

# ALA Rules and Regulations



AUSTRALIAN  
LABRADOODLE  
ASSOCIATION

ALA

## 1 – Community and affiliation

In order to abide by the constitution, rules and policies of the Australian Labradoodle Association (ALA) and any disciplinary action as well as be responsible for accurately representing, promoting and protecting the Australian Labradoodle breed, members will:

<b>Rule Number</b>		<b>Level of fine<sup>1</sup></b>
1.1.0	Uphold the values of the ALA and notify the Executive of any changes to their standing that are relevant to participation in the ALA including those relevant to animal welfare or affiliation with the dogs and the broader canine industry.	<i>Low</i>
1.2.0	Represent the Australian Labradoodle and its qualities accurately including but not limited to any guarantee of allergy friendliness or non-shedding coat.	<i>Low</i>
1.3.0	Disclose affiliations with other canine related clubs and/ or associations before nominating to serve on the ALA Executive and any relevant misconduct.	<i>Low</i>
1.4.0	Agree to an ALA kennel inspection and audit if requested by the ALA Executive Committee.	<i>Not Negotiable</i>
1.5.0	Obtain written approval of the ALA Executive Committee for any variation to the Rules and Regulations – there are a limited number of rules where an exemption may be granted. Refer to ALA Executive Exemptions	<i>Fine level according to R/R breached</i>
1.6.0	Not provide promotional communications or publications in verbal, print, or electronic formats representing the opinions of the ALA and its membership without written permission from the ALA Executive Committee.	<i>High</i>
1.7.2015	Treat the access and content of the ALA Register with confidentiality - this includes but is not limited to downloading and sharing health test results belonging to others, with non-ALA members.	<i>Mid</i>
1.8.0	Only use ALA logo while a current and financial member of the Association.	<i>Low</i>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the ALA Fine Structure – reviewed 2019

1.9.2017	Members must inform the ALA Secretary in writing within 7 days of any change in contact details (address, telephone number, email address)	<i>Low</i>
1.10.2020	All ALA Breeders (Provisional and Accredited), must accrue 4 points of continuous professional development each financial year to be eligible to renew registration with the ALA <sup>2</sup>	<i>Mid</i>

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<sup>2</sup> Attendance in person at AGM/Conference: 3 points (Zoom attendance at all available sessions 2 Zoom attendance at an ALA general meeting: 1 point

Preparation and presentation of a Zoom education session to ALA members: 2 points

Leading discussion of relevant literature/discussion topic/s on ALA social media forum 1 point

Holding an executive position for past year 2 points

Mentoring a new breeder in past year 2 points

Breeder with 10 years or more continuous membership of ALA 1 point

Zoom attendance at an ALA education session: 1 point

Each member (both provisional and accredited) will be required to keep tally of their CPD points, and sign to that effect on submission of the annual registration points)

## 2 - Welfare

In order to adopt a high standard of care and welfare of dogs that meets or exceeds legislated requirements, members will

Rule Number		Level of Fine
<b>2a</b>	<b>Breeding</b>	
2a.1.0	Ensure a bitch is not bred or in whelp prior to 12 months of age.	High
2a.2.0	Ensure a bitch will not have more than 2 litters in an 18 month period unless local regulations require a higher standard.	High
2a.3.0	Ensure a bitch will not be bred for more than 4 litters without veterinary certification for fitness and not more than 5 litters in total.	High
2a.4.0	Not breed a bitch beyond her 6th birthday - she may whelp after her 6th birthday as long as she is not mated after this time.	High
2a.5.2014	Notify the ALA Registrar in writing of any dogs bred by the day of whelping.	Low
2a.6.2014	Verify parentage through DNA profiling before issuing a pedigree for any offspring where more than one sire covers or may have covered a bitch unless DNA for colour excludes a particular sire.	High
2a.7.0	Notify the ALA Executive in writing on becoming aware of a pairing that produces a puppy/dog with a <b>life inhibiting genetic defect</b> in a program and ensure that this pairing is not repeated <sup>4</sup> . The information to be provided to the ALA includes: Sire, Dam, affected pup name/s and date of birth.	Mid
2a.8.2014	At no time have more than 5 litters on the ground from the day of whelping to 8 weeks of age. A grace period of 1 week is permissible for a 6 <sup>th</sup> litter to allow for litters arriving late or early.	High
2a.9.0	Use Australian Labradoodles, Origin Labradoodles, parent breeds and parent breed infusions consistent with the current membership approved ALA Breed Infusion Guidelines and ALA Grading Schemes.	High
2a.10.2017	Pregnant bitches being transported by air must travel at least 14 days prior to their due date based on a 63 day gestation period post ovulation. Breeders must inform the ALA Registrar at the time of breeding notification of the breeder's intention to transport the bitch during pregnancy.	High

2b	Selling	
2b.1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide written details of dietary, training, general and veterinary care required for the Australian Labradoodle that is given to purchasers as well as the puppy Health Guarantee:</li> <li>• A copy will be lodged with the ALA New Breeder Coordinator prior to releasing puppies to new homes from the first litter as an ALA member and where major revisions are made;</li> <li>• A copy of the Health Guarantee will be available to purchasers prior to taking any payment.</li> </ul>	<i>Mid</i>
2b.2.0	Offer a Health Guarantee that covers puppies against any life inhibiting genetic defects for a minimum of 2 years from the date of birth. The guarantee will not require the return of a dog <b>nor depend on unverifiable conditions</b> to be met. It will outline the undertaking to either replace, refund all or part of the initial purchase price within 30 days and to provide moral support.	<i>High</i>
2b.3.0	Retain puppies within care for a minimum of 8 weeks (56 days) before they transition to a new home.	<i>High</i>
2b.4.0	Never sell, trade or raffle a dog/ puppy to any commercial animal wholesalers or retail pet dealers/traders.	<i>High</i>
2b.5.2017	Desex or render incapable of breeding (by gonad sparing sterilisation) ALL puppies before they leave care, except if dog is sold or traded as a breeding prospect. If surgery must be deferred due to a puppy's current health as recommended by a registered veterinarian a spay/neuter contract that prohibit the mating of the dog will be issued with desexing required by the time the puppy turns 5 months of age	<i>High</i>
2b.6.0	To the best of their ability, ensure that all persons acquiring dogs clearly understand their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal and have made the necessary preparations for keeping the dog.	<i>High</i>
2b.7.0	Offer to take back or assist in re-homing any puppy or dog if advised that the dog becomes unwanted or unable to be cared for by the purchaser, for any reason and at any time.	<i>High</i>
2b.8.0	Obtain veterinary advice before euthanizing any puppy or dog.	<i>High</i>

