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Welcome!

a guide to all things puppy!

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QUAIL MEADOW'S STRAIGHT SHOOTING WINCHESTER

OFA Hips: Excellent, OFA Elbows: Normal, OFA Patellar Luxation: Normal
OFA Cardiac Exam: Normal/Clear, OFA Eye: Normal
Unaffected carrier of HNPK and CT. Clear of all other genetic testing
Color Genotype: eeBB (yellow, not carrier of chocolate, and dilute clear)

Sire: Storybook Highcaliber's Winston at Quail Meadows
Dam: Quail Meadow's Peaches & Cream Girl

SIRE & DAM

MISS RODEO TIME BRISBY AT RUGER'S RIDGE

OFA Hips: Good, OFA Elbows: Normal
OFA Cardiac Exam: Normal/Clear, OFA Eye: Normal
Clear of all other genetic testing
Color Genotype: eeBB (yellow, not carrier of chocolate, and dilute clear)

Sire: Loon Lake's John The Duke Wayne
Dam: Loon Lakes Aunt Polly



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Dear ,

Newest Member to the Ruger's Ridge Labradors Crew

Welcome! Ethan and I are so happy that you have found our family. The day has finally arrived for you to take your new puppy home, and we are truly honored that you trusted us to help match you with the perfect puppy.

We look forward to seeing updates of you and your newest family member as you grow together. Both Ethan and I enjoy receiving any updates you feel comfortable sharing, and we always welcome photos and videos of your puppy.

As always, if you have any questions about your puppy—now or in the future as an adult dog—please do not hesitate to reach out. We are always here as a resource for you.

Please remember to establish care with your veterinarian and continue prioritizing your puppy's health to support a long and happy life. As you'll see throughout this guide, Ethan and I consistently rely on the knowledge and advice of veterinarians. They are an invaluable partner in raising a healthy, well-adjusted puppy and dog.

Once again, Ethan and I wish you the very best and a lifetime of happiness with your newest family member.

Love , The Bagby's
Ethan, Sydney, and Wyatt

Our Family + our Future

A Little About Ethan, Me, and Our Family

Ethan and I were married in August of 2023, and prior to tying the knot, we began raising dogs together in 2018. Both of our families share a long-standing passion for producing quality Labrador Retrievers and using them as trusted hunting companions, which naturally led us to continue that tradition together.

Ethan is a mechanic by trade, bringing a strong work ethic, attention to detail, and problem-solving mindset into everything he does. I work at Iowa State University in the reproductive department for both large and small animals, where my background and hands-on experience further support our commitment to responsible breeding, health, and animal welfare.

In April of 2025, we welcomed our son, Wyatt, into our family. While he is still brand new to the world of puppies and dogs, he already enjoys watching them, and we look forward to seeing him grow up alongside our dogs—and future siblings—as part of our family.

Most recently, we have begun showing Labrador Retrievers in conformation classes. For those unfamiliar, these shows are similar to the Westminster Dog Show often seen on television. While we are still learning, our goal is to produce strong, AKC-standard Labrador Retrievers that excel both in their future homes and, for some, in the show ring. That said, don't let the show ring fool you—our Labradors still love to hunt, play, and relax on the couch with their families.





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PUPPY CONTRACT

BUYER(S) CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone/email:

PUPPIES INFORMATION:

Name:

Sex:

