

# Amalie Labradoodles – Our Health Guarantee

## Amalie's health testing policy

Certain breeds of dogs are susceptible to a variety of inherited health concerns. Amalie's breeding program ensures all dogs included in our program have met stringent health standards so that the best genetic contribution can be passed on to our Amalie Labradoodle puppies. We believe in the importance of providing you with as healthy a companion as we are able. Our Labradoodles are not just dogs, they grow up to be life-long friends, best buddies, assistance or therapy companions and for these important roles, our dogs need to be as happy and as healthy as we can make them.

## Testing for prcd-PRA – one of an extensive panel of health conditions we test for!

Progressive, rod cone degeneration – Progressive Retinal Atrophy (prcd-PRA) is a genetically inherited eye disease that leads to blindness. Labradors, Poodles and at least 28 other dog breeds can carry this hereditary eye disease that causes cells in the retina at the back of the eye to degenerate and die.

As an ethical breeder, we test ALL breeding stock prior to use to ensure that responsible breeding practices can be applied. In this way we can guarantee that our puppies will never present with the diseases we can test for such as prcd-PRA and this gives you peace of mind. See Amalie's page: [Breeding Program](#) for more info.

## Testing for hip dysplasia – a disease of the joints

Canine hip dysplasia is a developmental abnormality of the hip joint. It can cause osteoarthritis, which is a painful and debilitating condition. All dogs included in Amalie's breeding program have radiological screening (X-ray) to assess the likelihood that hip and or elbow joints might be prone to dysplasia. We only select dogs with acceptable test scores to enter our breeding program in order to minimize the chance of transmitting dysplasia to our pups. The testing regime doesn't enable us to guarantee that the disease will never affect puppies, only that the risk is very small. Our **3 year health guarantee** is in place to cover the rare chance that a puppy does develop dysplasia of the hip and elbow joints.

Please keep in mind that genetics is not the only factor to shape a dog's health.

- In the very young pup and older dog, discourage jumping from heights (eg on and off the furniture or the back of the car) – lift your dog up and down instead.
- Exercise your dog appropriately, provide a balanced diet and avoid obesity.
- More info on our resource – [Joint Care for your Puppy](#)

## What does Amalie offer as a health guarantee?

Our companion puppy contracts offer a 3 year health guarantee (most breeders only offer a 2 year warranty). Should we confirm that your Amalie puppy is affected by either of the above conditions or a defect or disease that is traceable to the breeder, it entitles you as the buyer to financial reimbursement or a replacement puppy. If you believe your puppy is not in optimum health we encourage you to contact us.

## Can all diseases be tested for, excluded and covered by the guarantee?

No – for some diseases there is no test yet developed and for others, complex modes of inheritance. We consider family history as well as health screening results to breed away from health concerns where they might be indicated in a line but because health concerns sometimes present later in a dog's life, this can be challenging.

It is important that health concerns are disclosed and we encourage you to contact us if you have any concerns – likewise it is our duty to advise pet owners of any health conditions that we are made aware of if there is concern that an inherited trait may affect your dog.

## More information?

If you would like further information please contact us at [info@amalie.com.au](mailto:info@amalie.com.au) and we will be happy to discuss our program further.

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