

BREEDERS QUESTIONNAIRE

Have you previously been involved in the breeding of animals or dogs? Please specify species/breed:		
Are you a member of an animal welfare group and or Canine Association? Please specify:		
Have you been denied membership/expelled from an animal and or dog breeding association? Please specify:		
What attracts you to the breeding of Australian Labradoodles?		
When selecting breeding stock what are the top five requirements you are looking for?		
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What faults would you work with, and what faults would you never breed on from and remove from your program?		
What type of hip/elbow/eye and other tests do you plan or have used?		
What is your maximum score that you will consider "breeding quality" for hips and elbows?		
Where do you hope to see your breeding program in 5 years time?		
Please mark in relevant column and fill in name of mentor	YES	NO
I agree to having an ALA Breeding Mentor assigned to me		
I would like to suggest my ALA Breeding Mentor that I already have established contact with (Indicate suggestion below)	My suggested ALA Breeder to serve as my Mentor:	

BREEDER MENTORING GUIDELINES

"To protect and promote the Australian Labradoodle throughout Australia and Internationally for future generations to enjoy."

The role of a breeder mentor is one which facilitates both new and experienced breeders in the initiation and development of their breeding programmes consistent with the aims of the ALA. Some breeders will have had experience with dog breeding and be new to our association. Some will be both new to the association and to dog breeding. For this reason, the breeder mentor will need to facilitate the newly accredited breeder in regards to three following aspects.

ALA. AUSTRALIAN LABRADOODLES ORGANISATION

- Understanding and compliance with Code of Ethics and Rules and Regulations
- Voting procedures
- Registrations of dogs and litters
- Announcement of litters

BREEDING DOGS

- Selection of Breeding stock both in puppies and adults
- Selection of appropriate studs/bitches
- Health and dietary preparation for breeding
- Mating and whelping advice

LABRADOODLES IN GENERAL

- Understanding of breed standard
- Understanding of health, temperament, and behaviour management
- Understanding of breed history
- Maintaining awareness of health problems e.g. ears, hips, eyes
- Grooming

The level of input needed regarding each of these aspects will vary from individual to individual. A rapport between the newly accredited breeder and the breeder mentor will need to be mutually established on their own terms. The new breeder needs to be aware that the breeder mentor is volunteering their time and experience and therefore ensure that contact is at mutually convenient times.

The breeder mentor has a privileged position in that they become party to information not normally available to other breeders. At times, the relationship of new breeder and mentor may be seen by others as a conflict of interest. Breeder mentors therefore need to maintain the following;

1. Strictest confidentiality of private information regarding the new breeder and their programme
2. Avoid conflict of interest regarding suggestions of planned matings and selection of breeding stock
3. Maintain and display an impartial attitude to other breeders, their programmes and their dogs.

The new breeder and their mentor may wish to initiate an agreement of such either verbal or written. Please keep in mind that the new breeder mentorship is designed as a helpful tool for the new breeder. The onus is on both parties to be sensitive to the needs of each other and respect the time that is being given.

The new breeder mentorship is an advice and support tool only. The new breeder is ultimately responsible to obtain professional advice from reference material and qualified veterinarians regarding their decisions and management of their dogs and their breeding programme.

The ALA, nor the breeder mentor is NOT liable for any loss or damage done in any way to a new breeder's dogs and or their breeding programme.

Mentorship is for the first 12 months of the new breeder's membership and/or the first two litters, after which time the new breeder will be autonomous for sourcing information within the association.

For further queries, please contact the ALA New Breeder Coordinator.

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