



The LCA, the Leonberger Club of America, unites great dogs and great people in lots of different ways.

There are 9 regional clubs across the US that sponsor regular social events such as LeoWalks, picnics, snow play

days, and lots, lots more. What could be more fun than finding a social circle where your dogs are always invited? And finding a resource of others, experienced and new-to-the-breed, who you can talk to about your dog?

The LCA is the founding registry and breed club for the Leonberger, since 1985. For over 20 years, the LCA has been committed to the health and responsible care of the Leonberger in America. The LCA has applied for Parent Club status with the AKC. LCA registered breeders adhere to strict guidelines in an attempt to avoid many of the health and temperament issues common in other giant breeds today. The more you learn about dogs, the more you realize how important this is.

The LCA was instrumental in the development of **LeoRescue**, a nonprofit rescue organization dedicated to rehoming displaced Leonbergers to their “forever home.” The **Leonberger Health Foundation**, a spin-off of the LCA’s Health, Research and Education Committee, is another nonprofit group dedicated to raising funds to support canine research that will benefit the Leonberger. That’s taking Leo well-being seriously!

The LCA: Why Join? LCA membership allows you to learn from and socialize with more than a thousand other Leonberger fanciers in a supportive environment. The *LeoLetter: Great Dogs, Great People*, our quarterly magazine of club activities and business, educational articles and photos, is a benefit of membership. Educational seminars, showing opportunities and social events come along with your membership. However, we

are not just a club for show dogs. You will be connected to a network of people that can help you as you raise your puppy, or help him as he ages. The greatest benefit of all is the friendships you will form—where your dog is welcome!



Come Play With Us!

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LeoRescue:

For rehoming displaced Leonbergers
Toll Free: 866-443-4542
www.leonberger-rescue.org

Leonberger Health Foundation:

Working to improve the quality of life, health, and longevity of Leonberger dogs. www.leohealth.org

AKC’s Foundation Stock Service:

For information on entering AKC Companion Events.
http://www.akc.org/breeds/fss_breeds.cfm

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What’s better than a Leonberger?



Lots of Leonbergers & their people playing together!



Great Dogs, Great People



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The founding Leonberger registry & breed club in North America

About the Leonberger

Leonbergers, or Leos, originated in the mid-nineteenth century in the town of Leonberg, near Stuttgart, Germany. A large mountain breed—related to Saint Bernards, Newfoundlands, and Great Pyrenees—the Leonberger was used primarily in farm work and drafting.

Today, the Leo is primarily valued as a family companion. He is expressive yet gentle, especially with children. Leos do not thrive as “outdoor” dogs, or when left alone for extended periods. They are devoted to their people and want to be with you as much as possible, sometimes even on the furniture!





One of the larger breeds among dogs, the Leonberger is powerful and yet elegant. Females stand 26 to 28 inches at the withers and weigh around 100 pounds. Males are usually considerably larger, standing 28-31 inches and can weigh, even without excess fat, over 150 pounds. Their luxurious double coat is lion-colored, ranging from light sand to a rich mahogany, accented by a black mask and often with black tips on the body fur. Adult males get longer hair around the head resembling a lion's mane.


As enthusiastic participants in most family endeavors, Leos are adept at hiking, backpacking, running, swimming, and socializing at human gatherings. Also, Leos work as enthusiastically as they play, demonstrating success in such varied activities as water rescue, tracking, agility, obedience, herding, carting, therapy, and other tasks involving great strength and agility coupled with gentleness and intelligence.


Is a Leonberger the right dog for you?

Leos are great dogs. However, due to their size and strength, they are not the dog for everyone. They require time, dedication, money, grooming and above all...training to ensure a well-behaved 100+ pound dog.

 They are not a dog that can be put in the back yard and left to their own devices. Leos need time with the family, literally. If you do not share your home with your pet, you are better off with another breed.

 Leos have long fur that tends to be everywhere. They shed mainly twice a year (in large quantities). They adore being wet and muddy — that means your housekeeping chores will increase dramatically.

 They need daily exercise, and they thrive on play sessions with other dogs. Adequate exercise will prevent many health problems, as well as behavioral issues that can occur when dogs are bored and have no outlet for their energy (such as excessive barking, charging fences, jumping up on people, digging, chewing inappropriately, etc.).

 Buying any dog should be a lifetime commitment. Please make sure that you learn about the Leonberger before you buy. A pet store, the internet, flea or farmers market is not the place to get a puppy. Seek a reputable breeder for your pet and gain a resource for the entire life of your dog.





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Is the LCA the right club for you?

The LCA is more than a dog club—it is a community of people who share a common love for their Leonbergers. Connections with other Leo Lovers happen at many levels, such as:




 **The LCA Members List** ~ an online chat group where LCA members learn about club events, discuss issues, and most of all, share their enthusiasm for the breed.

 **Regional Clubs** ~ in nearly every state of the US and parts of Canada, Leo Lovers come together near home for a variety of Leonberger events—with their dogs included, of course. Picnics, shows, educational seminars, Leo Walks, birthday parties, fundraisers, and much more.

 **Leos Providing Service** ~ More and more Leonbergers and their owners are actively making the world a better place by giving service to others. These activities are recognized and supported by the LCA. Therapy Leos, visiting the infirm with gentle love and Leo Licks, READ programs where children practice their reading skills with the love of these patient giants, and even search and rescue.

 **Conformation Shows** ~ Not just for crazy dog people, these shows measure your dog against the “ideal” Leonberger.

 **Companion Event Trials** ~ like Agility, Obedience, Tracking, Rally-O, Water Rescue, Carting, Herding, and other competitions for the working dog. FSS registered Leonbergers may now participate in AKC Companion Events.



~ LCA Regional Clubs ~

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Great Lakes Leonberger Club
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Leonberger Club of the Northwest
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Mid-Atlantic Leonberger Club
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Northeast Regional Leonberger Club
www.nrlcleos.org

Northern California Leonberger Club
www.norcal-leonbergers.org

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