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## Happy New Year from All About Labs!

A new look and a new site for the new year.

We're excited to kick off 2008 with some exciting changes. As you've no doubt noticed, we're sporting a new look here at The Fetch. Why the change, you ask? To go with our spiffy new website, of course!

We're thrilled that after hard work from our

volunteers, our new site is up and running. This is thanks in huge part to our volunteer Webmaster, Stan Chao. Check out the site at [www.allaboutlabs.org](http://www.allaboutlabs.org). And let us know what you think!

We're also grateful to those of you who sent in holiday donations. We're approaching our goals thanks to your help, and with a big

push over the next month, we hope to get there. See p. 3 for ways you can get involved.

And happy 2008!

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Help make this our best year yet!



# 2008

All About Labs (AAL) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to rescuing dogs in need, giving them the best care, and placing them into loving, responsible homes. To learn more about our organization, please see our website. Feel free to send your questions to [Info@AllAboutLabs.org](mailto:Info@AllAboutLabs.org).

## Get Involved!

AAL needs your help so that we can continue our work in 2008. Here are some great ways to help out:

### 1. Help With the Vet

Even the smallest amounts will help us to care for the dogs. You can send a check made out to All About Labs to the address below, or use the PayPal tab on [our website](#).

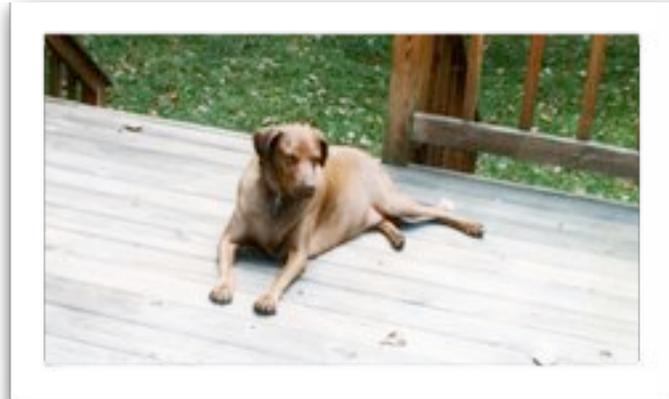
### 2. Our Charity Wish List

You can send supplies and toys to the dogs through our [Doggy Wish List](#) on Amazon.com. We're always updating the list with supplies that we need at the ranch.

### 3. Use 1-800-Pet-Meds

We've partnered with [1-800-Pet-Meds](#) so that when you use them, we get free supplies! Just enter "AALRescue" in the Offer Code section at checkout. They have great rates on FrontLine, Sentinel, K9 Advantix and other supplies, and you get free shipping!

## Slider is our January Happy Tail



### Why "Slider"?

When Laura Gallagher and Charlie Daccardi were trying to decide on a new name for their AAL dog, originally named Lola, they turned to baseball. "To us, she's 'safe at home,'" they explained, just like a player sliding into home plate.

Laura and Charlie tell us that Slider has claimed a spot on the couch where she enjoys snuggling with her parents, and that she's recently taken to sleeping in the bed, often sprawling out between them. "We don't mind one bit," Laura writes. "We love having her close."

Slider has also made quite the impression on her neighborhood. "She's become a huge hit. Everyone is always telling us how beautiful she is." Slider and Charlie go to a local park every day where Slider loves to run and chase the squirrels.

"We could not ask for a better pet," Laura says. "Slider is so well behaved and well trained. Gina and her crew did a terrific job of raising her, and every day she does silly things to make us laugh. We feel so blessed."

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Want to be featured in The Fetch? Send your happy tails to us at [Editor@AllAboutLabs.org](mailto:Editor@AllAboutLabs.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## these guys need your help



## Ask the Doggy Expert

**Q:** We recently added an energetic puppy to our established pack of older dogs. All have been neutered/spayed. The oldest female has taken an extreme dislike to the puppy. No damage has been done, and we keep food and toys away so that they won't compete, but the alpha female stalks the pup. The situation has become a real strain on us. What should we do? The alpha female didn't act this way when we got the other dogs. —Lynda

**Y**ou're exactly right in describing your dog as an alpha, and you're right to be keeping toys and food away. The other dogs in your pack might be naturally more submissive, which could be why the alpha hasn't acted out before. She clearly sees this new pup as a threat to her leadership and is trying to assert herself.

To gain control over the alpha, try the following exercise:

1. Take the alpha out on her own and exercise her to the point of exhaustion.
2. Next, while the alpha is still tired, take her and the pup for a brisk walk. Use two people at first and keep the dogs apart. From the moment you begin, watch the

alpha. Don't let her even *look* at the pup, and walk straight and fast using a short leash. The goal here is to keep the alpha focused on the walk, not the pup.

3. Once you've had success, repeat the walk right away: take the dogs home, wait five minutes, then re-lease. You want this walk to be absolutely routine. Then eliminate the second person so that you are walking the two dogs on your own.



4. Next, at the end of the walk, drop the pup's leash in an enclosed area. Keep the alpha leashed, and correct the minute she goes for the pup. The alpha should be exhausted at this point, so hopefully she'll ignore the pup. Return home after a few minutes.

Repeat this exercise every day, gradually increasing the amount of time in step 4. Always keep the alpha leashed so that you can intervene. This exercise should teach the alpha to accept her new pack member.

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Questions for the Doggy Expert?  
Email [Editor@AllAboutLabs.org](mailto:Editor@AllAboutLabs.org).

## Sponsor A Dog

Don't have room to adopt a dog, but want to help?



Our new Sponsor Program is a great solution. You can cover the costs of an AAL dog for a week, month, or a year.

You'll get updates and pictures of your dog so that you can see how he's doing.



### The Details

Our sponsored dogs have their own kennels with a note featuring the sponsor's name.

The cost of sponsoring is \$30 a week, \$100 a month, or \$1000 a year.

To find out more about sponsoring a dog, email us at [Info@AllAboutLabs.org](mailto:Info@AllAboutLabs.org)

## The Monthly Fetch

Interested in contributing to The Fetch? We'd love to hear from you. Email us at [Editor@AllAboutLabs.org](mailto:Editor@AllAboutLabs.org)

Past issues of The Monthly Fetch are available online. You can download them from our website at [www.allaboutlabs.org/Resources](http://www.allaboutlabs.org/Resources).



### Dogs Rule

At All About Labs, we believe that dogs are wondrous. They help people to live longer, healthier lives, and we are surely better human beings because of them.

Many of the world's problems—hunger, war, the environment—might feel insurmountable, but animal cruelty is an issue we can easily do

something about. We know, because we help save lives every day.

Thank you for supporting All About Labs, and please continue to spread the word about rescue. And please be in touch with us if you would like to get involved.

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