



2010 SCLRR HIGHLIGHTS!



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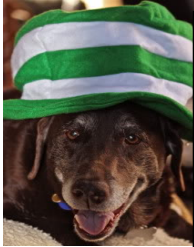
As 2010 comes to a close, it's been another successful year for Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue. Sadly, due to the economy, many other dedicated rescue groups continue to close their doors. But thanks to your generosity, SCLRR continues to thrive in these hard times!! We continue to be vigilant in ensuring funds entrusted to our organization stretch as far as possible and the group remains financially healthy. We hope you take comfort and pride in the remarkable difference you make in the lives of so many dogs!

Your help is especially important this year as many more families have to move from their houses with yards into apartments. Sadly, many of these families aren't allowed to take their beloved Labradors with them.

SCLRR has been operating in Southern California for nearly 13 years and in that time, has placed approximately 3,450 dogs! This year we have a goal of rescuing 325 dogs, seventy-five more than in previous years! Your donations enable us to continue to provide medical and behavioral support that ensures the dogs will be successful in their new homes. The volunteers of SCLRR are dedicated individuals who give their time freely in order to make dreams come true for families and dogs. We take tremendous pride in our volunteer network and the relationships we have developed in the animal rescue community.

We thank you for helping make SCLRR a success in rehoming so many Labs!

Please enjoy reading just a few of 2010's adoption success stories that have been made possible by you!



Shelby - "Sweet Seniors" - What would it be like to be ten years old and suddenly find out you could no longer live with the family you were with since you were a puppy because they became sick? This is exactly the reality Sweet Shelby found herself facing as she stepped into the backseat of a car with a SCLRR Foster Coordinator. Ten is the new six though and SCLRR got Shelby a senior blood panel, a teeth cleaning, all of her vaccines and started her on high quality food for her coat; as SCLRR does for all the seniors it takes in. Shelby was in foster care for four months but the wait was worth it. Now Shelby lounges around the house and yard and has bed and couch privileges to boot! Thanks to a wonderful couple, this Golden Girl will be spending her Golden years relaxing in the Hollywood sunshine.



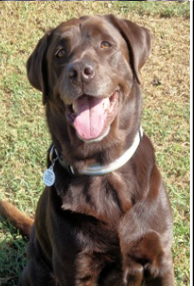
"With Sadness We Say Goodbye" - Not every shelter dog finds a forever family and this is true in the case of Jordy. Even though SCLRR was not able to save this sweet boy we were able to make his final days more comfortable and he was able to make his trip over the Rainbow Bridge. Jordy's owner turned him into the shelter because he had a severe skin condition. The shelter contacted SCLRR who came right out to evaluate him. Despite his pain and discomfort he was a sweet boy with his tail wagging happy to see his new foster mom. \$2,000 worth of tests confirmed Jordy had stage three cancer, he was dying, and in pain. We said goodbye to this sweet boy who deserved better than what he got in this life but who left this world looking into the kind eyes of a volunteer and was surrounded by love.



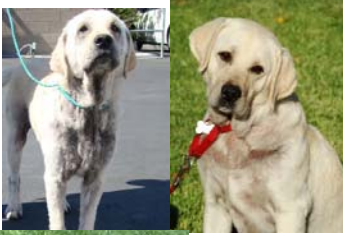
Just when Coco (formerly Alani) thought she was getting her happily-ever-after, her new family called SCLRR to report some mysterious symptoms. She had a bizarre tremor in her jaw, several deformed broken, and missing teeth. Her family was told she needed a root canal in one of her canines. SCLRR immediately took her back into foster care and to a specialist. It was determined she would need TEN teeth removed from both her upper and lower jaws, but could avoid the root canal and canine extraction. Her vet realized that poor Coco most likely came from a puppy mill and suffered distemper at an early age. Although she obviously survived, she was left with some permanent damage. She still has twitches and tremors caused by nerve damage, as well as deformity in her teeth. Luckily for her, Alani's personality and charm make up for her goofy smile!



Diesel Dude - "The Happiest Sad Story You Could Ever Imagine"- Not every owner turn-in is a case of irresponsible humans. The economy has affected even the most loving of Lab households. When Diesel Dude's family discovered that he had a spiral fracture in his left rear leg that occurred in the normal course of play, they were devastated. The estimated cost of repairing his leg was upwards of \$4,000 and that was more than they could afford. It was with great sadness that they made the decision to turn Diesel Dude over to SCLRR but they loved him enough to want only what was best for their two year old black Lab. Diesel underwent surgery, has made a full recovery and is in the process of finding a forever family.



Berkeley is your typical, goofy, fun-loving Lab. When Berkeley came to us he had a few growths on his body and a terrible skin condition which made him "undesirable" to adopt at the shelter. Luckily for Berkeley, his foster spotted his shining personality and worked with our Vets and Specialists to get him on the road to good health. In Berkeley's case it took six months, including weekly medicated baths, special supplements and a variety of tests. With the love and dedication of his foster, Berkeley's condition improved and he found an incredible forever home with kids to play and romp with for the rest of his happy-go-lucky life. Without the care and love of foster parents, dogs like Berkeley don't stand a chance in shelters and many would not be with us today. Wouldn't you like to help a special dog like Berkeley find his forever home? Please consider fostering, it's a very rewarding experience!