- **BREEDER** cannot guarantee adult size, color, hair coat, temperament, or trainability of puppy.
- **BREEDER** does not assume any liability for any injury, or neglect to said puppy after delivery.
- **BREEDER** warrants that this puppy has been wormed and vaccinated in accordance with its age, and both parties agree that it appears apparently healthy at this time.
- **BUYER** realizes that the purchase of a live animal carries with it the risk of the puppy contracting various vermin, bacteria, or viruses that are not in the control of either seller or buyer. Beyond the 72-hour health guarantee, the seller offers NO GUARANTEE ON INFECTIOUS DISEASE. No guarantees are given against Coccidian, which can be brought on by the stress of being shipped or placed in a new environment.
- **Deposits are non-refundable.** If for at any point or for any reason Buyer chooses to no longer purchase puppy that they have placed a deposit on, the deposit is nonrefundable. It can however be used as a credit for a future puppy here at Ruger's Ridge Labradors.
- It is the **BUYERs** choice to have this puppy examined by a veterinarian within 72 hours of delivery. IF, after examination by a veterinarian acceptable to both parties, the puppy is determined to be IN POOR HEALTH, puppy MAY BE RETURNED to seller WITH A WRITTEN REPORT FROM THE VETERINARIAN. The seller will replace the puppy with another puppy as soon as one is available of the same sex and value.
- IF, after examination by a veterinarian acceptable to both parties, the puppy is determined to have a disease, puppy may be returned to the seller, (**AT THE BUYERS EXPENSE**) along with all paperwork and exchange for another puppy of the same value. Or keep the dog and all expenses that are incurred with it.
- Puppies are advised to not be in public places until a veterinarian of Buyer's choice has completed all vaccinations to ensure the puppies safety as they are building their immune system. Breeder is not responsible for anything that happens to this animal after it leaves Ruger's Ridge Labradors, except for the first 72 hours pertaining to health only.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL

Date of Purchase

Puppy Owner Signature

Thank you!

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Owners of BFL Co.



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HEALTH GUARANTEE

To be covered for 26 months of age by this Hip Dysplasia Guarantee you must meet ALL criteria below:

- The Dog must be owned by the original owner who bought the puppy from Ruger's Ridge Labradors
- The dog must not have whelped or sired a litter of puppies.
- Your vet must submit an x-ray to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals for their judgement. (At cost of owners)

If your Dog is found Dysplastic:

- The dog MUST be sterilized (Spayed or Neutered) and a written and signed letter from a board certified veterinarian, must be mailed directly to Ruger's Ridge Labradors to confirm.
- Ruger's Ridge Labradors must receive a copy of the OFA report
- The AKC registration of the dog MUST be transferred back to Ruger's Ridge Labradors (at cost of owners)

If your puppy is found to be Dysplastic and all requirements of guarantee are met, half of the original purchase price will be applied toward the purchase of another puppy from a future litter of choice from Ruger's Ridge Labradors

AT NO TIME WILL CASH BE REFUNDED

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RE HOMING POLICY

The Buyer agrees that, if at any time during the animal's lifetime the Buyer is unable or unwilling to retain ownership, the animal shall be returned to the Breeder.

The Buyer shall never sell, transfer, gift, lease, place on co-ownership, or otherwise re-home a Ruger's Ridge Labradors puppy or dog without the Breeder's prior written consent and only after the Breeder has exercised their first right of refusal.

Failure to comply with this provision constitutes a material breach of this agreement, and the Breeder reserves the right to pursue legal action to recover possession of the animal, with no compensation owed to the Buyer.

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WHY DO WE LOOK AT OUR DOGS DNA?

WHY DO WE TEST FOR GENETICS IN DOGS?

At Ruger's Ridge Labradors, we are committed to preserving and advancing high-quality genetics in each generation of Labrador Retrievers. As part of this commitment, all dogs in our breeding program undergo comprehensive DNA testing to screen for known hereditary conditions.

Admission into our breeding program requires that no dog be bred to another carrier in a manner that could result in the expression of potentially harmful genetic diseases. Through careful genetic selection and responsible breeding practices, we strive to produce healthy puppies with the best possible foundation, free from known degenerative genetic disorders.

WHAT DO WE SCREEN FOR IN LABRADOR RETRIEVERS:

PRA-prcd (Progressive rod-cone degeneration), **EIC** (Exercise-Induced Collapse), **MCD-Ocular Disease** (Macular Corneal Dystrophy), **MCD-Orthopedic** (Medial Coronoid Disease), **HNPk** (Hereditary Nasal Parakeratosis), **CNM** (Centro-nuclear Myopathy), **DM** (Degenerative Myelopathy), **Stargardt Disease**, **CT** (Copper Toxicosis), **D locus** (Dilution Locus Color Gene), and **Long coat** (Hair Coat Gene)

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE ON GENES:

PRA-prcd

Progressive rod-cone degeneration

... is an inherited form of late-onset progressive retinal atrophy. The **PRCD** affects the photoreceptor cells in the eye involved with both night and day vision. The leads to reduced vision in sight and color.

