# Amalie Labradoodles — Joining our waiting list

We are a family-based breeder of Australian Labradoodles. Our breeding dogs live with guardian families either near Geelong region and come to our home when it is time to have their puppies. We do not kennel our dogs and we have a limited number of litters per year. As there is a large demand for our puppies we run a waiting list.

## WHow do I join the Amalie waiting list?

**Amalie's Wishlist** which gives you access to our online application form. When we receive your application we are usually be able to give you an indication of when a puppy that meets your needs might be available. Each application joins the list in turn and puppies are subsequently offered in turn according to the specifics of your request and what is available. Sometimes there is no choice of pup once we have allocated on temperament colour size and sex to those on the list ahead of you.

## How will you use the information I provide?

The confidential information you provide gives us an idea of what you are looking for. It helps us to help you find the right four-legged friend. I try to match your needs with puppy features (coat, colour, size and sex) and personality. Wherever possible, decisions about puppy allocation are made in consultation with you, however you can't be guaranteed to "choose" from the litter. If you don't think that the puppy offered to you suits your wants or needs, there is no penalty for letting me know that you'd rather wait until the right pup comes along. A puppy is a long-term commitment so he or she has to be right for you!

#### Can I join another breeder's waiting list too?

Sure, but if you are allocated a puppy from elsewhere please let me know promptly so I can take you off our list and we can advise other families of their progress on the Amalie list.

## What happens next?

Once puppies are born and I have a puppy for you I will let you know by email. At this stage we require a \$500 non-refundable deposit to hold the puppy until it can come home at 8 weeks of age.

## How do you allocate puppies to families? Can we choose?

Puppies are offered in order of receipt of your application or "Wish-list". We aim to consider all requests we receive in applications and initially I allocate by colour and sex. Sometimes I may not know exactly which puppy will be yours but I will be able to guarantee colour and sex. If there is the option of a choice, this is offered according to the waiting list priority.

## Why do we have to wait till 6 or 7 weeks before we know which puppy is ours?

As we aim to continually develop our Labradoodle breeding lines we will often retain the best puppies of the litter for our breeding program. To make decisions about conformation (the physical characteristics) and temperament we need to wait until puppies are 6-7 weeks of age. This is also when the pups start their vaccinations and are checked over by our vet. The wait can be frustrating for you (as it is for us) but nature won't be rushed and we ask for your patience. In this way we guarantee our puppy allocations - once you have been allocated a named puppy there are no changes.

#### Can we visit the puppies?

Yes, usually this is from about 6 weeks of age. Please email to make an appointment.

#### What if I live interstate or overseas – how will I know which puppy is right for me?

We will discuss by phone / email what you are looking for and by 6-7 weeks I will know these guys and girls very well – I'll be able to help you find the right puppy. We be able to provide photos and you can even do a virtual visit using Skype (video over the internet). - You will need to download the program at <a href="http://www.skype.com">www.skype.com</a> and have a camera with audio capability.

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