



Many thanks for your interest in offering a home to a Labrador.

Initially we need to register you with us, so I am attaching an application form*. Please complete and return the application form to me. If you email the form back to me it helps to speed the process along.

An information leaflet and a draft copy of our adoption agreement form is also attached solely for your perusal, so that you are fully aware of our conditions of adoption.

We are happy to rehome our dogs to good homes outside the areas we cover.

Once registered with us and we find a suitable dog for you, you will be required to travel to an emergency boarding kennel that we use, to meet and rehome him/her. The main kennel used is in Chessington Surrey. Should this be acceptable to you we look forward to receiving your completed prospective home form.

Kind regards

Sue

****The form is sent out as a pdf so it cannot be altered in any way.
You need to print it out, fill it in, then scan it back into your computer and attach it to an email to return it to me.***

Please note we will not accept other versions of this form.

What happens next?

When I have your completed form I will contact you and ask you to video your garden and all parts of your house that the dog will be allowed in. Please do not do this until it is requested.

- Once this has been done, passed and approved by us your registration process will be complete. At that point we will look for a suitable dog for you.
- We do not discuss details of the dogs that we have on our web site until you are registered and approved with us.

Only a few of the dogs looking for new homes are put on our web site, so don't be too disappointed if during your wait to be registered and approved, a favoured dog is reserved or removed from the web site. We nearly always have several others waiting.

After rehoming dogs for over 20 years, our experience tells us that we need a clear set of rehoming policies.

These policies are outlined below so please do read them to ensure you fully understand our rehoming criteria.

Some of the dogs we rehome are from families where they are being left for long periods due to work commitments. When the owner witnesses the dog's distress, they ask us to find their pet a home where someone will be there for him.

We expect the dog NOT to be left alone for longer than 4 hours per day. Therefore we DO NOT rehome to homes where all household members work full time or for more than 4 hours on any single day.

- We do not consider a small lunch time visit, neighbours popping in, or a dog walker sufficient cover or company for the dog being left home alone all day.
- If you own your own business and wish the dog to accompany you to work there must be a secure area for the dog to be exercised in.
- If you are an employee in a business and wish to take your dog to work with you then we will not rehome a dog to you. Many employers do not allow pets to be taken to work, and even those who do, may ultimately change their mind. You could find yourself in a position whereby you are unable to take your dog into work with you.
- We do not rehome to anyone living in a flat above ground floor. All homes and ground floor flats must have direct access to a secure garden for the sole use of the applicant.
- We will require that your property be of adequate size to house a large breed dog such as a Labrador.
- We do require all resident dogs in the home to be neutered. Unless too young.
- We do not place dogs with homes that are registered and used for childminding.
- We will not place dogs in homes that are licensed premises/public houses.
- We will not consider rehoming any of our dogs to a home where they will be used for breeding.
- We will not consider rehoming any of our dogs to a home where they will be used as a working dog.
- If you are about to move house, then you will not be able to adopt a dog until you have moved and we have all your home details and videos.
- If you are in rented accommodation we will ask to see your landlord's written permission that pets are allowed in the property.
- Military homes will be considered on an individual basis.

We have had occasions where family members wish to get a dog as a surprise companion for a newly widowed relative or for an elderly relative who has lost their aged pet. We will only place a dog with the person who will be the main carer for the dog and in the home where the dog will be living and with the full knowledge of the adopter. Therefore a rehomed dog can never be a "surprise".

For applicants aged 70 to 74 year we will only rehome a dog of 5 yrs plus.

For applicants aged 75 to 80 years we will only rehome a dog of 7 yrs plus.

For applicants aged 80 years and over we will only rehome a dog of 10 yrs plus.

Please be aware that if you are applying for a bitch you will experience a wait once you are registered and approved with us. We only get around 3 in every 15 dogs coming into our rescue that are female. There is always a waiting list.

If you have cats in your home there will also potentially be a long wait. Only 1 out of every 10 dogs we rehome comes from a situation where they have been living with or will tolerate cats.

The Homecheck

When you return the 'Prospective Home Form' to us we will respond by asking you to video your house and garden but please do not do this until we request it. Please take a good look at your garden to make sure it is a safe environment for a dog.

