

Cushman Labradors

HEALTH GUARANTEE (LABRADOR RETRIEVER)

****SHORT-TERM HEALTH GUARANTEE**

General Health: The Seller guarantees that the puppy is in good health at the time of delivery. The puppy has received age-appropriate de-worming and vaccinations, detailed in the attached health record.

1. **Veterinary Inspection:** The Buyer agrees to have the puppy examined by a licensed veterinarian within **14 business days** of possession.
2. **Remedy:** If the veterinarian finds the puppy to be in poor health or suffering from a life-threatening viral illness (e.g., Parvovirus, Distemper) within this period, the Buyer may:
 - Return the puppy for a full refund.
 - Return the puppy for a replacement puppy from the next available litter.
 - Keep the puppy, with the Seller reimbursing veterinary costs up to the purchase price of the puppy (veterinary proof required).
 - *Note: This does not cover common, treatable conditions such as intestinal parasites (worms, giardia, coccidia) or fleas, which are common in puppies and stress-induced.*

****LONG-TERM GENETIC HEALTH GUARANTEE (26 Months)**

Because Labradors are susceptible to specific hereditary issues, the Seller provides a guarantee up to **24 months of age** against the following severe genetic defects:

1. **Hip & Elbow Dysplasia:**
 - The Seller guarantees the puppy to be free of severe Hip or Elbow Dysplasia preventing the dog from living a normal life as a pet.
 - Diagnosis must be confirmed by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or PennHIP.
 - *Note on Nutrition:* Labradors are prone to obesity. This guarantee is **VOID** if the dog is found to be overweight (Body Condition Score > 6/9) at the time of diagnosis, as excess weight drastically affects joint health.
2. **Ocular Disorders:**
 - Guaranteed against Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) resulting in blindness. Diagnosis must be confirmed by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist.
3. **Other Genetic Conditions:**

- Guaranteed against Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC) and Centronuclear Myopathy (CNM).

Remedy for Genetic Defects: If a genetic defect is confirmed by the Buyer's vet and a second opinion (if requested by Seller), the Seller will provide one of the following (at Seller's discretion):

- A replacement puppy from the next available litter of equal value.
- A reimbursement of veterinary medical expenses related to the condition, up to 50% of the purchase price.
- **The Buyer typically retains ownership of the dog.** The Seller does not require the return of a beloved family pet unless the Buyer is unable to care for it.

BUYER'S OBLIGATIONS

To keep this Health Guarantee valid, the Buyer agrees to:

1. **Veterinary Care:** Maintain up-to-date vaccines, annual exams, and heartworm/flea prevention.
2. **Weight Management:** Keep the Labrador at a healthy, lean weight.
3. **Exercise:** Avoid strenuous, repetitive exercise (e.g., long runs on pavement, repetitive jumping) until the dog is 18 months old to protect developing growth plates.
4. **Spay/Neuter:** Delay spaying or neutering until the dog is at least **18 months of age**. Early alteration in large breeds like Labradors has been scientifically linked to increased risks of joint disorders. Spaying/neutering before 12 months voids the orthopedic portion of this guarantee.