

# 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. Acceptance of this form by Ciao Bella Retrievers does not guarantee you a dog but will enable you to be considered for one of our dogs. 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? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want an adult dog from our breeding program? \_\_\_\_\_

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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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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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## **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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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 \$5,800.00, what would you do?

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## ***Lifestyle:***

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

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Where will your 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 dog when it first comes into your home? What arrangements have or must you make to do this? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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## **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? \_\_\_\_\_

We prefer placement recipients to enroll in at least two formal dog training classes with their dog in the first 6 months of placement. Would you consider doing this with your dog? If so, where? If not, why not?

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 CANINE COMPANION!