



Papago Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Phoenix, Inc. Breeder's Code of Ethics

This code of Ethics is the *minimum* standard criteria for evaluating stud dogs and brood bitches for members of the Papago LRC. Its purpose is to support and promote breeding programs, which will continue to improve or maintain the quality of the breed. To assure maintenance or improvement of quality in the progeny, careful attention must be paid to the soundness, natural ability, tractability, color, and conformation to the breed standard as published by the American Kennel Club (AKC), of both the sire and dam. Individual breeders may have a personal code of ethics that is stricter than the requirements listed, but in no case shall it be less than the following requirements.

Criteria to be met prior to breeding of stud dogs and brood bitches:

1. No dog or bitch shall be bred before the age of 18 months. If under 2 years of age, both dog and bitch shall be evaluated as being clear of hip and elbow dysplasia by the Orthopedic Foundations for Animals (OFA), any University housing a School of Veterinary Medicine or board certified orthopedic veterinarian. After 2 years of age, both dog and bitch MUST be Certified as being clear of hip and elbow dysplasia by any of the above methods.
2. Both dog and bitch shall be examined yearly with an ophthalmoscope and slit lamp, by a Qualified veterinary ophthalmologist and be certified clear of CPRA, PRA, and other inherited eye anomalies for their entire breeding life and be Opt-Gen normal/clear.
3. Copies of the AKC Registration form and a three-generation pedigree of both the dog and bitch must be available upon request.

In addition, puppies shall **NOT** be sold wholesale to retail outlets for resale. Both dog and bitch must be in general good health. Brucellosis testing, fecal exams and vaccinations must be current. No puppy shall go to a new home before the age of 49 days.

For a litter to be referred by the Papago Labrador Retriever Club, the breeder must have copies of the above information and certifications on file with the Club.

Papago LRC also strongly recommends that its members adhere to the following:

1. Breed only animals over the age of 2 years, which have their full hip, elbow and eye clearances.
2. Breed only animals which have at least 2 points towards their AKC conformation championship or at least one leg towards an AKC licensed performance event.
3. Guarantee the general health of the puppies at the time of sale.
4. Whelp bitches no more than once in a calendar year.
5. Refrain from advertising the price of any dog or puppy being sold for less than \$300.00
6. Use "Limited Registration" when selling puppies and encourage spay/neuter of all animals not specifically retained for breeding purposes.
7. Be willing to take back any dog or puppy of your breeding that is in need of rescue.

There is no way to guarantee any puppy will be free from hereditary defects. The only guarantee is that the breeder has, to the best of their ability, tested both the sire and dam and found them to be free from genetic defects.

PLRC requires adequate facilities for housing your dogs, including, but not limited to the following: Fresh Water, Sanitary Conditions, Correct conditions for whelping, Proper fencing (as per local city ordinances).

I have read and agree to abide by the Breeder's Code of Ethics.

Signed _____

Date _____