🐾All About Doodles🐾

# **Q: Australian Labradoodle vs American Labradoodle: What’s the Difference?**

## Q: Are All Labradoodles the Same?

**A:** The short answer is "No." There are all kinds of poodle mixes and a Labradoodle is one of them. **Poodle + Labrador = Labradoodle**. That is the American version and they are one generation. The Australian Labradoodle currently consists of 6 different breeds in its origin. The confirmed and approved parent breeds of the Australian Labradoodle are the Poodle (Standard, Miniature, Toy, Labrador Retriever, Curly Coat Retriever, English Cocker Spaniel, American Cocker Spaniel and the Irish Water Spaniel). The Australian Labradoodle breed is now in its 40th generation.

**Q: Do Australian Labradoodles Shed?**

**A:** Most Australian Labradoodles shed less than humans do. Coats continue to grow in length and require combing and occasional grooming.  A multi-generational Australian Labradoodle will have a thicker coat than a first generation American Labradoodle and can have a curly, fleece or wavy coat type.

**Q: What about shedding and allergies?**

**A:** Multi-generation Australian Labradoodles are recommended for families with moderate to severe allergies.

**Q: How much exercise do they need?**

**A:** Australian Labradoodles are reasonably energetic dogs who do require some exercise. A daily half hour walk around the neighborhood will keep them happy.

**Q: What about a name?**

**A:** There are a number of different naming resources online for finding possible names for your new puppy. At Little Horn Labradoodles, we tend not to prename your pups; your puppy will be identified by a ribbon color. (As it takes a little time before the perfect name is chosen).

**Q: What is the life expectancy of an Australian Labradoodle?**

**A:** Generally 14 to 16 years. It is all in the diet. Low quality food, less. High quality, fresh food adds years to your puppy's life.

**Q: What size do Australian Labradoodles come in?**

### Micro: 12”-14” at shoulder. Weight:  8-14 lbs.

### Miniature/Mini: 14”-16” at shoulder.  Weight:  16-25 lbs.

### Medium: Female, 17” – 19” at shoulder.  Male, 19”-20”.  Weight:  30-40 lbs.

### Standard: Female, 21”-23” at shoulder.  Male, 22”-24”. Weight:  50-65+ lbs.

**What are their temperaments and personalities like?**

**A:** Australian Labradoodles are intelligent dogs and are easy to train.  They are great with children, other dogs and make the ideal family pet. They are very clever, sociable, and joyful. They are prime candidates to be service dogs. Active, comical and opportunistic, they can attempt to outsmart their owner if undisciplined. They are also easygoing and non-aggressive.  A well-bred Australian Labradoodle with a characteristic temperament is a true joy for any family.

# **What about Pre-Training, Crating, and the Necessity of Post-Adoption Training?**

**A:** Your puppy will have some basic training under their tail by the time you pick them up. They will be used to car rides,  many unusual sounds, being held, wee pad trained, in the early stages of crate training, stay close and come to ‘puppy, puppy’.

***The Australian Labradoodles we offer are loving, hypoallergenic, very social and easily trained.  They are also exceptionally very intelligent.  Because they are so smart, they need to have their intelligence channeled at an early age. It is important to train them early and let them know their place in your family pack and that you are the leader of that pack.  If trained early on, your dog will become a beloved family member. We also focus on each baby's social skills at an early age. Our goal is to raise healthy, loving and happy dogs to become your forever companion. We make each pup a priority as well with their health.***

## Q: Should We Crate Our Australian Labradoodle puppy?

**A**: According to the Humane Society, crate training utilizes a dog's natural instincts as a den animal. A wild dog's den is his home, a place to sleep, raise a family and is their safe place.  The primary use for a crate is housetraining. Dogs don't like to soil their dens. In the wild, the scent of the soiling would give away their hiding or safe place. We take advantage of that knowledge when trying to house train your puppy. The crate needs to be appropriately sized for your pup - not cramped, but they should not be able to roam in it either. The crate can also limit access to the rest of the house while they learn other rules, like not to chew on furniture.  They are also a safe way to transport your dog in the car.

### **\*\*Crating Caution\*\***

**If not used correctly, a dog can feel trapped and frustrated.  Never use the crate as a punishment. Your dog will come to fear it and refuse to enter it.  Don't leave your dog in the crate too long.  A dog that’s crated day and night doesn't get enough exercise or human interaction and can become depressed or anxious. Puppies under six months of age shouldn't stay in a crate for more than three or four hours at a time. They can't control their bladders and bowels for that long.  The same goes for adult dogs that are being housetrained. Physically, they can hold it, but they do not know they are supposed to.  Crate your dog only until you can trust him not to destroy the house. After that, it should be a place he goes voluntarily. Have your puppy ‘expect’ a treat each time you say ‘crate’ or ‘kennel’. The positive reinforcement of the successful completion of the task will make your puppy happy to crate whenever you want them to. Once engrained, gradually reduce the treats over time.**

## Q: What are common Health Problems In Australian Labradoodles?

**A:** Because they have floppy ears, Australian Labradoodles are prone to ear infections which are easily preventable with regular cleaning.  Australian Labradoodles are generally considered very healthy dogs. The Australian Labradoodle is the foundation to our breeding program at Little Horn Labradoodles. 100% of our program is multi-generational Australian Labradoodles.

