

## Disciplinary Penalties

### **Definitions**

#### **Infraction**

Received by an ALAA breeder directly from the ALAA Quality Assurance for failure to follow or be compliant with rules and/or regulations and/ or Code of Ethics. An infraction can result in a Class A to Class E Penalty depending on the Rule, Regulation or Code.

#### **Complaint**

Filed by an ALAA member, or Consumer to the ALAA Quality Assurance as a direct result of an action of an ALAA breeder member as a result of an ALAA breeders actions and/or in contradiction to the breeders contract and/or the ALAA Rules, Regulations and/or Code of Ethics.

#### **Non Compliant**

A time period when an ALAA breeder member is not complying with the Rules and Regulations of the ALAA and/or Code of Ethics.

#### **Class A Penalty**

Deactivation for life

Deactivation, Breeders deactivated will be removed from the IALA/ALAA reactivation will require 100% officer vote, a note will be sent to all ALAA members listing the basic reason for deactivation.

#### **Class B Penalty**

Suspension

Suspension, Breeders under suspension must continue to pay all fees, register all dogs and litters will not be listed on the ALAA website, a note will be sent to all ALAA members listing the basic reason for suspension including date of suspension and renewal.

#### **Class C Penalty**

Probation

Probation, Breeders under probation must continue to pay all fees, register all dogs and litters, will continue to be listed on the ALAA website, a second offence of the same or serious Class D or higher other offence during the probation period will result in suspension or greater.

#### **Class D Penalty**

Fine \$12 to \$200

- Failure to register a litter within 90 days, 12\$ second offence, 12\$ every month late
- Failure to register a dog within 30 days, 12\$, 12\$ every month late
- Failure to pay yearly dues on time, but within 60 days of removal, 30\$

#### **Class E Penalty**

Warning, Record the Warning and/or Complaint in the breeders file

### **Rules and Regulations with Applicable Penalty**

**Breeder Accreditation and Quality Program**, Class D, C or B dependent on number and severity of offense, chronic problems will be handled with higher penalties and next class penalty

- A breeder must use an ALAA approved **Contract of Sale** for each puppy and the contract must have been submitted to the ALAA registrar. ---**Class D, C or B** based to depth of contract change.
- A breeder must join the ALAA as a member breeder. **Membership renewals** are due by the last day of one's anniversary month. ---If a membership lapses, the breeder must rejoin the ALAA and pay the then current published rates for both joining and membership, OR has 60 days to renew and pay a \$30 **Class D** penalty
- A breeder must **register all breeding dogs** owned or leased that are used in their Labradoodle breeding program including: Labradoodles, Poodles, Labradors and any derivatives within 30 days of purchase. A member must notify the ALAA as to all animals bred on the premise. ---If registered late, **Class D** \$12 late fee, 12\$ each 30 days, failure to notify, **Class D, B or C**.
- A breeder must **register all bred litters**, within 90 days of whelp. Although all litters must be submitted, some litters will not be registered due to an ethics conflict. These litters include, but are not limited to, litters of dogs bred under the age of 1 year or over the age of six, and litters in which the breeder has disregarded health and genetic standards by implementing or allowing inbreeding and/or permitting two dogs to breed knowing health issues of the cross may result. ---If registered late, **Class D** \$12 late fee, other ethics violations, see that violation.
- A breeder must **supply his clients with the appropriate ALAA documents** for each dog or puppy sold, lent, given or leased to other parties at the time of transfer. These documents would include the Dog Registration Certificate, signed Transfer of Ownership form (for puppies registered in a litter, their Registration and Transfer of Ownership are on the same document) and health contract/warranty. ---**Class D or higher**, fee dependent on number of offences
- A breeder **must permanent ID** (Tattoo, Microchip, DNA fingerprint) all breeding stock and pets kept, given or leased to other parties. ---**Class D** fee dependent on number of offences

**Standards of Excellence in Breeding Practices** Class D, C or B dependent on number and severity of offence, chronic problems will be handled with higher penalties.

