

# Breed Standard

## Labrador Retriever coat colors

**Black**



**Yellow**



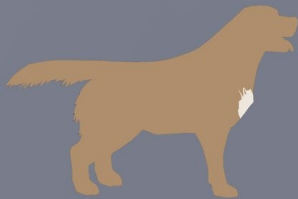
**Chocolate**



Small white spots are also acceptable usually on the chest or belly



Yellow is acceptable from a light cream to a fox red



Sometimes when a yellow dog is bred to a chocolate the resulting puppies will be yellow's with brown skin pigment (nose, eyerims, pawpads) this is known as "Dudley" which is also undesirable.

### Undesireble

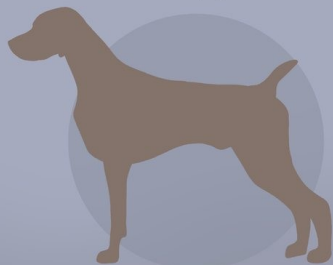
Despite being purebred, these colors are undesirable. A responsible breeder will avoid these colors through genetic testing. Tan point, brindle and "splashed" are all undesirable and disqualifications in Labradors.



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## "Silver Labs"

Breeders have mixed Weimaraner into Labrador Retrievers to create a "Silver lab" which is also called champagne or charcoal depending on if the dog is a dilute of black or yellow. These are mixes not purebred Labrador's.



**Weimaraner**

Aside from being unethical, "silver labs" often suffer from "color dilution Alopecia" there is no genetic test for CDA. It is uncommon Weimaraner's will suffer from this, however Labradors can be prone to skin issues and mixing the two there is an increased chance of dogs developing CDA in future generations.



**Labrador Retriever**

Purebred Labradors do not naturally carry the Dilution gene!

If a breeder claims to have "purebred AKC Silver labs" at some point somebody lied on those dogs papers.