

Rescuing a Purebred Dog

A prospective owner tries to find a purebred Labrador Retriever to adopt.

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Q. I am looking for a chocolate Labrador Retriever puppy. I'm considering adopting a dog who needs a home instead of buying one from a breeder. However, I do want a purebred Lab. By looking at this picture, do you think this puppy is purebred Lab or a mix?

A. Of course, I can't see this puppy's proportions, outline or tail, but with its long head and muzzle, ears and long, lean legs, it looks more like a solid liver-colored German Shorthaired Pointer to me than it does a chocolate Labrador.