

# Grading Labradoodles – what do the numbers mean?

## Tell me, what's a labradoodle... really?

The Australian Labradoodle is a developing breed. It contains a mixture of three parent breeds; Labrador, Poodle and Cocker Spaniel (English and American). The breed has not yet been recognised and is not the same as a Cobber Dog.

## So, what's a "multi-gen"?

The multi-generation Australian Labradoodle is that shaggy dog with a gentle but playful nature that people have come to know and love. It comes from several generations of breeding where both parents are an Australian Labradoodle.



In the beginning we might breed an **Origin Labradoodle** (Labrador x Poodle) with a **Spoodle** (Spaniel x Poodle). This produces a **Foundation Labradoodle** puppy, which is graded as ALF1. Jezebel is ALF1. We then continue to breed ALF1,2 or 3 Labradoodles together to produce multigenerational Labradoodles until we reach Pure Australian Labradoodle status.

## Australian Labradoodle Grading

Labradoodles are graded based on their **generation** and **parent breed** types. The chart below can help you work out a dog's grading by selecting the grade of one parent from the top brown row and one from the far-left column. Offspring grading is noted where these two intersect.

ALA 2009 Grading	Poodle	Labrador	Cocker	Spoodle	LO1	LO2	LO3...	ALF1	ALF2	ALF3	AL	NOTE		
Poodle	Poodle	LO1	Spoodle	Spoodle p	LO2p	LO3p	LO4p	ALF1p	ALF1p	ALF1p	ALF1p	All hair coats as breeding stock=ALF0		
Labrador	LO1	Labrador	1st Gen cross	Spoodle L	LO2L	LO3L	LO4L	ALF1L	ALF1L	ALF1L	ALF1L		Parent breeds	
Cocker	Spoodle	1st Gen cross	Cocker	Spoodle c	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1c			Unable to cross with same parent breed in next generation
Spoodle	Spoodle p	Spoodle L	Spoodle c	Spoodle	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1c			
LO1	LO2p	LO2L	ALF1c	ALF1c	LO2	LO2	LO2	ALF1	ALF1	ALF1	ALF1	Labradoodle Origin		
LO2	LO3p	LO3L	ALF1c	ALF1c	LO2	LO3	LO3	ALF1	ALF1	ALF1	ALF1			
LO3...	LO4p	LO4L	ALF1c	ALF1c	LO2	LO3	LO4	ALF1	ALF1	ALF1	ALF1			
ALF1	ALF1p	ALF1L	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1	ALF1	ALF1	ALF2	ALF2	ALF2	ALF2	ALF progression		
ALF2	ALF1p	ALF1L	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1	ALF1	ALF1	ALF2	ALF3	ALF3	ALF3			
ALF3	ALF1p	ALF1L	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1	ALF1	ALF1	ALF2	ALF3	AL	AL			
AL	ALF1p	ALF1L	ALF1c	ALF1c	ALF1	ALF1	ALF1	ALF2	ALF3	AL	AL	Australian Labradoodle Produced by		

## More information?

Grading can be a bit complicated so please contact us if you are unsure or if you would like further information | [tracey@amalie.com.au](mailto:tracey@amalie.com.au)

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