Vanilla Chip is one lucky boy. He was being held at a shelter as evidence in a hoarding case. He had been living in filthy, unsanitary conditions. When SCLRR picked up Chip, he had lost most of his hair and was very underweight. Though he was in this condition, his true Labby spirit shined through. Chip was rushed to our specialist to start treatment. It was found that Chip had a variety of skin conditions due to his prior living situation and a very low thyroid. Amazingly, in three months with SCLRR, this boy blossomed into the incredible Lab he had always been! Chip is a reminder of the beautiful spirit and resiliency Labrador Retrievers possess.



Dolly Girl, What a Girl – Dolly spent nearly a year in a cage-free boarding facility in Pasadena where she was loved by all the staff. Dolly’s Mom was having back surgery after back surgery and could no longer care for her and turned her over to SCLRR. One morning Dolly took a turn for the worse and she was rushed to the vet. She had a mass in her spleen and had it ruptured, Dolly could have died. SCLRR authorized the surgery to remove the mass and Dolly felt much better. She regained that sparkle in her eyes and the skip in her step. Once again, Dolly took a downturn and it was determined she had hemangiosarcoma. Her time would be limited. Dolly spent her last days in loving foster care with many volunteers helping with her care. It took a village, but she was exactly that, a Doll, the whole time. Dolly will be forever missed by all who knew her loving and amazing personality!



Shadowbox was a victim of animal abuse at the young age of seven months. One kick was so hard that it broke the femoral head on Shadow’s left back leg separating the ball of his joint from his hip. A Good Samaritan called SCLRR and we rushed right out to take him into rescue and to our orthopedic specialist. Almost \$5,000, multiple trips from Santa Barbara to West Los Angeles by his foster, and three months of strict crate rest later, we are happy to report he has healed completely and was adopted by his foster family who fell head over heels in love with him during his very important rehabilitation. Thanks to the many folks who contributed to this sweet boy and his long recovery. Shadowbox (now Jasper) lives happily with his furry brother and two human sisters! Your donations went to good use!



"Don't Forget Momma". Along with three other Labradors, BeeGee, a beautiful five year old black Lab was rescued from the Kern County Shelter. SCLRR had to place these dogs in a temporary boarding facility. On New Year’s Day, we were immediately notified that BeeGee was extremely pregnant, and in horrible shape. A shelter is no place for any dog, especially one with pups on the way, but once under the care of SCLRR BeeGee got the medical attention she needed and gave birth to six healthy puppies. After all of her pups were adopted, BeeGee and her foster mom patiently waited for the perfect family for this sweet little mamma. Our wish for BeeGee came true when a wonderful family took her into their home. She is now living in the lap of luxury as their only dog and gets all the attention she deserves!

Many of our dogs have tragic stories and we are so grateful that thanks to your support, SCLRR can give them happy endings! Veterinary expenses alone were \$80,000 this year. As you think about your donations at the end of 2010, please consider supporting SCLRR so we may continue our efforts and have another amazing year! Since SCLRR has no paid volunteers, you can be sure that 100% of funding goes toward supporting the dogs. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, so all donations to us are tax deductible. Please remember that you can even select us to receive contributions year-round through Vons and Ralphs card community contribution programs. You can also contribute through the escrip.com program in which purchases from your regular VISA, MasterCard or other credit card can benefit SCLRR. Check out www.escrip.com.

Support SCLRR in three EASY ways:

- 1) General donations are used for costs incurred to operate the rescue including: shelter fees, vaccinations, spay and neuter procedures, boarding costs, equipment for events, volunteer training, canine behavior modification, etc.
- 2) The Polly Fund was established to help with non-routine medical costs including emergencies like car accidents or even animal abuse! Some examples are: patella and cruciate ligament repair surgeries, lumpectomies, dental work, blood work, x-rays and emergency treatments. As you can imagine, veterinary costs are the largest part of our expenses.
- 3) Our Senior Lab Rescue Program Fund ensures that dogs seven years and older are well cared for. We have set aside specific funds to make sure there is enough money available to take care of necessary surgeries, boarding and other services that our seniors often require. Senior dogs frequently need more medical support upon entry into SCLRR.

****WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!****

There are many ways to help and you can choose the tasks that best match your talents. You can help screen prospective adoptive homes, raise money, attend events, provide transportation or check your local shelters -- the list is long! For those considering fostering, there are no out-of-pocket expenses! Go to www.sclrr.org/volwithus for more information.* *

We love to hear from our past adopters and to receive Lab updates and pictures for our website!
The volunteers of SCLRR hope you and your family had a wonderful 2010, and wish you the best for 2011.
May your days be filled with many furry friends, wet noses, and lots of dog kisses!

*Sincerely,
Your friends at SCLRR*

