

# 2006 SCLRR HIGHLIGHTS!



Hello fellow dog lovers,

The volunteers at Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue wanted to share some of our successes we had during 2006. We are pleased to announce that we have helped nearly 200 dogs find loving and permanent homes this year!

SCLRR has been covering the areas in Southern California for almost 9 years now and helped place approximately 2400 dogs! We have provided medical and behavioral support to these dogs with amazing results. Our efforts would not be possible without financial support from the wonderful people who have touched this organization throughout these years. For a color copy of this newsletter, please visit us at [www.sclrr.org](http://www.sclrr.org).

## Here are just a few of the highlights in 2006:



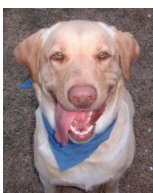
Bob Marley educated SCLRR about a debilitating genetic disease that occurs in Labradors. This disease is called Centronuclear Myopathy or CNM. Since Bob has been diagnosed, his purpose in life has a new meaning. He was adopted by his foster mom and has been featured on the CNM project's website and spreads the word about this PREVENTABLE disease. There is no surgery or medication that will help Bob Marley. He might live to 8 years of age with watchful care and he will most likely not get much worse. **Please visit this website to learn more about CNM and its prevention. <http://www.labradorcnm.com>**



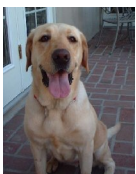
Oaklee is a 5-year-old Lab who was given up by his family who was moving. SCLRR performed some diagnostic tests due to some noticeable eyesight issues. It was determined that Oaklee had a genetically-caused disease called PRA (progressive retinal atrophy). Like most totally blind dogs, he's not slowed down by the problem and is a perfectly happy, well-adjusted boy. Blind dogs learn their way around in a hurry, as long as their sense of smell is intact. Oaklee was a very lucky dog to have found his way to SCLRR who never gave up that he would find a new loving home.



Sholo is a 1 year old male Lab who was turned into SCLRR because he was not a good guard dog. SCLRR educates the public continuously on the Labrador's basic nature to trust humans. Thank goodness for Sholo that he came to SCLRR and found a caring and dedicated new family! When the volunteer visited Sholo's home to evaluate him for intake, she was appalled at the living conditions. It was a very dirty and dangerous junk yard where it was obvious that Sholo could easily get into paint and other unhealthy chemicals. Sholo only had a broken crate to keep him warm at night in an area that regularly gets below freezing. It was very sad to see what people decided was acceptable for their sweet dog who loves every person he meets!



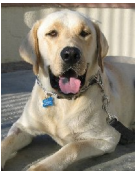
Mylo, a 3-year-old, yellow, male Lab, came into SCLRR as an outside only dog with absolutely no training or socialization. He is the type of dog that if he ended up in the shelter, he would never be adopted due to his energy and lack of training. He simply would not show well to the public in the shelter. SCLRR decided that Mylo would need specialized training to get him ready for a successful adoption. He stayed in a board and train environment and came out to be a completely different dog! He had lost his excess 20 pounds, he was calm, and knew all his training commands for his new home. SCLRR networks with gifted trainers to help dogs like Mylo.



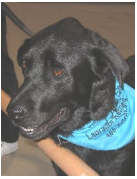
Carina was dumped at the shelter by her former owners because they did not have time for her. Unfortunately, she contracted a nearly fatal pneumonia infection while in the shelter that required emergency treatment by SCLRR in order to save her life. She required hospitalization for nearly a week before she could come home to her foster family. Carina recovered 100% and found her new home where she will never be dumped in the shelter again.



Sweet Sam is a 10-year-old, male Lab who was turned into SCLRR because his family's home burnt down. He was kennelled for two months before the owners had to finally make the tough choice to turn him over to SCLRR due to their temporary living situation. A dog Sam's age would have a tough time finding a new home if turned into the shelter – luckily his owners contacted SCLRR first. By means of the Senior Lab Rescue Program funds, SCLRR performed some minor surgery and diagnostic tests on Sam to get him ready for adoption. His new family adores Sam and has truly understood the virtues of the older dog. **Please visit this link to learn more about the benefits of the senior dog: <http://www.srdogs.com/Pages/adopt.html>**



Jolly Jake is a 2 year old Lab who was going to be euthanized by his family because they believed that his knee injury was not operable and there was no choice. SCLRR was able to take Jolly Jake into rescue and performed the surgery with an extremely talented orthopedic specialist, Dr. Schulman, in Los Angeles. His recovery has been fantastic and Jake is up and running again!



Toby6 is a 4-year-old male Lab who is very lucky to be alive. His foster parent noticed Toby acting strangely and took him to the vet immediately. It was determined that he had a condition called "bloat" and would need emergency surgery to survive. Toby made it through surgery and is doing terrific. **Please take a moment and learn about bloat. Most owners are not aware that Labs are very prone to this condition and it is almost always fatal. It is SCLRR's hope that we can save other dogs' lives by getting this information out to as many people as possible. <http://www.woodhavenlabs.com/bloat.html>**



Dunkin is a 2-year-old Lab mix who entered SCLRR as a stray from a shelter. He was placed by SCLRR with a family who we thought would protect and care for Dunkin. Just three days after placement, the family let him get lost in a farming community and then made no attempts to locate him. We found out about him missing days later when a local farm worker called saying they had Dunkin. When he was picked up after being lost for a full week, he was in horrible condition. He was flea infested, scratched up, and had been attacked by dogs who had ripped Dunkin's gum from the bone. His foster parent immediately drove to the remote community to pick up Dunkin. SCLRR arranged for his oral surgery that day and weeks later he found the home he always deserved.

SCLRR has been instrumental at saving and placing so many dogs. Many people find it amazing that we need a Labrador rescue at all - who would ever give up such wonderful dogs? We nod our heads in agreement, but we know the true horrors that these dogs face every day. They need medical help and to be evaluated in loving homes so that they can be placed where they will be understood and cared for the remainder of their lives.

As you think about your donations for the end of 2006, please consider supporting SCLRR so that we may continue our efforts and have another amazing year! We are a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, so all donations to us are deductible from your taxes. Since, there are no paid volunteers in SCLRR, you know that your funds are supporting the dogs 100%.

You can choose to support SCLRR in three different areas:

- 1) The general donations will be used for costs incurred to run the rescue group including shelter fees, vaccinations, spaying and neutering, boarding costs, equipment for events, volunteer training, canine behavior modification, etc.
- 2) The Polly Fund is set up to help with major medical costs. For example in 2006, SCLRR funded the following vet care: patella and cruciate surgeries, lumpectomies, dental work, blood work, x-rays, emergency treatments, extensive eye tests, and ear surgeries. As you can imagine, veterinary costs are the largest part of our budget.
- 3) SLRP fund - Senior Lab Rescue Program ensures that our dogs 7 years and older are taken care of. We have set aside specific funds to make sure that they have enough money at all times to take care of necessary surgeries, boarding, and other fees which our seniors often require. As you can guess, senior dogs often need more medical support upon entry into SCLRR than the younger dogs.

\*\*We always welcome new volunteers! There are many different things to do as a volunteer, and you can choose the tasks that best match your talents. Besides fostering, there is screening prospective adoptive homes, fundraising, organizing booths, transportation, shelter checks -- the list is long! See our volunteer page at [www.sclrr.org](http://www.sclrr.org). You can let us know of your interest when you apply to be a volunteer online.\* \*

We love to hear from our past adopters and to receive pictures for our website! SCLRR hopes your family had a wonderful year in 2006 and wishes you and your family the best for 2007. May your days be filled with many furry friends!



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