

# **MIDLAND COUNTIES LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB**

## **ADVICE FOR THE PUPPY BUYER**

**TEMPERAMENT IS MOST IMPORTANT; LABRADORS ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR KINDLY FRIENDLY NATURE AND YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SEE THE DAM WITH HER PUPPIES.**

From the Breeder of your puppy you should receive the following:

1. A signed Pedigree Form
2. A signed Kennel Club Registration Certificate
3. An understanding and agreement to any Kennel Club endorsements
4. A Diet Sheet
5. An advice sheet on your puppies vaccination programme, (until the vaccination programme is completed, your puppy must not mix with other dogs)
6. Advice on the Training of your puppy
7. A Worming Form, (showing the dates your puppy was wormed whilst with the Breeder) and when next to worm your puppy
8. A copy of both the Sire & Dam's Hip Score Certificate & Eye Test Certificate.

PLEASE BE AWARE, THE CERTIFICATES WILL ONLY SHOW THE STATUS OF THE SIRE AND DAM, AND CANNOT BE TAKEN AS A GUARANTEE FOR THE STATUS OF THE PROGENY.

You are strongly advised to have made an appointment with your Vet as soon as possible after the purchase of your puppy, for a health check. At the same time you can discuss with him/her the worming and vaccination programme to be followed for your puppy, also the Microchip Identification procedure, your puppy may already be Identified by Tattoo. You are strongly advised to take out insurance for your Puppy. (Usually the Breeder will offer you an insurance package upon the Purchase of your Puppy).

The buyer of any Labrador Retriever, Puppy or Adult, should be aware of the possible diseases both genetic and otherwise to which the breed is prone.

### **KC/BVA HIP SCORE CERTIFICATE**

Hip dysplasia is a term, which encompasses a number of specific developmental and other abnormalities involving the hip joint. The lower the score the less the degree of hip dysplasia.

The score range is from 0 – 106. THE BREED MEAN SCORE IS 16.

### **KC/BVA EYE CERTIFICATE & ECVO (European Eye Certificate)**

These examinations are for a number of hereditary eye diseases. Certificates are valid for one year only. You are advised to check the date of examination on the relevant certificates. (The ECVO Certificate is not published by KC/BVA)

### **KC/BVA ELBOW DYSPLASIA SCHEME**

The lower the overall grade, the less the degree of elbow dysplasia. (Not all breeders participate in this scheme.)

ALL EYE CERTIFICATES ARE VALID FOR ONE YEAR. YOU ARE ADVISED TO CHECK THE DATE OF EXAMINATION ON THE RELEVANT CERTIFICATES.