EIC

Exercise-Induced Collapse

... is a genetic condition found in dogs that causes sudden weakness and collapse after a strenuous exercise.

Symptoms of EIC include: weakness, collapse, inability to move, tremors, and seizures (in severe cases) following exercise

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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE ON GENES:

MCD-Ocular Disease

Macular Corneal Dystrophy

... is an inherited eye disease that causes a buildup of carbohydrates in the cornea of middle-aged dogs.

Causes cloudy corneas, most commonly accompanied by pin point white/grey spots.

MCD-Orthopedic

Medial Coronoid Disease

... a condition that affects the elbow joint in dogs. It is the most common cause of fore limb lameness in young adult dogs.

Most commonly pieces of bone/cartilage may fragment or break off into the elbow joint and cause early osteoarthritis

HNPK

Hereditary Nasal Parakeratosis

... a genetic skin condition that affects the nose of dogs. It's a defect that causes a mutation in a gene that regulates the differentiation of nose skin cells.

Dogs with this condition usually have a crust/cracking over the nasal area.

CNM

Centro-nuclear Myopathy

... a muscular disorder that affects dogs. Most commonly Labrador Retrievers.

Causes: muscle weakness, exercise intolerance, difficulty walking, difficulty eating, difficulty breathing, muscle wasting, low head carriage, and awkward gait

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BRIEF BREAKDOWN OF GENETIC DISEASES

DM

Degenerative Myelopathy

... a progressive and irreversible spinal cord disease that affects dogs. It is caused by a genetic mutation.

Symptoms: weakness or paralysis in hind legs, difficulty walking, difficulty standing, loss of coordination, knuckling on paws, difficulty with urination/defecation

Stargardt Disease

... an inherited eye condition that affects dogs. This is a progressive degeneration of the retina.

Symptoms occur from 1-5 years old, and they include: difficulty seeing in bright light, blurred vision, loss of central vision, and a sensitivity to glares

CT

Copper Toxicosis

an inherited disease caused by the mutation of the COMMD1 Gene. Also commonly known as Copper Storage Disease. This is a recessive displayed gene that needs two copies of the mutated gene.

Symptoms: weight loss, lethargy, weakness, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, neurological dysfunction, and liver failure

Long coat- Hair Coat Gene

This is a recessive gene, that affects hair growth. Long hair coats in Labrador Retrievers is rare. It is not a desired trait. For this trait to prevail in to a litter of puppies need to have parents that both carry the FGF-5 gene.

D- Locus: Dilution Gene

is a gene that is inherited through parents. This gene causes a grey/blue dilution. Also commonly known as the "silver" gene.

THIS IS FROWNED UPON AND NOT BREED STANDARD FOR LABRADOR RETRIEVERS

WHAT DO WE FEED OUR DOGS?

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Ethan and I feed our adult dogs a 50/50 combo of two types of food. Our feeding regiment includes: **Purina Pro Plan: Chicken & Rice Complete Essentials (puppy/adult)** or **Purina Pro Plan Salmon and Rice 30/20: All life-stages**



WHAT DO WE RAISE OUR PUPPIES ON?

For our growing puppies we feed a mash starting around 3 to 4 weeks old. They start out on the Royal Canin puppy starter, and slowly transition into Purina Pro Plan-Puppy hard food as they get older.



ALL PUPPIES WILL COME HOME WITH A SMALL SAMPLE BAG OF FOOD TO GET STARTED ON!

**THIS CAN ALSO BE USED TO HELP YOUR PUPPY TRANSITION TO YOUR FOOD OF CHOICE
FOOD CAN BE FOUND ON CHEWY.COM OR AT MOST PET OR FARM STORES**

HOW TO FEED YOUR PUPPY

Below is a sample puppy feeding plan for your reference. This schedule is flexible and can be adjusted to suit your routine and lifestyle. Please note that as your puppy grows and develops, their nutritional needs will change, and the amount of food provided should be increased accordingly to support healthy growth.

