



**Pedigrees:**  
**Generation and Infusion Guide**  
**Global Australian Labradoodle Association**  
**GALA**

## Overview

GALA is committed to registering Labradoodles and Australian Labradoodles recognized by reputable Labradoodle clubs and associations worldwide.

In addition, GALA will register dogs that are **six generations, and dogs can be fully traced to an accepted registry.**

All dogs entered into the GALA Database are classified according to the **GALA Generation System.**

GALA recognizes the three historically accepted foundation breeds used in developing the Australian Labradoodle in the U.S., Australia, and Europe:

- **Labrador Retriever**
- **Poodle** (Mini, Moyen, or Standard)
- **Cocker Spaniel** (English or American)

Only these parent breeds—within defined limits—may be infused (used as a parent breed) into the Australian Labradoodle under GALA rules.

## GALA Generation Classification Definitions

### 1. LO – Labradoodle Origin

Dogs with **only Poodle and Labrador Retriever** ancestry.

#### LO Generation Types

- **LO-F1 (First Generation)**  
Poodle × Labrador Retriever  
(50% Poodle / 50% Labrador Retriever)
- **LO-F1b (Second Generation)**  
LO-F1 × Poodle  
(75% Poodle / 25% Labrador Retriever)

- **LO-F1bb (Third Generation)**  
LO-F1b × Poodle  
(87.5% Poodle / 12.5% Labrador Retriever)
- **LO-F2 (Second Generation)**  
Any combination of LO-F1, LO-F1b, LO-F1bb, or LO-F2  
(*except LO-F2 × LO-F2*)
- **LO-Multi-generation**  
LO-F2 × LO-F2 or any LO generation above F2.

## 2. ALD – Australian Labradoodle

Dogs whose ancestry includes the **three parent breeds**:  
Labrador Retriever, Poodle, and Cocker Spaniel.

The ALD category includes Foundation, ALD, and Multi-generation ALD.

### 2a. Foundation ALD (Foundation Australian Labradoodle)

Created by introducing approved parent breeds or LO into ALD lines.

Foundation ALD includes:

- Cockapoo (**CP**), Cocker Spaniel (**C**), or Spanador (CockerSpaniel X Labrador Retriever or **SL**) infusion × LO
- CP, C, or SL infusion × ALD
- Parent Breed (Poodle, Labrador Retriever, or Cocker Spaniel) × ALD
- LO infusion × ALD

**Two-parent mix infusions accepted in the Foundation stage:**

- **CP (Cockapoo)** = 50% Poodle / 50% Cocker Spaniel
- **SL (Spanador)** = 50% Cocker Spaniel / 50% Labrador Retriever

### 2b. ALD (Australian Labradoodle)

Any of the following:

- Foundation ALD × Foundation ALD
- Foundation ALD × ALD
- Foundation ALD × Multi-generation ALD

### 2c. Multi-generation ALD

Parents are any of the following combinations:

- ALD × ALD
- ALD × Multi-generation ALD
- Multi-generation ALD × Multi-generation ALD

### **Important Note on Number of Parent Dogs Introduced (Infusion)**

A dog becomes **Foundation ALD** if its **six-generation pedigree** contains:

- More than **2 CP or SL introduced**, or
- More than **1 Cocker Spaniel introduced**

### **GALA Infusion Guidelines: Monitoring Parent Breed Additions**

GALA allows limited, carefully controlled adding of parent breeds to pedigrees after the LO generations. Infusions are carefully done to preserve genetic diversity while protecting ALD structure, appearance, and temperament.

#### **1. Parent Breed Infusion → ALD**

(Poodle, Labrador Retriever, or Cocker Spaniel × ALD)

- A maximum of **two Parent Breed infusions within six generations**.
- LO dogs in the pedigree do **not** count toward this limit.

#### **2. LO Infusion → ALD**

(Any LO generation × any ALD generation)

Allowed within established limits.

#### **3. Two-Parent Mix Infusion (CP or SL)**

(CP or SL × LO) or (CP or SL × ALD)

- Limited to **two CP/SL added within six generations**
- **GALA additional protection: no more than one CP or SL within three consecutive generations**

#### **4. Cocker Spaniel (C) Infusion → LO**

(Cocker Spaniel × LO)

- Limited to **two Cocker Spaniels added within six generations**

- **GALA additional protection:**  
No more than **one C and one CP** within **three consecutive generations**

## **Guidance for Breeders**

### **Accepted Parent Breeds**

- Labrador Retriever
- Poodle (Mini, Moyen, Standard)
- Cocker Spaniel (English or American)

### **Breed Distinctions**

- **Labradoodle** = Poodle + Labrador Retriever only
- **Australian Labradoodle** = Cross of Poodle + Cocker Spaniel + Labrador Retriever

### **Registration Eligibility**

GALA accepts:

- Dogs already registered with reputable ALD/Labradoodle organizations
- Dogs that are fully traceable to accepted organizations within **six generations**

Each dog is categorized according to GALA's generation classification when added to the registry.

### **Protecting the Future of the Breed**

GALA is committed to safeguarding the Australian Labradoodle's development. Because overuse of certain parent breeds can alter appearance, structure, temperament, and genetic diversity, GALA is actively evaluating infusion guidelines and may adjust limits as needed.

### **Limiting Overuse of Breeding Males and Females**

To protect genetic health and diversity:

Breeders should limit the number of puppies kept for future breeding from any sire to **ten or fewer** over its breeding career.

Excessive use of breeding offspring from any one dog carries these risks:

- Narrowing the gene pool

- Increasing COI
- Altering ALD structure, coat, health or temperament

### **Infusion Oversight**

GALA may form an **Infusion Committee** to monitor the practice of adding parent breeds to pedigrees, evaluate outcomes, and make recommendations for future guidelines to support sustainable ALD development. Only those breeders with basic GALA membership may infuse foundation breeds into pedigrees.

Breeders interested in contributing to this effort are welcome.

### **Accepted Clubs & Registries**

*(Reviewed and updated periodically)*

- ALA
- ALAA
- ALCA
- ALAEU
- ALFA-Europe
- AKC and all international kennel clubs recognized by the AKC.
- CKC (Canadian Kennel Club)
- The Royal Kennel Club (RKC)