- If you have any fencing that needs repairing or replacing please have this done before applying for a dog. We will not be able to rehome a dog to you unless you have a secure garden area.
- Do remember that Labradors are large dogs and will easily jump a low fence. If you have a back gate, please make sure it has a working lock or bolt.

Remember that no rescue dog is perfect; most dogs will have "baggage" which could be anything from a small training issue to insecurity and separation anxiety. Normally all that is needed is time, patience and often a good training class to turn your dog around. You will get back tenfold what you put in.

The vast majority of dogs that come into rescue are as a result of unwanted or unplanned breeding. LRRSE will require all dogs that are not neutered when they are rehomed to be neutered soon after rehoming. If your rescue dog is not already neutered we will require you to get the operation done, at your own expense. Your dog will have experienced some upheaval or stress by the rehoming experience and therefore we insist that you leave a period of at least 4 months for the dog to settle in before any neutering operation is carried out, unless on veterinary advice and with the permission of the trustees.

In signing the adoption form you will also be agreeing to the neutering clause contained in it.

Puppies

- Puppies, just like babies, have special requirements.
- If you are adopting a puppy we may insist someone is at home all day.
- We will also expect you to take him or her to puppy training classes.

As previously outlined, neutering is part of the adoption agreement for your puppy and you will be required to spay or neuter your dog at the appropriate time.

When you rehome your dog and from the moment you sign the adoption form, all financial costs, including any veterinary costs will be your responsibility.

We pass on to you all the information the previous owner has given us about the dog, this includes any previous or current medical conditions. We cannot be held responsible if a problem is not reported to us prior to rehoming.

Where we rehome a known stray dog to you, that dog will have been assessed for a period of time in one of our foster homes or kennels and we will pass on to you any information our volunteers have discovered during the time the dog was with them. As we do not know who the previous owner was we cannot guarantee the dogs' age neither can we know of any previous behaviour issues or medical conditions.

- **We strongly recommend you insure your dog.**

For certain homes that do not fully meet our rehoming criteria the trustees may reconsider them for approval after consultation with the area coordinator.

Area Coordinator

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ADOPTION Form

www.labrador-rescue.org

Name of Adopters..... Address..... Postcode..... Telephone no..... Mobile no..... Email	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Name of Dog Age DOB Dog/Bitch Castrated/Spayed Yes/No Colour: Yellow/Black/Chocolate Vaccination card rec: Yes/No Microchip No:
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The details for my next of kin are as follows, I understand that they will be responsible for contacting LRRSE if necessary. A copy of this Adoption Form will be posted to them by LRRSE.

Name of next of kin.....Relationship to Adopter.....

Address.....

Telephone No:.....Email address.....

I/We declare that in consideration of adopting the dog described above from Labrador Retriever Rescue Southern England, undertake the following:

1. Not to part with the dog for any reason whatsoever, except to return it to LRRSE
2. **Not to use the dog for breeding.**
3. Not to leave the dog on its own for more than 4 hours per day, to feed the dog adequately house it properly, exercise it regularly, keep its weight under control and provide qualified veterinary treatment in case of illness or injury..
4. To ensure that the dog is inoculated annually and wormed regularly.
5. To ensure that the dog wears a collar carrying your name, postcode and telephone number at all times for identification purposes
6. **Not to have any veterinary operation (unless emergency) performed in the first 4 months of adoption without specific agreement with LRRSE.**
7. To allow a member of LRRSE to visit the dog and repossess the dog, if in their opinion this agreement is not being adhered to.
8. To inform LRRSE when the dog dies.
9. To inform LRRSE if you move house or your contact details change.

I/We understand that:

1. LRRSE will accept no responsibility as to the description, condition, health and temperament of the dog adopted, and gives no warranty of any kind expressed or implied. The dog is believed to be in good health, except where specific conditions have been made known to me/us. LRRSE will accept no liability for expenses incurred arising from illness or injury developed subsequent to your adoption of the dog.
2. **The responsibility for paying for the cost of any treatment from the day of adoption shall be the sole responsibility of the Adopter unless otherwise agreed with LRRSE.**
3. Information concerning the habits and past history of the dog is passed on by LRRSE in3. Information concerning the habits and past

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history of the dog is passed on by LRRSE in good faith and it has been based on statements from previous owners. There is no guarantee of reliability.

