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Flat-Coated Retrievers

Exuberant

Confident

Outgoing

“Peter Pan” of the dog world

They **NEVER** grow up!

The objectives of the MAFCRC:

To encourage and promote the responsible breeding of healthy purebred Flat-Coated Retrievers, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Flat-Coated Retrievers shall be judged.

To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dogs shows, obedience trials and field trials; and, to have fun with our dogs.

To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials, and field trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

To educate MAFCRC members and other interested parties as to health, natural qualities and training of the breed; and to conduct training sessions for MAFCRC members.

Eager and quick to learn Flat-Coated Retrievers are active dogs. Many of the MAFCRC members compete in obedience, rally, agility and field events sanctioned by the AKC and other organizations.

Conformation:

Dog shows are intended to evaluate breeding stock. The dog's conformation is judged on overall appearance and structure as an indication of the dog's ability to produce quality puppies.



Obedience:

Obedience trials demonstrate the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the obedience ring and emphasize the usefulness of the dog as a companion to man.

The objective of obedience trials is to recognize dogs that have been trained to behave at home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs; in a manner that will reflect credit on the sport of obedience at all times and under all conditions.

Field:

The Flat-Coat is a dual purpose retriever of game on land and water.

The Working Certificate (WC) test is designed to test the **natural** abilities of the Flat-Coat including its memory, intelligence, attention, nose, marking ability, courage, perseverance and style.

The Working Certificate Excellent test (WCX) encourages the further use and development, of the natural working and retrieving abilities of the Flat-Coated Retriever and is a useful aid in the selection of breeding stock.

Flat-Coated Retrievers enjoy success in AKC's: WC/WCX programs, Hunt tests, Field trials; Upland fields, and duck blinds. They are great personal family hunting companions.



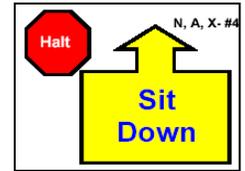
Tracking:

Tracking, by nature, is a vigorous, noncompetitive outdoor sport. Tracking tests demonstrate the willingness and enjoyment of the dog in its work.

The purpose of a tracking test is to demonstrate the dog's ability to recognize and follow human scent, a skill useful in the service of mankind.

Rally:

AKC Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at a brisk pace through a course of designated stations (10-20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed.



Agility:

A dog sport in which a handler directs a dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. Dogs run off-leash and the handler's controls are limited to voice, movement, and various body signals. This requires exceptional training of the animal and precise coordination by the handler.



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