**Prospective Puppy Buyer Questionnaire**

As a breeder, my goal is to place each of my puppies in his or her “forever” home.

Each puppy is an individual. Just as no two children in a family are identical, no two puppies are exactly alike. Nor are any two prospective homes the same. During the first 7-9 weeks of the puppies’ lives, I will be observing and evaluating their physical and personality traits. And I will compare my observations to the information on each questionnaire to try to determine the most appropriate home for each puppy by matching the needs of each individual dog to each prospective owner’s lifestyle.

Therefore, the answers you provide in this questionnaire are vital in assisting me to match your home with the right puppy. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers. Some of the questions may seem personal; however, candor and honesty are very important—remember, I’m trusting you for the lifetime of the dog.

***PROSPECTIVE BUYER INFORMATION***
 Name:
Address:
Home Phone:
Cell Phone:
E-mail address:

***GENERAL INFORMATION***
 Why do you want a dog?

Are you acquiring a dog for yourself or for someone else?
             If for someone else, are they aware of your intentions, or is the dog to be a surprise?

If you are married, how does your spouse feel about the addition of a Labrador Retriever?

Do you have children living with you or visiting regularly?
             If yes, please note gender and ages.

             How do they feel about the addition of a Labrador Puppy?

             Are you prepared to teach any resident or visiting children the proper way to conduct themselves around dogs?

Who in your family will be primarily responsible for:
             daily care of the dog
             clean up
             training
             exercise
             vet and food bills

How would you describe your household activity level?
             Very quiet
             Rather easygoing
             Usually something going on
             Lots of activity

Why do you want a Labrador Retriever?

Have you considered other breeds?
             If yes, what breed(s) and why?

For each dog you currently own, please list the following:
             Name – Breed or mix – Sex – Age – Is pet spayed or neutered?

For each dog you have owned in the past 10 years, please list the following:
             Name – Breed or mix – Sex – Age – Was pet spayed or neutered? – Why do you no longer own the animal?

Do you have other pets?
             If yes, please list.

***LIVING ARRANGEMENTS***
Do you live in:
             apartment
             house
             mobile home
             condo
             other (describe)

In which type of area is your home located?
             urban
             suburban
             rural

Do you own your home or are you renting?
NOTE:  If you rent, a signed letter from your landlord stating that dogs are permitted on his/her property must be received before a puppy will be placed with you. The Breeder reserves the right to contact the landlord before placing any puppy.

             Please provide your landlord’s contact information:
                          Name
                          Address
                          Phone
                          E-mail

Where will the dog spend most of its time?
             Where will the dog be when you are away?
             How long each day will the dog be alone?
             Where will the dog be when you are at home?
             Where will the dog sleep?

Have you ever used a crate in housetraining a puppy or dog?
             Do you intend to use a crate for this dog?

How do you envision a dog fitting into your home (schedule, indoor/outdoor activities, exercise, etc.)?

Do you have a fenced yard?
             If yes, size of yard, type and height of fencing.
             If no, please explain what arrangements you will provide for housebreaking and for safe and adequate exercise.

***YOUR INTERESTS/GOALS***
 Are you interested in a puppy, an older pup, or an adult dog?

Do you prefer a male or female?

Please describe any physical attributes that are of particular importance to you in the puppy/dog you are seeking at this time?

Do you prefer a pet/companion dog or a Field Trial/Hunting Champion?

Are you prepared to spay/neuter your dog, or are you interested in breeding?

What do you expect of your Labrador Retriever?

Please describe any character attributes that are of particular importance to you in the puppy/dog you are seeking at this time?

What do you expect of your dog’s breeder?

 ***EXERCISE, AND TRAINING***

In addition to the normal routine at home, what activities will your Labrador have?
             Walk routinely with a family member
             Go to classes
             Compete in Field Trials events
             Go to your place of business with you
             Travel with you
             Be a playmate for your children or pets
             Other (specify)

Have you ever trained a dog?  Attended training classes?
             If yes, please describe how you trained and what commands were taught.

Are you aware of the SOCIALIZATION AND TRAINING requirements of the Labrador?

Are you prepared to spend time SOCIALIZING AND TRAINING your Labrador puppy?

How do you intend to obedience train your Labrador?
             On your own?
             With a club/trainer?

Do you belong to any dog or dog sports club(s)?
             If yes, please list.

Have you ever experienced any behavior problems with past or present pets?
             If yes, how did you handle those problems?

***OTHER***
Are you prepared for the responsibility of caring for this dog for its entire life (10-16 years)?

How did you learn about Labrador Retrievers?

Please add any additional information or thoughts that you feel would help me to understand you as a Potential Labrador owner and the home you can offer the dog.

What questions do you have for me?