4. LRRSE will not accept liability for any consequence whatsoever resulting from events attributable to the failure to give information or transmission of wrong information.

I/We declare that I/We are over 18 years of age

Labrador Retriever Rescue Southern England strongly advises all Adopters to arrange suitable insurance against the cost of Veterinary fees as well as Third Party cover. Attention is drawn to requirements relating to animals causing damage or injury to Third Party or their property and causing death or injury to livestock. The possibility for nuisance should also be recognised.

I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE CUSTODIAL CARE OF THIS DOG IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANOTHER PERSON, SHOULD WE BE UNABLE TO KEEP THE DOG FOR ANY REASON WE MUST RETURN THE DOG TO LRRSE.

If a rescue dog is not already neutered at the time of rehoming due to being too young or for any other reason such as illness or injury we will require the adopter to have the operation done, at their own expense, either after a period of 4 months once the dog has settled in, or by the time the dog is 12 months old. We require the adopter to send us proof of the operation having being done by providing a copy of a veterinary invoice for the procedure.

All conditions of adoption will be followed up.

If we have any vaccination records for your dog then this paperwork will normally be posted to you within two to three weeks from the date of adoption.

If your dog is already microchipped the details will be changed by us through the charity and you will receive an acknowledgement that this has been done. DO NOT contact the chip company to change the details WE WILL DO IT

I/We have read and fully understand the above conditions that have been explained to me by LRRSE and I/We agree to abide by them

SIGNED.....DATE.....

I/WE ENCLOSE A DONATION TO THE FUNDS OF LRRSE IN THE SUM OF £..... cheque/cash

We understand our donation is non- refundable

PLEASE NOTE ALL DONATIONS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

The suggested minimum donation for a dog is set on a sliding scale according to age as follows:

Puppies 6 months and under – pure bred £500, Lab cross £350, 7 months-9 years £250, 10 years and over at our discretion. Our China dogs -all ages £500

I confirm I would like any gifts of money that I have made to Labrador Retriever Rescue Southern England since 6 April 2010 and any future gifts of money I make from the date of this declaration to be treated as gift aid donations confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Signature.....Date.....

Please let us know if :

- 1. You wish to cancel this declaration
- 2. You change your name or home address
- 3. You no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

NEVER BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR ADVICE.

Training advice is available on our website at <http://www.labrador-rescue.org.uk/training.html> or by calling your Area coordinator, local dog trainers or through training classes, books, and the internet.

WE SUPPORT REWARD BASED TRAINING.

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR NEW DOG A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE

Please email completed form to
 sue.lrrse@gmail.com



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www.labrador-rescue.org.uk

PROSPECTIVE HOME FORM

Thank you for your interest in giving a rescued Labrador a good home. The information you provide on this form will help us to match you and a Labrador, please take time to read and complete, then return it to the Area Co-ordinator above, you will then be contacted by one of our Voluntary Homecheckers to arrange a home visit.

Your Name:.....

Address.....

County Postcode.....

Home Tel No.....Work Tel No.....Mobile Tel No.....

Email

We may ask for proof of identity and age of the applicant if required .

What type of property do you live inIs your property owned or rented.....
 If rented we will require proof of landlords permission to have a dog

Does your property have a garden..... Is the garden for your sole use and only accessed by you.....

Is the Garden fully secure.....Height of fencing.....Type of fencing.....
 (we require a minimum of 5 Feet all around) (wood panel, Hedge, wire)

Is the dog to live in the house or kennel outside
 If outside kennel please provide details.....

***Please note that if ALL questions are not answered in full we will not proceed with your application.**

Please put your working hours clearly, if you work from home please specify how frequently and for how long you are away from home for business meetings etc. **It is vital we know when you are at home** .If you are self-employed please specify business type. i.e. accountant, gardener etc.

***Details of people living at the address**

*Adults - Name	*Age	*Occupation	*Hours Worked(i.e.9am-5pm)
*Children and their ages			
*Do children visit regularly and if so what are their ages			

Do you have any holidays planned, please give dates.....
 If so, what arrangements will be made for the dog.....

