



St. John's River Doodles Adoption Policy

St. John's River Doodles is excited to help you find your best pal! We raise one litter at a time in our home from the day they are born to the day they are delivered to YOU! **Our number one goal is to raise healthy, happy, adorable puppies who will never wind up in a shelter.** That's why we are excited to announce that we have been selected and approved to be included in the **Good Dog Breeder Program** (visit www.gooddog.com to learn more!) Good Dog's stated goal is: **"By bringing together the power of technology with the best information and experts in the dog world, we're on a tireless mission to give dogs better beginnings."** We are also proud members of the ALAA (Australian Labradoodle Association of America) and adhere to the Gold and Silver Paw Standard for genetic health testing.

What can you expect from St. John's River Doodles?

Since we only raise one to two litters per year, we can focus on our goal of providing our puppies with loving forever homes. Good beginnings result in more successful outcomes.

St. John's River Doodles incorporates the Super Dog program from day 3 to 18 to begin teaching our puppies to properly react to stress and bounce back quickly in order to promote a greater sense of curiosity and confidence to explore and interact as they grow and learn. At 3 weeks, we bring the pups from our bedroom to a more central location such as the kitchen or living room. Our puppies quickly acclimate to noises and activities. We socialize them with people of all ages including our children and grandchildren of which we have 17 and our Mother who is in her 90's. At 5 weeks we carry them outside for short intervals to introduce them to potty time and play time. By 5 weeks, our last litter had learned to wait and "sit pretty" before being picked up! They were all sleeping through the night in individual kennels by 8 weeks and, according to their forever families, had no transition issues. They were well on their way to being potty trained.

Much love, care, and intentional training is showered on our puppies while we are blessed to have them with us. They will have received 2 thorough examinations by our family Vet, dewormed 3 times and will have received appropriate vaccinations. You will receive a healthy genuine Multi-Generational Australian Labradoodle which has been bred for a **reliable** coat, temperament, and health.

The Adoption Process begins with your:

1. **Application and approval.**
2. Once your application has been received and accepted, you will receive an email notification and/or a phone call and be asked to place a **\$300 Non-Refundable deposit***. Next, you will be put on a waiting list in the order in which your application and deposit were received. All your deposit is applied toward your puppy full purchase price. All our pups including our Parti pups are **\$2800 plus Florida sales tax. This includes a refund of up to \$175 paid directly to your Vet upon verification that your puppy has been spayed or neutered.**

Please understand Nature is not something we can guarantee! We will do our best to carefully select the stud in advance, have our Dam thoroughly health tested before breeding, and plan the "Honeymoon" under the consultation of our breeding specialist. If the breeding is unsuccessful or there are not enough puppies, you may have the option of waiting for the next litter or having your deposit returned*.

We also cannot guarantee your fully-grown pup will not exceed 30 pounds and/or 17 inches in height. We will make every effort to breed for Miniature Multigenerational Australian Labradoodles, but genetics will be the final determination.

When the big day arrives, you will receive an announcement of the puppies' arrival via e-mail and may view the puppies on Facebook/Instagram and/or the website as they develop each week.

When puppies are six weeks old, you may select three puppies that you prefer. Your choices will be given preference, but you must agree and understand that you will not be guaranteed any of the three puppies you choose. When puppies are seven or eight weeks old, they will be given a **Puppy Temperament Test**. We will use the results of this test along with your preferences to match the puppy best suited for your family situation.

St. John's River Doodles reserves the right to refuse to sell a puppy to anyone for any reason. If we choose not to sell you a puppy, your deposit will be refunded*.

Payment Plan:

1. **\$300** deposit at time of approval of application.
2. **\$1000** paid by personal check, cashier's check or money order when puppies are 3 weeks old.
3. **\$1196** paid by personal check, cashier's check or money order when puppies are 7 weeks old. (This includes the \$196 in Florida sales tax.) All checks must clear our bank before puppy pick up.
4. **\$500** in cash at puppy pick up.

What You Will Receive!

- An authentic Multigenerational Australian Labradoodle
- Microchipped and ready for you to register
- A collar/harness and leash
- A 30-day Free trial of Trupanion Breeder Health Insurance which covers the first 30 days with no waiting period!
- Signed Veterinary Health Certificate indicating appropriate vaccinations and deworming.
- Copies of Health Scores and Pedigrees of your puppies' parents and ALAA Dog Registration Certificate/Transfer of Ownership form which will be provided after registration of litter has been completed and *spay/neuter of your puppy has been verified with a signed copy of vet's invoice with name of facility, address, and phone number which includes puppy's microchip number.*
- A Contract which includes a written 27-month Genetic Health Warranty Guarantee against hereditary diseases including hip and elbow dysplasia which would prevent your pal from being able to provide for its intended purpose as a family pet.
- Comfort blanket and toy with litter scent
- Bag of familiar puppy food
- Your puppy will have received early neurological stimulation in order to increase its ability to bounce back from stressful situations, promote greater resistance to disease

along with a greater sense of curiosity and confidence. To learn more about this approach, you may want to research the BioSensor or “Super Dog” program.

- The second phase of this program promotes socialization. We have chosen to closely follow Pat Hasting’s approach for socialization which she lays out in her book “**another piece of the puzzle: Puppy Development**” by Pat Hastings and Erin Ann Rouse, Editors. We have included this book in your puppy package with the hopes you will continue to follow her socialization and enrichment program.
- Unlimited support for the life of your dog!

