

# Rhumbline Retrievers Pet Dog Application

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Our goal is to place each of our puppies in a well suited home where the puppy will meet the owner's expectations and the owners will provide a home that matches the puppy's personality and takes advantage of the puppy's talents and skills. To help with this process, we ask that you complete the following questionnaire to formalize your interest in one of our puppies. Acceptance of this form by Rhumbline Retrievers does **not** guarantee you a puppy but will enable you to be considered for one of our pups. Please attach additional sheets or use the back of the form if you need more space. Return your completed questionnaire to use via e-mail or snail mail at the addresses below.

**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

All members of your household with ages and adult's occupations:

Name	Age	Relationship to You	Occupation
You			
Your spouse/partner			

**Puppy Expectations**

How did you hear about us: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want a Labrador Retriever? Why is this breed right for you?

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Why do you want a puppy from our breeding program? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a strong preference for one sex or the other?

- I'd prefer a Female but will consider a Male
- I'd prefer a Male but will consider a Female
- I will only purchase a Female
- I will only purchase a Male
- I don't care about sex, preferring the best puppy for me

Why do you have a preference for one sex over another? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have a preference for a specific litter or dam, please let us know here. \_\_\_\_\_

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You have indicated that you are interested in a dog that will primarily be your pet. Do you plan to do any other activities, such as pet-assisted therapy, or competitions with your dog? If so, what \_\_\_\_\_

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Since you are purchasing this puppy as a pet, do you understand that this animal is not being sold as a breeding quality animal so you cannot breed it during its lifetime? \_\_\_\_\_

We sell our pet puppies on non-breeding contracts with AKC Limited Registrations, which means they are not to be bred and their offspring cannot be registered with the AKC. Are you willing to accept this contract and registrations? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe the personality or specific traits you are looking for in your new dog? Do you want a couch potato, an active dog, a very active dog, etc? (Please be specific about energy level, drives, confidence, dominance/submission, independent, professional cuddler, appearance and anything else that is important to you in your dog.)

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Are you on any other breeders' puppy lists? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, whose? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you or anyone in your household planning on getting another puppy during the next year? If so, please provide details on breed, sex, breeder and goals for that puppy.

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**Home Information**

Do you own/rent a home/condo/apartment? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fully fenced yard? Is it dog proof? What kind of fencing? How tall? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much traveling do you do during the year? \_\_\_\_\_

What arrangements have or will you make for the dog while you are away? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you or anyone living in your household smoke? Yes No

**Pet Ownership History**

Please tell us a little about the other pets you have **now**. What kind are they? What are their sexes and ages? For dogs, list your dogs' breed, registered names and titles.

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Please tell us a little about your **past** dogs. What breed were they? List your dogs registered names and titles.

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If any of your dogs have been lost or died, please explain the circumstances.

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**Our Expectations of You**

Keeping a Labrador Retriever is not an inexpensive venture, between quality food, veterinary care, and training. Are you confident that **you know how much this dog will cost** you to maintain and that you have the resources to do so?

- Yes, I understand how much this dog's maintenance will cost and am very comfortable I can afford this dog
- Maybe, but I need more information about costs
- No, I am not sure how much this dog's maintenance will cost and/or I am not sure I can afford to keep this dog
- I don't know how much this will cost
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

We require all buyers to have their dog, once it is two years of age, tested for the various **genetic diseases** that labradors are susceptible to, including x-rays for hip and elbow dysplasia, and examinations by a board-certified veterinary cardiologist and ophthalmologist for eye and heart problems. These tests can cost upwards of \$700, depending upon your area.

Will you ensure that your dog has this testing done between 24 and 30 months of age? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that you must pay for these tests? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that our warranty is contingent upon the completion of this testing by 30 months of age? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to provide the test results to us? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you feel about neutering or spaying your dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you willing to wait until your pup is over 18 months of age and, if female, has had at least one season, before spaying or neutering? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Lifestyle.** Where will your puppy spend most of his/her day?

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Once grown, where/how will your dog spend most of his/her day? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where will your puppy/dog spend his nights? (e.g., crated in the bedroom, alone in kitchen, in garage?)

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For what periods of a normal day will your dog be left alone \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be able to spend more time with the puppy when it first comes into your home? What arrangements have or must you make to do this? \_\_\_\_\_

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We send all puppies in a litter home at the same time and prefer not to hold puppies past this period. Do you have any vacations planned for the next year that might limit when you can pick up your puppy? If so, when are they?

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The first 16 weeks of your puppy's life is critical. Do you have any vacations planned in which you would not be able to include the puppy and thus would have to leave your puppy with someone other than an immediate family member? If so, when are they? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what ways do you think having this dog will change your lifestyle \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your family's favorite forms of recreation \_\_\_\_\_

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Which of these activities would you include the dog in \_\_\_\_\_

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**Feeding.** What do you feed your present dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you plan to feed your dog while it is a puppy? What do you plan to feed your dog once it becomes an adult? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to consider a natural and/or raw diet for your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Vaccinations.** Recently, the American Veterinary Medicine Association has changed its vaccine recommendation to fewer, less frequent vaccinations. For what diseases do you vaccinate your present dog(s)?

How often do you vaccinate? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
For what diseases do you plan to vaccinate this new dog? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
How frequently do you intend to vaccinate this new dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you **and your veterinarian** willing to use titers rather than vaccines to assess immunity? Please confirm this with your vet before answering. \_\_\_\_\_

**Support Services.** Who will you use for the following services for your Labrador? Have you met them? How did you find them?

Groomer? \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

Training classes? \_\_\_\_\_

**Control, Exercise and Training.** Do you allow your dogs or intend to allow future dogs to run loose? With or without supervision? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much and what type of exercise do you expect this dog will need and get each day? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much and what type of training do you expect this dog will need and get each day/week? \_\_\_\_\_

We require all buyers to attend a Puppy Kindergarten class that **includes free play among the puppies**. Where will you and your puppy attend Puppy Kindergarten?

We prefer buyers to continue **formal training** with their dog for at least one year. Do you plan to do this? If so, where? If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**References**

Please provide names, addresses and phone numbers of people who could verify your qualifications and lifestyle, such as the breeders of your present dogs, dog trainers, training partners, friends, and neighbors. We strongly prefer **email contact** so please try to get correct email addresses. Missing email addresses will delay processing of your application. If you have pets, your last reference must be your veterinarian.

1) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

3) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your time.*

*Please return this questionnaire to:*

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