



BREED FEATURE LABRADOR



They answered

A.1. We have been breeding Labradors in Australia since 1964 but Elizabeth owned them from the age of 9 so they were naturally her chosen

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breed, the main reason being their temperament and working ability. Elizabeth used to compete at Open Shows in England.

A.2. In Australia today Judges are looking for a "flashy show dog" rather than a dog that is fit for purpose so



that has influenced the type that is being bred, undesirable changes that have crept into the breed over the last 15 years include short legs, upright shoulders and large open feet. I feel that the importation of dogs and semen from other than the traditional English bloodlines has not led to a great improvement in type.

A.3. Temperament is of paramount importance but of equal priority are the head, expression, coat, tail, and sound movement.

A.4. I do not think the standard needs any additions, it was written by men who regularly shot over their dogs, they knew what was important for a dog that had to retrieve game on land and water and wrote the Standard based on those requirements.

A.5. In common with many other breeds the Labrador has heritable health problems including Hip and Elbow Dysplasia and a number of eye conditions. The introduction of

Litter Registration Limitation has led to a dramatic reduction in the 5 year rolling mean average for hips, and results from ACES indicate that eye problems in the breed are minimal. There are other conditions such as EIC and Epilepsy found in Labradors but selective breeding can reduce the incidence.

A.6. I would tell them to make sure they bought from an ANKC Registered Breeder, make sure they visited the breeders premises to see the mother and puppies. I would also give them a copy of the National Labrador Breed Council Puppy Buyers Guide.

**Hugh & Elizabeth Gent
Gunnislake**

A.1. I have been involved / breeding Labrador Retrievers for over 44 years. Back in the day Dad was involved in Bulldogs and Mum Keeshonds. I wanted my own breed. I chose between 3 breeds: Labradors, Boxers and English Springers. Labradors won me over when I visited a litter of puppies at the very famous "Sherryland Kns". The rest is history.....

A.2. It's very easy to run down today's dogs and remember fondly the dogs of the past, but saying that it is my belief that the dogs 15 years ago could still win today. We are blessed in Australia to still have a few world class dogs on show but not the depth



of quality we once had.

A.3. 1/ Over all balance : A well-balanced athletic dog whose conformation enables him to function as a retrieving gun dog, allowing him to stand four square and move freely over ground and through water. To do this he must be free from exaggeration and without any structural weaknesses.

He should be substantial without being coarse, cloddy, or lumbering. Likewise he should not lack bone or be of whippet appearance.

It must be remembered that he is an active working dog capable of

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Q.6. What would your advice be to a potential puppy buyer when looking for a Labrador?

carrying a heavy object gently while hurling a fence, or retrieving a fallen bird from water. His broad skull indicates that he has good brain room and the intelligence to carry out his tasks.
2/ Temperament: Intelligent, keen and biddable, with a strong will to please. Kindly nature, with no trace of

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aggression or undue shyness.

3/ Head & Expression: Head balanced without exaggeration exhibiting a kind and alert expression.

4/ Coat: Great stress is to be laid on the correct coat, as it is one of the three features that denote true Labrador type. The short, straight, dense double coat gives a weather resistant waterproof jacket, and is a necessity of life for dogs working in dense cover or freezing cold water. It should give a fairly hard feel to the hand and have a water and weatherproof undercoat. When correct the coat will give a nice rounded appearance that is so typical of the Labrador

5/ Tail :Distinctive feature, very thick towards base, gradually tapering towards tip, medium length, free from feathering, but clothed thickly all round with short, thick, dense coat, thus giving 'rounded' appearance described as 'Otter' tail.

May be carried gaily but should not curl over back.

A.4. I would add to the tempera-

ment line aggression or shyness should never be tolerated under any circumstances.

A.5. Our breed has always had health issues but now with everyone DNA testing and hip & elbow scoring things are on the improve.

A.6. My advice to a potential puppy buyer would be to only buy from a registered breeder and ask to view all DNA and scoring information.

**Glen Vernon
Terracoral**

A.1. My prefix "Bradoria" was started approximately 50 years ago by my mother, and since then I have carried it on. I love them as a breed on many levels, they are wonderful companions and fantastic with children. They socialise well with other dogs and it's wonderful to see them in their element at the beach or river swimming. I enjoy showing Labradors as I have a strong belief in how I believe the breed should be and I enjoy breeding to my ultimate goal of my view of the perfect Labrador. I breed occasionally on average about once per year, and I really enjoy the excitement shown by the prospective owners who have generally been waiting sometime for their new family member.

