



The NLRC was organized in 1996 with the idea of creating a national club that would preserve and promote the Labrador Retriever. Everyone in the Labrador community is welcome...from pet owners to old timers.

We are a National Lab Club formed by the members, for the members, working together for the preservation, betterment and service to the Labrador Retriever.

THE LABRADOR CONNECTION

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USDA – APHIS – AWA

USDA is the United States Department of Agriculture.

APHIS is the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

AWA is the Animal Welfare Act that is the only Federal law in the United States that regulates the treatment of animals in research, exhibition, transport, and by dealers.

The Animal Welfare Act is enforced by the USDA's APHIS Animal Care agency.

APHIS has proposed to revise their definition of "retail pet store" to bring under its jurisdiction anyone -- who even only a single time -- anyone who sells to someone in any location other than in your home and to anyone with at least 4 females.

Being under the Federal jurisdiction requires that you must be Federally licensed.

If you haven't taken a moment to look into the standards required to meet Federal licensing requisites, a few are listed below:

No more animals in the home (unless your home can meet the enclosure requirements)

A separate building or structure for females within two weeks of whelp.

A separate building or structure for puppies. (Puppies cannot be with adult dogs).

All surfaces where dogs are kept must be waterproof.

Facilities must provide washrooms or sinks.

Facilities must provide artificial lighting based upon diurnal cycles.

Facilities must employ a veterinarian to regularly visit your premises and maintain a written record of veterinary care performed.

If you are employed away from your home and if you miss 3 or more surprise USDA licensing surprise inspections, fines can be exorbitant and crippling.

Owners of 3 or fewer intact breeding females who only home puppies to new families who come into their home will remain exempt from Federal licensing under the new proposal that is slated to go into effect July 16th 2012.

If you haven't commented yet on this proposal, see the proposal in its entirety here:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-0001>

And click the blue "Comment Now!" button at the upper right hand side of the above page.

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The International Labrador Retriever Year Book

There's a new Labrador book, The International Labrador Retriever Year Book which is published annually to highlight show results from all around the world. Visit them, www.TheLabradorYearbook.com



Please feel free to forward our newsletter to interested family and friends. If you haven't participated for awhile you are always welcomed to re-apply and re-join !!

NLRC Membership -- Open Enrollment

Membership in the National Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. is open to all Labrador enthusiasts; however, to join you must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club, Inc. and should consider the guidelines set forth in the [NLRC Code of Ethics](#) when engaged in any activities involving the breeding, exhibiting and selling of Labrador Retrievers.

Two types of annual individual memberships are offered:

Full (voting member)	\$30
Associate (non-voting)	\$20

Click the below links for NLRC Membership forms:

[NLRC Membership Application Form \(that can be printed and mailed in with your membership fee\)](#)

Or to both apply and pay online

[NLRC Membership Application](#)

Are you listed in our [NLRC Breeders Directory](#)?

NLRC Members with full membership rights can apply to participate on the NLRC website Breeder Directory by completing the applicable section on the PDF membership application and submitting a \$10 fee.

Any questions? Contact our Membership Chair:

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The National Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. exists for the protection and betterment of the breed, to encourage education of the general public who may want to add a Labrador to their family and to meet a social responsibility to its members, the general public, and the Labrador world in particular. To this end, we adopted a [Code of Ethics](#) to serve as a guide.

Our Newsletter, The Labrador Connection, is published by the club periodically when sufficient material is received. The Labrador Connection's newest electronic issue is emailed to members when it is published and all issues may be viewed online at any time.

Visit our website online at www.NationalLabradorRetrieverClub.com



The National Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Membership list is viewable online from our website [MEMBERS](#) link. The NLRC membership list is intended for viewing by fellow NLRC members only. To access the membership list, please enter the user name: *nlrc* and then the password: *in08doNATE2tvd*
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