



Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some helpful links that answer our most frequently asked questions.

What kind of food should I get?

We require you to feed a **Large Breed Puppy Food** that is NOT grain free, for the first 12 months then transition to a Large Breed Adult food.

Are the parents health tested?

Yes! All our Sires and Dams undergo health testing to ensure they are a good match and healthy. We do a DNA panel, X Rays on the elbows and hips, eye exam, copper toxicity testing, and cardiac.

Will my puppy be Registered?

Yes. We sell all of our pet puppies on an AKC Limited registration. This means they are AKC registered dogs which cannot be used for breeding and cannot be shown in conformation shows. They can, however, be shown in obedience, agility, rally, tracking, retriever hunting trials, service dogs, and other performance events and can earn titles. If they are bred, AKC will not give a registration to the resulting puppies.

What is the Breed Standard of the Labrador Retriever?

<https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/labrador-retriever/#timeline>

Are dogs born with Hip Dysplasia?

<https://www.usdaa.com/article.cfm?newsID=2288>

How much should I exercise my puppy?

I cannot stress enough how important it is to not over exercise your growing puppy. NO FORCED EXERCISING or LONG WALKS! NO Free play with older dogs, NO dog parks or doggy daycare! No jumping out of trucks or cars or off things. The first two years are so important for development and health. [Puppy Culture has some recommended exercise amounts](#). If you are careful with your growing puppy you will set them up for the best chance at a long, pain free, healthy life.

Are silver Labradors purebred?

<https://www.thelabradorsite.com/silver-labradors/>

<https://www.labradortraininghq.com/labrador-breed-information/silver-labrador>

<https://www.thelabradorsite.com/silver-labradors/20alopecia>.

Why do I need to wait until 2 years of age before spaying or neutering my dog?

<https://www.akcchf.org>

<https://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/three-reasons-to-reconsider-spayneuter/>

<https://www.dvm360.com/view/reexamining-early-spay-neuter-paradigm-dogs>

<https://www.parsemus.org/2018/10/health-consequences-of-canine-spay-neuter-and-alternative->

Why leave dewclaws?

<https://www.petmd.com/dog/care/5-things-you-need-know-about-dog-dewclaws>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4XflsMEk-k>

<https://gordonsetterexpert.org/2016/02/11/dewclaws-should-we-remove-them/>

How do I crate train our new puppy?

<https://www.fidosavvy.com/puppy-crate-training-schedule.html>

Can I get two puppies from the same litter?

<https://www.thehonestkitchen.com/blog/what-is-littermate-syndrome/>

<https://thebark.com/content/dont-take-two-littermates>

<https://k9behavioralservices.com/littermate-syndrome/>

I want to insure my puppy. What insurance company do you recommend?

<https://trupanion.com/> Offer Code: BR1RL112922

What vitamins or supplements do you recommend?

NuVet! www.nuvet.com/281687

Can we come play with the puppies after they are born?

<https://www.revivalanimal.com/pet-health/biosecurity-in-kennels/learning-center>

What is Early Neurological Stimulation?

<https://breedingbetterdogs.com/article/early-neurological-stimulation>

AKC Recommended Vaccination Schedule



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Puppy's Age	Recommended Vaccinations	Optional Vaccinations
6 – 8 weeks	Distemper, parvovirus	Bordetella
10 – 12 weeks	DHPP (vaccines for distemper, adenovirus [hepatitis], parainfluenza, and parvovirus)	Influenza, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease per lifestyle as recommended by veterinarian
16 – 18 weeks	DHPP, rabies	Influenza, Lyme disease, Leptospirosis, Bordetella per lifestyle
12 – 16 months	DHPP, rabies	Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease
Every 1 – 2 years	DHPP	Influenza, Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease per lifestyle
Every 1 – 3 years	Rabies (as required by law)	none