

# 2007 SCLRR HIGHLIGHTS!

Hello fellow dog lover,

SCLRR had a tremendously successful year in 2007 and we give a hearty “thanks” for your generous support! The following stories illustrate just a small handful of the many wonderful dogs saved. It is a very difficult task to select the stories which will appear in our newsletter – there are so many! We hope you enjoy knowing and take comfort in the fact that you are making a difference in the lives of so many loving dogs which truly need SCLRR’s extensive support program! We will again help over 200 dogs find loving homes this year – Whoohoo!!!

SCLRR has been covering the areas in Southern California for nearly 10 years now and helped place approximately 2600 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. To save funds, we print our newsletter in black and white. For a color copy of this newsletter, please visit us at [www.sclrr.org](http://www.sclrr.org).

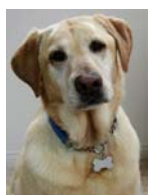
## Here are just a few of the highlights in 2007:



Sheela, a 7 year old, chocolate, female Lab, was abandoned by her owner at a house and a person contacted us to help find her a new home. It was determined that Sheela had a torn cruciate that needed repair to prevent her from being crippled. Sheela got her surgery and she lost a whopping 25 pounds while in SCLRR with 15 pounds to go! Now, Sheela is back in business with playing ball and romping with her new Lab buddy in her new home!



Princess Rahja, a five year old, yellow, female Lab, was one of 7 Labs taken from a breeder who was put in prison. These dogs lived in pens where they got a large bucket of food that was to last them for one week. They were not monitored during this week and the conditions were deplorable. When SCLRR was asked to help, we jumped at the offer to end this inhumane situation. Rahja had major anemia issues that were basically caused from over-breeding and extensive malnutrition. It took her months of recovery in SCLRR with many blood tests, x-rays, medications, supplements, special treatments/food, and dozens of vet visits. She now lives a wonderful life with a family who cherishes the love she gives to them every day.



Hailey, a 6 year old, yellow, female Lab, has one amazing story! She came into SCLRR very simply – her owners were turning her and her sister in because they did not have time for them anymore. Shortly after Hailey came into rescue, she contracted pneumonia where she nearly died even though she was in emergency treatment at a vet! After many weeks, she recovered from the pneumonia, however, Hailey still had a nagging cough. More x-rays and bloodwork were done and it was discovered that Hailey had Valley Fever! Yes – dogs can contract Valley Fever, too! This is a fungal infection that is caused by the inhalation of spores found in certain desert soils. For more info on Valley Fever, please see this link: <http://www.dlrrphoenix.org/vf.html>. Hailey is a survivor and lives an exciting life with her new family!



Zumie came into SCLRR from the shelter. He is a very handsome, 2 year old, yellow, male Lab. He was apparently healthy and going to be in SCLRR just a short amount of time before he found his new family. Unfortunately, he contracted a very serious case of pneumonia shortly after leaving the shelter and had several relapses which took a total of two months to recover! He is lucky to have found SCLRR because the vet bills that Zumie incurred would have been very tough for a family to cover. After a long medical struggle, Zumie found his wonderful new home where he now lives with another dog buddy and a very devoted family!



Roco’s story is truly a testament to foster dedication! He is an 8 year old, yellow, male Lab whose owners took him into a vet to be euthanized because he tore his ACL and they could not afford the surgery. The vet had the owners release ownership to them and they did the surgery for free. After recovery time, they searched for a rescue group to place him with. SCLRR took him in and discovered that the surgery did not work. It took over 6 months of recovery with two additional surgeries to mend Roco’s knee. The recovery consisted of constant crate rest and a foster parent who had to keep to a very strict regime for six months with many vet visits! In November, Roco was adopted to a family who adores the senior Labs and he will be much loved! Yeah Roco!



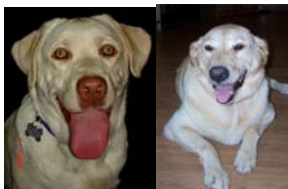
Chyna, a 4 year old, black, female Lab was taken in from the shelter and contracted an aggressive case of pneumonia requiring emergency vet treatment. One might ask why so many foster dogs get pneumonia and it is because in the shelter they are stressed with compromised immune systems from a poor diet and parasites. This makes them vulnerable to upper respiratory infections which lead to pneumonia. Chyna was one of the lucky ones to have had SCLRR support. She now lives with a loving family near the beach!



Zaine, a 9 week old, black, male Lab pup needed heart surgery. He had Pulmonic Stenosis which is a narrowing in the region of the pulmonary valve. Because of the narrowing, the heart has to work harder to pump the blood to the lungs for oxygen. It causes enlargement of the heart because of the extra work, and if the condition is not corrected, the pup can die a sudden death. Zaine received the life-saving surgery and is expected to live a long full life with his new family! Go Zaine!!!



Meet Lucky Star! She is a 12 year old, yellow, female Lab who was an owner turn-in with her sister. They were extremely neglected by their former owners and living in flea infested and filthy conditions. Lucky Star had raging skin issues, ear infections and needed oral surgery for a serious abscess that was extremely painful for the old girl! After three months of care, she mended and now lives with another canine buddy, 2 kitties, and a fantastic family who will never allow her to suffer such an existence again! She is finally spoiled the way an old girl should be spoiled – a warm bed, good food and plenty of tummy rubs!



Meet Sierrah and Sandye, two yellow, female, Labs who were owner turn-ins from a person who left them in pens pretty much most of their lives. They are wonderful dogs who both incurred ACL injuries and need the TPLO surgery. These surgeries are not cheap, but the dogs would be crippled with arthritis without them. Even though SCLR was not expecting to have two expensive surgeries such as these at the same time, we were able to step up to the plate and save these wonderful dogs! It has been a long journey for both the dogs and fosters, but they are almost ready for adoption. We are hoping that they will be with their new families by New Years!

This year SCLR will have spent over \$50,000 on veterinary expenses alone for the 200+ Labs we rescued. This is an \$18,000 increase from 2006's veterinary expenses! This enormous increase was only possible due to your generosity and support! You helped SCLR provide the costly medical help and with the essential foster home evaluations, these dogs were placed in loving homes to be cared for the remainder of their lives.

As you think about your donations for the end of 2007, please consider supporting SCLR so that we may continue our efforts and have another amazing year! We can even be selected for your Albertson's card donations year around! 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 SCLR, you know that your funds are supporting the dogs 100%.

You can choose to support SCLR 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 2007, SCLR 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) Senior Lab Rescue Program Fund – Our SLRP fund ensures that our dogs 7 years and older are taken care of. We have set aside specific funds to make sure that there is 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 SCLR 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! SCLR hopes your family had a wonderful year in 2007 and wishes you and your family the best for 2008. May your days be filled with many furry friends!



Sincerely,  
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