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## Happy Spring from AAL!

Looking for the perfect Father's Day gift? Consider AAL Guardians!

Flummoxed about what to get Dad this Father's Day? Instead of another tie or mug, why not make him an AAL Guardian? Guardians help us to care for our dogs and to rescue dogs in need. If you know someone who loves

dogs, the Guardian program makes a great gift.

Just sign up by June 7th, and we'll send Dad a special card in time for Father's Day letting him know that you've made him a Guardian. AAL Guardians costs \$15 a month (that's fifty cents a day), and is conveniently billed to your credit card by PayPal.

It's supporters like you that keep AAL running. Thank you as always for your support. And happy June!

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Help make this our best year yet!



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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).

## AAL Guardians

Become a Guardian  
Today!

AAL Guardians are dedicated supporters who make a set donation each month, providing us with a reliable income stream.

### Quick Facts:

- Become an AAL Guardian for \$15.00 a month. That's just fifty cents a day.
- Your credit card will be billed automatically each month by PayPal's secure service.
- Your Guardian donation is tax-deductible.
- If you ever need to withdraw from the Guardian program, just let us know.
- 100 % of your donation goes to the dogs' care.
- Just go to [our website](#) to enroll.

Questions? Email us at [Info@AllAboutLabs.org](mailto:Info@AllAboutLabs.org)

## Meet Iris!



### Iris needs a home! Can you help find her one?



I'm Iris, and what a sweet, sweet girl I am! I'm 45 lbs., and just shy of two years old. I love people and kids and other dogs, and I don't mind cats one bit. I'm playful, affectionate, and as sweet as they come. And did I mention that I'm cute to boot?

My only one thing is that I'm just not meant to be a city girl. I'm a country bumpkin who likes having a yard, and I get scared by big city sounds. Other than that, I'm a flexible gal with a terrific disposition—I do great in a car, and I just love all people and kids. I'm used to being in a house and, as you can see, I'm very playful. And did I mention sweet?

I'm a fast runner, so AAL thinks I may have a bit of greyhound in me—that would explain my fast legs and lean frame, but I've also got those great Lab traits. I'm fully vetted, spayed, microchipped, and I have a gorgeous coat and beautiful amber eyes.

If you know someone who might provide a good home to me, please forward them The Fetch. And let them know that they can email us at [Info@AllAboutLabs.org](mailto:Info@AllAboutLabs.org). Thanks!

## These guys need your help



## Ask the Doggy Expert

**Q:** Our new 6 month-old chocolate lab, Malcolm, recently started chewing and shredding his crate cushion. He was fine with it until just recently. We bought the bed specifically to fit into his crate. Any suggestions? We don't want to have to leave him without a cushion in there.

—Rose G., New York, NY

**T**he fuzzy material on crate beds can be tempting for dogs to chew on—sometimes you'll even see chew toys made of the exact same nubby material.

To keep Malcolm from ruining his crate cushion, try wrapping it with an old bed sheet to protect it; dogs are less likely to be tempted to chew a smooth fabric. You can also get one of the chew toys described above and leave it in his crate for him. As long as you're confident he can't choke on it, you can leave a favorite chew toy in the crate so that he has something to work on when he's in there.

If you notice Malcolm chewing and gnawing on things quite a bit, he's probably teething. This

would make sense given his age. Try giving him ice cubes, and have a couple of different chew toys on hand (like a Kong, a rope toy, etc.) for him to work on. And keep an eye out for baby teeth! You'll probably find them in his crate and throughout the house.

Whenever you see Malcolm start to go for an inappropriate object—if he was tempted by his bed, he might also get tempted by an area rug—make a disapproving noise (such as "Ahh!") to distract him, and then redirect him to a chew toy. When he takes it, praise him lavishly. He should get the idea that certain objects are meant for chewing while others, like coffee table legs, are not!

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**Questions for the Doggy Expert?**

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Information in this column should not be used in the place of or in contradiction to the advice of a veterinarian or trained professional. A veterinarian should be consulted for all health or behavioral concerns, and extreme caution should be used when dealing with a dog showing any signs of aggression.

## Sponsor A Dog

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



Our AAL Sponsors Program is a great solution. You can care for an AAL dog for a week, month, or a year. You'll get updates and pictures so that you can see how your dog is doing. Your dog may even write you a note!

### The Details



Our sponsored dogs have their own special kennels with a sign featuring your name. It costs \$30/week, \$100/month, or

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

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### 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 because of them.

We're surrounded these days by issues and problems—hunger, war, the environment—that can feel insurmountable. But animal cruelty is

one issue that we can actually 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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