

Lesson 1: The History of the Labradoodle

Welcome to the first lesson in the Labradoodle Lessons eCourse. There's a lot to cover in this first lesson, so let's jump right in. . .

The Labradoodle is a unique dog with a fascinating history. Their story begins in Australia and a definitive date when breeding began is still in question - however the consensus among experts is sometime in 1988 or 1989.

It all started with an inquiry from a visually impaired women in Hawaii, who wanted a guide dog that wouldn't cause her husband's allergies to flare.

The reason she chose Australia was the relaxed quarantine rules. Australia is an island with very strict quarantine laws, Hawaii was not. So dogs exported to Hawaii could go home with no quarantine.

Now in response to the women's request, roughly thirty Poodle hair and saliva samples were sent to Hawaii to test for allergy friendliness over a two year period of time.

Unfortunately, none on those original samples proved successful.

Where Did The Name "Labradoodle" Originate?

Following the failure of those samples, a man named Wally Conren suggested to the Manager of the Australian Guide Dog Association to cross a Labrador Retriever and a Standard Poodle.

Approval was granted and his first litter produced three puppies. Wally gave the resulting cross the name still in use today—Labradoodle.

Now from those three puppies, hair and saliva samples were sent to Hawaii for testing once again. And this time, the samples from a puppy named Sultan were successful!

After the success of the first mating, Mr. Conren bred Labradoodle to Labradoodle, and called the subsequent offspring, "Double Doodles."

Next, he crossed the Double Doodles and called the offspring "Tri Doodles." These were the precursor to what we call today the Australian Multi-Generational (or Multi-Gen) Labradoodles.

A couple of years after Mr. Conren's initial success, a man who bred puppies for pet shops started to breed these rather handsome Labradoodles.

And with what we would today call 20/20 hindsight; he bred the Labradoodle back to a poodle, and Labradoodle to Labradoodle.

Unfortunately, he wasn't good at record keeping since his primary goal was breeding family pets.

The Reason Why They're So Popular

Wally didn't recognize the non-shedding and hypoallergenic potential of these dogs. He did however continue breeding his first and second generation Labradoodles for a few years before finally retiring.

And Wally's oversight is today's primary draw to the Labradoodle - the low and non-shedding coat. Luckily, people also discovered, these dogs possessed a wonderful disposition. And from those two characteristics. . .the Labradoodles future was set.

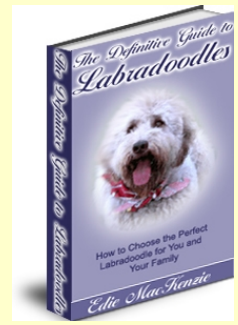
These dogs became so adaptable, their intelligence and resolve attracted people and trainers who wanted dogs for sports, guidance, and therapy.

One more thing - The Labradoodle Association of Australia (LAA) and the International Labradoodle Association (ILA) are the two primary breeding registry organizations upholding the breeding standards of the Labradoodle breed.

There is also the Australian Labradoodle Club of America (ACLA) whose focus is solely the Australian Multi-Generational Labradoodle.

In the next lesson, we'll explore training and why it's critical to a happy, well-behaved Labradoodle. [Click here](#) to get it now.

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