



Rhumblin Retrievers Performance Dog Application

Application Date: _____
 Application Received _____
 Date(s) Visited/Called: _____

Our goal is to place each of our Labradors in a well-suited home where the dog will meet the owner's expectations and the owners will provide a home that matches the dog's personality and takes advantage of the its talents and skills. To help with this process, we ask that you complete the following application to formalize your interest in one of our puppies. Acceptance of this form by Rhumblin 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 us via e-mail, fax 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, including you, with ages and 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?

Why do you want a puppy from our breeding program? _____

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? _____

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

What do you expect to do with this dog? (Check and/or circle all that apply.)

- Breeding
- Hunt tests (AKC, UKC, NAHRA or Canada)
 - JH
 - SH
 - MH
 - Master National
- Hunting (how often? _____)
 - Upland game
 - Waterfowl
- Field trials (US or Canada)
 - Derby
 - Qualifying
 - All others
- Obedience
 - Rally and lower-level competition obedience (RN, RA, RE, RAE, CD, CDX)
 - Upper-level competitive obedience (UD, UDX)
 - Elite obedience (OTCh, National Invitational)
- Agility (which venues? _____)
 - Competitive agility (NA/J, OA/J, AX/J)
 - Master agility (MX, MXJ, MF)
 - Master Agility Championship
 - Elite agility (National championships, World Team)
- Tracking
 - TD
 - TDX
 - VST
- Conformation
 - American Championship
 - Canadian Championship
 - Special
- Search and Rescue Dog
- Pet-assisted Therapy/R.E.A.D.
- Other _____

What **experience** do you have with these activities? Who do you presently or plan to train with? _____

How would you describe the **personality or specific traits** you are looking for in your new dog? (Please be specific about energy level, drives, confidence, dominance/submission, birdiness, water work, eye contact, intelligence, learning style, professional cuddler, appearance and anything else that is important to you in your dog.)

If you are purchasing this puppy as a **competition dog**, what will you do if the puppy does not meet your expectations in training or competing? _____

If you are purchasing this puppy as a **breeding prospect**, tell us about your breeding plans and program, past, present and future? _____

If you are purchasing this puppy as a **breeding prospect**, what will you do if the puppy cannot be bred? _____

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Although we are flexible, we prefer to sell our **non-breeding performance dogs** on non-breeding contracts and AKC Limited Registrations, which means they are not to be bred and their offspring cannot be registered with the AKC unless we lift the Limited Registration. We are amenable about doing this for dogs that meet both our and the LCR Inc.'s breeding criteria. If you are buying a non-breeding, performance dog, how do you feel about purchasing your dog on a non-breeding contract? How do you feel about purchasing your dog on an AKC Limited Registration? _____

Are you on any **other breeders'** puppy lists? If so, whose? When is that litter due? _____

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. _____

Home Information

Do you **own or rent**? What kind of a home do you have—single family, condo, apartment, other? If you rent, do you have written permission from your landlord that you can have a golden retriever? _____

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

How much **traveling** do you do without your dog(s) during the year?

What **arrangements** have or will you make for the dog while you are away? _____

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

Pet Ownership History

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

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

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

Our Expectations of You

Keeping a golden 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 goldens are susceptible to, including OFA or PennHIP 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? _____

We also ask each owner to participate in the University of Pennsylvania's Canine Behavioral Assessment Research Questionnaire C-BARQ (<http://vetapps.vet.upenn.edu/cbarq/>) at a minimum of 1 and 4 years of age. There is no cost to this participation but it requires completing a 10-15 minute on-line questionnaire. Are you willing to participate in our C-BARQ program? _____

How do you feel about **neutering or spaying** your dog if he/she is purchased either as a non-breeding performance dog or proves a less than ideal prospect for breeding?

Barring serious behavioral problems, 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? _____

If purchased as a breeding prospect, are you willing to consider allowing us handle the breeding of your dog here at Gaylan's if he/she proves to be of breeding quality and you are unable to accomplish the breeding? _____

Lifestyle. Where will your **puppy** spend most of his/her **day**?

Once grown, where/how will your **dog** spend most of its **day**? _____

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

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? _____

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?

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? _____

In what ways do you think having this dog will change your **lifestyle**? _____

What is your family's favorite forms of **recreation**? _____

Which of these **activities** would you include the dog in? _____

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?

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 golden? Who will you use for the following services for your golden? Have you met them? How did you find them?

Support Person

Groomer? _____

Veterinarian? _____

Puppy training classes? _____

Control, Exercise and Training.

Describe yourself as a trainer. Do you consider yourself an **“all-positive” trainer**? _____

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

We prefer buyers 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? _____

Do you allow your dogs or intend to allow future dogs to **run loose**? With or without supervision? _____

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

References

Please provide names, addresses and phone numbers of people who can 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 presently 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 _____

4) Veterinarian's Name _____

Address _____ E-mail address _____

Phone number _____

*Thank you for your time. Please return this questionnaire
to: Susan Carpenter - Rhumblin Retrievers
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Mattituck NY 11952
email: Rhumblineret@hotmail.com*