

# Code van ethics

**Version 2026-01, valid from 01 January 2026**

**No rights can be derived from this document by third parties.**

- 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 fail to comply with the code of ethics or breeding rules, I may be disbarred for doing so.
- 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 regarding 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 member page and ZooEasy database should be kept private and information from the ALAEU member page and ZooEasy database 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. With the approval of the board, a professional qualification certificate held by a partner or family member who is actively involved in the breeding program is also permitted. This person is then required to become a partner member.

**23.** I will not offer or sell Australian Labradoodles through digital trading-platforms, as this is contrary to the ethical principles of responsible breeding and animal welfare.