



## SO YOU WANT TO GET A LABRADOR RETRIEVER

There are many things to think about before making the decision to bring a Lab into your family.

### **DO YOU HAVE TIME FOR:**

- 🐕 Bonding;
- 🐕 Training;
- 🐕 Giving Attention;
- 🐕 Grooming;
- 🐕 Exercising;
- 🐕 Play time

Once you decide yes to the above questions there are other factors to consider.

- 🐕 Do you have space for a Lab?|
- 🐕 Do you have a fenced yard? Not a must but, makes Lab ownership easier.
- 🐕 Do you have patience?
- 🐕 Is everyone in the household on board and willing to assist with your new Lab?
- 🐕 If you live alone, do you have a back up plan for those last minute late nights at the office or for when you need to go away for a weekend, vacation, etc?
- 🐕 Will the other pets in the household be accepting of your new Lab?
- 🐕 Can you afford a Lab? Costs over and above just food and shelter like vet visits.
- 🐕 Have you researched the breed and are prepared for the innate personality of a Lab?

- 🐕 Are you prepared to care for a Lab? Although minimal upkeep is required there is still some involved.
- 🐕 Activity level required for a happy Lab?
- 🐕 Attention level required for a Lab?
- 🐕 What type of training will you complete? i.e. classes or research and teach yourself?
- 🐕 Do you have proper expectations? i.e. there will be a transition period, are you prepared?
- 🐕 Do you have the proper supplies for your new Lab? Bed, bowls, collar, leashes, food, toys, grooming, cleaning supplies.
- 🐕 Is your dog safe for an active Lab? Power cords not hanging, dangerous materials away.
- 🐕 Is your backyard safe for your Lab? No holes, fences up, gates that close.
- 🐕 Do you know what veterinarian you will use?
- 🐕 Will you purchase a vet plan?
- 🐕 Where will your Lab sleep? To crate or not?
- 🐕 How will your dog spend the day if you aren't at home?
- 🐕 How specifically are bonding, training, attention, grooming, exercising & play time going to fit into your schedule/family?
- 🐕 What age Lab is right for you? If you just lost your beloved 14yr old dog, are you really ready for a rambunctious puppy or would an older Lab suit your lifestyle better?

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