Coming Home!



Your puppy will be ready to come home between 8-10 weeks. We will schedule a day and time for you to pick up your new pal! At that time, we will go over important information and answer any questions you may have.

Though many puppies fly across the world safely and uneventfully, we feel it is in everyone’s best interest if you can pick up your puppy personally. However, in the event you are unable to do so, we will be happy to assist you in making the necessary arrangements for travel.

Puppy pick up date may change due to weather, travel schedules or anything beyond our control.

Your Responsibilities:



- Consider carefully the decision to bring a puppy into your home. Though our pups have wonderful temperaments and are easily trained, they do require substantial time, love, care, and exercise. Learn as much as you can to prepare your family and home for this new puppy so it can have the best start.
- Choose a vet and have an appointment scheduled within the first 4 days to confirm his/her health. (Of course, you will have a 30-day free trial of **Trupanion** Insurance which **you must register for** the day before, of, or after puppy pick up.)
- Very rarely will a person have allergies to the coat of an Australian Labradoodle but if you find out a member of your family is allergic to your pup, you will need to notify us within 4 days after delivery. In this instance, you will need to verify the condition with a written statement from your doctor. We will gladly take the puppy back and you will receive a substantial refund minus expenses incurred in the travel.
- **Register** your pal's **microchip** before pick-up, if possible.
- You must **firmly agree to have your puppy spayed/neutered before it turns 8 months old**. *St. John's River Doodles* will pay your vet bill directly (**up to \$175**) on the day the procedure has been performed. IF puppy is not spayed/neutered, you (the Buyer) agree to pay *St. John's River Doodles* an additional \$8,500 by the puppy's 9th month. If not paid, the Breeder then owns (with no refund) the puppy's microchip number.
- **You must also agree to NEVER place your dog in a shelter!!! You must agree to contact us so we can assist you in re-homing your puppy/dog if you EVER find you are unable to keep or care for your pet.**
- Routine medical care and keep vaccinations current.
- Provide your dog a healthy diet which includes quality protein, includes grains but no corn or soy.
- Provide a safe comfortable environment for your pal!
- Provide for adequate obedience training so you and your pal will enjoy being and going places together.
- Read and understand the Health Guarantee before applying and making your deposit.

Health Guarantee: Dog's intended purpose: Family Pet and Best Pal Forever!



- **The said puppy is warranted** to pass OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) hip and elbow certification, within one (1) month of this dog reaching 27 months of age. In the event said dog is suspected to have a Genetic Disease that is listed in warranty below, presentation of medically supported evidence verified by two qualified veterinarians with buyer agreeing to bring dog to breeder's Vet for evaluation (or send appropriate evaluations to breeder's Vet) and to be proven that the said puppy is physically deficient and not functional for his/her intended purpose as a family pet. Buyer must also provide veterinary records to the Breeder. If said dog is suspected to have hereditary dysplasia, radiographs must be submitted to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals & PennHip to be evaluated at 25 months of age, excluding improper bite and dental.
- **Said dog is warranted against:** All genetic conditions including hereditary eye diseases with a CERF/OFA evaluation, and should said dog fail to pass both OFA hips & elbows and fails PennHip test certification, to the point that the dog is unable to provide for its intended purpose as family pet, the Breeder offers the following warranty:
- **The Breeder** agrees to replace said dog with one of equal value within a reasonable length of time. All veterinary and shipping costs are the Buyer's expense and are not refundable. If said dog is determined by two veterinarians to have a hereditary health problem that hinders its purpose as a family pet and you choose to keep your dog upon confirmation and if accepted by us (with an email) at our option, we may reimburse you for veterinary fees for the treatment of said health problem up to but not to exceed the purchase price of the puppy.
- Treatment that commences prior to approval will not be our responsibility. This warranty does not include viral illnesses, bacterial infections, improper bites, hernias, hypoglycemia,

giardia or coccidiosis. It also does not include any illness due to the ingestion of foreign objects, food, chemicals or physical injury.

- The above warranty applies only to the below named purchaser/original recipient of this said puppy/dog.
- Buyer must have proof of routine medical care and keep the vaccinations current.
- Should a serious health issue arise, we request that you notify us immediately. Buyer will be required to provide veterinary documented records.
- We require that you provide your dog a quality healthy diet. Feeding a base diet of generic, common or grocery store dog food can void this warranty. **Our breeding specialist suggests avoiding grain free foods** as the latest research indicates possible cardiac related health issues. Always look for real meat first with no by-products, wholesome whole grains, no corn, wheat or soy, a healthy balance of Omega 3's and 6's, and no artificial flavors or preservatives.
 - Allowing the said dog to become overweight for its intended size or obese voids this warranty.
- Buyer agrees to notify Breeder as soon as possible if for any reason puppy/dog becomes ill within the first 7 months of adoption. Any injury sustained by said dog which may contribute to a health problem may void this warranty.
- Restrict the puppy's physical activity to a reasonable amount up to about 12 months of age. Do not allow puppy to go up and down stairs, to hike extremely difficult terrain or hike for excessive duration, go jogging and to never become dehydrated. To do so may cause permanent damage to your puppy. Do provide good regular outside exercise.