



The Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Dayton, Ohio

Membership Package

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your inquiry about membership in the Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Enclosed you will find a copy of our Code of Ethics and a membership application. Our requirements for membership include a completed application, attendance at two club functions, and the sponsorship of two voting members currently in good standing with the club.

We offer two levels of membership: full membership and associate membership. Both levels permit access to all club meetings and functions, monthly newsletter subscription, and use of the puppy referral service. Full membership includes voting privileges at membership meetings. Associate members do not have voting privileges. Anyone who is not able to attend regular meetings is encouraged to apply for this level of membership to preserve the voting quorum. Please feel free to discuss this option with the membership chairman or a board member.

Club functions include monthly membership meetings, our annual AKC licensed specialty show, fall agility trials, working certificate event, various "Fun Day" activities, the annual picnic, the holiday party and any scheduled club function. Attendance at two of these functions is required.

As a club, we take the sponsorship of new members quite seriously. The two members who sponsor you are expected to get to know you, your goals in the breed, your ethics if you are a breeder, and what you hope to gain from and contribute to the club. Please don't be offended if the members ask questions or want to discuss your application. If you are not familiar with any of our members, feel free to introduce yourself and take the time to talk with them. Getting to know some of the members gives you the opportunity to learn more about the club, its activities and directions, and may introduce you to new aspects of the wonderful world of Labrador Retrievers.

Listing on our club's breeder webpage is available to members after 6 months' membership in good standing for a cost of \$25 per year.

We welcome new members and hope that the MVLRC will fulfill your needs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the board of directors or the membership chairman.

Sincerely,

The Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.



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Code of Ethics

The Miami Valley Labrador Club, Inc., has adopted the following Code of Ethics as a guide for members whose highest aim is the welfare and improvement of the breed. When engaged in any activity involving Labrador Retrievers, members agree to follow this Code of Ethics and to refrain from activity that would be detrimental to the breed or the Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. It shall be the duty of each member to actively strive to improve and advance the Labrador Retriever as a breed by acknowledging the standards as published by the American Kennel Club.

- It shall be the duty of each member to actively strive to improve and advance the Labrador Retriever breed by acknowledging the standards as published by the American kennel Club, Inc.
- Breeding stock should be selected and evaluated for all hereditary defects through the use of currently recognized and available tests and registries. Breeding should promote the outstanding characteristics of the ideal Labrador Retriever. Breeders are encouraged to x-ray all potential breeding stock for hip dysplasia and elbow dysplasia, have eyes checked annually by an ophthalmic specialist, and test for cardiovascular and neurological disorders if it is suspected that problems exist in the line. Breeders are obligated to disclose mating involving all other inheritable defects including, but not limited to, monorchid, cryptorchid and to use only animals with sound temperaments.
- Breeders are obligated to withhold registration of unworthy representatives of the breed. It is recommended that deformed and/or crippled puppies should be humanely destroyed. The use of limited registration for all dogs that will not be shown or bred is strongly recommended.
- Each member of this club shall keep accurate and complete records of his dogs including, but not limited to, matings, health records, pedigrees and competitive achievements. Members who knowingly falsify or misrepresent any documentation will be expelled from this club and their actions reported to the American Kennel Club, Inc.
- Breeders are obligated to keep puppies in their care until they have reached the age of seven weeks and to provide written instructions regarding the care of the dog, health needs, dates and types of shots administered and still required, and status of worming program. Purchaser shall be instructed to immediately place the dog under veterinarian care and encouraged to use a heartworm preventative.
- Because the club deplors the commercialization of Labradors, members shall not sell or donate dogs or puppies to dealers or pet shops, puppy mills or research facilities, or for auction or raffle. However, the donation of puppies to be trained by non-profit, service-oriented organizations is strongly encouraged.
- Members should be available to their puppy buyers for information and consultation and should inform their buyers of their willingness to be involved in the placement of the puppy if a situation arises that the original buyer cannot keep the puppy.

The members of the Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc., are encouraged to participate in and support multi-purpose activities for the breed, always promoting improvement of type, quality and ability. They will exhibit good sportsmanship at all dog-related activities, acting as role models for novices. They will make themselves available to assist novices and the general public with information concerning the Labrador Retriever. Only humane methods will be used when showing or training dogs and under no circumstances will mistreatment or brutality be tolerated.

Code of Ethics revised 9/13/99



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Date: _____

Name(s) _____ Home phone _____

_____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Application type – check one of the boxes below.

| Regular Memberships | Alternate Memberships ** see note page 2 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single (one vote) \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Non-voting adults with all privileges to participate in club functions and awards but may not vote or hold office. \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (two votes, two persons residing in the same household. \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior – Any person 10 – 17 years of age, may not vote or hold office. \$2.50 |

For applications received after June 30, initial dues are reduced by 50%

Tell us about yourself!

| What are the Labradors that you own? | | | | |
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| Name | Sex | Color | Age | Where Purchased |
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| Do you participate in any organized events/classes with your dogs? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, list below |
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| Do you have any other breed of dog? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, what kind? |
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| List any other dog associations to which you belong |
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| Questionnaire | | |
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| Do you know the history and standard of the Labrador Retriever? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Would you like to know more? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Have you read and do you understand our Code of Ethics? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| After reading, do you agree to abide by the Club's Code of Ethics? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Do you understand why the club deplors the commercialization of Labrador Retrievers and that dogs should not be placed with a dealer, broker or pet shop? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| What are your interests | In which areas are you willing to volunteer to help your club? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Show | Spring Specialty | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breed | Field Events | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Events | Fall Agility Trial | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | Club committee – Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience | Club committee – Refreshments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance | Club committee – Rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet | Club committee – Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy | Internet presence – Facebook, website | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | Fun Days | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Why are you seeking membership in this club? | | |
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| What do you hope to gain from your membership? | | |
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| What were the two events that qualified you for membership? | | |
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I applicant(s) agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. and of the American Kennel Club.

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| Applicants Signature | Sponsor #1: |
| Co-Applicant Signature | Sponsor #2: |

Return to: Debbie Ewen, 3505 Danbury Rd., Fairfield, OH 45014

Make checks payable to MVLRC Inc., Include check with your application. Club fiscal year is January 1 to December 31.

***** If you feel that you are not able to participate in the monthly meetings, we would recommend that you apply for an Associate Membership.**