YOUR MENU



FEED @ 7AM



FEED @ 12PM
(OPTIONAL)



FEED @ 6PM

**DONT FORGET THE AMOUNT OF
FOOD CHANGES AS YOUR PUPPY
GROWS**

HOW TO TRANSITION TO A NEW FOOD!

CAN WE TRANSITION FOODS?

The simple answer: YES!!

Once you welcome your new family member home, you are welcome to transition to a different food if you choose. While Ethan and I are not certified canine nutritionists, we work closely with our veterinarians to ensure the best possible nutritional outcomes for our dogs.

For personalized guidance regarding your puppy's dietary needs, we strongly recommend consulting with your veterinarian.

HOW DO YOU TRANSITION FOODS?

When transitioning your puppy to a new food, it is always recommended to consult with your veterinarian beforehand. For a straightforward and effective approach, we follow the transition guidelines provided by Purina Pro Plan.

In general, a gradual transition is best. The slower the change, the better your puppy is likely to tolerate it. Dogs and puppies often have sensitive digestive systems, and switching foods too quickly can result in gastrointestinal upset, including vomiting and diarrhea.



TREATS FOR PUPPIES

Treats are one of the most effective tools you have when raising a puppy—and they stay useful well into adulthood. Used correctly, they help you teach, communicate, and build a strong relationship with your dog. Below are some great guidelines to why treats are a great tool!

1. Dogs learn through consequences

- Dogs repeat behaviors that lead to good outcomes. A treat is a clear, immediate “yes, that was right.” When your puppy sits and gets a treat, they quickly connect the action with the reward. This makes learning faster and less confusing.

2. Treats make training motivating

- Your puppy doesn’t automatically care about rules or manners—they care about what benefits them. Treats give them a reason to pay attention and try. This is especially important for puppies, whose attention spans are short and curiosity is high.

3. They build positive associations

- Treats help your dog feel good about new or challenging situations: meeting people, hearing loud noises, going to the vet, or learning to be alone. When good things happen during these moments, dogs grow more confident instead of fearful.

4. Clear communication without force

- Treats allow you to teach without yelling, physical corrections, or intimidation. This keeps training humane and lowers stress for both you and your dog. A dog that feels safe learns better and trusts you more.

5. They strengthen your bond

- When your dog learns that listening to you leads to good things, you become relevant and rewarding. That trust and cooperation is the foundation of a strong lifelong relationship.

6. Useful for adult dogs too

- Even well-trained adult dogs benefit from treats. They help reinforce good habits, refresh training, and teach new skills. Learning never stops, and rewards keep behaviors strong over time.

Bottom line, treats aren’t about spoiling your dog—they’re about teaching clearly, kindly, and effectively. When used thoughtfully, they help raise a confident puppy and maintain a well-behaved, happy adult dog. Below are some great options Ethan and I use.



DEWORMING ADVICE

Our Deworming Protocol and Recommendations

To support the health and well-being of our puppies, we implement the following deworming schedule:

- Puppies are dewormed at 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks of age prior to going to their new homes.

Once your puppy joins your family, we recommend continuing deworming treatments at:

- 12 weeks of age
- 16 weeks of age

Puppies are naturally curious and often explore their environment by tasting or ingesting objects, which can increase their risk of intestinal parasites. Maintaining a consistent deworming schedule during this stage is important for their health.

After 16 weeks of age, your puppy should follow the care plan established by your primary care veterinarian. In many cases, this includes an additional deworming treatment around 6 months of age, followed by routine parasite prevention and annual fecal testing as recommended in adulthood.

If you are not comfortable administering deworming medication yourself, or if you have any questions regarding an appropriate schedule, we strongly encourage you to consult your veterinarian to develop and implement a plan tailored to your puppy's needs.

