



Code of Ethics WALA BREEDERS

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The Worldwide Australian Labradoodle Association is a community of ALD breeders dedicated to the health and welfare of our beloved breed.

This *Code of Ethics* reflects the mission and guiding principle of WALA.

Following the *Code of Ethics* is a condition of membership. In cases where the regional laws of the WALA Member Breeder's country of residence are in conflict with the *WALA Rules and Regulations* or *Code of Ethics*, these regional laws will supersede the *WALA Rules and Regulations* and *Code of Ethics*.

Principle 1 - Commitment to WALA Community

- I will help and support my fellow members in fulfilling our mission of worldwide collaboration for the benefit of the Labradoodle and Australian Labradoodle Breeds.
- I will mentor new breeders that purchase breeding stock from me.
- I will speak truthfully and respectfully about fellow breeders and their animals at all times, whether verbally, in writing, or within any social media platform.

Principle 2 - Commitment to Breed

- I will breed with the soundness of the Labradoodle and Australian Labradoodle in mind, breeding only dogs that are in good health and who are physically and temperamentally sound.
- I will respect basic principles related to maximizing genetic diversity to maintain the health of the breed.
- I will commit to ongoing education about the Australian Labradoodle breed, including genetic diversity, positive training, inherited disease, desired temperament, and structure.
- I will conform to the WALA required health testing and will only breed those animals who have test results that meet the minimum standards of the WALA.
- I will maintain accurate breeding and litter records.

Principle 3 - Commitment to Purchasers

- I will not misrepresent the qualities of the Labradoodle or Australian Labradoodle, including any guarantee of allergy-friendliness.
- I will ensure that all pups and adults who are born or live with me will be properly cared for, vaccinated, wormed, and raised in a healthy environment where they are physically, mentally, and socially stimulated.
- I will make every effort to ensure that my puppies and dogs are placed in homes free of abuse, neglect, and mistreatment.
- I will accurately represent the actual sire and dam of any puppies produced.

Principle 4 - Commitment to WALA Organization

- I will respect this *Code of Ethics* and will attest to my compliance with the *Code of Ethics* on an annual basis as part of my membership renewal.
- I will obtain written approval from the WALA if my program is to deviate from this *Code of Ethics* in any way.
- I will act as an ambassador for our breed and the WALA.