



HEALTH GUARANTEE

Congratulations on owning a new Lone Spring Ranch Labrador puppy. Your puppy has been selectively-bred for excellent quality, health, soundness, intelligence, and good temperament. We have taken every step possible to provide your puppy with a warm, loving family environment.

Every responsible precaution has been taken by us to produce a litter of healthy puppies. We, as Labrador Retriever breeders, do our best to produce the breed standard Labrador, but cannot guarantee against what might occur from recessive genes; or what might result from environmental circumstances once the puppy leaves with the buyer.

For some of these issues, there is not a "test", genetic marker, or data base of affected or producing Labradors. Some health issues are significantly impacted by conditions in the dog's environment or there is only a "suspected" genetic basis but no clear-cut genetic pattern. For example, elbow problems do not have a clear genetic basis, and elbow x-rays are not always easy to read, even for the OFA. Often, elbow problems are due to minor puppy injuries, hard play or excessive running, jumping out of a truck bed or other high places, roughhousing with other dogs, etc., all of which may appear harmless, but are not at this early stage of development. In addition, such conditions may be simply a fluke of Mother Nature, as we see with people. These issues, without clear-cut genetic basis and a test and/or database for the condition, or those significantly affected by environmental factors, cannot be covered by Lone Spring Ranch Labrador's health guarantee.

GENERAL HEALTH GUARANTEE

Your puppy is guaranteed to be in good general health and free of congenital deformities at the time you take possession of the puppy (unless otherwise agreed upon). For this guarantee to be in effect, you will need to take the puppy to your veterinarian within 72 hours of receiving him. If for any reason, the owner is unsatisfied with the result of the veterinary examination or the puppy itself, it may be returned for a full refund of the purchase price or replaced with another puppy of the same sex and value as soon as one becomes available. Shipping charges or any costs incurred to return or replace the puppy shall be responsibility of the owner.

Lone Spring Ranch Labradors, Stacy O'Hagan, her heirs, successors or assigns will not be held responsible for any costs incurred, including veterinary bills, while the puppy is in the care, custody and control of the owner. Since, Lone Spring Ranch Labradors has no control over the puppy's new environment, this general health guarantee will not be in effect after the 72 hours has expired, and will not cover problems caused by accidents, trauma, neglect, or exposure to other sick dogs; even during the first 72 hours. If your puppy develops diarrhea, it is likely due to stress, water change, food changes or over-feeding. If it continues more than a couple days, the puppy should be checked by a vet, particularly for the protozoan parasites, coccidia and giardia, which are common in the environment and easily treated.

DNA GENETIC GUARANTEE

As a result of DNA genetic testing, our breeding stock is either non-affected/non-carrier (clear) or non-affected/carrier (carrier) for these genetic abnormalities, we guarantee that the dog you purchase from us will never be affected by these problems. "Carrier" is the term given to an individual that carries a single copy of a recessive mutation that is associated with a specific inherited condition, usually an inherited disorder. It is important to recognize that being *clear* or a *carrier* are both clinically normal conditions. Puppies are guaranteed for a lifetime to be free of the following genetic disorders:

Centronuclear Myopathy (CNM)
Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome (CMS)
Cystinurin Type 1-A
Degenerative Myopathy (DM)
Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC)
Hereditary Nasal Parakeratosis (HNPK)

Narcolepsy
Hyperuricosuria (HUU)
Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency
Progressive Red-Cone Degeneration (PRCD)
Skeletal Dysplasia 2
X-Linked Myotubular Myopathy

HIP GUARANTEE

Both of your puppy's parents have had their hips and elbows x-rayed and certified to be free of dysplasia (unless otherwise disclosed) by the Orthopedic Foundation of Animals (OFA), the national registry for dysplasia control. Research has shown that dysplasia and other joint issues have three main causes: genetics, over feeding (and poor quality food), and too much exercise at a young age. This means that new owners can assume a great deal of responsibility in seeing that their dog develops good joints and skeletal development as they are growing. New owners need to be careful not to over exercise or allow their puppy to jump from heights (back of pickup), which can cause joint problems until at least 18 months of age.

Your puppy is guaranteed until it reaches 26 months of age to be free of non-functioning hip dysplasia only. Evaluation must be done between 24 and 26 months of age and must be done by a qualified veterinarian. The x-rays must be submitted and rated by the OFA at owner's expense. A diagnosis of severe or non-functioning hip dysplasia based on a veterinarian's manual examination or poorly positioned x-rays alone will not qualify for this guarantee. If the puppy has been significantly overweight, or has had an accident that could affect the hips, this guarantee will not apply.

EYE GUARANTEE

Lone Spring Ranch Labradors eye guarantee covers your puppy until it reaches 26 months of age to be free of Progressive Retinal Atrophy that would cause vision problems significant enough to limit its activities as a companion dog. A licensed Veterinary Ophthalmologist must examine your dog and certify that this is absolutely inherited and could not have been caused by injury or illness.

CONDITIONS OF HEALTH GUARANTEE

In order to be covered by the above guarantees:

The original owner who bought this puppy must still own the dog.

The guarantee is not transferable.

The puppy must be examined by your veterinarian within 72 hours of receipt.

OFA evaluations must be made no later than 26 months of age.

The eye exam must be by a certified ACVO ophthalmologist.

The dog must not have whelped or sired a litter.

The dog must not be overweight or have suffered trauma from either accident, neglect or exercise.

TO PROCESS A CLAIM

The dog must be spayed or neutered at the buyer's expense, by your veterinarian; and a letter from them stating that they have done so must be sent to us via email or regular mail.

Documentation denying certification from OFA specifically listing severe genetic dysplasia as described in the "Hip Guarantee" section above must be presented to Lone Spring Ranch Labradors.

Evaluation from the AVCO ophthalmologist denying certification as described in the "Eye Guarantee" section above must be presented to Lone Spring Ranch Labradors.

The dog's AKC registration papers must be sent back to us.

If your puppy is found to have a genetic claim and qualifies for this guarantee, according to the terms above, the financial responsibility of Lone Spring Ranch Labradors will be limited to a replacement puppy or the original purchase price of the puppy, at our sole discretion.