**YODER LABRADORS DETAILED INFORMATION LETTER**

 With this letter, we hope to answer many of your frequently asked questions. We would also love to hear from you as well, so please do not hesitate to call or email anytime. Please read the following thoroughly as it has very important information that you need to understand. We try to give people with special needs priority in choosing their therapy puppy. Not all puppies pass all the test to become a therapy dog those who do not will be made available for others, we believe we all need the emotional support of a puppy.

 All of our puppies are $2500. The $500.00 deposit is non-refundable, but is transferable to another litter. Our adult dogs have or will have certifications for hips and elbows from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals Association shortly after they turn two years old. We also do many different DNA tests, which is an on-going process, specific to Labradors Retrievers, as set forth by our industry which we do as our guarantee to you.

 We remove dewclaws on all our puppies. We give a 4 way puppy vaccine at 7 ½ weeks. We administer 4 deworming’s with the broad-spectrum dewormer such as Pyrantel Pamoate and Safeguard. We do have further information on our website on the “Care of Your New Puppy” page which you or any dog owner will find very educational.

 We want to keep in touch especially those families who cannot come and visit so please feel free to email often and ask lots of questions so we may get to know each other. We will be here for the life of your pet for questions and referrals to different dog-related situations. This is a relationship we want, we are trying to help others deal with the struggles of this life. We would like you to do a little research in regards to the food you choose to feed your dog. On our website, you will notice we sell Life’s Abundance dog food, this is the food we feed all our dogs from puppies to seniors. We highly encourage everyone to stay with this food for the life of your pet. This quality food is a dry kibble which is shipped from the manufacturer to your front door, no warehouses. We are expecting our pets to live 15 - 20 years now with proper care and feeding. We know your pet will have great health his whole life when you feed this quality dog food and the NuVet Immune Supplement.

 When you are looking at potential puppies to bring into your home, make sure you see the certifications for good hips and elbows. The parent’s hips and elbows are x-rayed to make sure they have the best joints possible. and that the puppies they produce have a greater advantage for a long and healthy life. We raise puppies to

Be good citizens and ready for extensive training outside our home. We use only the minimum amount of pesticides to protect our dogs against outdoor pests like fleas and mosquitoes. We try to stay with organic and non-carcinogenic pesticides like the microscopic shell powder, diatomaceous earth. We also use clove, cedarwood and cinnamon oil shampoos. We believe that pets coming into contact with pesticides or the feeding of these pesticides, is leading to cancer and many other diseases along with early death prior to 12 or 13 years of age.

 Yoder Labradors has a program where we begin training of the puppies. We have a desensitization program where we work with each puppy individually. This includes human bonding, potty training, crate training and swimming. We have started a new program in the warmer months where we invite the whole family into our pool and have the puppy swim to them, it’s a great bonding process. Picking up the puppies and holding them daily is very important to human bonding. Our puppies come into contact with all ages of people, different types of animals and noisy machines for complete socialization.

 I also want to stress that in accordance with UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, spaying and neutering of your pet prior to full growth will be detrimental to the development of bones and joints because you would be removing the hormones necessary for proper growth. Please do not spay or neuter prior to 2 years of age. Yoder Labradors cannot obviously guarantee against all genetic defects, but we do take and send in a series of DNA tests specific to our breed which is your guarantee.

 Thank you so much for your interest in Yoder Labradors, we look forward to a close relationship in the near future.

Thank you,

Cheryl Yoder