

So you're thinking of getting a Lab. After all they do Guide the Blind and act as Service Dogs for the disabled so they must be smart. Look at all those dogs on TV and in the movies, how hard can owning a dog be anyway? Well, let me tell you about the Labrador Retriever.

The Labrador Retriever comes equipped with a big heart, lots of energy, and no training. The Labrador Retriever (puppy) eats, sleeps, pees and poops (usually not where they're supposed to), digs, barks, chews on EVERYTHING (let me reemphasize: **CHEWS ON EVERYTHING**), jumps on everyone, and grows very rapidly. Labs often take four years to mature mentally. For these reasons, Labs end up unwanted and in pounds. The lucky few end up in rescue groups and in foster homes to receive love, understanding and basic obedience training. What this means for you, you will need to be dedicated to continuing obedience training.

If you can't give your Labrador Retriever your full attention for at least 30 minutes a day, why are you thinking of acquiring one at all? After all, your Labrador Retriever asks no more in life than to be with you every minute of every day.

Will your Labrador rescue you and members of your family like the dogs in the movies? Probably it will if the need ever arises (but how many times have you needed rescuing lately anyhow?). More likely, you will find that you simply enjoy the companionship of a friend who never finds your stories boring and likes to participate in all of your activities, even trips to the Laundromat. Who could ask for more?

Labs are wonderful dogs. So if you are willing to work with your dog, enjoy an active, friendly, exuberant, warm dog, please take a look around our web site and fill out an application.