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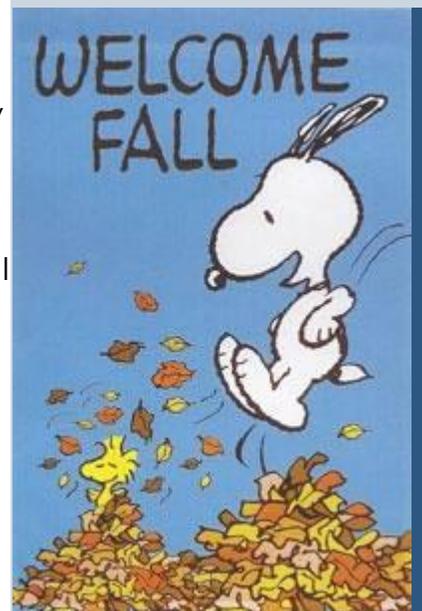
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ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF

Hi! My name is Marlene. I became familiar with Lake Erie Labrador Retriever Rescue when we adopted our 12 year old lab whom we named Tucker. Tucker has been with us for a few weeks now, and it is so heart-warming to watch him learn to relax, trust again, become friends with our other two labs (Sundance 4 years and Riley 7 years), and just to watch him "grow" into happiness. He is a very loved addition to our family!!

This is the first attempt I have made at creating a newsletter, so please have patience and bear with me the next few months, as I learn.



MEET TUCKER



Hi! My name is Tucker. I'm a 12 year old yellow lab that has found my forever home. That's me when I first arrived at my forever home, and then me in the middle with my new brothers....we are all being good, waiting patiently, hoping for a bite of Dad's lunch. I am a little more excited about the prospect than my brothers. The last pic is of me on the right with my brother, Riley. I am so happy in my forever home. I get to go out in our big backyard lots of times a day and sniff and smell all the new and interesting scents. My back legs give me a little trouble, but I am good at keeping up with my brothers. I am getting better at going up stairs, too. Twice I have made it all the way up the big stairs without help, to go to bed at night. I sleep on my own bed right next to my new forever family. I get healthy treats just for being me, and I get lots of pats, scratches, stroking, and kisses. I am thankful for my forever home. Do you know what? My forever family keep telling me that I give so much to them just by being here with them. They love me soooo much!!

I got my first car ride last week. I LOVED it!! We went to the park. We don't go for too long at one time because I am old, but I sure do enjoy all the good sniffing and marking all the "good" trees so my fellow doggies know I was there ☺

Tucker P.S. My foster Mom, Rachel, sends me kisses in her emails to my family. She still loves me too. I will always love her for saving me and for taking good care of me until she found me a forever family.



MEET MAVERICK



On Sunday, February 1, 2015, our family said goodbye to our beloved Golden Retrievers. Belle (13 years old) and Kelsie (11 years old) were wonderful companions and best friends. They loved everyone and lived long, happy lives as cherished members of our family. Gone but never forgotten.

Our hearts were broken and needed time to heal. After a short time, we realized that our house seemed empty without a 4-legged friend always ready for a walk, a hug, or a belly rub. If we were to consider a new dog for our family, it would be from a rescue organization or a shelter. Everyone needs another chance and we wanted to provide that opportunity for a deserving dog who through no fault of their own, needs another shot at a happy life.

On Sunday, August 2, 2015 we attended the North Royalton Pet Carnival. There we met Rachel & Pete Daw. As I was walking up to their table with our son Christopher, we spotted a handsome Chocolate Lab behaving himself as he greeted many visitors. My wife Barb was already at the table talking to Rachel and Pete about 6 year old "Lucky". Within seconds, I knew this was our "Lucky" day! We spent a lot of time learning about LELRR and the work they do on behalf of these beloved animals. We were thrilled to hear "Lucky" was available and needed a new home and another shot at life after being surrendered by his original owners to Animal Control in June. Upon returning home, Barb completed the on-line LELRR application and we sent it along to Rachel. The process was in full swing.

After our application was approved, we made arrangements to have "Lucky" come to our home on Sunday, August 9th. Rachel arrived with our new family member and he has been wonderful ever since. We renamed him Maverick since we all liked the name and in the movie "Top Gun", Maverick gets another shot at redeeming his career after a setback. Our Maverick may have encountered some bad luck but his fortunes (and ours) were about to change forever. He immediately bonded to our family and must always be near one of us, usually sitting on our feet. He is very well behaved indoors and is learning his yard and how to walk better on a leash. He has even accepted our 7 pound kitty "Leo" as his new brother in less than 2 weeks. They are perfectly fine together in just a short period of time.

We are thrilled to have Maverick in our family. As all dog lovers know, you can never replace one pet for another. They each have their own special qualities that make them unique family members. Just as Belle and Kelsie shared our love for many years, we expect that Maverick will feel that same love and create his own wonderful legacy within our family.

Barb, Mike, Sarah, Nathan, Allison, and Christopher Barbo



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Autumn Safety Tips

Ah, fall—there's nothing like crisp, cool air, the first months of school and luscious foliage to get you excited for the changing seasons. Your pet, too, is probably welcoming the break from hot, sticky weather. But pet parents, beware—fall is also a time of lurking dangers for our furry friends. From household poisons to cold weather hazards, the season is a minefield! Here are some tips to keep your pet snug and healthy during the autumn months.

