**Questions you might want to ask yourself before you bring home a new family member**

This list has been complied of questions that many of our club members found themselves asking before they brought home a new family member. We hope that it is helpful to you in your search for a new family member. Within each question we have provided links to articles and information to assist you in your research of the Labrador Retriever. We hope you find this helpful.

* Am I ready to take full responsibility for this dog and all its needs for the next 10-15 years?
* Are pets permitted where I live?
* After a bit of research (vet, vaccinations, spaying / neutering), training, supplies, food), can I afford a dog right now?
* Having learned all that I can about the Labrador Retriever, and knowing the pros and cons of owning one am I still committed to getting one?
* After learning a bit about the developing Labrador, do I have a place where I can put my dog so that he is not tempted to become destructive? Is my yard fenced?
* Do I have the time to obedience train a dog right now?
* Is there anyone in the house who doesn’t like, doesn’t want, is afraid of, or allergic to dogs? I have made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ arrangements for this person.
* What expectations do I have for this dog? i.e. family pet, field training, hunting, showing etc.? (Sharing this with the breeder will help them know the type of puppy you are looking for.)
* Who in the family will be the primary caregiver? (It should not be left up to children to care for an animal on their own.)
* Do I know where my dog will stay while I am on vacation?
* Due to my schedule, how long will my dog be left alone each day? Is that good for the dog?
* Knowing that some litters are spoken for well in advance, am I willing to wait for a well-bred puppy? Should I consider rescue?