

MIDLAND COUNTIES LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

ADVICE FOR THE PUPPY BUYER

THE TEMPERAMANT IS MOST IMPORTANT. YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SEE THE DAM ALONG WITH HER PUPPIES.

From the Breeder of your puppy you should receive the following:-

1. A signed Pedigree Form
2. A signed **Kennel Club** Registration Certificate
3. An understanding and agreement to any Kennel Club endorsements
4. A diet sheet
5. An advice sheet on your puppy's vaccination programme. Until the vaccination programme is completed, your puppy must not mix with other dogs.
6. Advice on the training of your puppy
7. A Worming Form showing the dates your puppy was wormed whilst with the Breeder.
8. A copy of both the Sire and Dam's hip score certificate and eye test certificate

PLEASE BE AWARE, THE CERTIFICATES WILL ONLY SHOW THE STATUS OF THE SIRE AND DAM AND CANNOT BE TAKEN AS A GUARANTEE OF THE STATUS OF THE PUPPY.

You are strongly advised to make an appointment with your vet as soon as possible after the purchase of your puppy for a health check. At the same time you can discuss with him/her, the worming and vaccination programmes in addition to the Microchip identification procedure. Your puppy may already be identified by tattoo.

You are strongly advised to take out insurance for your puppy (usually the Breeder will offer an insurance package with your puppy).

The buyer of a Labrador Retriever puppy or adult, should be aware of the possible diseases both genetic and otherwise to which the breed is prone.

KC/BVA HIPSCORE CERTIFICATE

Hip dysplasia is a term which encompasses a number of specific developmental and other abnormalities involving the hip joint. The lower the score, the less the degree of hip dysplasia. The score range is 0 – 106. The breed's mean score is 9.

KC/BVA EYE CERTIFICATE AND ECVO EUROPEAN EYE CERTIFICATE

These examinations are for a number of hereditary eye conditions. **CERTIFICATES ARE VALID FOR ONE YEAR ONLY.** You are advised to check the date of examination on the relevant certificate.

KC/BVA ELBOW DYSPLACIA SCHEME

The lower the overall grade, the less the degree of elbow dysplasia. Scores are 0 – 3 for each elbow and only the highest score from either elbow is used e.g. if the scores are 2 for the right elbow and 1 for the left then the score is said to be 2.

DNA TESTING

You are advised to only consider a puppy from parents who have been DNA tested for EIC (Exercised Induced Collapse) and a number of others such as HNPk, CNM, SD2 and PRA-PRCD.