## Q: Do Australian Labradoodles Like Water?

**A:** The vast majority of them love to swim and many families enjoy taking them boating and swimming in all bodies of water.  They will often play in water wherever they can find it: paddling in their water bowls, splashing water all over the kitchen floor, making a game of the garden sprinklers, and playing in puddles. You have to be careful introducing them to water, though. If you do not let them discover it naturally and force them in a pool for instance, they can become scared of it. (which you don’t want them to be scared).

# **Q: Australian Labradoodle: Male vs. Female, what’s the difference?**

## *Boy or Girl - What Do I Want?*

## A: The majority of people in the market for a puppy have predetermined feelings on a boy or a girl Australian Labradoodle. The fact is if the pup is spayed or neutered at a young age, their personality traits influenced by their male and female hormones is greatly minimized. As far as attitudes are concerned both are very loving and always ready to please, just as a Labradoodle should be. Females can tend to be a bit more demanding; besides wanting to please you, they will try and get the same in return. They can sometimes have their own agendas, and will let you know what they want. The boys tend to be content lying by your feet and let the day pass by.

# **Q: What about a Labradoodles Haircuts, Grooming and Bathing**

## *How Do I Care for an Australian Labradoodle’s Coat?*

**A:** For as long and pretty as they are, you would think that daily grooming of a Labradoodle's coat is needed. This is not the case. A brush once per week is more than sufficient. There is one time when they need more attention and that is when their adult coat comes in. Your pup's coat needs to be groomed out almost daily or it will matt. Once matting occurs, it is extremely difficult to correct. As far as haircuts go, most who do not have the time for daily grooming during the conversion so they have the dog shaved and allow the adult coat to come in .My. Favorite grooming tools are basic must haves. Curved slicker brush, Rubber tipped pin brush with a cushion pad. Two sided stainless steel comb

## Q: How Often Do Australian Labradoodles Need to be Bathed?

**A:** Bathing your Labradoodle should be done once per month but can be left unwashed longer because of the Labradoodle's fabulous quality of little to no odor. Make sure you don’t get soap in their eyes while rinsing and use a tearless baby or tearless dog shampoo. I recommend an oatmeal or aloe (low sent). Make sure to rinse all the shampoo out. There is a myth that shampooing your dog too often can lead to dry skin. It was not dry skin that is visible, but instead the shampoo dried causing acute dander and itching because due to improper rinsing.When drying a Labradoodle off, be sure to dry them with two towels: the first to get the water off, and the second to fluff. You can blow dry if you like, but I personally think they get too ‘poofy’ and look like a “Poofadoodle”. I think it is more fun to watch them slide sideways on the carpet to help dry themselves off. Plus it offers a bit of entertainment.

**Getting a Puppy - How it Works**

## How do I proceed with getting an Australian Labradoodle?

### **Step 1:** Fill Out an Application (You must qualify).

### **Step 2:** Make a down payment for reserving a puppy from the litter you are interested in. THIS DEPOSIT puts your name on a waiting list and we will arrange an over the phone face to face via internet meeting to allow you to choose a pup.

## Pricing Benefits: Our Australian Labradoodles are $1650.00 this includes your deposit/ down payment.

* A veterinary puppy health check (prior to going home to new family)
* A spay/neuter agreement
* Microchip
* Current vaccinations and deworming
* Puppy registration paperwork
* Generation Pedigree
* 2 year genetic health warranty (covering **any inherited life threatening**

**disease**)

* Puppy kit
* 2 toys and a blanket (w/ mothers and siblings scent) wee pads
* A small quart size bag of puppy food
* A lifetime of continued customer support

### **Q: How do I get my Australian Labradoodle Puppy? Pickup or Delivery:**

**A:** Located in WY, we attract dog lovers/owners from our surrounding states of Colorado, Montana, North and South Dakota and of course, Wyoming. These areas are close enough for people to drive in a day or break it up overnight to bring their friend back to their forever home.

Farther away? Consider a flight! We love connecting puppies to their forever homes and will work with you to make accommodations. We also have a flight nanny available to fly your pup to your closest airport. An additional $495.00 shipping/delivery fee is not included in the puppy price.

**Q: What does my puppy eat and where can I find it?**

**A:** We use a premium dog/puppy food called Victor. It is grain free and your pups love it. We also use “Probios Probiotics”.

***\*\*Additional paperwork and contract will be sent to you via email for your review and signature\****