- Quickly resolve **conflict with a pet owner or breeder** with kindness and respect. -----**Class D, C or B** depending on time delay.
- A breeder selling breeding dogs agrees to:

Select **breeding puppies** with care for temperament, health, coat and conformation.

1. Follow up on all breeding dogs sold to ensure the bloodline is not compromised and that health testing (hip testing at a minimum) is being carried out per the breeding contract. ---**Class D, C or B**

2. Not sell litters with open registration. ---**Class C or B**
  3. Make certain buyer understands and follows ethical breeding practices. --  
-**Class C**
  4. If a breeding dog has been returned to an ALAA breeder for health or temperament reasons, the breeder may not resell this dog for breeding purposes without submitting in writing documentation and obtaining approval of the ALAA QA as to why the dog is suitable for breeding and the conditions thereof. ---**Class C or B**
- Understand the **negative health impacts of inbreeding and line breeding** at this stage in the development of the breed and take all precautions against the practice. ---**Class D, C or B.**
  - Adhere to ethical practices of **truth in advertising**, including but not limited to, allergy friendly, non-shed, and hybrid vigor qualities of Labradoodles and/or Australian Labradoodles ---**Class D on first offense.**
  - Understand the **health concerns** specific to the Labradoodle and/or Australian Labradoodle breed (includes inbreeding) ---**Class D, C or B depending on severity**
  - Meet, at minimum and preferably exceed, the **living condition** requirements of your state in regard to the housing and care of breeding dogs --**Class D, C or B depending on severity**
  - Submit copies of **State and Local Kennel Licenses**, if required by your state based on your conditions, if applicable\*\* ---**Class D**
  - Understand the **direct affect of health testing on breeding practices** and the IALA or ALAA recommendations regarding testing ---**Class D, C or B depending on severity**
  - Provide and **honor contracts** with pet owners and breeders ---**Class D**
  - Speak **truthfully and respectfully** of fellow breeders and their animals ---  
**Class D**
  - Be considered an **expert in breeding practices** by studying breeding in general and Labradoodle and/or Australian Labradoodle breeding in particular. A breeder **MUST** implement the lessons in their breeding program and stay current at all times. --- **Class D, C, B or A.**
  - **Educate** potential buyer with respect and integrity ---**Class D**
  - Breed only Labradoodle and/or Australian Labradoodle OR have the same high standards for all breeds within your program. The **ALAA must be made aware of all breeds** a member breeder is breeding on any single premises. ---  
**Class D, C or B**
  - A Breeder applying must be in good standing in all other dog associations in which they are current or former members. ---**Refusal of Application**
  - Breeders applying for ALAA Breeder Membership must have exhibited ethics equal to the ALAA Code of Ethics, good breeding practices in keeping with the ALAA Standards of Excellence in Breeding Practices and ALAA Rules and Regulations for a minimum of 24 months prior to applying to the ALAA. ---  
**Refusal of Application**
  - No ALAA breeder may surrender a pet or breeding dog to a rescue organization, animal control facility, shelter. It is the responsibility of an ALAA breeder member to use all resources available to rehome a pet or home a retired or later determined non show quality breeding dog into a responsible pet family. --**Class B or A.**

## ALAA Code of Ethics

In consideration of the ALAA electing me/us to its Accredited Breeders membership under the ALAA Sister Association group, and approval of that renewal, I pledge to the ALAA, that:

