. Be sure to contact your Vet before giving any type of supplement.

### Does your new dog show signs of anxiety, like crying, whining, or even shaking?

- It's important to be patient. Try not to coddle them too much – excessive attention may encourage anxious behavior. Instead, try acting like it's not a big deal and carry on as usual, keeping in mind that things like a flight of stairs might be scary.
- If the anxiety lingers for more than a few weeks or

Stayed tuned for more tips in upcoming newsletters. You may also post tips or ask for advice on the L4R Facebook page any time!  
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/44758133480/>

## UPCOMING EVENT

Sun. 7/15  
PETCO,  
Clinton, CT  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For More  
Event Info  
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<http://Labs4rescue.com/events/>



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And Happy  
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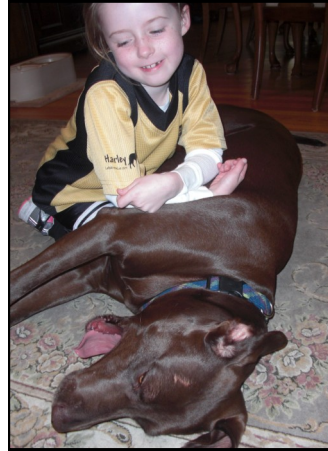
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## Kickin' It For Labs4rescue by Debbie Midford

Chris and Theresa Gore grew up with dogs in their lives and had raised three Labs from puppyhood prior to adopting Harley. When they were ready to take on the responsibility of pet ownership again after the death of their last dog, they had a young child, Catherine, and decided a young adult dog would suit their household best. They connected with Labs4rescue and found two-year-old Harley. They credit Kelly Freeman and her family for taking such incredible care of Harley while fostering him, getting his weight up from an emaciated 50 pounds to a healthy 105.

The Gores say Harley is the sweetest and most well-behaved dog they have ever met and has his own unique personality. They have given him a middle name of "Stretch" because his favorite position is laying on his back, paws and legs in the air, waiting for belly rubs. Harley loves hiking, taking rides in the car and eating, but hates rain, making bathing him difficult. He refuses to step foot outside if he feels even a sprinkle, which presented a challenge when he was adopted during the weekend Hurricane Irene hit. Harley initially was petrified of snow, but he quickly learned how much fun it can be.

Harley is truly a member of the family. This year, Catherine is in her second season of playing soccer and when the Orangetown Mighty Midgets Athletic Association needed coaches



Catherine & Harley

and sponsors for the spring soccer season, the Gores were unavailable to coach, but offered to sponsor the team. When asked for their "family logo" they quickly decided that honoring Labs4rescue and Harley was the best option. Now all the girls on the team wear shirts with the Labs4rescue logo proudly displayed!



Unfortunately, dogs aren't allowed at the soccer fields, so Harley can't be an in-person ambassador, but the Gores are hopeful that their sponsorship of the soccer team will raise awareness of Labs4rescue (and animal adoption in general) and spark interest when other families consider adopting a pet. Their goal is to help save more of these wonderful animals who need to find their forever homes.

## Labs4rescue Event Photos



Dash - Wallingford, CT



Bentley - Glastonbury, CT



Hazel #7 - Manchester, CT



Pumpernickel- Clinton, CT

## Spotlight on Fundraisers by Beth Sullivan

As Labs4rescue is a volunteer, non-profit organization, we rely on donations to help defray the cost of rescuing and adopting out all of the beautiful Labs that we save. Labs4rescue would like to call attention to several individuals who have recently hosted or attended events to help raise money on behalf of Labs4rescue.

Some of you may have read about "Trey" on the Labs4rescue website. Trey is a yellow Lab who had a badly injured front leg. As a result, his other front leg had to bear all of his weight. Due to this additional stress, Trey's "good" front leg now requires extensive surgery, including a bone graft. Pat Kalinauskas has been bringing Trey to various events to bring attention to his plight. During Trey's public appearances, Pat outfits him with a donation vest. Through Pat's efforts, money has been raised to help pay for Trey's surgery and give this handsome boy the life he deserves.



Trey

Another way our volunteers have helped to raise money is by hosting various events of their own. Tammy Fama Demers recently hosted a Scentsy fundraiser. During this event, the total sales came to \$1,606. Of this amount, Tammy generously donated 25% of the proceeds, which led to a total donation to Labs4rescue of \$402!

Labs4rescue also wishes to recognize a Pampered Chef fundraiser that was recently organized by Kim Champion

and Marti Choquette. This group raised \$485 through sales during this event. In addition, Marti, the Pampered Chef consultant, generously donated an additional \$225 from her commission and Kim and her husband Andrew kicked in an extra \$41, bringing the grand total to a whopping \$751 for Labs4rescue! Due to the success of this event, and their love for their Labs4rescue alumni Saxon and Katie, Kim and Marti hope to begin running this fundraiser once a year.

Thank you once again to Pat Kalinauskas, Tammy Fama Demers, Kim and Andrew Champion and Marti Choquette for your generosity and hard work. We truly appreciate all you have done. Keep up the good work!