Have you ever owned a dog before.....If so what breed.....
Have you previously rehomed a dog.....If yes, please provide further details.....

Do you have a dog now.....If so what breed..... Age.....Sex.....Castrated/Spayed*.....
***we require all dogs in the household to be neutered. Proof of this will be required.**

How old was the dog when you got it.....

Do you have any other pets.....If so what.....

All potential homes must be able to manage a large, strong, lively dog and give it sufficient exercise If therefore you have any short or long term health issues which may affect your ability to do this please give details of your condition and how the dogs needs would be met.

Please consider the following questions carefully

- The majority of rescue dogs will come with some behaviour and or training issues. Would you
- Take a boisterous dog.....YES/NO
 - Take a dog with behavioural requirements YES/NO
 - Take a dog with separation anxiety.....YES/NO
 - Take a dog that requires house trainingYES/NO
 - Take a dog that requires socialising with other dogs..... YES/NO
 - Take dog that pulls on the lead (sometimes heavily).....YES/NO
 - Take a dog with general training requirementsYES/NO
 - Take a dog with a health condition requiring regular medication on our Assisted Adoption Scheme.....YES/NO
 - Are you prepared to take your dog to training classes YES/NO
 - Are you prepared to travel to meet a dog if required.....YES/NO

Should there be a choice, do you have a preference of colour, sex and age of dog; **these choices will determine the how quickly you might get a dog. Broadening your choice will speed up the rehoming process.**

DOG/BITCH/EITHER

Yellow/Chocolate/Black

Ideal age range: Minimum age.....

Maximum age.....

If you are applying for a young dog, particularly a puppy under 6 months of age, we will require that someone is at home for most of the day. They are likely to be extremely boisterous and playful, will go through the teething process and as a result may chew. At around 9 months they become adolescents and their behaviour can be testing and very demanding on your time, energy and patience.

- Would you consider sensible variations to your above choices YES/NO
- Would you take two dogs that have grown up together YES/NO
- Would you take a Labrador cross YES/NO
- Would you consider fostering short term (should we not be able to find the right dog straightaway) YES/NO

Please note that for applicants aged **70 to 74 years** we will only rehome a dog of **5 years plus**
for applicants aged **75 to 79 years** we will only rehome a dog of **7 years plus**
for applicants aged **80 years** and over we will only rehome a dog of **10 years plus**

Please consider carefully the long term responsibility of rehoming a dog. The financial commitment for food, care and veterinary costs will be your responsibility as soon as a dog is placed with you. We strongly recommend that you take out pet insurance to protect the dog, you and any third party.

Please state your reasons for wanting a dog and a Labrador in particular along with any other information you feel relevant.

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Are you happy to provide details of a veterinarian or other professional person as a reference should this be required by LRRSE. YES/NO

Have you applied to any other rescue and if so which one(s).....

Have you ever been refused by any animal rescue YES/NO If so which one(s).....

How did you hear about us.....

Do you have the means to afford the up keep of any dog which is placed with you YES/NO

Do you agree to provide the dog with medical and third party insurance cover YES/NO

Do you agree to a representative of LRRSE visiting you to ascertain the welfare of the dog YES/NO

Do you agree to contribute the requested donation for the dog YES/NO

Do you agree to return to LRRSE any dog you can no longer keep YES/NO

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We understand that our donation is non-refundable

Whether a dog is in a private boarding kennel, foster home or the surrendering home we will arrange for you to meet the dog prior to adoption, **you will be required to travel to meet the dog.** We do pass all the details we have been given by the current owner with regard to behaviour, health, and habits etc. along with photos of the dog.

When you agree to adopt a dog you will be required to sign an Adoption Form that is a legally binding contract with LRRSE.

We will retain lifelong responsibility for that dog and should you ever be unable to keep the dog, you MUST contact LRRSE so that we can arrange a new home.

We WILL follow up ALL conditions of adoption and will remove the dog(s) should we find LRRSE's conditions are not being adhered to.

I have read and understand LRRSE's adoption and rehoming policies.

I/WE ACCEPT ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE SOUTHERN ENGLAND

Signed..... Date.....

Printed.....

Should you find a dog elsewhere please let us know.