

## ALA Breeder Mentoring Program

### Overview:

The ALA mentoring program aims to assist new breeders to develop their breeding program in a manner that is consistent with the aims of the ALA. Whether new members are experienced breeders or new to both the ALA and Labradoodle breeding, the mentoring program provides an opportunity for breeders to be supported by our association as they establish their breeding program.

New members are granted Provisional Breeder status and a mentor is appointed to them. The mentor will work with them until they have successfully met the necessary criteria set by the ALA to be eligible for progression to full accreditation.

The mentoring program focuses on the three areas.

- Breeding dogs
- General Labradoodle information
- Compliance with ALA procedures

### 1. Breeding dogs

- Selection of Breeding stock both in puppies and adults
- Selection of appropriate studs/bitches as breeding pairs
- Health and dietary preparation for breeding
- Mating and whelping advice
- Requirements for health testing potential breeding stock, including understanding different hip and elbow testing options

### 2. General Labradoodle information

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

### 3. ALA Procedures

- Understanding and compliance of Code of Ethics and Rules and Regulations
- Voting procedures and responsibilities
- Registrations of dogs and litters
- Announcement of litters
- Puppy Care Notes and Health Guarantee