DEWORMING ADVICE CONTINUED

We are committed to providing your puppy with comprehensive preventative care from the very beginning. Every effort is made to ensure our puppies receive appropriate vaccinations and deworming prior to joining their new families. That said, puppies are naturally curious and tend to explore the world with their mouths, which can increase their exposure to parasites and environmental contaminants.

Our adult dogs follow a structured vaccination and deworming schedule that is more rigorous than that of a typical household pet. Due to their active lifestyle—including hunting, swimming in ponds and rivers, and exposure to livestock—they require enhanced preventative care. During nursing periods, mothers are dewormed more frequently to further safeguard both them and their litters. All medications administered on our program are obtained directly through our veterinary team at Highview Animal Hospital.

While we take extensive precautions to promote the health of your puppy and minimize the risk of parasites or protozoa, it is important to understand that mild digestive upset can occasionally occur during the first few days in a new home. Soft or loose stools are not uncommon and are often a temporary response to the stress of travel, dietary adjustments, and environmental changes. In most cases, this resolves quickly as your puppy settles in and becomes comfortable in their new surroundings.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you would like some advice, and as always we suggest scheduling your first puppy appointment shortly after getting your newest family member!

VACCINATIONS

These are recommendations from both the AKC (American Kennel Club) and our veterinarians. Ethan and I **strongly recommend** talking with your veterinarian on what vaccination path is best for your puppy/dog as they grow!

I sound like a broken record but please **TRUST YOUR VETERINARIAN!** Along with your goals for your puppy and future dog, they will be able to help formulate the best plan for your vaccination protocol.

Core Vaccinations for your Puppy:

- **6 to 8 Weeks Old:**

- Distemper and Parvovirus (Your puppy has received both of these at the age appropriate time, while being raised here in our family)

- **10 to 12 Weeks:**

- 10 weeks a DHHP booster or also called distemper, adenovirus {Hepatitis}, parainfluenza and parvovirus
- 12 weeks your puppy is ready for Rabies (**Rabies in Iowa is required by law**) Please check your state laws for more information on the Rabies vaccination if you aren't an Iowa resident

- **1 Year Old:**

- DHHP (Distemper, adenovirus {Hepatitis}, parainfluenza and parvovirus)
- Rabies (**Rabies in Iowa is required by law**) Please check your state laws for more information on the Rabies vaccination if you aren't an Iowa resident

Other Vaccinations Common Vaccinations:

**** Most of these vaccinations are commonly give with your typical puppy boosters. It is a great idea to talk with your veterinarian at your first puppy visit!**

- **Bordetella** (or Kennel Cough Vaccine. This is great for dogs that will be going to dog parks, day care, or other high exposure areas with multiple dogs from outside homes)
- **Influenza** (This is great for dogs that will be going to dog parks, day care, or other high exposure areas with multiple dogs from outside homes)
- **Leptospirosis** (good for dogs that hunt or will be near bodies of water in nature, ponds, streams, rivers, puddles, etc.)
- **Lyme Disease** (good for hunting dogs, prevention of Lyme Disease of your dog)

FOOD & DRUG SAFETY

HARMFUL FOODS

**** These foods can cause diarrhea/vomiting/pain/death**

- Wild Cherry
- Almonds
- Apricots
- Balsam Pear
- Japanese Plum
- Yeast Dough
- Coffee Grounds
- Macadamia Nuts
- Tomato and Potatoes Leaves/Stems
- Avocados
- Onions and Onion Powder
- Grapes
- Rasins
- Chocolate
- Mushrooms (toxic ones to humans are bad for dogs too)
- Rhubarb
- Peach and Peach Kernels
- Spinach
- Alcohol
- Garlic
- Seeds and pits of various fruits
- Corn Cobs

COMMON HARMFUL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

**** These household items can cause diarrhea/vomiting/pain/death**

- Acetaminophen
- Antifreeze and other car fluids
- Bleach and Cleaning Supplies
- Boric acid
- Deodorants and Deodorizers
- Detergents
- De-icing Salts
- Disinfectants
- Drain Cleaners
- Furniture Polish
- Gasoline
- Hair coloring
- Weed Killers
- Insecticides
- Kerosene
- Matches
- Mothballs
- Nail Polish and Remover
- Prescription Medicine
- Rat Poison
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Shoe Polish
- Sleeping Pills
- Snail or slug bait
- Turpentine
- Windshield-wiper fluids

Cost of Producing a Puppy

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In our kennel we put a lot of time and researching into our future parents of our puppies. We strive to find the best male or female we can.