A.2. I think with time some characteristics change a bit, this can be in line with a trend or with certain countries having different viewpoints. Personally I have a very clear idea of what I believe I want my dogs to look like, which is as close as possible to the ANKC breed standard as possible on all points. There are some differences from 15 years ago, some positive and others not so. There are some very nice dogs today as there were then.

A.3. The main points or Hallmarks are:

HEAD: The head completes the picture of a typical Labrador, it should be well balanced and never overdone or snipe. The skull is reasonably broad

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Nikki



NIKKI, DESPITE BEING A LIGHTLY SHOWN YOUNG BITCH, HAS ALREADY HAD A STELLAR CAREER TO DATE INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS.

- Multiple Best in Show Winner All Breeds
- Multiple Best In Show Labrador Specialty Winner
- Best in Show Winner Gundog Specialty Show
- Best in Group & Best in Show 3rd 2015 Melbourne Royal Show
- Best in Group & Runner Up in Show Brisbane Royal 2016

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without exaggeration and the muzzle medium length and powerful to enable the dog to retrieve successfully. There is a reasonable stop and cheeks are clean cut (not fleshy). The expression should depict good nature and kindness.

COAT: The coat is short, dense,



harsh to touch and weather resistant. Quite often if there is a slight wave present, the coat is of the correct texture and length. Coats that are longer and open or single coats lack the ability to be waterproof and are incorrect.

TAIL: The tail is a distinctive feature and should be very thick toward the base and gradually taper toward the tip. The tail is coated all round with short thick, dense coat which gives a rounded appearance and thus named the "otter" tail. As a judge I check for trimming under the tail as a correct tail shouldn't require this.

I also think it's important to look at

the feet which should be round and compact, but never catlike or hare footed. Perfect balance of all parts in relation to each other is the aim. Labradors are athletic and must be able to move freely both over ground and through water. They should be substantial but in no way coarse, and also should not lack bone or have a whippy appearance. The tempera-

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ment is extremely important friendly, kind, biddable, intelligent and with a strong will to please.

A.4. Most of it is covered in the extended standard, but I'd say "Whilst the Labrador is not a 'glamorous dog', there should still be a definite stamp of quality overall."

A.5. Labrador health testing has been a priority and a requirement now for many years. We are unable to register a litter without hip & elbow

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scores being carried out. Most responsible breeders now also choose to do DNA testing so that they are aware of any genetic faults. I believe that overall everything is being done possible to avoid health problems. As with any thing there will always be an exception, however I think overall Labradors are a sound breed with no major health issues.

A.6. When looking to a purchase a Labrador you should make enquiries with the Labrador Retriever club in your state, who will be aware of upcoming litters with registered breeders. They may also be able to provide you with literature on the breed and likewise it is most likely on their website. You can also ring the local ANKC dog association who also has a list

of registered breeders. You can then commence talking to breeders and take note of their reasons for breeding, hip, elbow and other health testing programs and results. It may be a good idea to visit the breeder prior to making your decision.

Prior to purchasing a puppy you need to be aware that it is a long term commitment, house and yard needs to be ready. It is important to look at what stage your life is at in regard to work, children and other commitments. The puppy will take time and effort to become the best companion to you and your family. The Labrador is easily trained as shown by the breeds use as guide dogs, sniffer dogs, companion dogs and retrievers.

Caron Ellis Bradorla

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Presented & handled by: Glen Vernon
 Owned by: Caron Ellis & Glen Vernon





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Originally a Water Dog of Newfoundland for retrieving fowl, the Labrador Retriever was brought to England in the early 1800's, recognised by his close coat which runs water off like oil and above all, an otter tail & known for good looks & style as a retriever, trial & shooting dog.

The Labrador has always been described to me in 3 vital parts - head, coat and tail. With this in mind, the head we can't change but the other 2 vital hallmarks we can work on, starting with the coat.

Between the shows oil his coat with Plush Puppy Seabreeze Oil at a ratio of 1 tspn/1 gal/4 lt water. Work well into the coat with a sponge or carefully pour over and squish well through. This is a super oil - water soluble and won't build up. It is also all naturally derived & there is nothing quite like it for the depth of colour it tends to add to the coat

& the wonderful healthy vigour that goes with continued use. The Labrador coat needs to be waterproof with a low sheen like that of the green gland oil on ducks.

Now for the show grooming & your standard says that the coat is a distinctive feature - short dense without feathering, giving a fairly hard feel to the touch & a weather resistant undercoat to protect from water, cold & ground cover. Use Plush Puppy All Purpose which is the shampoo for great shine & best suited to the Lab, (at a ratio of 3:1 i.e. 3 parts water to one part shampoo) or just a few squirts into the tank or bath or bucket, & if you see suds and too many bubbles you have added too much. It's as simple as that. There are times when you just have to refresh & clean that coat & this is the bath one does when a bath will just not do!