If this article has inspired you to host your own fundraising event, you may contact [info@Labs4rescue.com](mailto:info@Labs4rescue.com) for additional information on how you can donate a portion of your proceeds to Labs4rescue!

## Photo of the Season

In each newsletter we will showcase a photo. Please submit your photos to the Labs4rescue photo gallery: <http://Labs4rescue.com/forms/photogal/photoform.php>

Several photos will be chosen by the newsletter staff and featured on the Labs4rescue Facebook group page for voting: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/44758133480/>



Henry in his beach glory! This is the life!

## Taking it to the Dogs by Shannon Kelmelis

As part of their education when becoming a Jewish adult, many synagogues encourage or require students to participate in or initiate a mitzvah (good deed) project as a way to contribute to the community and to help the less fortunate. Haley Blumenkrantz, a freshman at Peabody High School in Peabody, Massachusetts, took her mitzvah project to the dogs.

Haley was inspired to do her mitzvah for Labs4rescue after her family adopted their black Lab, Autumn, a few years ago. The family already had a black

Lab named Teal and wanted to find him a sibling. The family learned about Labs4rescue and began the process to adopt Autumn.

During the adoption process, Haley became aware of the need to find homes for dogs that would otherwise be euthanized. As a result, she decided to do something to help other dogs in some way. For her mitzvah project, Haley decided to assemble gift baskets for dogs and their new adopters. Haley used her own money to buy the baskets, searching dollar stores and discount stores to find

the best prices so she could make as many baskets as possible. With the help of family and friends, she formed an assembly line and stuffed the baskets full of doggie essentials, including a food and water bowl, a leash, a collar, a tennis ball, a heavy rubber chew toy, a rawhide bone, and a little bag of treats. The baskets also included a copy of Haley's bat mitzvah invitation, which explained her mitzvah project.

Haley arranged to meet a group of dogs in Connecticut, on a day when adopters gathered to pick up their new

family members. Upon each adopter's arrival, Haley personally presented them with a gift basket, reaching thirteen families in all.

Haley was thrilled to be a part of the adoption process and to give back to the organization that gave her so much, in the form of her dog, Autumn. The experience is something that she will remember forever. Haley hopes her work with Labs4rescue will inspire other kids and adults to help Labs4rescue too.

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## Diamond Pet Food Recall by Meghan Foehl

As pet owners, we constantly strive to provide our animals with the highest quality care, nutrition and protection. Yet, even with the most careful consideration, factors outside of our control can jeopardize the health of our pets. On May 4<sup>th</sup> 2012, Diamond Pet Foods recalled over eleven brands of dog food for potential salmonella contamination. Recalled brands included: Taste of the Wild, Kirkland Signature, Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul, Country Value, Diamond, Diamond Naturals, Premium Edge, Professional, 4Health, Apex, Canidae, and most recently, Diamond Naturals Small Breed Adult Dog Lamb and Rice. All the brands recalled were manufactured in the Gaston, South Carolina plant between December 9, 2011 and April 7, 2012. Diamond is urging owners that have purchased any of these brands to visit their website: <http://diamondpetrecall.com> to compare their production codes and best-before dates with the recalled bags.

Other brands that co-manufacture food with Diamond, such as Wellness and Natural Balance, have also recalled some formulas of their food. If you have questions about whether or not your dog's brand of food was involved in the recall you should contact the manufacturer directly.

Salmonella is a strain of bacteria that can result in

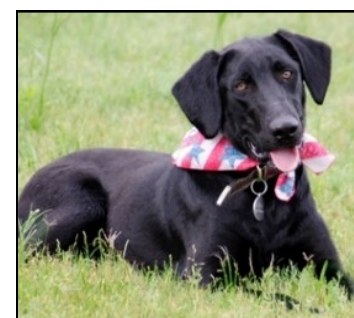


an infection and food poisoning. Diamond's website claims that all batches of food were recalled as a "precautionary measure" and that "no illnesses have been reported." However, multiple news outlets, such as CBS News and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, have reported sickness in humans in over nine states. The recall began when a routine inspection of Diamond by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found salmonella in an unopened bag. The strain of salmonella found in Diamond was later linked to illness in over 14 people. Few cases of dog illness have been reported, which may be attributed to dogs' relative resistance to salmonella bacteria. Many dogs can be infected, but not appear to be sick, though the CDC notes that diarrhea, vomiting and lethargy are common symptoms of salmonella in dogs. If your dog is presenting any of these symptoms, please contact your Veterinarian immediately.

Owners that are looking for new brands of food might consider researching brands on an independent website, like [www.dogfoodadvisor.com](http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com), [www.dogfoodanalysis.com](http://www.dogfoodanalysis.com) or [www.dogaware.com](http://www.dogaware.com).

Websites like these list nutritional information, ingredient lists and reviews on how different brands of food compare. As always, please consult your Veterinarian with questions regarding the health and wellness of your four-legged family members.

*The products mentioned in this article do not constitute an endorsement by Labs4rescue. Please consult your Veterinarian regarding any changes to your pet's diet.*



**Taylor**



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