AKD 1.24 Labrador Retriever Club Collection

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Summary Information

Repository: American Kennel Club Library & Archives
Creator: Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.
Source: Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.
Title: Labrador Retriever Club Collection
ID: AKD.1.24
Date [inclusive]: 1938-2010
Physical Description: 4.5 Linear Feet in five document boxes, two photograph album boxes, one mixed collection slide box, one mixed collection audiovisual (disk) box
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Labrador Retriever Club Collection includes materials from the breed's National Specialty dog shows, club documents and photographs, and club publications. National Specialty items include catalogs, premium lists, judges' slips, and photograph albums. Club documents and photographs include policies and a description of the club, as well as slide images of Labradors unrelated to shows. Finally, club publications includes informational pamphlets, club newsletters, books, and annual club yearbooks from 1994 to 2014.

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item, date (if known)]; Labrador Retriever Club Collection, AKD 1.24, [Box and Folder number]; American Kennel Club Archives.

Club and Breed History

Club History: The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. is the AKC recognized national parent club of the Labrador Retriever, dedicated to preserving the integrity of the breed. The club was incorporated in October 1931 in New York by Franklin B. Lord and other sportsmen. The Club held its first National Specialty show in May 1933 in New York City, where Mrs. Marshall Field, Judge, awarded Best in Show to Boli of Blake, owned by Mr. Lord. In November of the same year, Boli of Blake became the
first American Champion Labrador. The LRC sponsors an annual National Specialty event week in October, including a specialty show, obedience and agility competitions, retrieving tests and educational seminars. The club also hosts two hunting retriever tests and two field trials every year. The LRC publishes a quarterly newsletter, annual yearbook, and educational materials, as well as a Breeders Directory on its website, www.thelabradorclub.com.

**Breed History:** Labrador Retrievers originate from Newfoundland, where the dogs were used for water fowl retrieving, then imported to England. They were first recognized as a breed by the Kennel Club (England) in 1903. The first registration of Labradors by the AKC was in 1917. The origin of the U.S. breed can be traced to an influx of British dogs and Scottish retriever trainers in the 1920s and 1930s. Labradors are mainly retriever trial and shooting dogs, but also exhibited at bench shows, successful guide dogs, and used for search-and-rescue work. Labrador Retrievers are medium sized dogs, strongly built, with a dense, short, water-resistant coat, and an otter-like tail. They can be black, chocolate, or yellow in color.


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**Arrangement**

The collection is organized into three series based on content and form:

1. Dog shows, including a sub-series for photographs, 1938-2006
2. Club documents and photographs, c. 1990-2010
Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Existence and Location of Copies

All digital content on CD-Rs in the collection is copied on the AKC's server at (P:)/HistoricArchives/Archives/Collections/Clubs/Labrador Retriever Club, Inc/LRC Copies of Digital Collection Items

Provenance


Processing Information

Arrived at AKC in three boxes. Initial processing completed by unknown person, no notes were left behind. Some National Specialty photographs were sleeved, foldered, and placed in a manuscript box. Remaining processing completed by Katie Bednark in 2016. Photographs in a three ring binder were moved to an archival three ring photograph album box. Digital files on CD-Rs in the collection were copied to the AKC's server.

There are three undeveloped rolls of photographic film and the content of a 3.5 inch computer disk titled "Lab Spec. Archive" is unknown due to unavailability of hardware. Further processing is recommended.

Access Restrictions

This material is open to research without restrictions.
Publishing and Use Restrictions

Many of the materials, particularly photographs, may still be under copyright protection and require permission of the AKC and/or the creator before publishing. Please consult the Archivist.

Related Materials

Separated Materials

Three unreadable CD-Rs were removed from the collection. All of the content on the removed CD-Rs is available on other CD-Rs in the collection.