If your Lab is out of coat then use Plush Puppy Body Building Shampoo - great for that more coat look. Use the shampoos at the ratio of 3:1 for maximum effect for showing & diluted anywhere up to 10:1 for less effect. For those with Black Labs exhibiting unwanted red/brown warm tones, Plush Puppy Black Opal Shampoo is designed specifically to reduce fading and rusty

Grooming with PLUSH PUPPY

tones - a real back to black product. Use this however 50/50 with water for easier application or apply undiluted to hard to cover areas. Leave 5-10 mins then rinse. This shampoo gets better the more you use it and you will love the results. It is low foaming also which suits the texture outcome for your Lab coat - you definitely don't want froth and bubbles with a Labrador coat. Ensure you pre-bath a dirty dog before using Black Opal for maximum effect.

Never condition a Lab - it undoes all the hard coat work you have done and makes the coat soft and fluffy. Use instead Plush Puppy Seabreeze Oil as your final rinse. This will hydrate the coat but not change texture. Add 1 Tbspn to 4lt/1gal of water, saturate through the coat & leave in. Do not rinse out.

This will give that healthy vigour to the hair, leaving correct texture.

For this coat we swear by the Plush Puppy Porcupine Brush. This 1/2 nylon 1/2 bristle oval cushioned brush gives you that smoother, straighter & glossier finish to your drying that other brushes won't do. It's cheap & effective & we recommend using a high velocity dryer after bathing. Truly this removes all that dead coat thus preventing the moth eaten look short coats can get when shedding. By blow drying you will "roll" the coat - eliminating that horrid patchiness which keeps you from the ring for several weeks. This dog is often believed to be a wash and wear dog & for other purposes he is, but because you have chosen to present at a dog show, you have all sorts of glamour breeds to compete against, so why not "up the ante" & make the best of your Lab. Why should he not be a superbly efficient dog & a glamour star as well?

A great hint for gaining texture instantly is to use Plush Puppy Powder Puff Terrier - use a tiny amount to the area requiring harsher texture. Brush well through to disperse. This will also deodorise & dry cleanse. For ringside emergencies to feet & other badly soiled areas, use Plush Puppy Wonder Wash. Spray to area, foam up coat with hands & towel dry.

On show days, Plush Puppy OMG is "the" great grooming spray. This concentrate can be broken down

(diluted) to suit each dogs coat type. As a general rule, we recommend 1 part OMG to 25 parts water which is a good starting base for most coats. OMG leaves a shine & vigour to the coat that won't build up on the hair - we don't call it OMG for nothing - it really works.

The trimming is relatively easy but does need a little attention. The Lab's tail is a very distinctive feature, so use thinning scissors/shears to just gently neaten up the end of the tail rounding the end off to give that other feature with the peculiar rounded look. Don't forget to do the nails.

Nothing looks worse than a dog with long nails! A little hint that works for me is to cover the dog's eyes when cutting nails if you have a dog that hates nails being shortened. Kind of works like a horse who wears blinkers.

For Show day also, spray with Plush Puppy Odour Muncher so you eliminate any kennel/crate smells and Plush Puppy Shine & Comb for

that low sheen glamour. I do like a dusting of Plush Puppy Pixie Dust just lightly applied on strategic areas with your brush. The secret is "just" a dusting and not to turn your dog into the glitter fairy. If you can see this shimmer as you apply it, you have gone too far overboard! It should only be detectable in the sunlight. Your Lab is now ready to compete - to show himself as a retriever of the Gundog group in both form & function. His beautiful stable temperament with his outgoing tractable nature allows this dog to adapt to the show ring like a duck to water so to speak.

Groomed beautifully with the coat exhibiting & highlighting all the healthy desirable traits for his function, your eager to please Labrador is hard to go past. His wonderful intelligence & character, together with soundness, are always a winning combination.



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Critique: Judge Mrs. Margaret Brown, 'Ramsayville Labradors' UK.

OPEN DOG 1st, Ch Wynstream Royal Stewart - This is such a stunning black in profile, his stance never needs to be corrected, sets himself up so well, he is a lovely Labrador who is not only very eye catching but also of ideal size and construction, lithe and well without being coarse, has a lovely masculine head, quite different from what I had imagined from the middle of the ring, very kind with expressive eyes and good balance between skull and muzzle, ears are correctly set and he is strong over the back with correct angulation over the shoulders, broad and deep through the chest with well sprung ribs, he really has such a lovely temperament when handled, alert and eager without being stupid and overexcited, comes himself so well on the line, very impressive and worked hard to win this quality class, has real presence in the ring which to my mind is the difference between a good dog and a top class dog, one who is handled to great advantage, such a beautiful dog who I would have taken home without a second thought, carrying an excellent coat of the correct texture, really I was inclined to award him BEST OPEN IN SHOW, BEST DOG AND BEST IN SHOW.



