

Ridge View Labradors

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Micro-Chip Number

Vanguard Plus 5® given _____

Our Standard of Excellence

At Ridge View, our Labradors excel in type, soundness, temperament and health. All our breeding dogs have OFA clearances (for hips and elbows) and yearly ACVO eye exams. We strive to breed only the highest quality Labradors and to carefully place them in very special homes. We are deeply committed throughout the year to ensure that each of our adult dogs is properly fed, exercised, is up to date on vaccinations and health care, and of course, played with and loved daily. Our Labradors are part of our family. We believe the key to a happy puppy begins with the total health of the parents and we hope it shows. We therefore extend the following instructions and health guarantee to new puppy owners:

Conception to Six Weeks

1. The breeding of all our puppies is carefully controlled. From the moment of breeding, our females begin a prenatal regiment including the use of prenatal vitamins and fortified puppy food to ensure the best possible health for the puppies. As delivery nears, we move our females into a puppy pen in the house where we monitor their health closely and carefully supervise the delivery to ensure the best safety for the puppies and mother.
2. From the time the puppies are born through the first five weeks, we closely guard the health of puppies and mother. The temperature of their environment is very carefully controlled —as the first 5 days are critical to their survival. Each puppy is observed thoroughly to ensure a healthy weight gain, socialization with the litter, and socialization with humans. We do our absolute best to ensure that all our puppies receive the best start possible.
3. We encourage entire families to come meet the puppies, however, we ask that small children be carefully supervised when with the puppies. These tiny creatures are very fragile, and our first obligation is to protect them.
4. At 4-weeks of age, we begin the weaning process. We begin feeding the puppies dry food. All puppies will be weaned onto food by 5-6 weeks of age.
5. From 4-6 weeks of age, the puppies will be wormed twice. As you may be aware, all puppies have worms so we encourage the new owner to worm the puppies as soon as they get home.
6. On their 6-week birthday, we administer their first vaccination – Vanguard Plus 5®.
7. At seven weeks of age (minimum) the puppies are ready for their “New Home”.

Our Health Guarantee Covers:

Hip/Elbow Dysplasia and Eye Disorders

1. Hip/Elbow Dysplasia: Given that many factors can contribute to hip dysplasia, including over-feeding puppies, we require that the dog be between 24-26 months of age at the time hip dysplasia is diagnosed by a certified veterinarian. If there is a question concerning the diagnosis of hip dysplasia, all x-rays must be submitted to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) for final determination. For our records, we require a copy of all veterinary records of the dog, together with a copy of the diagnosis, x-rays and OFA report, *no later than 48 hours after diagnosis*.

2. Eye Guarantee: If your dog is less than 26 months of age, has been examined by a certified veterinary ophthalmologist and the diagnosis is determined to be Progressive Retinal Atrophy/Degeneration (PRA or PRD), we require a copy of all veterinary records of the dog, together with a copy of the ophthalmologist report, *no later than 48 hours after diagnosis*.

At Ridge View Labradors, we are very concerned should any of our offspring display characteristics of either genetic hip/elbow dysplasia or Progressive Retinal Atrophy or Degeneration. We ask that you inform us as early as possible as to the possibility of disease. Regarding a positive diagnosis in your dog, we require the following:

- The dog must be registered and in the possession of the original owner (this health guarantee is non-transferable)
- and**
- All health records of the dog including x-rays and reports must be submitted to us within 14 days of diagnosis.

In the event your dog is diagnosed as genetically defective, we require one of the following:

- Proof that the dog was euthanized by a certified veterinarian,
- or**
- Proof of spaying or neutering performed by a certified veterinarian, together with all registration papers assigning the dog's ownership back to Ridge View Labradors.

Replacement Procedure

Although we sincerely expect that your dog will remain healthy and disease free, we offer the following replacement policy for hip/elbow dysplasia and PRA/PRD only, as described above:

You may select a new puppy from our first available litter as a guaranteed replacement.

Loose Stools

The health of the dog and/or new puppy is important to RidgeView. When taking a new dog home, loose stool from stress is common. Some parasites including worms may lay dormant until the dog is put into a new or stressful situation. We ask that you contact us first before making any rash decisions including going to the Emergency Veterinarian for said loose stools.

Vet Costs

RidgeView does not cover any medical costs outside of our breeding dogs. Any emergency visits or calls is the owner's responsibility. We are more than happy to answer any questions that you may be concerned with.