

## **ALAA Breeder Rules & Requirements**

### **Breeder Accreditation and Quality Program**

1. A breeder must join the ALAA as a member breeder. Membership renewals are due by the last day of one's anniversary month. If a membership lapses, the breeder must rejoin the ALAA and pay the then current published rates for both joining and membership.
2. A breeder pays an annual membership fee in order to maintain membership status with the ALAA.
3. A breeder must agree to the ALAA Code of Ethics.
4. A breeder must request a Kennel Prefix and pay the applicable fee. A Kennel prefix is the name that will appear at the beginning of a puppy's Registered Name to identify a puppy's breeding kennel. For example, if a Kennel Prefix is "Cedar Park," a newly registered puppy named Rufus would be officially known as "Cedar Park Rufus."
5. A breeder must register all breeding dogs owned or leased that are used in their Labradoodle breeding program including: Labradoodles, Poodles, Labradors, Cockapoos and any derivatives. Dogs must be registered before they may be bred. . Instructions and forms can be found on the ALAA website by following the Breeder Resources link.
6. For any dog purchased, an ALAA breeder must submit health testing for the paw rewards program and hip and elbow testing requirements BEFORE the dog may be bred.
7. A breeder must register all bred litters, link below. Although all litters must be submitted, some litters will not be registered due to an ethics conflict. These litters include, but are not limited to, litters of dogs bred under the age of 1 year or over the age of six, and litters in which the breeder has disregarded health and genetic standards by implementing or allowing inbreeding and/or permitting two dogs to breed knowing health issues of the cross may result.
8. A breeder must use an ALAA approved Contract of Sale for each puppy and the contract must have been submitted to the ALAA registrar at registrar@ilainc.com .
9. A breeder must provide a Health Warranty/Guarantee to his clients for all puppies sold and the warranty must be submitted to the ALAA registrar at registrar@ilainc.com . The ALAA will offer member breeders a general agreement example for those who request one. It is the responsibility of the member breeder to modify/edit this agreement in accordance with specific state, county or country legal requirements, and the ALAA disclaims any liability from the use of such document.
10. A breeder must supply his clients with the appropriate ALAA documents for each dog or puppy sold, lent, given or leased to other parties at the time of transfer. These documents would include the Dog Registration Certificate, signed Transfer of Ownership form (for puppies registered in a litter, their Registration and Transfer of Ownership are on the same document).
11. A breeder must microchip all breeding stock kept, given or leased to other parties. It is strongly recommended that a breeder provide DNA profiling for all breeding stock.
12. A breeder must conduct his breeding program in accordance with the ALAA's "Standards of Excellence in Breeding Practices."
13. Infractions to the Accreditation and Quality Program, Standards of Excellence in Breeding Practices and/or Code of Ethics should be reported to the ALAA Quality Assurance Officer by the member immediately following the possible infraction with a formal request for assistance, response and action. This immediate request will be reviewed, and the ALAA response to the infraction may result in deactivation, suspension, fine and/or probation.

## Standards of Excellence in Breeding Practices

- Adhere to ethical practices of truth in advertising, including but not limited to, allergy friendly, non-shed, and hybrid vigor qualities of Labradoodles and/or Australian Labradoodles
- Understand the health concerns specific to the Labradoodle and/or Australian Labradoodle breed.
- Meet, at minimum and preferably exceed, the living condition requirements of your state in regard to the housing and care of breeding dogs
- Submit copies of State and Local Kennel Licenses, if required by your state based on your conditions, if applicable\*\*
- Understand the direct effect of health testing on breeding practices and the ALAA recommendations regarding testing
- Quickly resolve conflict with a pet owner or breeder with kindness and respect.
- Provide and honor contracts with pet owners and breeders
- Speak truthfully and respectfully of fellow breeders and their animals
- Be considered an expert in breeding practices by studying breeding in general and Labradoodle and/or Australian Labradoodle breeding in particular. A breeder must implement the lessons in their breeding program and stay current at all times. Educational links are provided on the IALA website under breeder resources
- Educate potential buyer with respect and integrity
- A breeder selling breeding dogs agrees to:

Select breeding puppies with care for temperament, health, coat and conformation

1. Follow up on all breeding dogs sold to ensure the bloodline is not compromised and that health testing (hip testing at a minimum) is being carried out per the breeding contract.
  2. Not sell litters with open registration.
  3. Make certain buyer understands and follows ethical breeding practices.
  4. If a breeding dog has been returned to an ALAA breeder for health or temperament reasons, the breeder may not resell this dog for breeding purposes without submitting in writing documentation and obtaining approval of the ALAA QA as to why the dog is suitable for breeding and the conditions thereof.
- Breed only Labradoodle and/or Australian Labradoodle OR have the same high standards for all breeds within your program. The ALAA must be made aware of all breeds a member breeder is breeding on any single premises.
  - Breeders applying for ALAA Breeder Membership must be in good standing in all other dog associations in which they are current or former members.
  - Breeders applying for ALAA Breeder Membership must have exhibited ethics equal to the ALAA Code of Ethics, good breeding practices in keeping with the ALAA Standards of Excellence in Breeding Practices and ALAA Rules and Regulations for a minimum of 24 months prior to applying to the ALAA.
  - No ALAA breeder may surrender a pet or breeding dog to a rescue organization, animal control facility, shelter. It is the responsibility of an ALAA breeder member to use all resources available to rehome a pet or home a retired or later determined non show quality breeding dog into a responsible pet family

