

# WALA Infusion Guidelines

## Infusion Generation Guidelines for the Australian Labradoodle:

- 1. Foundation Parent Breed Infusion** - Breeding of either a Labrador Retriever or Poodle to an ALD (any generation).  
**Note:** Infusions of the two Parent Breeds to the ALD are limited to two within a six-generation pedigree (not including Foundation Parent Breeds in LO generations). This limitation has been historically accepted by the recognized and established Labradoodle Breed Organizations in the US, Australia, and Europe. The Parent Breed Infusion count limit does not include Labradoodle Origin dogs that may be in the six-generation pedigree.
- 2. LO Infusion** - Breeding a LO (any generation) to an ALD (any generation).
- 3. Cockapoo (C) and Spanador (SL) Infusion** - Breeding a CP or SL to a LO (any generation) or an ALD (any generation)  
**NOTE** - CP and SL infusions are limited to two within a six-generation pedigree. This limitation has been historically accepted by the recognized and established Labradoodle Breed Organizations in the US, Australia, and Europe\*. WALA is concerned about the increased use of the Two Parent Breed Mix Infusion Dogs, and has added this caveat to these broadly accepted rules. Additionally, only one CP or SL is allowed in the first three generations.
- 4. Cocker Spaniel (C) Infusion** - Breeding a Cocker Spaniel (English or American) to a LO (any generation) or an ALD (any generation)  
**NOTE** - Infusions of Cocker Spaniels are limited to one within a six-generation pedigree. This limitation has been historically accepted by the recognized and established Labradoodle Breed Organizations in the US, Australia, and Europe. WALA is concerned about the increased use of the Cocker Spaniel and Cockapoo in the development and future of the Australian Labradoodle, and has added this caveat to these broadly accepted rules. C Infusion is only allowed when there is no other C and CP infusions in 6 generations.

**NOTE –Any pedigree containing more than two CP/SL Infusions and/or more than one C infusion in a 6 generation pedigree reverts to Foundation ALD.**

### For Breeders:

Currently the accepted Australian Labradoodle Foundation Parent Breeds are the Labrador Retriever and the Poodle (Mini, Moyen, and Standard). The currently acceptable Infusion Parent Breed is the Cocker Spaniel (English or American). The Australian Labradoodle is considered to be a blend of the Poodle, Cocker Spaniel and Labrador Retriever, while the Labradoodle Origin is a blend of the Labrador Retriever and Poodle only.

WALA is dedicated to protecting the future development of the Australian Labradoodle, and guidelines for the continued introduction of English and American Cocker Spaniel and Poodles are being evaluated carefully. A WALA Infusion Committee will be formed to continue to monitor the evolution of the Australian Labradoodle and evaluate recommendations and guidelines for the future growth and development of new lines. We welcome those interested in participating in this exciting time for our beloved Breed's development.

In an effort to protect our breed until more is known about the potential impact of oversaturation of the Cocker and Cockapoo into the ALD bloodlines, WALA would like to offer the following consideration to those actively pursuing new lines and infusions:

Due to what many term as “popular sire syndrome”, breeders using Parent Breed or Mixed Parent Breed Dogs (male or female) should try to limit their total breeding offspring retained from a particular dog during its breeding career to 10 or less. The introduction of strong parent breed traits, carry the capacity to change the look, temperament, and/or health of the ALD which has been carefully developed through the years. Also, as foundational dogs in our genetic base, having too many of the same dogs overrun the gene pool makes it difficult to build new lines without overlapping of pedigrees and increasing COI for many generations to come.

\*WALA accepted Clubs and Associations include, but are not limited to, the following (to be reviewed and updated periodically) – ALA, ALAA, ALCA, ALAEU, AKC, CKC (Canadian Kennel Club)