

## How Can I Help?

Like most rescue groups, Central Indiana Lab Rescue & Adoption (CILRA) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. We've come together because we love the Labrador Retriever breed and want to help find new loving homes for those Labs who find themselves in unhealthy, unhappy or dangerous situations. We like to think that the day we take a dog into rescue is the best day of that dog's life. The time and effort we put into helping these dogs find new homes is small payback for the countless hours of enjoyment our own dogs have given us.



IF YOU FEEL  
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WAY, HERE IS  
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HELP!

Between each dog's rescue and eventual adoption lies a great deal of challenging and rewarding work. CILRA and the dogs who regularly come under our care are very grateful to those who can:

- Become foster families
- Work with fundraising efforts
- Help with marketing and publicity
- Make pre-adoption home visits
- Transport Labs
- Donate money
- Become a voicemail volunteer

## What if I have Questions?

CILRA volunteers are available to help before, during and after each adoption. Don't hesitate to contact us at the numbers or addresses on the front of this brochure.



*"In this one breed are combined a smattering of all the attributes needed in a family dog for an active household. [The Labrador] is kind to children, friendly to most people and other animals, energetic, easy to train, anxious to please, fun to teach tricks and games, and an easy-keeper. He'll play fetch for hours or lie quietly on the family room floor, content to serve as a pillow for a toddler."*

*Dog Owner's Guide*



# CILRA

*"Where Labs Find Loving Homes"*



## Central Indiana Lab Rescue & Adoption

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## What is CILRA?

Central Indiana Lab Rescue & Adoption, founded in 1996, is an **all-volunteer**, non-profit organization whose goal is placing rescued, purebred Labrador Retrievers in suitable, loving homes.

## What is a Labrador Retriever?



Labradors belong to a sporting group of breeds which includes other retrievers, pointers, setters, and spaniels.

Adult Labs usually weigh between 70 – 90 pounds and have a lifespan of about 13 years. Their short, dense coat is either black, yellow, or chocolate and is shed seasonally.

## Where do the dogs come from?

Labradors are among the most popular breeds, which results in a correspondingly large number of rescue and adoption situations. Some Labs come into rescue from animal shelters or are found as strays. Many dogs are surrendered to CILRA by owners whose lifestyles have changed or who don't have space or time for them. All dogs are temporarily placed in CILRA foster homes where temperament and training level are evaluated. Even though obedience training is reinforced in foster homes, professional obedience training can help the dog bond with his or her new owner and is strongly recommended following adoption.

## How do I get a rescued lab?

The first step in adopting a CILRA lab is to complete an application. This can be done online at [www.cilra.org](http://www.cilra.org). Once you complete the application, a volunteer from CILRA will conduct a "home visit". It is important to know that the new dog is going to a permanent, loving home where all members of the family want a dog, want this particular breed, and are willing to provide a suitable setting.

## Do I need a fenced yard?

One of CILRA's primary concerns is ensuring the safety of each dog. Fenced areas protect Labs from the dangers of traffic, strangers or other animals, as well as offer a safe place for them to play, exercise and relieve themselves. Each situation is evaluated, however families with children under the age of 10 are required to have a fenced in yard.

## Is there a cost for adoption?

We ask for an adoption donation of \$175 for each dog 5 years of age and younger and \$125 for dogs 6 years and older. This partially covers the cost of vaccinations, heartworm testing, spay and neuter, and other veterinary care.



## Are the dogs healthy?

CILRA ensures that all vaccinations are current and that each dog receives complete veterinary care including heartworm testing and preventive heartworm medication. Additionally, all dogs are either neutered or spayed before they are placed.



## Why must the dogs be "fixed"?

Spayed or neutered dogs will live longer, healthier lives. In males, neutering prevents testicular cancer, prostate cancer and helps the dog focus his attention on his family rather than searching for a mate or marking territory by spraying urine. Overpopulation is a serious problem; one dog could be responsible for the birth of up to 200 puppies in one year.

## What if it doesn't work out?

CILRA carefully evaluates each dog and adoptive home to ensure the adoption is the best match possible. However, if an adoption does not work out, the dog must come back to CILRA (as our adoption contract states).

## Why get a rescued Lab?

By adopting a rescued Lab, you open your heart to the companionship and love of a dog who may otherwise have remained homeless and uncared for.