

ALA Rules and Regulations



AUSTRALIAN
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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:

Rule Number		Level of fine ¹
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.	Low
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.	Low
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.	Low
1.4.0	Agree to an ALA kennel inspection and audit if requested by the ALA Executive Committee.	Not Negotiable
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	Fine level according to R/R breached
1.6.2023	Not provide promotional communications or publications in verbal, print, or electronic formats including on any social media or on-line platforms representing the opinions of the ALA and its membership without written permission from the ALA Executive Committee.	High
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.	Mid
1.8.0	Only use ALA logo while a current and financial member of the Association.	Low
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).	Low
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 ² .	

¹ Refer to the ALA Fine Structure – reviewed 2019

² -Attendance in person at AGM/Conference: 3 points (Zoom attendance at all available sessions: 2 points 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)

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 ³ .	<i>Mid</i>
1.11.2023	If a financial member dies or becomes permanently unable to manage their breeding program through serious illness or injury the following process will apply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All pups that are on the ground or gestating prior to member being incapacitated will be eligible for registration with the ALA. If a family member or representative of the 'named breeder' would like to continue as an ALA Breeder member they must submit an application as soon as possible as per the usual process. 	<i>Not Applicable</i>

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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
2a	Breeding	
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 life inhibiting genetic defect in a program and ensure that this pairing is not repeated ⁴ . 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 th 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
2a.11.2023	<p>Process for Registration of Parent Breed and Labradoodle and Labradoodle Origin Dogs without verified Pedigrees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any parent breed or labradoodle, (both origin and multi generation), dog without a traceable pedigree and 2 generations of health testing (parents and grandparents), must be presented to the ALA Infusion Committee for approval and consideration for registration. The dog must not be bred prior to the infusion committee granting registration. The ALA Executive may perform the role of Infusion Committee if an infusion committee is not formed. Breeders must meet the requirements for submission of any parent Infusion or unrecognised New Lines as detailed in the Registration of Parent Breed and Labradoodle Origin Dog Policy. 	Not Applicable

2b	Selling	
2b.1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: • 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; • A copy of the Health Guarantee will be available to purchasers prior to taking any payment. 	Mid
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 nor depend on unverifiable conditions 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.	High
2b.3.0	Retain puppies within care for a minimum of 8 weeks (56 days) before they transition to a new home.	High
2b.4.0	Never sell, trade or raffle a dog/ puppy to any commercial animal wholesalers or retail pet dealers/traders.	High
2b.5.2023	<p>ALL puppies before they leave a breeders care, except if dog is sold or traded as a breeding prospect, need to be-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desexed • Sterilised by gonad sparing sterilisation • On a Desexing contract managed by SpaySecure. <p>-In the instance where surgery must be deferred due to a puppy's current health as recommended by a registered veterinarian a SpaySecure contract must be used.</p> <p>-Every puppy released by the breeder on a SpaySecure contract must follow the following guidelines.</p> <p>-SpaySecure contract must be completed by 9 months of age. If client fails to fulfil contract the breeder must request SpaySecure begin the legal process to get compliance. Once SpaySecure starts the legal process on any contract breach the breeder will be considered to have fulfilled ALA requirements on sterilisation regardless of the final outcome.</p>	High
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.	High
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.	High
2b.8.0	Obtain veterinary advice before euthanizing any puppy or dog.	High

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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 •Hip assessment through a recognised scheme, specifically, CHEDS (AVA), PennHip or OFA and elbow assessment through CHEDS (AVA) or OFA •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. •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 •Respective age requirements must be followed for each assessment method <p>AVA/CHEDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • screening is accepted in dogs 12 months and over. • A maximum combined total hip score of 15 is permissible. • Only Elbow scores of 0 will be permissible <p>OFA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hip (preliminary) screening is accepted in dogs 4 months and over with a score of excellent or good. Elbow screening of Normal is accepted. • 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 <p>PENNHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • screening is accepted in dogs 16 weeks and over • a maximum score of .60 on either hip permissible <p>DNA</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"> • Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC) • Neonatal Encephalopathy (NEEN) • Degenerative Myopathy (DM) • Progressive Retinal Atrophy/Progressive Rod Cone Disease (PRA/PRCD) 	High
3.3.2023	<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"> • The dog was registered prior to December 2013 • Frozen semen (collected prior 10th May 2023) 	High
3.4.0	Refrain from breeding with any dog diagnosed with dysplasia (hip and / or elbow)	High

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

<http://ankc.org.au/HealthAndWelfare>

⁴ PennHip | <http://info.antechimagingservices.com/pennhip/index.html>

⁵ Orthopedic Foundation For Animals | <http://www.offa.org/index.html>

4– Records

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

Rule Number		Level of fine
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 th 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
4.6.2023	<p>Minimum information required for the registration of litters & new dogs, in accordance with Rule 4.3.2017</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members registering litters/new dogs or requesting certified pedigree certificates for existing registrations, must provide the following minimum information for each puppy/dog (where not already available): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registered name (including kennel Prefix) ○ Registered number (if already issued) ○ Date of Whelp ○ Microchip Number ○ Sex & sterilisation status ○ Coat type & Colour ○ Size ○ Full legal name & email address of the new owner. 2. The full legal name provided must match the name on the member's records. 3. The email address provided must be valid and regularly checked by the owner. 4. The Registrar will use the provided email address for the purpose of issuance of Certified Registration Certificate & Certified Pedigree Certificate directly to the registered owner for each puppy/dog. 5. Failure to provide accurate information will result in ineligibility for registration for that litter in contravention of Rule 4.3.2017 	Mid

5– Conduct

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

Rule Number		Level of fine
5.1.0	Act honourably and be truthful in communications regarding fellow breeders and their animals.	<i>Mid</i>
5.2.0	Respond to instances of disputes with customers or other breeders in a timely and professional manner, (i.e. within 7 days).	<i>Mid</i>
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.	<i>Mid</i>
5.4.2023	Respond to correspondence from the Executive Committee and the ALA Registrar in a timely and professional manner (within 7 days).	<i>Mid</i>

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