



# Capital Region Flat-Coat Retriever Club Membership Application

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State Zip Code

Telephone # (s) \_\_\_\_\_ email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The CRFCRC maintains a password secured, online membership directory.

Check if you do **not** wish to have your contact information published in the online directory

**Please list all of your current dogs on the second page of this application and include a paragraph introducing yourself, your family and your dogs.** This information may be used in our newsletter to introduce you to our current members.

Please indicate any/all of your interests

Companion  Agility  Field Trials  Breeding  Conformation   
Hunting  Hunt Tests  Pet Therapy  Obedience  Rally  Nose Work  Tracking

How long have you had Flat-Coats? \_\_\_\_\_ Other breeds you own or have owned \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a talent which would help our Club? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see offered by our Club or in our Newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

**I/We (if family membership, all family members must sign) have read the FCRSA Code of Ethics.  
I/We agree to abide by the Code of Ethics, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Capital Region Flat-Coated Retriever Club, and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.**

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Dues

Individual .....\$25

Family .....\$35

Go Green and receive your newsletter by email for a \$5 dues discount!

**Mail application with a check payable to CRFCRC for the appropriate amount to:**

**Steve Surprenant, 5 Stevens Court, Rockville, MD 20850**

**Current Dogs**

Registered Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_ AKC # \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Color: Black  Liver  Yellow  Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Breeder's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name of Sire \_\_\_\_\_

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**Who we are**

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**Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.**  
**Code of Ethics**  
**Statement of Purpose (rev. Jan 1997)**

The Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc. is comprised of members who are dedicated to preserving and improving the character, working talents, type and soundness, both physically and mentally, of the Flat-Coated Retriever. Every person who owns a Flat-Coat has a large responsibility to protect our breed.

Breeders should place strong emphasis on the multipurpose nature of our breed, as defined in the Breed Standard, when evaluating breeding prospects. The Breed Standard as approved by the American Kennel Club is the only standard of excellence by which Flat-Coated Retrievers shall be judged.

While breeders are central to the issue of ethical conduct through their decisions on which dogs to breed and where puppies are placed, each owner of a Flat-Coat must be accountable for protecting and preserving our breed.

With these thoughts in mind, the FCRSA Code of Ethics has been written to establish a minimum criteria for the responsible ownership of a Flat-Coated Retriever.

### **Requirements**

The following requirements are considered to be ascertainable standards needed for the welfare of our breed. They are of sufficient importance that violations, if verified, will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

#### **General Requirements**

- 1) Member must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club and comply with all AKC Rules and Regulations.
- 2) Member shall never sell or give a Flat-Coat to a third party agent, pet shop, health organization or laboratory for the purpose of experimentation. Nor shall a Flat-Coat be sold or given for auction, raffle, prize, or under any circumstances where the member cannot personally approve of the home to which the dog is going.
- 3) Dogs should be kept in a safe and healthy environment, with proper shelter from weather conditions provided.
- 4) Dogs should have regular veterinary check-ups.
- 5) Dogs should have appropriate preventative health care. This may include measures such as vaccinations and heartworm preventative, as applicable.

#### **Requirements for Breeders**

A Breeder is defined as anyone who owns or is responsible for any bitch or dog that is bred, even if bred only one time.

- 1) All dogs that are bred must have an OFA number (or board certified veterinary equivalent) and CERF number (or board certified ophthalmologist equivalent). Dogs outside the U.S. must have their country's equivalent of these two certifications.
- 2) Breeding stock must not be aggressive towards humans or other dogs. For the purposes of this Code, aggressive is defined as an unprovoked attack on a human or another dog.
- 3) Breeders should not knowingly breed any dog or bitch that has itself, or is known to have repeatedly produced; hip dysplasia, significant eye problems, or any other significant condition that affects the physical and mental soundness of the dog.
- 4) All breeding stock should be in good general health and of sound temperament.
- 5) Breeders should not breed any bitch more than once a year, or more than twice in any two year period, if bred on consecutive seasons.
- 6) Unless there are compelling reasons otherwise, puppies should not be released to their new homes before their 49<sup>th</sup> day of age.
- 7) Puppies or dogs that are placed as pets must be sold with AKC limited registration spay/neuter contracts, or on a co-ownership basis with the breeder.
- 8) Breeder should provide purchaser with a written contract specifying, at least: a) his or her guarantee for the puppy or dog covered by the contract; b) that the breeder must be contacted if the purchaser no longer can or wants to keep the dog; c) that the dog, and any of its offspring, will never be given or sold to any person or party listed above under "General Requirements 2)".
- 9) Puppies must be registerable, and the breeder must supply the purchaser with registration paperwork in a timely manner, preferable within 1 month of the purchase of the puppy unless otherwise stated in the purchase contract.
- 10) Breeder must be willing at any time to take back or help relocate any Flat-Coat he or she has sold.

#### **Enforcement**

Alleged violations of the Code of Ethics should be reported to the Ethics Committee Chair. The Ethics Committee will investigate the report, following a published procedure that provides for due process, and if an apparent violation(s) is found, may do one of two things; issue an Observation, or, refer the matter to the FCRSA Board of Directors. Upon further investigation and finding a violation(s), the Board may take one of the following actions: Issue a(n) 1) Observation, 2) Warning, 3) Censure, 4) Temporary Suspension, 5) Permanent Suspension. Any member suspended temporarily or permanently by the Board shall have the right to appeal the decision to the general membership at the next annual meeting, provided the request for appeal is received by the Corresponding Secretary not less than 6 weeks before the annual meeting.

Any substantiated violations of AKC Rules and Regulations will be forwarded to the AKC by the Board of Directors.

Enforcement actions taken by the Board will be published in the newsletter to keep the membership informed, however information identifying violators will be omitted, except in the case where a suspended member appeals as described above, and would therefore be identified in the proceedings of an annual meeting as documented in the minutes.