



## ***St. John's River Doodles Adoption Policy***

***St. John's River Doodles*** (ALAA—006649-1018) is excited to help you find your best pal! We raise one or two litters 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 is why we are proud registered members of the **ALAA** (Australian Labradoodles Association of America). We adhere to all the suggested genetic health tests to achieve Gold Paw status on all our breeding dogs. We are, also, excited to announce that we have been selected and approved to be included in the **Good Dog Breeder Program** (visit [www.gooddog.com](http://www.gooddog.com) to learn more!) We have recently been recognized by Good Dog as a breeder who adheres to Excellent Health Testing Practices. 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."***

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

Since we only raise two to four 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** has chosen to closely follow programs such as 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. Another great resource we follow is a DVD series called **"Puppy Culture: The Powerful First 12 weeks THAT CAN SHAPE YOUR PUPPY'S FUTURE"** produced by Jane Killions. As members of the **ALAA** and **GoodDog**, we have access to the most up-to-date and excellent training programs from top veterinarians and breeders across the U.S.

From day 3 to 16 we begin teaching our puppies to properly react to stress and bounce back quickly 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.

Under normal circumstances, we socialize them with as many people and animals as we can. 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 a thorough examination by our family Vet, Dr. Sheri Cone (Plantation Animal Hospital in Fleming Island, Florida), dewormed 4 times and will have received appropriate vaccinations. You will receive a healthy genuine Multi-Generational Australian Labradoodle which has been bred over decades for a **reliable** coat, temperament, and health.

***The Adoption Process begins with your Application: This applies to 2021 litter adoptions.***

After we review your application, you will receive an email notification and/or a phone call. If both parties agree to move forward, you will be placed on our reservation list in the order in which your application was received. Your Payment Schedule is outlined below.

***Payment Plan: We prefer payment via personal check or Zelle. Below is the 2021 Payment Schedule. Price of Puppy Adoption is \$2800 plus \$196 FL Sales Tax for a total of \$2996.00. Of that amount, \$175 will be set aside to pay your Vet upon verification that your puppy has been spayed or neutered.***

1. **\$1500** when puppies are 3 weeks old.
2. **\$1496** when puppies are 7 weeks old. (This includes Florida sales tax.) All checks must clear our bank before puppy pick up.

(Applications submitted as of 2022, for future litters will be **\$3210 which includes Florida sales tax. Of that amount, \$175 will be set aside to pay your Vet upon verification that your puppy has been spayed or neutered.**)

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. We are fortunate to have found Dr. Sheri Cone who has expertise in TCI (transcervical insemination). There is no need for anesthesia or a surgical incision. It is a procedure that places the semen directly on the female’s ovaries and results in a more promising outcome.

We cannot guarantee your fully-grown pup will not exceed 30 pounds and/or 17 inches in height. We make every effort to breed for Miniature Multigenerational Australian Labradoodles, but genetics will be the final determination. Our puppies generally range from 16-30 lbs. when fully grown.

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 assessed for temperament. We will use the results of daily observations and individual assessments as well as your preferences to match the puppy best suited for your family situation.

*St. John’s River Doodles* maintains first option in selecting 1-2 breeding dogs per litter for their breeding program.

*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 Reservation Fee will be refunded\*.

### ***What You Will Receive!***

- An authentic Multigenerational Australian Labradoodle
- Microchipped
- A collar and leash
- Comfort blanket and toy with litter scent
- A 30-day Free trial of Trupanion Breeder Health Insurance which covers the first 30 days with no waiting period!
- A copy of the book **The Puppy Primer** by Patricia B. McConnell PhD and Brenda Scidmore to help guide you through the first year of your puppy’s life.
- Signed Veterinary Health Certificate indicating appropriate vaccinations, deworming, and overall health of your dog.

- An invitation to join **ALAA Pet PALs** (Preserving Australian Labradoodles). **ALAA Pet PALs** is an updated Pet Membership program that offers discounts, online community, support, education and resources for **ALAA** pet owners.
- As an **ALAA Pet PALs** member you will have the opportunity to purchase your dog's pedigree after *spay/neuter of your puppy has been verified by us 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.
- 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.

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

## *Your Responsibilities:*



- Carefully consider 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 after spay/neuter**.
- 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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, grains, and no wheat, corn, or soy. We ask you to continue feeding your puppy the same food he/she was on while being weaned for the first few weeks. This will help to avoid any tummy upsets during the transition which can be quite stressful on a puppy.
- 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. We have partnered with **Baxter & Bella**, a wonderful online training

program which can be done from home. [Click](#) on the **Baxter & Bella** video on our Home Page to learn more. A Lifetime Membership costs **\$238.00** but if you apply the discount code **STJOHNS**, you will receive a **25% discount making the cost for you \$178.50!** This will help your pup to be well-mannered and safe. Order it before puppy comes home to know how best to set up your home for your new pal and what to expect over the coming months and years!

- 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 or return the purchase price if we are unable to provide a dog. All veterinary and shipping costs would be the Buyer's expense and are not refundable.

If said dog is diagnosed (as previously stated) 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 including grain in their foods*** as the latest research indicates possible cardiac related health issues. 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.

We use and highly recommend **PawTree** (varieties with grain) as it is highly digestible so your puppy will eat and poop less. Your pup's stool should be firm with little odor.

- Allowing the said dog to become overweight for its intended size or obese voids this warranty.

**PawTree** offers a wide range of healthy and holistic products to address many issues puppies and dogs may develop over their lifespan. Having these resources can save you and your pet costly trips to the vet.

- 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.***