

## Code of ethics

- 1.** I declare that I will protect, promote and improve the Australian Labradoodle and I will follow the breeding rules and code of ethics.
- 2.** I will always ensure that all dogs under my supervision are properly housed, fed, have enough to drink, get enough exercise, are mentally stimulated and receive all necessary medical care.
- 3.** Pups should grow up in a home environment and be socialized with children, other dogs and/or other pets.
- 4.** I guarantee that all puppies living or born with me will be cared for, vaccinated, dewormed and raised in a healthy environment where they are stimulated enough physically, mentally and socially.
- 5.** I will ensure that my puppies and the mother dog do not leave the litter until the puppies are at least 7 weeks old.
- 6.** I hereby certify that no membership has ever been discontinued or cancelled by any dog organization and I swear that if that should happen, I will then notify the ALAEU. I also declare that I have never been convicted of any form of animal cruelty.
- 7.** I agree that my kennel may be audited by the ALAEU if the ALAEU board deems it necessary and I fully realize that if I do not comply with the code of ethics or breeding rules, I may be disbarred for this.
- 8.** I will not breed with dogs if they are mentally or physically not yet/not ready.
- 9.** I will not sell, trade, or raffle off dogs or their offspring to commercial wholesalers, pet stores, or retailers.
- 10.** I will consult with a veterinarian and/or behaviorist before euthanizing a puppy or dog.
- 11.** I will ensure that all Australian Labradoodles, not intended for breeding, are neutered/spayed by the age of 18 months or sold with a breeding ban (born as of May 1, 2019)
- 12.** I will do my best to impress upon all puppy buyers that they have a responsibility to the health and welfare of the dog. And that they purchase all that is necessary to provide a good home for the dog.
- 13.** I will provide all puppy buyers with written information detailing necessary feeding, training and medical care.

- 14.** I will teach puppy buyers what their responsibility is toward the dog and I will offer to take the dog back (or assist with rehoming) at any time if, for any reason, it is no longer wanted.
- 15.** I will not misrepresent or distort the specific characteristics of the Australian Labradoodle. I will provide accurate information about the coat (and allergy-friendly) characteristics of the Australian Labradoodle.
- 16.** I will professionally approach and resolve disagreements with puppy buyers and fellow breeders.
- 17.** I will adhere to and encourage the integrity of breeders. I will be sincere in all my actions, both written and verbal, and I will act in good conscience to both puppy buyers and other breeders.
- 18.** I will scrupulously and professionally comply with all the conditions in my sales contract. Part of my sales contract is at least a health guarantee of 1 year for hereditary problems. This guarantee means that a new dog or puppy can be given to me a.s.a.p. (and at the latest after 1 year) or a maximum of the purchase price can be returned if the dog is not suitable as a house dog.
- 19.** I will breed all my dogs responsibly, carefully observing and recording all offspring. If I come to the conclusion that a specific pair passes on serious defects, I will adjust my breeding program in such a way that this pair will no longer have offspring together.
- 20.** In all cases where I wish to act differently from the Rules or Code of Ethics, I will seek permission from the ALAEU Board well in advance. I will give the board all necessary information needed to make a decision.
- 21.** The password of the ALAEU ZooEasy database and ALAEU member page should be kept private and information from both should not be given to third parties.
- 22.** As of 01-07-2020, it is mandatory to hold a certificate of competence, and submit proof of this to the ALAEU. Starting breeders must be in possession of a certificate of competence before their first litter is born.