

Amalie Labradoodles – Our Health Guarantee



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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.

Amalie is accredited with the Australian Labradoodle Association (ALA) and abides by the association's health testing protocols. At times we will also do additional testing, exceeding the minimum requirements of the ALA.



Testing for prcd-PRA – a disease that causes blindness

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. The ALA is the first dog breed association to require mandatory testing of breeding stock and ensures that responsible breeding practices are observed. All dogs used in Amalie's breeding program have been screened and we guarantee that this disease will never be transmitted to our puppies.



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 minimize the chance of transmitting the disease to our pups. The test doesn't enable us to guarantee that the disease will never affect puppies, only that the risk is very small. Our 3 year genetic health guarantee is in place to cover the rare chance that a puppy does develop the disease.

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.



What does Amalie offer as a health guarantee?

Our companion puppy contracts offer a 3 year health guarantee should we confirm that your Amalie puppy is affected by either of the above conditions. 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. 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 and we will be happy to discuss our program further.

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