



Press Release

Worldwide Australian Labradoodle Association

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In response to recent news reports regarding the development of the Labradoodle breed, the Worldwide Australian Labradoodle Association (WALA) would like to offer perspective and clarification. There is no doubt that the founding of the Labradoodle breed thirty years ago came out of a desire to produce an allergy-friendly dog that had therapy and service qualities. While recent news articles reference strong feelings and an opinion of old, it is important to recognize the advanced development of the Labradoodle breed that has taken place since its founding.

Australian Labradoodles (ALD), as they are known today, have loving, intuitive, and social personalities with allergy friendly coats and minimal shedding. These qualities offer an option for families that could not otherwise have a dog due to allergies, families that just want a wonderful companion, or families looking for a therapy or service prospect. Well-bred Australian Labradoodles with proper temperaments, high intelligence, and allergy friendly coats come from carefully selected parents with advanced health testing and DNA Profiling and are key to developing this magnificent breed. Selection and matching of quality parents and raising and socializing puppies with the utmost care is fundamental to providing a wonderful companion puppy to families across the globe.

Around the world many dedicated and responsible breeders have been working diligently for decades, putting heart and soul into creating this very special breed. These breeders are supported by Australian Labradoodle breed clubs that maintain databases of pedigrees and registration of litters, monitor, support, and educate their members to ensure appropriate health testing and DNA profiling are being performed. These organizations offer the consumer a place to find the Labradoodle puppy they have been dreaming of adding to their family. Sadly, there are unethical individuals who will breed any Labrador Retriever and Poodle, without taking the time to educate themselves in the proper selection of health tested parents and without putting forth the effort to raise a litter to be healthy, well-socialized, and of sound temperament. Purchasing a puppy from a quality breeder belonging to an Australian Labradoodle breed association is key to finding a quality companion Labradoodle puppy and will also support those who are dedicated to the preservation and development of our beloved breed.

The mission of the WALA is to inspire the continuing improvement of the Australian Labradoodle and Labradoodle breeds through education, communication, and integrity in breeders and owners. Our vision is to be the organization that unites Australian Labradoodle breeders worldwide in a mutual commitment to the long-term benefits of high standards in breeding practices and the cooperative building of a comprehensive and accurate database to preserve pedigrees and health information. We require health testing and accept into our Registry only dogs with verifiable pedigrees. WALA members commit to a code of ethics and agree to act with integrity with fellow breeders as well as customers.

The Labradoodle breed is popular, and our dogs are making an impact in the lives of families every day around the world. Do your research and support your selected breed association breeder. Now get out there and give your Labradoodle a hug and spread some happiness! You know that is what your dog would tell you to do! Let's see those tails wag!