Related Materials

Dorothy Howe Collection of Labrador Retriever materials, AKE 20.6

Controlled Access Headings

- Sporting (group)
- Labrador retriever
- Dog shows
- Catalogs
- Premium lists
- Dog shows -- Judging
- Photograph albums
- color slides
- Color photographs
- Black-and-white photographs
- Awards
- Yearbooks
- Pamphlets
- Newsletters
- Books
- Win Shots
- Breed standards -- Illustrated
Collection Inventory

1. Dog Shows, (1938-2006)

Scope and Contents

This series includes catalogs, photographs, premium lists, judges' slips, and results from the breed's National Specialty dog shows.

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<td>National Specialty show catalogs, 1972-2002</td>
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<td>National Specialty show catalogs, 1997-1999</td>
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<td>National Specialty show catalogs, 2003-2006</td>
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<td>Show results, 1997</td>
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<td>Premium List and Judges' Slips, 1997</td>
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<td>Premium Lists, 2004, 2006</td>
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<td>National Specialty show Judges' Slips, 2005</td>
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<td>Judges Book, 2006</td>
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1.1 Photographs, (1938-2006)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series includes photographs from the breed's National Specialty shows and show catalogs. The two photograph albums, assembled by the club, are organized by year, with each year's photographs preceded by a cover page with the club's logo and show information, including judges, show dates, location, and hosts, and occasionally a list of committees, officers, and directors of the club. Some photographs have identifying information on verso. There are also some loose photographs in document boxes. Some digital images include historic photographs of dogs for the Jubilee catalog and catalog advertisements.

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<td>Labrador Retriever images for Jubilee Catalog, 1938-2005</td>
<td>box AV.X.1 disk 17</td>
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General Note


National Specialty show photograph album. Win shots and candids, 1976, 1993-2001 | box PH.1 |
2. Club Documents and Photographs, c. 1990-2010

Scope and Contents

This series includes documents related to the club’s operations and achievements, including awards issued by the Dog Writers’ Association of America, club policies on rescue support, liability, and the breeders’ directory, a description of the club, and some images of Labrador Retrievers unrelated to dog shows.

Title/Description | Instances
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"About the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.", c. 1995-2015 | box 2  folder 12

**General Note**

See digital file of same on CD-R, box AV.X.1, disk 17.

"About the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc." text file on CD-R (digital), c. 1995-2015 | box AV.X.1  disk 17
General Note

See paper format in box 2, folder 12.

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General Note

See digital files of same on CD-R, box AV.X.1, disk 17.

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General Note

See paper format in box 2, folder 13.

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<th>Dog Writers Association of America awards. Correspondence and finalist certificates, 2001-2004</th>
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<td>box SL.X.1</td>
<td>Box-Folder 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Undeveloped rolls of film (3 items). Unknown content, c. 1990-2010</td>
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Arrangement

Arranged by format of publication, beginning with pamphlets, books and book advertisements, newsletters, and ending with club yearbooks. Items are arranged chronologically within each format type.

Scope and Contents

This series includes items published by the club, including informational pamphlets, books, newsletters, and annual club yearbooks. An illustrated breed standard from 2002 is included in this series.

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<td>Informational pamphlet. &quot;The Conformation Certificate offered by The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.&quot;, c. 1990-2010</td>
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<td>Informational pamphlet. &quot;An Introduction to the Labrador Retriever.”, 1999</td>
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General Note

Early 'stuffer,' AKC Registrations.

"The Labrador Retriever, 1931-1944" by The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc., 1945  box 3  folder 10

"The Labrador Retriever Club, 1945-1946" by The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc., 1947  box 3  folder 11


"The Labrador Retriever Illustrated Standard," by The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc., 2002  box 3  folder 8

Book flyer. "The History of Retriever Field Trials in America", c. 2006  box 3  folder 9

General Note

See digital file of same on CD-R "Club documents and photographs."

Book flyer, "The History of Retriever Field Trials in America." PDF file on CD-R (digital), c. 2006  box AV.X.1  disk 17

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Newsletter, 1988-2006  box 3  folder 3-7

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Yearbook, 1994-2014  box 5

General Note

Missing 2005 yearbook

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