

Out of the Heart the Mouth Speaks

What our clients are saying about their *natural reared* puppies from Mining Camp Labradors:

Jan from Mesa, AZ:



Zoey

I cannot thank Mining Camp Labs enough for my Service Dog Zoey. She is the picture of health and vitality and has the brightest teeth ever. People are always stopping to tell me what a beautiful and well behaved dog Zoey is. Her temperament and personality are much more than I could have hoped for. She is loving, affectionate, confident and has been easily trained to be my service dog. Her job is to keep me from falling because my eyelids are constantly spasming closed causing me to lose my balance and possibly fall. Mining Camp Labs philosophy about raw feeding and vaccines is exactly what I was looking for too. I found Zoey through Top Dog AZ, Gilbert AZ which works with Mining Camp Labs for their Service Dogs. Thank you so much!

Carolyn from Tucson, AZ:



Jackson

My family and I made the drive to Apache Junction to look at, and possibly pick out a new family pet. Upon arrival I was impressed with how clean, organized and functional the puppy area was. We spent lots of time interacting with, and looking at the different puppies. We couldn't help but notice and comment on how healthy, alert and interactive they were. As the breeder and I discussed different aspects of puppy care (it had been 13 years since I had done this) she explained to me that her dogs and puppies were fed a raw diet based on the Prey Model of feeding and they receive no vaccinations. I was apprehensive because in my mind the first thing you do when you get a puppy is buy puppy kibble and take them to the vet for shots. After carefully listening to her explanation of the Prey Model Diet and brief information on vaccine damage, I was intrigued. Next it was dinner time and we were able to watch 17 little pups devour their raw meat. We were able to visit and

interact with the adult Labradors at Miningcamp as well. I noticed how white and clean their teeth were. When I asked the breeder what their dental care routine was she simply stated "they eat raw". No doggie dentist, no being put under for cleanings- just a raw diet with lots of bones to scrub those teeth clean. We selected a pup that we loved and were told we could come back and pick him up in 3 weeks.

Over the next 2 weeks my husband and I researched, and read as much as we could about feeding raw. It made perfect sense. Our puppy had the digestive system of his ancestors and he possessed everything he needed to absorb and digest raw meat, bones and organs. Kibble contained grains, vegetables, fruit and other unmentionables- none of which our puppy needed to thrive and be healthy. In fact, the carbohydrates in kibble can contribute to a host of behavioral and health issues. Next we found Tucson Raw Feeders. We priced their bulk, raw meat and calculated out the difference in expense which was insignificant in comparison to a "high quality" kibble. And the peace of mind that we were feeding our new puppy the best possible diet was insurmountable. This sealed the deal. We were going to give it a shot. We told friends and family of our plan to feed raw and not vaccinate and most looked at us like we were nuts- we didn't care. The proof was in the research.

When we picked up Jackson at 8 weeks old I was a little scared to give him the bones in the raw meat. The breeder was very reassuring and even gave us a chicken thigh for him to eat on the way home. As I watched this little puppy rip, tear, crunch and thoroughly enjoy his chicken thigh (bones in) I knew this was exactly how this dog was supposed to eat and I was not going to get in the way of Mother Nature. The rest is history. Jackson is now 13 weeks old and enjoys a diet of raw meat, bones and organ. We are still using up our first order from Tucson Raw Feeders and the freezer is not even close to being empty. Our friend who hunts, gave us some buffalo meat that he no longer wants and this weekend at a local farmers market we found grass fed, organic beef organs for \$4.50 for a HUGE pack of kidney, heart and liver. I have to

mention that I am a working mom- I have two young, very busy children who are involved in a host of activities. My husband works long hours; we are a busy family. Feeding Jackson a raw diet is EASY! Honestly, I poured kibble in my dogs bowl for 13 years and this is just as easy. We bag the meat in meal sized baggies when our order comes from Tucson Raw Feeders and throw it in the freezer. Each night we take out Jackson's food for the next day- we throw it in his bowl at meal time and he devours it. Easy! We don't have raw meat all over our floors; he doesn't have raw meat and blood all over him (he is a very clean eater). Additionally, Jackson has not seen a veterinarian and has not received any vaccines. He has lots of doggie play dates with dogs I know are healthy and have not recently been vaccinated. Jackson is extremely healthy, happy and smart. I will always feed him a raw diet regardless of what any veterinarian tells me because I have seen how well he is thriving and growing.

Deidre from Santa Fe, NM:



Cooper

Cooper is awesome, he already knows sit, down, show belly, stand, and a minute or two of stay :) Not totally "proofed" but pretty darn impressive. He also learned how to go up the ramp and into the crate in the car in about 5 minutes yesterday! Blew my mind, it is like he already knows this stuff and just has to be reminded. I had a trainer come over to meet him and refresh my memory. She said if all dogs were like him, she would be out of a job! The

mobile vet came by to meet him also and said he was perfect, and an "old soul". I see so much of my female, Ranger in him.

He has his puppy crazy moments for sure, but also can be happy outside investigating stuff. He is so darn cute, but also really a handsome dog!

I talked to Don Hamilton yesterday to get some stuff to have on hand if needed...He thought it was great that I got a puppy with a healthy start and intended to keep him that way.

Cooper also makes it through the night in the crate..no house training problems. I do make sure he gets out when I think he will need to.

(Deidre has graciously gifted us with \$1000 in support of our passion to educate the public about *Natural Rearing* and to produce the finest quality Labrador retriever puppies of superb health and longevity anywhere.)

Tayloe from Flagstaff, AZ:



Birdie

Birdie's diet is amazing; we've had no problems with it at all. We have a great system down. It is so effortless and simple for us and even better for her. I now swear by it. Our friends are all slowly converting one by one, especially when they see how beautiful Birdie's coat is and how healthy she looks. I could never imagine feeding kibble again!