



UNITED LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION

ULRA 2010 – celebrate our success!

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Dear ULRA Members,

2010 marks our 6th year as a club – celebrate our success! That time of year is upon us once again – time to renew your membership in ULRA for another calendar year by affirming the Code of Ethics and paying your dues. Time also, to review your personal information and make any changes for on-line viewing and access.

ULRA wants you to renew.
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We realize in these tough times that club membership may seem hard to do, but we’d like to remind you we have never had an increase in club dues, and:

Membership has its privileges, some of which are:

- Free online breeder’s directory listing [up to a \$50 fee is charged by some clubs]
- Eligibility for club awards
- Eligibility to vote for all matters coming before the club, not just for Officers and BOD
- Access to members-only section of the club’s web-site
- Free Top Ten Medallion for any of your dogs who qualify

Membership has its rewards, some of which are:

- Knowing you support the club’s goals, purposes, activities
- Knowing you support our club’s active Judges Education program
- Knowing you contribute to the high caliber of our Specialties
- Knowing you belong to a breed-club who has a Code of Ethics signed by each member – we don’t just talk the talk, we walk the walk!

Please read the Dues portion of the constitution printed below for your reference.

Section 3. Dues.

Section 3.1. Amount. Annual membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors not to exceed \$50 per person per year with the exception of Junior Membership. Due for Junior members are free up thru age 14 years. Upon reaching age 15 years, dues for Juniors are \$10 (ten) dollars per year.

Section 3.2. Payment of dues. Dues are payable on or before the first day of January of each year.

Section 3.3. Dues statement. During the month of December of each year, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

Section 3.4. Nonpayment of dues. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. The names of members who have not paid their dues shall be published in the first Association newsletter published after January 1st of each year. The membership of any member who has not paid his/her dues by March 31st of any calendar year shall lapse. The Board of Directors may grant a grace period of an additional 30 days for payment to any member who applies for an extension.

This year all the renewals, including payments, are being processed through the Membership Secretary. We hope this will make the process easier, clearer and faster for all involved. This year also, we are updating all the membership records, making sure each member has a signed Code of Ethics on file AND a signed release for online publishing/breeder’s reference/member’s websites. When your renewal has been received and processed, you will receive the 2010 user i.d. and password for the members only section of www.ulra.net. Please renew NOW or as soon as you can.

Thank you for your support of our club.



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Listed below is what we currently have on-hand for your information:

Please make changes here:

Name:
Address:
Preferred Phone:
Email:
URL:
Kennel Name:
Type Membership:
Single \$20 per member per year
Junior [free up the age 14 years OR \$10 age 15 +]
Junior's Date of Birth: month and year for privacy is sufficient
Total Jr #

RELEASE FOR ON-LINE PUBLISHING:

I release ULRA to publish all of the above information except Junior member date of birth and total junior number for: MEMBERS ONLY database.
signature required

RELEASE FOR ON-LINE PUBLISHING BREEDER'S DIRECTORY/MEMBERS WEBSITES:

I release ULRA to publish my Kennel Name, URL and Home Page from my website on the Breeders Directory/Members Website page. This is a free service to paid club members.
signature required

ULRA CODE OF ETHICS:

The UKC Breeder's Code of Ethics is hereby incorporated into the ULRA Code of Ethics.
The UKC Requirements for Breeders of UKC Registered Dogs is hereby incorporated into the ULRA Code of Ethics.
I pledge to promote good sportsmanship at all UKC events.
As a responsible Breeder of UKC Registered Labrador Retrievers, I will become familiar with the following checklist and use it as a guide to assist me in my breeding decisions:
Matings should be planned. The ideal is for every mating to improve the next generation. I will keep the Mission of ULRA - to preserve the Labrador as a Working Gun Dog -- in mind when planning matings. Selection of mates should be based in part on the health status of each dog, using the following questions as a guide to help me decide which dogs are to be mated:
a. Is each dog a good specimen of the Labrador breed? This includes temperament.
b. Is each dog physically mature enough to be mated?
c. Have both dogs been evaluated for commonly occurring diseases heritable in this breed?
i. Hip dysplasia
ii. Eye diseases such as cataracts
d. Is it appropriate (because of family history or characteristics of this particular dog) to evaluate either dog for the less common heritable diseases in this breed?
i. Elbow dysplasia
ii. Heart diseases
iii. Abnormal thyroid levels
iv. Progressive Retinal Atrophy Genetic Carrier Status
Do I, as a breeder, have time to devote to this litter, remembering the following
e. Care of the mother and pups takes time.
f. Socialization of puppies takes time.
g. Screening of prospective homes for puppies takes time.
Placement of puppies is important for the puppies and the future of the breed.
h. Will I evaluate the pups prior to placement?
i. Will I have requirements, such as a fenced yard, for homes to meet before they can have one of my pups?
j. Will I place restrictions such as spay or neuter on the pups who are evaluated as pet quality or NOT of show or breeding quality?
k. Will I be available to assist in re-homing pups should that become necessary in the future?
By my signature I certify that I will abide by the UKC Requirements for Breeders of UKC Registered Dogs, I will abide by the UKC Breeder's Code of Ethics, and that I am familiar with the ULRA Code Of Ethics as printed here.

Signature Required Date

TO RENEW: PRINT THIS PAGE, FILL IT OUT & MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES, sign the Ethics & any Release that you elect, & MAIL WITH PAYMENT TO: Marti Anderson, 1980 Edmonds Road, Galax VA 24333.
Credit-cards online only: You may pay online via credit card. Add \$2.50 for processing to your total, please.