

## THE LATEST SCOOP FROM ALL ABOUT LABS

### WELCOME!

Welcome to the second issue of The Fetch! And thank you for the very kind responses so many of you sent in response to our first issue.

In this edition, you'll find out about exciting new projects at Oden Creek Ranch, see our featured Happy Tail with an adorable coonhound in Brooklyn, and get some tips from our Doggy Expert.

Because many of you asked, we've also included information on ways you can help us here at AAL—including a story on Booker, a very sweet black lab who broke his leg, and the details of the care he needs.

Thanks so much for your support, and please continue to send us updates and stories!



### OCTOBER AT ODEN CREEK RANCH

All About Labs is “embarking” on many exciting new projects for our beloved dogs this month!

#### **Fencing and Land Work (\$5,000)**

- **Puppy Yard:** We're building 400 feet of fencing for our pups to give them their very own exercise yard.
- **Enlarged Dog Run:** We're adding 300 feet of new fencing to the adult dog run so that twice as many can play at once.
- **Dirt and Fill Work:** After Booker's accident (see below), we decided to level the land and fill any holes to create a safer area for the dogs and volunteers.
- **Storage:** We're building a storage site for food, equipment, tools, and other supplies.

#### **Kennels (\$2,500)**

- **Quarantine Area:** We're building separate kennels, away from the main and puppy areas, for processing new dogs, giving medicines, and to place the dogs in when we're cleaning their crates.

If you're interested in donating materials or helping with the costs of these projects, please email us at [info@allaboutlabs.org](mailto:info@allaboutlabs.org)

## HELP BOOKER!



*A picture of Booker before his accident.*

Booker, a very sweet black lab, recently broke his leg while playing in the dog run. Unfortunately, it's a serious break—the vet estimates that Booker will require about three months of recuperating.

Once Booker is released from the Maumelle Animal Hospital where his surgery is taking place, he will stay at the Pinnacle Valley Animal Hospital for supervision and rest. He'll get started on antibiotics to ward off any infection, and will be closely monitored to ensure that his leg is healing properly.

Booker will then go to a special foster home for “rehab” where he can get the close supervision and attention away from the other dogs that he needs.

Even though the vets who are working with us offer us discounted rates, the total cost for Booker's care is estimated at \$3,000. If you can help with these costs in any way, please contact us at [info@allaboutlabs.org](mailto:info@allaboutlabs.org)

### ASK OUR DOGGY EXPERT!

**Q: My dog has started chewing our furniture and shoes—something she never used to do. How do we get her to stop?**

If your dog is young, she may be teething. Teething usually occurs from about four months to one year, and it's a tough phase. Ice cubes or frozen teething toys (sold at the pet store) can help, and a crate is essential to ensure that a puppy doesn't chew electric cords while you're away or not looking.

If your dog is older, the sudden chewing could be a sign of stress. Be sure that your dog is getting enough exercise; she could be taking her extra energy out on your coffee table legs. Some other tips:

**Positive Reinforcement:** Praise your dog lavishly when she picks up one of her chew toys. Have a name for each of her items: “Is that your soccer ball? Oh, good girl!”

**Appropriate Toys:** We like Kong chew toys and Nylabones (especially the Galileo ones). Resist the urge to give your dog an old shoe or other human item to chew on. To her, all shoes are the same.

**Crating:** A crate is invaluable to keep your dog out of trouble and to give her a place where she feels secure. Keep a chew toy that she likes in there, and reward her with treats when she goes inside.

**Give Your Dog A Bone:** If you can, give your dog a real beef bone from the butcher. Real bones offer the best chewing and are a real treat for your dog. Be sure to use **large, uncooked** bones that won't splinter, and let her take it to her crate or outside to enjoy it in peace.

Questions for our Doggy Expert?  
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## A COONHOUND IN BROOKLYN

By Lisa Peet

How do you go from looking for lab retrievers in New York City to getting a beagle-coonhound mix from Arkansas?

It started when I lost my dear and beloved Jack Russell, Milo, unexpectedly in July 2005. A few months later I was still pretty much undone with grief, and definitely not ready to take on another dog. Still, I found myself looking at Petfinder.com at work. I told myself I was just looking, but I found myself typing in parameters like our zip code and the word “puppy.” It was absolutely the wrong time for us to get another dog, but the second I saw her sweet face, I was smitten—and very ready to meet her.

I couldn't, though. She was in Arkansas, of all places. But every time I opened her listing, those big puppy eyes just spoke to me, and in the end we adopted her sight unseen. Two weeks before Halloween, we met the dog transport truck in a parking lot just across from the Tappan Zee Bridge, handed the man a check, and he handed over a very stunned-looking puppy. Her name was Blossom, but we decided she was Dorrie.

Our ginger tabby cat, Mr. Bonkers, who had loved Milo above all other creatures, decided Dorrie was all right too, and that evening he curled up with her on her new dog bed and they took their first nap together.

It was a big adjustment for Dorrie. She was too scared of city traffic to go for walks at first, and buses terrified her. But soon enough, she could make it all the way to the dog run at our local park, and she hasn't looked back since. Today she's a confident, calm dog with great manners both on- and off-leash.



Our  
October  
Happy  
Tail

Not only that, Dorrie turned out to be the most wonderful dog imaginable—the sort of dog I wished for when I was ten years old. She's cheerful, friendly, obedient, mellow, gentle with kids, and in general is every bit as good as those big brown eyes first advertised. She's really just a happy girl, and people comment on her all the time. She's loved and she knows it. She even has raccoons in the back yard to keep an eye on—quite a luxury for a little coonhound in Brooklyn!

Every morning Dorrie wakes up in bed with us, yawns, and stretches to get her belly rubbed. Every day, she knows it's going to be a good one, and she gives that love back to us a hundred times. We couldn't be happier, and I suspect she feels the same. Thank you, All About Labs, for our sweet little beagle-coonhound from Arkansas.

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