

ALAA Member Breeder Code of Ethics

- - As an accredited breeder and member of the Australian Labradoodle Association of America, I pledge to the ALAA that:
- - I shall at all times ensure all dogs under my control are properly housed, fed, watered and exercised, and I will see that they receive proper veterinary care when required;
 - My membership has never been revoked or suspended by a canine association, or, if it has, I have provided details relating to such an incident;
 - I will speak about fellow breeders and their animals truthfully and respectfully at all times;
 - I will register my kennel and dogs with state and local authorities yearly, if applicable, based on my conditions;*
 - I agree to a kennel inspection and audit if requested by ALAA officers or their regional representatives;
 - I shall breed with the soundness of the Labradoodle or Australian Labradoodle in mind, and I agree to test all breeding stock for hip dysplasia prior to breeding. I shall not breed with a dog that does not meet the minimum health testing requirement for membership.
 - I will not sell or trade my dogs to any commercial animal wholesalers or retail pet dealers/traders;
 - I shall not sell or place a puppy younger than 8 weeks. I will wean, desex or place under a spay/neuter contract all non-breeding puppies.
 - I shall tag all puppies I produce, sell or trade with permanent identification in the form of a tattoo or microchip;
 - I shall DNA all breeding stock no later than 12 months of age. Selected DNA centers have been made available. 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 Association DNA centers.
 - I shall submit litter recordings to the ALAA for all litters bred by me no later than 12 weeks from the litter's date of birth;
 - 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 keeping of the dog;

- I shall help educate potential purchasers regarding responsible dog ownership and will offer to take back and re-home any dog from my program, if the purchaser no longer wants it; or, if not urgent, I will work with the owner to find a new home for the dog;
- I shall provide to purchasers written instructions for dietary and veterinary care and training, and/or an appropriate publication detailing same;
- I shall not misrepresent the qualities of the Labradoodle or Australian Labradoodle, including any guarantee of allergy-friendliness.
- I will breed the Labradoodle and Australian Labradoodle responsibly and will keep proper records of my breeding stock's offspring, including any genetic defects I am aware of. If I am made aware that I've produced a puppy with a life-inhibiting genetic defect, I will rearrange my breeding program to reflect more responsible breeding and will avoid future mating between that breeding pair;
- I will supply the purchaser and the ALAA with a copy of my program's guarantee (The ALAA understands that the extent of each breeder's guarantee will be different, but it requires that all buyers become familiar with a breeder's guarantee before any booking/deposit/purchase has been completed);
- I am aware that it is a criminal act to use an ALAA banner or logos if I am not accredited or if I am suspended or awaiting suspension;
- I shall follow all laws pertaining to the care and keeping of dogs in my state, county and municipality;
- When I give a dog or puppy to a family as a gift or donation, I shall obtain confirmation that the recipient is willing to accept the dog and provide appropriate care.
- I shall not purposefully breed from any bitch before she has reached twelve months of age or after she has reached six years of age.
- I recognize that, to be reinstated, any member who has been suspended, has voluntarily removed themselves or has requested to leave the ALAA must be approved by a unanimous vote of ALAA officers, as well as meet all basic membership requirements, and
- I shall obtain written approval from the ALAA if my program is to deviate from this code of ethics in any way. (Exemptions should be emailed to your the ALAA Secretary and will be reviewed by Quality Assurance Board.)