### 3- Health

In order to improve or at minimum maintain the standard of the breed in consideration of health, welfare and soundness of dogs, members will

Rule Number		Level of fine
3.1.0	Permanently identify all breeding stock and their offspring by way of microchip	High
3.2.2021	<p>•Ensure all dogs used in an ALA breeding program have successfully completed the minimum health screening tests before they are bred or are bred in accordance with rule 3.3.2021</p> <p>•Hip assessment through a recognised scheme, specifically, CHEDS (AVA), PennHip or OFA and elbow assessment through CHEDS (AVA) or OFA</p> <p>•Results must be provided by a relevant scheme accredited provider, specifically the overseeing body or for CHEDS (AVA), by a current CHEDS (AVA) accredited radiologist.</p> <p>•Breeders must present a permissible score as described below in at least one of the assessment methods to enable the dog to be upgraded to breeding status</p> <p>•Respective age requirements must be followed for each assessment method</p> <p><b>AVA/CHEDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• screening is accepted in dogs 12 months and over.</li> <li>• A maximum combined total hip score of 15 is permissible.</li> <li>• Only Elbow scores of O will be permissible</li> </ul> <p><b>OFA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hip (preliminary) screening is accepted in dogs 4 months and over with a score of excellent or good. Elbow screening of Normal is accepted.</li> <li>• OFA Hip Finals are accepted at 2 (TWO) years of age with a score of Fair, excellent or good. Elbow score of Normal is accepted</li> </ul> <p><b>PENNHIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• screening is accepted in dogs 16 weeks and over</li> <li>• a maximum score of .60 on either hip permissible</li> </ul> <p><b>DNA</b></p> <p>All dogs owned by an ALA breeder and upgraded in an ALA breeder's programme after 1 December 2013 must be submitted for an Australian Labradoodle full breed profile, which includes individual DNA typing. Within the full breed profile for Labradoodles 4 tests are mandatory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC)</li> <li>• Neonatal Encephalopathy (NEEN)</li> <li>• Degenerative Myopathy (DM)</li> <li>• Progressive Retinal Atrophy/Progressive Rod Cone Disease (PRA/PRCD)</li> </ul>	High
3.3.2021	<p>Ensure any dog that has carrier or affected status for any of the 4 mandatory diseases, or that has an incomplete result for any of the 4 mandatory diseases is only permitted to breed to dogs that are clear for that particular disease . There may be an incomplete profile when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dog was registered prior to December 2013</li> <li>• Frozen semen (imported or deceased sire)</li> <li>• Pending/Incomplete/Indeterminable results-dogs with any of the 4 mandatory tests missing that are owned within an ALA breeders program must be resubmitted to the laboratory and the results provided to the registrar within 3 months</li> </ul>	High
3.4.0	Refrain from breeding with any dog diagnosed with dysplasia (hip and / or elbow)	High

<sup>3</sup>Australian Veterinary Association | <http://www.ava.com.au/> CHEDS(Canine Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Scheme)

## 4– Records

In order to maintain and share when required, accurate breeding and health records, contracts and pedigrees, members will

<b>Rule Number</b>		<b>Level of fine</b>
4.1.0	Identify dogs in the breeder's program by registered name, breed and generation on any pedigree and the breeder's official website.	Low
4.2.0	Supply microchip number on health screening, litter registrations, contracts and pedigrees.	Mid
4.3.2017	Submit litter registrations to the ALA Registrar that detail microchip numbers and evidence of desexing where performed, no later than 3 calendar months from the litter's date of birth.	Low
4.4.2014	Submit accurate and true copies of all health screening results to the ALA when registering or upgrading a dog on the ALA Register prior to a litter being whelped.	High
4.5.2021	All current ALA members must have a personal website effective from November 30 <sup>th</sup> 2021 All provisional members joining the ALA must have a personal website prior to upgrade to full membership or within 6 months of whelping their first litter, whichever is first	Low

## 5– Conduct

In order to act professionally, with integrity and competence, in dealings with others, members will:

<b>Rule Number</b>		<b>Level of fine</b>
5.1.0	Act honourably and be truthful in communications regarding fellow breeders and their animals.	Mid
5.2.0	Respond to instances of disputes with customers or other breeders in a timely and professional manner, (i.e. within 7 days).	Mid
5.3.0	Provide payments to other breeders in accordance with contractual agreements and required paperwork /signatures in a timely manner (i.e. within 7 days), except in instances where payment has not been received for services provided or other arrangements are written into a signed contract.	Mid

Rule numbering comprises of three parts:

- the first number relates to the aspect of the Code of Ethics (COE) the rule falls under (1-5)
- the second number is the rule number (within that element of the Code of Ethics) (1-∞)
- the third number relates to the year of revision with zero indicating the rule originated in initial Rules and Regulations (RRs) or COE document