Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for taking an interest in our club.

The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston (LRCGB) is a community of dog lovers who care about the promotion and protection of one of the most popular breeds in the American Kennel Club: the Labrador Retriever. Our non-profit organization was founded and licensed by the AKC in 1974 by a group of Labrador fanciers. We’re scattered from Maine to New York, and we breed, show, hunt, perform therapy work, compete in obedience, tracking, agility, dock diving, rally, fetch, nose work, and field; but mostly we just *enjoy our Labradors as family pets.* Many of our members take their dogs to nursing homes, schools, and hospitals to make someone’s day a bit brighter.

We encourage members, guests, and anyone curious about our versatile Labradors to come to the volunteer-run meetings, activities, and events we host all year ‘round. Many of our members have been involved with Labradors for years and love to talk “dog “and share their knowledge with newcomers. Visit our website (lrcgb.org) for up-to-date information on events as well as their locations. Please come and experience our community in action.

The LRCGB currently offers Full or Associate Membership options for newcomers to the club. Members who opt for Full Membership complete a modest work requirement – which assists our volunteer-run organization to have the richest experiences. Full Membership perks include voting rights as well as web listing privileges for breeders. Associate Members are included in all membership communications and get member privileges at most events.

Regardless of membership level, the applicant must be approved by our membership. Applications are presented as First Readings at the next general club meeting. If a meeting is not scheduled within 60 days, the application may be shared with the membership via the clubs broadcast email service. At the next club meeting the application will be voted upon. At any point in the application process a member of the Membership Committee or Board may contact you to learn a bit more about you.

Once accepted, applicants will receive a formal notification, along with a new-member packet – which includes, among other things: our Constitution and By-Laws, Standing Rules of the club and information on our modest work requirements for full members.

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|  | **Full Membership** | **Associate Membership** |
| **Requirements:** |  |  |
| Membership Dues | $30 | $30 |
| Working Hours | 10 | -- |
| **Privileges & Benefits:** |  |  |
| Voting rights | Yes | No |
| Eligible to serve on board | Yes | No |
| Committee membership | Yes | Yes, except as (co-) chair |
| New member sponsor | Yes, after 2 years | No |
| Litter listing/referral service | Yes | No |
| Kennel listing on website | Yes | No |
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| Membership Communications | Yes | Yes |
| Access to members-only website | Yes | Yes |
| Annual Awards | Yes | No |
| Early registration | Yes | Yes |
| Delaney WMA access under Club permit | Yes, with additional working requirements | No |
| Event registration fees | Full membership level | Non-member level |

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*Please* ***PRINT*** *all information*. O*n the last page, please list additional information supporting your application. Examples include your specific interests in joining our breed club; what goals you might have for your breeding program if you’re a breeder; etc. Thank you!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level: ❑ Full Membership ❑ Associate Membership

Membership is open to persons 18 years or older who are in GOOD standing with the American Kennel Club. Do you meet both criteria?

* Yes
* No

Are you a pet owner with a Labrador Retriever and wish to learn more about this wonderful breed? The LRCGB very much welcomes pet owners to become members. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many Labrador Retrievers do you own? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you own other breed(s)?

* Yes
* No

If yes, which breed(s) and how many dog(s) currently owned?

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Are you a member of other dog clubs?

* Yes
* No

If yes, which other clubs? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you breed? Please note: **LRCGB & the LRC do not condone the breeding of dilute dogs**.

* Yes
* Interested In
* No

If yes or interested in, please respond to the questions below:

What is your goal(s) in breeding Labrador Retrievers? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been breeding? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many litters per year? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a social media presence? If so, please list URL/link. (Facebook, Instagram etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you or did you have a mentor? If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the AKC Registered names of your breeding dogs or a link to your website that includes this information. Attach a separate sheet of paper as needed.

Are you active in these fancies? *(please check all that apply)*:

* Bench
* Obedience
* Field Trials
* Hunting
* Hunt Tests
* Tracking
* Agility
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The LRCGB hosts many activities. Please tell us which areas you are interested in:

**Specialty Show**:

* Advertising
* Publicity
* Grounds
* Catalog Sales
* Trophies
* Stewarding
* Admissions
* Lunches
* Hospitality

**Match Show(s)**

* Publicity
* Entry Table
* Grounds
* Stewarding
* Lunch
* Obedience/Rally

**Hunting Test(s)**

* Administration
* Grounds
* Gunner
* Wingers or Planters
* Hospitality
* Fund Raising

**Other Club Committees**

* Communications Committee
* Finance Committee
* Nomination Committee
* Field Committee
* Confirmation Committee
* Other (Please list)

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**I hereby agree to abide by the sportsman’s code of conduct of the American Kennel Club and the** [**Code of Ethics**](https://lrcgb.org/who-we-are/code-of-ethics)  **of the LRCGB.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor signature (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor signature (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***REQUIRED: Please list below your reasons for wanting to become a member of the LRCGB and any additional information supporting your application. Examples include your specific interests in joining our breed club; what goals you might have for your breeding program if you’re a breeder; etc.***

Please send the completed application, with dues of $30.00 (payable to LRCGB) to the membership chairperson: Diane Smith, 295 Harvard Rd, Bolton, MA 01740. *membership@lrcgb.org*