

PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION CODE OF ETHICS

The Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association, recognizing our responsibility to the Labrador Retriever and the retriever breed enthusiast, sets forth this Code of Ethics, to reflect the desire of the membership to:

- ◆ Keep the Labrador Retriever sound, healthy and free of hereditary diseases.
- ◆ Maintain the working ability of the Labrador Retriever.
- ◆ Conform to the American Kennel Club's published Standard of the Breed.
- ◆ Be honest in the evaluation of animals used for breeding and/or offered for sale.
- ◆ Exercise truth in advertising.

As an aid to evaluating the suitability of stud dogs and brood bitches, we recommend that members only use stud dogs and brood bitches that have met the following requirements:

- ◆ Labrador Retrievers are registered with the AKC or a recognized foreign registry.
- ◆ Eyes are examined within 12 months of breeding by a board certified Ophthalmologist (ACVO) and found free of hereditary eye disease. These results may be submitted to CERF or OFA. After the dog is age 10, annual examinations are no longer necessary.
 - In the event frozen semen is used to produce a litter, the dog whose semen is used is required to have a current eye clearance. If, however, that dog is dead, the last clearance within 12 months of the dog's death or a clearance at age 10 will be accepted.
- ◆ At least one of the breeding pair will be DNA tested clear or certified clear by parentage of PRA-prcd Certificate of clearances must be provided.
- ◆ At least one of the breeding pair will be DNA tested clear or certified clear by parentage of Exercised Induced Collapse (EIC) Certificate of clearances must be provided.
- ◆ At least one of the breeding pair will be DNA tested clear or certified clear by parentage of Centronuclear Myopathy (CNM) Certificate of clearances must be provided.
- ◆ Hips are certified to be fair, good or excellent and elbows are certified to be normal by at least one of the following methods:
 - * Certification by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) for dogs/bitches 24 months of age or older.
 - * A PennHip score in the 50th percentile or higher for dogs/bitches 12 months of age or older. Note: PennHip does not certify elbows
 - * Certification by the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) prior to May 2012
 - * A Wind-Morgan report certifying that dogs/bitches are free of degenerative joint disease; applies only to frozen semen from male dogs deceased
 - Breeding on preliminary x-rays does not meet the Code of Ethics
- ◆ Are of sound temperament and free from disqualifications as described in the breed standard.

Members should guarantee the general health of their breeding stock and their puppies at time of sale.

Only those stud dogs, bitches or puppies who have met the above requirements and have certification may be promoted or endorsed at a PSLRA function. This would not include

paid advertisements as in the Show Catalog, nor entries at our events but would include fund raisers such as the Stud Dog Auction.

Only those litters whose sire and dam have met the above requirements and dam is owned by a member in good standing of PSLRA will be allowed to advertise in the Club's newsletter or be listed with the PSLRA Litter List.

Non members may list only one litter and only if a PSLRA member owns either the stud dog or dam and both meet the above COE. After that they must become a member of PSLRA to list any litters.

Club members do not need to be on the Breeder's List to list a litter and may list as many as they want that meet the COE, however if they list more than 2 litters a year they DO need to meet the Breeder's List volunteer requirement..

Listings will be for 12 weeks only with no renewals. After twelve weeks the older puppies may be listed in the "older dogs being placed" category.

When listing a litter fees and or proof of payment through PAYPAL must accompany all health certifications of the sire and dam

The fee to list a litter is \$25 plus a donation to PSLRA Rescue Fund after puppies are sold

◆ Further, PSLRA urges all members to adopt a spay/neuter program, to sell companion animals on a limited registration, and to take back any dogs of any age if buyers can no longer keep them for any reason.

◆ A member should not supply puppies for auction or for resale to pet stores, laboratories or other wholesale outlets, in accordance with AKC guidelines.

◆ In addition to the above PSLRA recommends that breeding dogs and bitches be examined by a licensed Veterinary Cardiologist and found clear of Tricuspid Valve Disease (TVD) by Echocardiogram

PSLRA also recommends that its members obtain at least one of the following on their stud dogs and brood bitches before using them in their breeding program:

- ◆ A qualifying score in AKC Obedience, Hunt Test, Agility, or Rally
- ◆ An AKC tracking title or certification as a Therapy Dog.
- ◆ A Bench Championship point in an AKC licensed dog show.
- ◆ A judges Award of Merit (JAM) or a placement in an AKC licensed field trial.
- ◆ A Retriever Club Working Certificate.
- ◆ The equivalent of any of the above by a recognized American or foreign registry/organization.

PSLRA strongly urges its members to exercise good sportsmanship at all dog related events. PSLRA is a volunteer based club and thus, rudeness in any form towards any of our volunteers is unacceptable behavior.

Failure to actively help in rehoming a dog placed in our rescue program and produced by a club member will result in banning the use of the litter list and/or being on the breeder's list.