In our family our cost has ranged from \$1,800 to \$5,500.
Rest of Life Care for Vet Bills, Food, etc. \$3,500 to \$4,000

This doesn't include the driving or travel to pick up our dogs. We have traveled as close as Des Moines, IA to Stillwater, OK, Wiliston, FL, and beyond.

While everyone does different things for health testing, this is our cost roughly:

Hip Xrays and OFA Submission: \$250 - \$300
Elbow Xrays and OFA Submission: \$250 - \$300
Embark Testing DNA Swab: \$160
Cardiac Exam by board Cardiologist: \$400 - \$600
Ophthalmology Exam by board Ophthalmologist: \$200 - \$400

*Adding up to \$1,200 to \$1,800 per dog

This is very dependent on the type of program you run. Sometimes you need assistance with breeding and have to see a Reproductive Veterinarian

Costs related to Repro Assistance:

Progesterone Testing: \$120 to \$600 (depends on duration of heat cycle)
Brucellosis Testing: \$150
Ultrasound(s) and X-Ray(s): \$100 - \$300
Stud Fee: \$2,000 to \$6,000

*Adding up to \$2,300 to \$7,000 per breeding

Cost of Producing a Puppy

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Cost of Whelping

This is the general supplies needed prior to whelping, and more supplies needed in the future.

Whelping Box: \$200 to \$650 (Reusable)
Blankets and Bedding: \$150 - \$200 (Reusable)
Towels, blankets, whelping pads: \$100 - \$200 (Reusable)
Toys and Treats: \$200 (Can be used for a couple litters)
Whelping supplies/medications: \$200
C-Section if needed \$2,500 to \$6,000

*Adding up to \$500 to \$7,000 per litter

Cost of the Puppy until 8 weeks

From newborn to 8 week olds cost per individual puppy:

Dewormer: \$50
Food: \$200
Milk Replacer for puppy mashes: \$100
AKC Paid Registration and Microchips: \$180 per puppy
Health Exam at 4 weeks and 6 weeks: \$150
Vaccinations: \$150
Gas for getting them used to the car and vet trips: \$30
Puppy Packages (leash, bag of food, toys, blanket, etc.) : \$150

One puppy's expenses is on average \$1,000

On average we spend \$3,000 to \$4,000 per litter that we whelp. This cost can go up or down depending on each litter. By the time we get all puppies vetted and the "going-home" packages organized...The costs add up quickly, but we wouldn't do it any other way!

We love raising our dogs, and it brings us joy when we see the impact our puppies have on individuals, couples, families, etc. Even though we chose this expensive hobby, we love what we do, and wouldn't changing it for anything!!!!

A LITTLE ABOUT THE BREED

The sweet-faced, lovable Labrador Retriever is one of America's most popular dog breeds, year after year. Labs are friendly, outgoing, and high-spirited companions who have more than enough affection to go around for a family looking for a medium-to-large dog.

The sturdy, well-balanced Labrador Retriever can, depending on the sex, stand from 21.5 to 24.5 inches at the shoulder and weigh between 55 to 80 pounds. The dense, hard coat comes in yellow, black, and a luscious chocolate. The head is wide, the eyes glimmer with kindliness, and the thick, tapering 'otter tail' seems to be forever signaling the breed's innate eagerness.

Labs are famously friendly. They are companionable housemates who bond with the whole family, and they socialize well with neighbor dogs and humans alike. But don't mistake his easygoing personality for low energy: The Lab is an enthusiastic athlete that requires lots of exercise, like swimming and marathon games of fetch, to keep physically and mentally fit.



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