- The use of rodenticides increases in the fall as rodents seek shelter from the cooler temperatures by attempting to move indoors. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets—if ingested, the results could be fatal. If you must use these products, do so with extreme caution and put them in places inaccessible to your pets.
- It's back-to-school time, and those of you with young children know that means stocking up on fun items like glue sticks, pencils and magic markers. These items are considered “low toxicity” to pets, which means they're unlikely to cause serious problems unless large amounts are ingested. However, since gastrointestinal upset and blockages certainly are possible, be sure your children keep their school supplies out of paw's reach.
- Training tip: If you and your pooch haven't been active outdoors in a while because of the summer heat, do some remedial recall training. Dogs, like people, get rusty on their skills if they aren't using them.
- Fall and spring are mushroom seasons. While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity, the 1% that are highly toxic can cause life-threatening problems in pets. Unfortunately, most of the highly toxic mushrooms are difficult to distinguish from the nontoxic ones, so the best way to keep pets from ingesting poisonous mushrooms is to keep them away from areas where any mushrooms are growing. Contact your veterinarian or the [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) immediately if you witness your pet eating a wild mushroom.



- In order to generate body heat, pets who exercise heavily outdoors, or who live outdoors, should be given more food during colder seasons. Make sure horses and other outdoor animals have access to clean, fresh water that is not frozen.
 - Autumn is the season when snakes who are preparing for hibernation may be particularly “grumpy,” increasing the possibility of severe bites to those unlucky pups who find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Pet owners should know what kinds of venomous snakes may be in their environment—and where these snakes are most likely to be found—so they can keep pets out of those areas.
 - Many people choose fall as the time to change their car's engine coolant. Ethylene glycol-based coolants are highly toxic, so spills should be cleaned up immediately. Consider switching to propylene glycol-based coolants—though they aren't completely nontoxic, they are much less toxic than other engine coolants.
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10 Halloween Safety Tips for Pets

Halloween can be a festive and fun time for children and families. But for pets? Let's face it, it can be a downright nightmare. Forgo the stress and dangers this year by following these 10 easy tips.

1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.

All forms of chocolate -- especially baking or dark chocolate -- can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats. Symptoms of [chocolate poisoning](#) may include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures. Halloween candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar and subsequent loss of coordination and seizures. And while xylitol toxicity in cats has yet to be established, it's better to be safe than sorry.

2. Don't leave pets out in the yard on Halloween.

Surprisingly, vicious pranksters have been known to tease, injure, steal, and even kill pets on Halloween night. Inexcusable? Yes! But preventable nonetheless.

3. Keep pets confined and away from the door.

Not only will your door be constantly opening and closing on Halloween, but strangers will be dressed in unusual costumes and yelling loudly for their candy. This, of course, is scary for our furry friends. Dogs are especially territorial and may become anxious and growl at innocent trick-or-treaters. Putting your dog or cat in a secure room away from the front door will also prevent them from darting outside into the night ... a night when no one wants to be searching for a lost loved one.

4. Keep your outdoor cats inside several days before and several days after Halloween.

Black cats are especially at risk from pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. In fact, many shelters do not adopt out black cats during the month of October as a safety precaution.

5. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach.

Although they are relatively nontoxic, such plants can induce gastrointestinal upset should your pets ingest them in large quantities. Intestinal blockage can even occur if large pieces are swallowed. And speaking of pumpkins

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6. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets.

Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or knocking it over and causing a fire.



7. Keep wires and electric light cords out of reach.

If chewed, your pet could cut himself or herself on shards of glass or plastic, or receive a possibly life-threatening [electrical shock](#).

8. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.

If you do decide that Fido or Kitty needs a costume, make sure it isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict movement, hearing, or the ability to breathe or bark and meow.

9. Try on pet costumes before the big night.

If they seem distressed, allergic, or show abnormal behavior, consider letting them go in their “birthday suit”. Festive bandanas usually work for party poopers, too.

10. IDs, please!

If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that they will be returned. Just make sure the information is up-to-date, even if your pet does have one of those fancy-schmancy embedded microchips.



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Option 3: the American Express Members Giving Program

If you are an American Express card holder, you can easily sign up for the Members Give Program, which will provide you with a convenient way to engage in charitable giving. Lake Erie Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc. is now registered with the American Express: Members Give Program as a 501(c)(3) charity to receive donations.

You can choose any of the following ways to donate:

- Give to one or more charities and nonprofit organizations
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www.americanexpress.com/us/content/members-give.html

Option 4: Ohio Pet Plates (wear your pet plate with pride!)

Did you know that purchasing an Ohio Pet Plate helps fund spay / neuter / education services for non-profit animal rescues all across Ohio?

Learn more here: www.petsohio.com

Option 5: sign up for ResQwalk and raise funds for Lab rescue

If you're a walker who likes to carry your smartphone with you, then this one is for you...

Simply download the ResQwalk app (see links below), and sign up to be part of the ResQwalk platform and you'll be taking your first step to earning donations for the Lake Erie Lab Rescue, an official ResQwalk partner!

The link to download on Android is:

<http://goo.gl/I8utJI>

The link to download on iPhone is:

<http://goo.gl/OmvG8H>

Note: when signing up for ResQwalk, you'll be invited to choose what group you want to support (in this case it will be the Lake Erie Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.).

[Check out this simple guide](#) for further information.