BISS CH GRAEBAR STUDY'S SECRET (AI)

Sire, Am. Ch. Beechcroft Study In Black (USA)
Dam, Jayncourt Delectable Star (imp. UK)

South Australian Labrador Retriever Club 'Best In Show'

Judge Dr. Guillermo Carrillo, 'Tequilas' Mexico
Australian Bred Bitch

1st, Ch Graebar Study's Secret (AI) - J McLaurin. Very good quality bitch with good top line, good neck, moderate front angles, shown as a professional, good coat. Labrador Retriever National, South Australia, June 2016 RBCC.
Critique: Philippe Lammens, 'Misty Dreams Labradors' France.
A super champion quality bitch. Another super black. So beautiful head and expression, super neck, top line, tail set, super front and back angulations, powerful back end, nice deep body, excellent coat, bones and feet. Moves very well. Super champion quality bitch.



RUBISS CH WYNSTREAM MR PRESIDENT (AI)

Sire, Am. Gr. Ch. Hyspire Hoffer Than Blazes (USA)
Dam, Gaiestorm Black Baroness

DCC RUBIS Labrador Retriever Club N.S.W. May 2015

Judge Mrs Pauline Morlier 'Lubberline Labradors' (USA)

A yellow station that stood out for his great type from truck of the rest: super jacket & offer tail stood four square; excellent bone & feet to work a long day; perfect angulation & covered ground flawlessly, one of those Labs that simply demanded to be noticed & did not disappoint one, would do well in any show any country, a bit strong in the head for me but could not deny him his well deserved win & pleased to reward him the DCC and RUBIS.



RUBISS CH WYNSTREAM FIRST LADY (AI)

Sire, Am. Gr. Ch. Hyspire Hoffer Than Blazes (USA)
Dam, Gaiestorm Black Baroness

RUBISS Labrador Retriever Club, South Australia May 2014

Judge Mrs. Sajja Juutilainen

Labrador Retriever National South Australia June 2016

Aust Bred Bitch Judge Philippe Lammens 'Misty Dreams' Labradors France.

Another super yellow, strong but elegant. Beautiful head, expression and pigmentation. Excellent neck, topline and tail set. Super front angulations, very well angulated in back, would like a little more turn of stifle. Beautiful body, exc coat, bones and feet. Moves very well.

Champion quality.



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The Breed Standard

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Strongly built, short coupled, very active; broad in skull; broad and deep through chest and ribs; broad and strong over loins and hindquarters.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Good tempered, very agile (which precludes excessive body weight or substance). Excellent nose, soft mouth, keen love of water. Adaptable, devoted companion.

TEMPERAMENT:

Intelligent, keen and biddable, with a strong will to please. Kindly nature, with no trace of aggression or undue shyness.

HEAD AND SKULL:

Skull broad with defined stop; clean cut without fleshy cheeks. Jaws of medium length, powerful not snipey. Nose wide, nostrils well-developed.

EYES:

Medium size, expressing intelligence and good temper; brown or hazel.

EARS:

Not large or heavy, hanging close to head and set rather far back.

MOUTH: Jaws and teeth strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. Upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK: Clean, strong, powerful, set into well-placed shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS:

Shoulders long and sloping. Forelegs well-boned and straight from elbow to ground when viewed from either front or side.

BODY:

Chest of good width and depth, with well-sprung barrel ribs (this effect not to be produced by carrying excessive weight). Level topline. Loins wide, short-coupled and strong.

HINDQUARTERS:

Well-developed not sloping to tail; well turned stifle. Hocks well let down, cowhocks highly undesirable.

FEET:

Round, compact; well-arched toes and well-developed pads

TAIL:

Distinctive feature, very thick towards base, gradually tapering towards tip, medium length, free from feathering, but clothed thickly all round with short, thick, dense coat, thus giving 'rounded' appearance described as 'Otter' tail. May be carried gaily but should not curl over back.

GAIT/MOVEMENT:

Free, covering adequate ground; straight and true in front and rear.

COAT:

Distinctive feature, short dense without wave or feathering, giving fairly hard feel to the touch; weather resistant undercoat.

COLOUR:

Wholly black, yellow or liver/chocolate. Yellows range from light cream to red fox. Small white spot on chest permissible.

SIZES:

Height: Dogs 56 - 57 cms (22-22.5 ins) at withers

Bitches 55 - 56 cms (21.5 - 22 ins) at withers

FAULTS:

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog, and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

Notes:

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.