## ALAA Code of Ethics

In consideration of the ALAA electing me/us to its Accredited Breeders membership, and approval of that renewal, I pledge to the ALAA, that:

- I shall at all times ensure all dogs under my control are properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive Veterinary care when required.
- I have never had my membership revoked or suspended by a Canine Association or if so, have provided with this application the details relating to such an incident.
- I will refer to fellow breeders and their animals truthfully and respectfully at all times.
- I will register my kennel and dogs with State and Local Registry Boards, yearly, if applicable based on my conditions\*\*
- I agree to a kennel inspection and audit if requested by the ALAA Executive Officers.
- I shall breed with the soundness of the Labradoodle or Australian Labradoodle in mind. And agree to test all breeding stock for hip dysplasia before any of their entire (non spay/neutered) offspring leave my premises. I shall not breed with a dog diagnosed with hip dysplasia.\*
- I will not sell or trade my dog/s to any commercial animal wholesalers or retail pet dealers/traders.
- I shall not sell or dispose of a puppy under the age of 8 weeks. I will wean, desex OR place under a spay/neuter contract non-breeding puppy/s, and vaccinate puppy/s between the age of 6-8 weeks, thus allowing the necessary 10 to 14 days for the vaccinations to take effect.
- I shall use a permanent form of identification, either tattoo or microchip, on all puppies I sell or trade.
- I shall DNA all breeding stock no later than 12 months of age. Selected DNA centers have been made available in each country under the ALAA. If DNA has not been submitted to the selected DNA center but done elsewhere, and parentage is ever in question it is the responsibility of the breeder to submit further DNA samples to the selected ALAA DNA centers.
- I shall submit litter recordings to the ALAA for all litters bred by me no later than 12 weeks from the litters DOB.
- I shall ensure to the best of my ability that all persons acquiring dogs from me clearly understand their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal, and have made the necessary preparations for the keeping of the dog.
- I shall help educate potential purchasers regarding responsible dog ownership and offer to take back any dog bred by me for re-homing if unwanted for any reason at any time by the purchaser, or help the owner to find a new home for the dog if not urgent.
- I shall provide to the purchasers written details of dietary, training and veterinary care and/or an appropriate publication.
- I shall not misrepresent the qualities of the Labradoodle or Australian Labradoodle including any guarantee of allergy friendliness and if any dog bred by me is sold on the understanding that it will not affect a person's allergies and it does do so, then I will take back the dog and refund the purchaser's purchase price, less my costs.
- I will breed the Labradoodle and Australian Labradoodle responsibly and keep proper records of my breeding stocks offspring, as much as possible, with any genetic defects I might be notified of noted in my records. If I am made aware that a mating that I have done has produced a puppy with a life inhibiting genetic defect I will rearrange my

breeding program to reflect responsible breeding to avoid future mating with that breeding pair to each other.

- I shall supply all persons purchasing dog/s bred by me a copy of my guarantee and a copy to the ALAA, for no less than 2 years of age or more against any life inhibiting genetic defect with a puppy replacement, refund, and/or moral support provided. The ALAA realizes the extent of each breeders guarantee will be individually different, but we do require that all buyers know what your guarantee as an ALAA Breeder is before any booking/deposit/purchase has been made.
- I am aware that it is a criminal act to use the ALAA logos if I am not accredited or if I am suspended or pending suspension.
- I shall follow all laws pertaining to the care and keeping of dogs in my state and county.
- I shall obtain confirmation when a dog or puppy is given as a gift or donation to families, that the recipient is willing to accept the dog and able to provide appropriate care.
- I shall not purposely breed from any bitch kept by causing it to be mated before it is twelve months of age or after six years of age.
- Any member suspended, voluntarily removing themselves or being requested to leave the ALAA must have 100% ALAA officer vote approval before reinstatement in addition to fulfilling all requirements for membership.
- I shall obtain written approval from the ALAA for any variation to this code of ethics specific to my program. Exemptions should be emailed to the ALAA Secretary and will be reviewed by the ALAA Quality Assurance Officer.

\* Hip testing must be submitted to the ALAA Registrar by September 1, 2006. \*\*not applicable under certain state and local requirements based on the number of dogs, or income produced, not applicable in Canada. If a kennel license is not applicable, available or required a ALAA inspection is mandatory