

It all started in 1996 when we lived in Auburn Alabama when Patch, a Dalmatian and Lab mix, came into our lives. He was all black except for a black dot in a patch of white on his foot and a black dot in the middle of his white patch on his chest. From then on, the Converse family was hooked on Labs. We have had Labs throughout the years with having two sets of puppies through our White Lab Izzy with our Black Lab Remington. Both dogs are AKC pedigree, but the paperwork was never applied for.

That brings us to the Summer of 2016! Gina and Bryan were not ready to be “empty nesters” regarding dogs after the passing of our spaniel, Lady, of 12 years in August 2016. With our Labs Remington and his son, Rugar, were living with our son, Jamey, in Auburn, Alabama, and our Lab Izzy, living with our daughter, Jodi and son-in-law Connor in Clarksville, Ohio it was decided that we would get a Labrador Retriever. At first, we were going to get a single Lab, so in August 2016 [Dixie](#) became a part of our family. On our way home from getting Dixie from a farm in Adams County, Ohio the decision was made to get another puppy and Converse Premium Labs was born. We decided to get another female to breed both girls with our son Josh's AKC registered Chocolate Lab, Hank.

The first weekend of September 2016 our second black, female, from the Indianapolis, IN area, Darla became a Converse. The Summer of 2018 we traveled to Shelbyville, KY and [Ginger](#) became a Converse and this beautiful "Yellow" was welcomed into our crew.

In April of 2020 CPL took a huge step forward as we moved from our home of 15+ years in Maineville, Ohio when we purchased a small 10+ acre farm 5 miles South of Wilmington, Ohio. In July of 2020 CPL expanded with two new males [Boomer](#) from Bardstown, KY, Butch who is from the Fort Wayne, IN area, and Josie came into the CPL family from the Northern Atlanta, Georgia area were added. With Dixie being "retired" the Summer of 2020 we decide to keep a black pup from Ginger's and Hank's Spring 2021 litter and [Shelby](#) became a Converse. August 2022, we welcomed to the Converse Premium Lab family with the addition of [Yuki](#)! Yuki is a "snow white" female, from the Blacksburg, VA and she will bring an incredible dimension to our puppy options.

With the passing of our 14-year-old Remington during the Spring of 2022 a tremendous hole was left in all our hearts but especially his owner, our son Jamey. With our December litters from Darla and Ginger Jamey decided it was time to begin a new chapter with a new puppy and [Sig](#), a yellow male from Ginger and Hank became a Converse! Sig now resides in Auburn, Alabama with Jamey and Remington's son Ruger.

Beginning, Summer of 2023, with the retirement of Darla, Butch and Shay blessing other families this began a new chapter for our family breeding service. As a result of this change CPL brought Yazzy (chocolate female) and [Tobi](#) (black male) into the crew. In April of 2024 CPL was honored to receive back into our family [Tahlia \(Ty\)](#), a chocolate female from Ginger and Hank's 9/7/23 litter to be a part of the CPL family.

That brings us to August 2024. Two new additions were welcomed into the CPL family. These two beautiful, pure English little girls, [Dani-Jo](#), a black English and [Maggie-Mae](#), a chocolate English joined our CPL Family. In October [Mabel-Rose](#) from Appling, Georgia, an English Fox Red became a Converse. On the day after Thanksgiving 2024 the CPL family welcomed to the crew our newest Member of the family and Woodford, ["Woody"](#) became a Converse. This pure-bred English chocolate male is an incredible pup that will continue the impeccable genetic bloodline of dogs that CPL is known for.

With the opportunity for the expansion of the CPL business we built the "Dog Room" where there is a climate-controlled sleeping and living area for the CPL family of dogs that are housed inside our detached garage/barn.

The Summer of 2021 CPL began the project of converting our barn into the [Red Barn Kennels](#) boarding facility with the completion of Phase 1 at the end of July. August 1, 2021, Red Barn Kennel opened for business. Phase 2 of the RBK was completed in May of 2022 with a reception area, a training area, additional boarding kennels and an office for CPL and RBK. Phase 3 began while preparing for 4 anticipated litters (Fall 2022 and Winter 2023) the "Whelping/Work Room" was added adjacent to the "Dog Room". This climate-controlled room is a welcomed addition for our mothers and their puppies as a transitioning as well as a birth area for our puppies. Phase 4 was completed in November of 2024 with the addition of the "Puppy Room" where CPL will house our litters of puppies once they are weaned to begin their crate and potty training. There is also readjusted areas for our CPL families to come for our "Selection Weekend" when they pick out and meet their puppies. Each year CPL & RBK attempt to upgrade our facilities to provide a safe, loving and quality care for our puppies as well as for our boarding families.

After much consideration, brain-storming and praying, we are excited about the expansion and updates to our CPL breeding business through our kennel and CPL dogs that we will see in 2025. Ushering in 2025 Converse Premium Labs is introducing our CPL Guardian Home Program. A program where future CPL families can participate in our breeding program by being a "Guardian" of one of our puppies as they help us breed, and whelp "their" puppy and upon completion of the contract the puppy is officially transferred to them. For additional information please click [HERE](#). Additional updates to come here as well as on our [FB Page](#).

At CPL we have created our breeding service with the "normal" person/family in mind who wants a great family dog to love with all the characteristics and benefits of dogs that are said to be a "cut above." Converse Premium Labs is a family owned and operated; professional ACK Bred With H.E.A.R.T. certified Labrador Retriever breeding business. The Converse's "do this" full time. We are not a "backyard breeder" or a "puppy mill" but we own a lot of dogs. We love each one of them and spend thousands of dollars a year to ensure their care. You will read in many articles that people who breed their dogs say they do it for the enhancement of the breed. Honestly, this should never have to be said. Breeding for the betterment of the breed/dog is a given and if a breeder is one of integrity

they should ever have to state this to justify their breeding program. RUN from these breeders! I would never buy a dog from them! The truth is that professional dog breeding is also to make a profit, hence "Professional" and there is nothing wrong with that. CPL is a business, and we do this full time. This is our employment and livelihood. , We make no apologies for this. We just get to live out our passion by walking out of our house 30 yards to spend time with our “fury kids” who love us unconditionally and we return this love by proving to them the best care and affection possible! We get to “play with our dogs and puppies” for hours all day, every day which is our dream coming true! Then we get to share this blessing with families all over the United States!