

## **Molly's Story**

A Story Dedicated to the Hard Working Team from  
The Labrador Retriever Club of Qld Inc.  
RESCUE & REHOME SERVICE

Recently the LRCQ Inc R&R Service was alerted to the fact that a very nice little yellow Lab bitch was on "Death Row" at Caboolture Pound. The wonderful group of people who get the condemned dogs out of the pound and pass them on to us took her up to Dr Rebekah Day (our wonderful Rescue Service Vet and LRCQ Inc Club Patron).

After the dog received a health clearance and vaccinations Dr Day delivered her to LRCQ Inc R&R reps Sue Barlow and Di Rapson at a dog show at Beerwah. She was a very sweet, and seemingly quite a well bred girl, but was very confused and afraid. "When we tried to get her out of her crate for a walk, she escaped and started rampaging all over the showgrounds, through the rings with several of us running, chasing and calling but of course, we didn't know her name, so it was all very difficult and I think several people must have been longing for video cameras" said Di Rapson.

She was finally apprehended by a ring steward during Weimaraner judging during which time the judge waited patiently. The Show Manager was (we think) on the verge of having Di & Sue arrested for not having the dog under control - until they explained the story to him.

When they finally got her settled Di and Sue began going through possibilities for names. Another dog on the grounds was called Polly and when Polly's name was spoken this little Labrador seemed to react positively, so she became "Molly".  
Some jokers will forever refer to her forevermore as "Kopafield Runaway Train."

Sue took "Molly" home that night and rang the next day to report that she thought Molly might have all the drive needed for training as an assistance dog, so we took her down to Craig and Tracey Murray (Internationally Accredited Dog Trainers) who assessed her and were so excited. In Craig's words "She is just brilliant" and "She could do or be anything we want her to be. She's amazing".  
Tracey rang me after Molly had completed her intense training schedule to report the great news that Molly was going to Ronald McDonald House in Herston as a therapy dog for sick children.

Recently LRCQ Inc R&R reps Di Rapson, Sue Barlow and Terri Matthews, were invited to attend the party and graduation ceremony for "Miss Molly". Di Rapson said that "It was a very emotional day – to see the dog that almost wasn't, interacting with the children and the staff there. One of the coordinators (who had been very much against getting a dog) said she has been amazed at how wonderful Molly is for the kids AND the staff. "When things get tough for the staff she said, they can just take Molly for a walk – wonderful therapy".

In closing - the LRCQ Inc R&R Service received a call from Ronald McDonald House staff last Friday to let us know that sadly one of the young boys who attended Molly's party wasn't travelling all that well. When staff asked what this young lad would most like to do (through Make a Wish Foundation) his request was "to spend some time with Molly".

So staff were kept busy smuggling Molly from Ronald McDonald House into the hospital to help fulfill that wish - how awesome is that?! Coordinator Chris just wanted us all to know what an amazing impact Molly is having at "The House" with these young kids and to thank the LRCQ Inc R&R Service for donating her to them.

Special thanks must also go to Craig and Tracey Murray who very kindly donated their time to train Molly for her very important future role in life.

