

# Ciao Bella Retrievers Dog Application

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Our goal is to place each one of our Labrador Retrievers in a well-suited home where the dog will meet the owner's expectations and the owners will provide a home that matches the dog's personality and takes advantage of its talents and skills. To help with this process, we ask that you complete the following application to formalize your interest in one of our puppies. Acceptance of this form by Ciao Bella Retrievers does not guarantee you a puppy but will enable you to be considered for one of our pups. Please attach additional sheets or use the back of the form if you need more space. **Return your completed questionnaire to us via email to [sybillenelson@aol.com](mailto:sybillenelson@aol.com), or mail to us at PO BOX 715, Troutville, VA 24175.**

**Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

All members of your household, including you, with ages and occupations:

Name	Age	Relationship to You	Occupation
You			
Your Spouse/Partner			

**Puppy Expectations:**

How did you hear about us: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want a Labrador Retriever? Why is this breed right for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want a puppy from our breeding program? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your preference in regards to the sex of the puppy?

- I'd prefer a Female but will consider a Male
- I'd prefer a Male but will consider a Female
- I will only purchase a Male
- I will only purchase a Female
- I don't care about the sex of my future puppy, preferring the best puppy for me

Why do you have a preference for a Male puppy versus a Female puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your preference in regards to the coloring of your puppy?

- I'd prefer a yellow Labrador Retriever but will consider a black puppy
- I will only purchase a yellow Labrador Retriever
- I'd prefer a black Labrador Retriever but will consider a yellow puppy
- I will only purchase a black Labrador Retriever
- I don't care about the coloring of my future puppy, preferring the best puppy for me

CiaoBella Puppy Program Choice:

- I prefer to purchase a 8- week old puppy
- I prefer to purchase a 11-week-old puppy (Head Start Puppy Program)
- I am undecided and would like to discuss both options

What do you expect to do with your dog? Do you plan to do any activities, such as Pet Therapy, or competitions with your dog? If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

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What experience do you have with these activities? Who is presently providing training support to you or who do you plan to engage for training support? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are purchasing this puppy as a Pet Therapy dog or a competition dog etc. , what will you do if the puppy does not meet your expectations in training or competing? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you describe the personality or specific traits you are looking for in your new dog? Do you want a couch potato, an active dog, a very active dog, etc? (Please be as specific as possible about energy level, drives, confidence, dominance/submission, independent, professional cuddler, appearance and anything else that is important to you in your dog.) \_\_\_\_\_

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We sell our puppies on non-breeding contracts with A.K.C. Limited Registrations, which means they are not to be bred and their offspring cannot be registered with the A.K.C. Does this cause you any concerns?

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Are you on any other breeder's puppy lists? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_ If so, whose? When is that litter due? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you or anyone in your household planning on getting another puppy during the next year? If so, please provide details on breed, sex, breeder and goals for that puppy. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Home Information:**

Do you own/rent a home/condo/apartment? \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent, do you have written permission from your landlord that you can have a Labrador Retriever in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fully fenced yard? Is it dog proof? What kind of fencing? How tall? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much traveling do you do during the year? \_\_\_\_\_

What arrangements have or will you make for the dog while you are away?

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Do you or anyone in your household smoke? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Pet Ownership History:**

Please tell us a little about the other pets you have **now**. What kind are they? What are their sexes and ages? For dogs, list your dogs' breed, registered names and titles. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us a little about your past dogs. What breed were they? List your dogs registered names and titles. \_\_\_\_\_

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If any of your dogs have been lost or died, please explain the circumstances.

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## **Our Expectations of You:**

Keeping a Labrador Retriever is not an inexpensive venture between quality food, veterinary care, training, activities, and care when you are away from home. Are you confident that you know how much this dog will cost you to maintain and that you have the resources to do so?

- Yes, I understand how much this dog's will cost to maintain and I am confident I can afford this.
- Maybe, but I need more information about costs
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

If your puppy swallowed a sock and your veterinarian told you he/she needed immediate surgery that would cost \$7,000.00....what would you do?

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How do you feel about neutering or spaying your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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We ask each owner to participate in the University of Pennsylvania's Canine Behavioral Assessment Research Questionnaire C-BARQ ( <http://vetapps.vet.upenn.edu/cbarq>) at a minimum of one and four years of age. There is no cost to you to participate but it requires completing a 10-15 minute on-line questionnaire. Would you be willing to participate in our C-BARQ program? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Lifestyle:**

Where will your puppy spend most of his/her day? \_\_\_\_\_

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Once grown, where/how will your dog spend most of his/her day?

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Where will your puppy/dog spend his nights? (e.g. crated in the bedroom, alone in the kitchen, in garage?) \_\_\_\_\_

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For what periods of a normal day will your dog be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you be able to spend more time with the puppy when it first comes into your home? What arrangements have or must you make to do this? \_\_\_\_\_

We send all puppies in a litter home at the same time and prefer not to hold puppies past this period. Do you have any vacations planned for the next year that might limit when you can pick up your puppy? If so, when are they? \_\_\_\_\_

The first 16 weeks of your puppy's life is critical. Do you have any vacations planned in which you would not be able to include the puppy and thus would have to leave your puppy with someone other than an immediate family member? If so, when are they? \_\_\_\_\_

In what ways do you think having this dog will change your lifestyle? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your family's favorite form of recreation? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these activities would include your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Support Services:**

Who will you use for the following services for your Labrador Retriever? Have you met them?

Groomer? \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

Training classes? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Control/Exercise and Training:**

Do you allow your dogs or intend to allow future dogs to run loose? With, or without supervision?

How much and what type of exercise do you expect this dog will need and get each day? \_\_\_\_\_

How much and what type of training do you expect this dog will need and get each day/week? \_\_\_\_\_

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We highly recommend all buyers to attend a Puppy “Kindergarten” class that **includes free play among the puppies**. Would you consider doing this? Where would you and your puppy attend Puppy “Kindergarten”? \_\_\_\_\_

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We prefer buyers to continue formal training with their dog for at least one year. Would you consider doing this with your puppy? If so, where? If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND CARE TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION. IT DEMONSTRATES TO US THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO MAKE THE TIME TO PROPERLY CARE FOR YOUR NEW PUPPY!