

Our Guardian home program

All of our breeding dogs are someones pet. They will live with my family, or a local guardian home.

When I am assessing a litter, it is always in my best interest to keep one or two pups to consider for breeding stock. A guardian home candidate gets the 'cream of the crop' which is the pup with the best coat, confirmation, temperament, head shape, intelligence and trainability. I begin the screening process early - before they leave me, and then add more testing as they are growing. This screening is important as I will not breed a dog that does not meet a criteria that is above a "Pet Quality" dog. I know well ahead usually that a potential pup is of breeding quality. Tests for Orthopedics, eye CERF's DNA Thyroid results are done before a dog is bred.

Guardian pup candidates are a 'cut above' from their littermates. Do they always pass my stringent testing protocol? No. When they don't, you still purchased the best breeding candidate pup in the litter, for less than half the cost of a "Pet Quality" dog. (\$800) If they do pass, your deposit of (\$800) is refunded after our contract is fulfilled. (Every contract is custom made for each guardian and confidential.)

Below is a capsule breakdown to be a Guardian Home of Karla's Rendez-Doodles & Moyen Poodles. A contract is required. CONTRACT

I AM LOOKING FOR THESE QUALITIES IN MY GUARDIAN HOME FAMILIES:

- *Safety First-Invisible Fence is a worthwhile investment if you have acreage, fenced yard okay.
- *'Stay at home parent' or one who works only part time or working parents that can provide doggie daycare 1-2 times per week.
- * People willing to take classes with positive training philosophies do best with Doodles as they tend to be soft natured
- *Live less than an hour of our location in Conway, NH, or Fryeburg, Me.
- *Can provide routine professional grooming or willing to learn how to groom properly
- *A willingness to transport to me as needed for vet testing appointments
- *A good communicator that has a flexible nature...utmost importance!
- *Provide an approved excellent commercial diet. Raw is preferred but not mandatory.
- *Contracts for females are generally for three to four litters at my discretion-Three pups or less are not considered a litter.
- *Dam is away from the family for approximately 6 weeks. Once a week visits to the dam are welcomed after the pups are one month old, (first litter) then anytime second & future litters. Also, 'play dates' for the dam to visit back with their family is encouraged during her time away. Our male guardian dogs have a longer contract but are only needed for a few hours at a time.
- * OBEDIENCE CLASSES ARE A MUST. No exceptions.
- *Guardian Home doodles are prenamed and cannot be changed due to the extensive paperwork and testing protocol done under that name. You are free to choose a "call name" for your puppy.

A refundable deposit of \$800 is required. If the pup passes my testing protocol and is bred, this 'deposit' is returned to you once our contract is completed. Essentially, a guardianship could provide you with a free Doodle.

Please contact Karla Schwarz of Karla's Rendez-Doodles & Moyen Poodles if you are interested in joining our guardian program.

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POINTS TO PONDER:

1. DO YOU EVER WONDER WHY Karla's Rendez-Doodles of New England DOESN'T BELONG TO ANY REGISTRIES?
2. ASSOCIATION LOGOS - know what they offer you.
3. HOW DO I DEFINE A PURE AUSTRALIAN LABRADOODLE?

The brief answers are: *With registries, organizations, clubs, etc. there is always politics. I love participating in the various discussions, but choose not to be an active member at this time. More in section (1) below.

* What do association logos really mean? Take the time to find out about testing qualifications and which tests are required or merely suggested - it makes a difference. Compare those answers with what my program gives you for testing proof, ethics, guarantees and puppy benefits/ services. Read section (2).

*There is so much confusion as to what defines an Australian Labradoodle. Section (3) explains this further.

(1) To expand on the registries, they do have a function - especially to inform breeders about the Labradoodle breed standards and to provide guidelines for conducting your business professionally.

Karla's Rendez-Doodles of New England absolutely strives to improve the Doodle breed. How? With careful complimentary matings that are balanced; using pedigrees that are clean and not inbred; and by having uncompromising ethics that govern my program. The guidelines used by the ALAA are excellent but my program has always been to keep the original reason for producing Doodles - hybrid vigor, health and temperament! Yes, a low to non-shedding coat is a definite plus, but that was never the only reason for breeding Doodles.

With regard to our professionalism, we welcome any potential client who desires to talk with our past puppy owners to discuss our integrity or customer service.

(2) Logos? No, I don't have association club icons all over my website - instead I have 'Badges of Merit'. They are shown below each breeding dog's pic under 'Our Doodles' in the form of test results. Each certified test has a qualification number or genetic DNA indicator of the result. To me, having the actual identification numbers of a test done is far more transparent than a club decal of which you have no idea what it represents in actual test scores.

I welcome questions or concerns about any test and my vet is happy to talk to you as well. As always, our owners receive a copy of each individual test done on their pup's parents in the puppy's packet.

(3) 'I only want a 'pure' Australian Labradoodle'. Do you really know what one is? Or is your decision based on the marketing hype rather than the qualifications of the puppy? Please copy and paste the link below about how the co-founders that developed this wonderful breed allowed greed to cloud their judgement and future. What might have begun as a 'research center' turned into an Australian puppy farm(s). This is not to say that the original intent was not a good one, it does say that money, not health,

became their focus when 'Designer Dog' became a household word. As a conscientious breeder, I would be remiss if I did not allow the public to draw their own conclusions regarding this link. <http://farmsofshame.wordpress.com/>

The history as we know it: Originally, it was the mating of a Labrador and a Poodle done by an Aussie for a blind woman whose husband had allergies. The original hybrid dogs were then sold to Australian breeders. These dogs were then infused (or bred) with other breeds and hybrids to become a 'three or more' breed combination which is necessary to eventually become an accepted breed in the AKC. Clever marketing called this version an 'Australian Labradoodle' and U. S. breeders were told it was a secret recipe. DNA research done in the U.S. has revealed that some lines of the Australian Labradoodle differ from the 'Original' version by the addition of the Spaniels/Spoodles (Cockapoos) and other breeds at appropriate times.

The Australian Labradoodle is not 'just a mix'. In the beginning, this wonderful hybrid was 'purpose bred' for health, temperament, low shedding and vitality. Let's not lose this vision. I believe it is critical to keep the multiple breed recipe in the Australian Labradoodle intact by selectively blending unrelated, healthy, tested stock for genetic integrity. In-breeding or excessive line breeding will diminish this as it has done to the AKC breeds. Don't be fooled by a 'label'. Only quality stock with careful and minimal repetition of lines has the best chance of producing both hybrid vigor and sound temperaments.

Producing Australian Labradoodle puppies of stout health, confirmation and emotional stability requires appropriately balanced parent stock dogs, quality care and a dedication to the purpose of the breed. The standard should not be determined solely by a place of origin, but rather a representation of the wholesomeness of the purpose bred hybrid. To strive toward these standards, responsible breeders (not puppy farmers) ask themselves questions such as: 'Does this dog have a stable and sweet temperament? Is it a good representation of the breed's confirmation? Is the coat low to non-shedding? Do the pups show trainability and intuition? Does it have the proper breed make up for the recipe of Labrador, Poodle, American or English Cocker Spaniel, Irish Water Spaniel or Spoodle blend?'

A genuine Australian Labradoodle has all of these qualities irregardless of where it was bred or who bred it.

COME VISIT US AT KARLA'S Rendez-Doodles OF NEW ENGLAND! YOU WILL SEE FOR YOURSELF!