- I shall at all times ensure all dogs under my control are **properly housed**, fed, watered, exercised and receive Veterinary care when required. --- **Class D to A**
- I shall **breed with the soundness** of the Labradoodle or Australian Labradoodle in mind and agree to test all breeding stock for hip dysplasia before any of their entire (non spay/neutered) offspring leave my premises. I shall not breed with a dog diagnosed with hip dysplasia, DJD (all testing must be submitted and requests for exemptions from tests that are determined, by certified radiologist, not accurate). --- **Class B or A**
- I will not sell or trade my dog/s to any **commercial animal wholesalers or retail pet dealers/traders**. --- **Class B or A**
- I will breed the Labradoodle and Australian Labradoodle responsibly and **keep proper records** of my breeding stocks offspring, as much as possible, with any genetic defects I might be notified of noted issues in my records. If I am made aware that a mating that I have done has produced a puppy with a life inhibiting genetic defect I will rearrange my breeding program to reflect responsible breeding to avoid future mating with that breeding pair to each other. --- **Class B or A**
- I shall not sell or dispose of a puppy **under the age of 8 weeks**. I will wean, desex OR place under a spay/neuter contract non-breeding puppy/s, and vaccinate puppy/s between the age of 6-8 weeks, thus allowing the necessary 10 to 14 days for the vaccinations to take effect. ---**Class C, B or A**
- I agree to a **kennel inspection and audit** if requested by my ALAA Sister Association Executive Officer or their regional representatives. --- **Class B or A**
- Selected DNA centers have been made available in each country under the IALA Sister Associations. If DNA has not been submitted to the selected DNA center, and **parentage is ever in question** it is the responsibility of the breeder to submit DNA samples to the selected IALA Sister Association DNA centers. --- **Class B or A**
- I shall **supply all persons purchasing dog/s bred by me a copy of my guarantee** and a copy to the appropriate IALA Sister Association, for no less than 2 years of age or more against any life inhibiting genetic defect with a puppy replacement, refund, and/or moral support provided. The IALA Sister Associations realize the extent of each breeders guarantee will be individually different, but we do require that all buyers know what your guarantee as an IALA Sister Association Breeder is before any booking/deposit/purchase has been made. ---**Class B or A**
- I shall follow all **laws pertaining to the care and keeping of dogs** in my state and county. --- **Class B or A**
- I shall obtain written approval of my IALA Sister Association for any **variation to this code of ethics** specific to my program. Exemptions should be emailed to your IALA Sister Association Secretary and will be reviewed by your IALA Sister Association Quality Assurance Board. --- **Class B**
- I shall **obtain confirmation** when a dog or puppy is given as a gift or donation to families, that the recipient is willing to accept the dog and able to provide appropriate care. ---**Class C**

- I shall not purposely breed from any bitch kept by causing it to be mated before it is **twelve months of age or after six years of age**. --**Class C or B**
- I have never had my **membership revoked or suspended by a Canine Association** or if so, have provided with this application the details relating to such an incident. --- **Class D, C or B**
- I will refer to **fellow breeders** and their animals truthfully and respectfully at all times. --- **Class D**
- I will register my kennel and dogs with **State and Local Registry Boards**, yearly, if applicable based on my conditions\*\* --- **Class D**
- I shall use a **permanent form of identification**, tattoo, microchip or DNA fingerprint, on all puppies I sell or trade. --**Class D**
- I shall submit **litter recordings** (including ID) to the appropriate IALA Sister Association for all litters bred by me no later than 12 weeks from the litters DOB. --- **Class E, D, C, B or A** depending on number of incidents.
- I shall ensure to the best of my ability that all persons acquiring dogs from me clearly understand their **responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal**, and have made the necessary preparations for the keeping of the dog. --- **Class D, C or B**
- I shall help **educate potential purchasers** regarding responsible dog ownership and offer to take back any dog bred by me for re-homing if unwanted for any reason at any time by the purchaser, or help the owner to find a new home for the dog if not urgent. --- **Class D, C or B**
- I shall provide to the purchasers written details of dietary, training and veterinary care and/or an appropriate publication. ---**Class D**
- I shall not **misrepresent the qualities** of the Labradoodle or Australian Labradoodle including any guarantee of allergy friendliness and if any dog bred by me is sold on the understanding that it will not affect a person's allergies and it does do so, then I will take back the dog and refund the purchaser's purchase price, less my costs. --- **Class D, C or B**
- I am aware that it is a criminal act to use the IALA or IALA Sister Association **Banners** if I am not accredited or if I am suspended or pending suspension.
- Any member suspended, **voluntarily removing themselves** or being requested to leave the IALA, or IALA Sister Associations must have 100% IALA Sister Association officer vote approval before reinstatement in addition to fulfilling all requirements for membership.

not applicable under certain state and local requirements based on the number of dogs, or income produced, not applicable in some territories of Canada. If a kennel license is not applicable, available or required a IALA/ALAA inspection is mandatory