



# Australian Labradoodle Association Inc.

## The ALA Code of Ethics

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In consideration of the Australian Labradoodle Association Inc (ALA) electing me to its Accredited Breeder membership and approval of that renewal, I pledge to the Australian Labradoodle Association Inc that;

1.1 I shall promote and protect the Australian Labradoodle Breed in all my actions both written and oral and abide by the current Rules and Regulations as well the current Code of Ethics.

1.2. I shall at all times ensure all dogs under my control are properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive appropriate veterinary care when required.

1.3. I acknowledge that I have never had any membership revoked or suspended by a Canine Association or if so, have provided details relating to such an incident, with my breeders application and will notify the ALA if this were to occur.

1.4. I acknowledge that I have not been convicted of any cruelty to animal act, or if so, have provided details relating to such an incident, with my breeders application, and will notify the ALA if this were to occur.

1.5. I agree to an ALA kennel inspection and audit if requested by the ALA Executive Committee and if I am found to be in breach of the current Rules and Regulations or the current Code of Ethics, may be suspended and/or fined.

1.6. I shall take all necessary precautions to ensure that no bitch is ever bred or in whelp prior to 12 months of age.

1.7. I shall not sell/trade/raffle any dogs or their offspring to any commercial animal wholesalers or retail pet dealers/traders.

1.8. I shall seek veterinary and or animal behaviorist/dog trainer advice and recommendations before euthanizing any puppy or dog, due to its inability to lead a normal life.

1.9. I shall not have puppies leaving my premises before 8 weeks of age.

1.10. I shall de-sex all pet quality puppies before they leave my premises, except in instances where this surgery is not advisable, in which case I will use a spay/neuter contract or other stipulations that prevent the mating of this dog.

1.11. I shall wean, give appropriate worming and vaccinations to all puppies while in my care.

1.12. 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.

1.13. I shall provide to all purchasers written details of the dietary, training and veterinary care required and/or an alternative appropriate publication detailing same.

1.14. I shall offer to take back or assist in re-homing any puppy or dog sold by me if unwanted for any reason at any time by the purchaser.

1.15. I shall not expressly nor implied, misrepresent the qualities of either the Labradoodle Origin nor the Australian Labradoodle including but not limited to a guarantee of allergy friendliness or non-shedding.

1.16 I shall fulfill the conditions of my guarantee in a timely and professional manner. When a refund or replacement is in order, as per the conditions of my warranty, it will be done within 30 days, except in instance where replacement puppy is not yet available.

1.17. I will respond to instances of disputes with customers or other breeders in a timely and professional manner, within 7 days.

1.18. I shall act professionally and be truthful in my actions regarding fellow breeders and their animals. I shall be truthful in my actions both written and oral and act honorably in my actions with the general public and other breeders.

1.19. I shall provide all persons purchasing a dog bred by me 'prior to their purchase and or deposit', a copy of my guarantee against life inhibiting genetic defects, which outlines my undertaking to either replace or refund all or part of the initial purchase price and provide moral support.

1.20. I shall not participate as an executive committee member of the ALA, if I am a member of any other Labradoodle Association that is not condoned and/or associated with the ALA, but realize that I am welcome to be a general voting member of any organization that I choose. 2-5

*My signature on my ALA membership application/renewal indicates that I have read both the ALA's Code of Ethics and Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them and thus be subject to fines and/or suspension if I am found in breach of either.*