

Officers

The objectives of the MAFCRC are::

- 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.

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Exuberant, confident, and outgoing.
The "Peter Pan" of the dog world,
Flat-coated Retrievers NEVER grow up.

Eager and quick to learn **Flat-coated Retrievers** are active dogs. Many of the members of MAFCRC participate in a variety of performance events sanctioned by the AKC and other organizations.

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



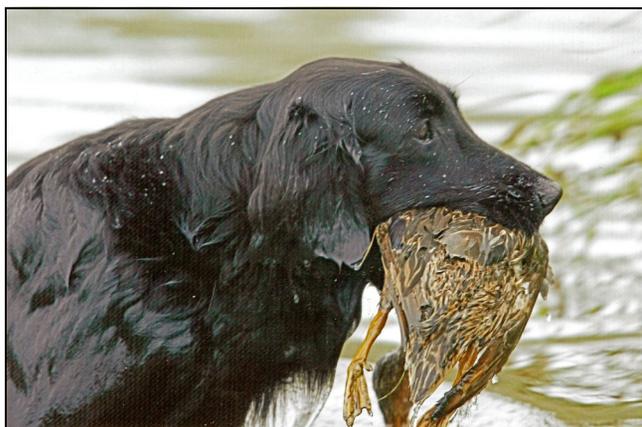
Obedience: Obedience trials demonstrate the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the obedience ring and emphasize the usefulness of the dog as a companion to man. The basic objective of obedience trials, however, is to recognize dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places 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 dual purpose dog. Flat-Coated Retrievers have enjoyed success not only in the WC/WCX program, but in AKC Hunt Tests, Field Trials and in upland fields and duck blinds as personal family hunting companions.

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

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

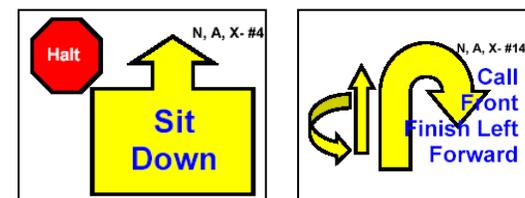


Tracking:

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.

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

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, the handler's controls are limited to voice, movement, and various body signals, requiring exceptional training of the animal and coordination of the handler.

