



Membership Types

& Requirements

Global Australian Labradoodle Association

GALA

I. Types of Membership

GALA offers four membership levels to support breeders at every stage of their breeding journey—from beginning to leading with experience. Each level includes specific privileges and responsibilities that ensure high standards of care, ethics, and collaboration across our community.

1. Basic Membership

An introductory level for new breeders beginning their Australian Labradoodle journey.

For new ALD breeders who are preparing to purchase a breeding dog from an experienced GALA member.

Requirements:

- 1.1. Must have an approved mentor.
- 1.2. Membership is limited to one year.
- 1.3. Mentor approval is required to ensure that the member is ready for advancement to Associate Membership.
- 1.4. May apply to advance to Associate Membership upon completion of requirements.
- 1.5. Dog Registry access: View only / Trial matings.
- 1.6. No voting rights.
- 1.7. Cannot serve on the GALA Board of Directors or committees.

First Year: \$150 Annual Renewal: \$100

2. Associate Membership

For developing breeders, gaining practical experience under the guidance of a mentor.

For new breeders who have completed the Basic Membership stage and have been promoted by their mentor.

Requirements:

- 2.1. May not sell breeding dogs without mentor approval.
- 2.2. May not infuse origin dogs (Poodles, Labrador Retrievers, Cocker Spaniels), without mentor guidance.

- 2.3. Must have whelped, birthed, and raised at least three litters.
- 2.4. Mentor must confirm that the breeder is ready for promotion.
- 2.5. Must have read all mentor documents provided by GALA.
- 2.6. May not vote or serve on the Board of Directors.
- 2.7. May serve on committees.
- 2.8. Has full access to the Dog Registry.

First Year: \$300 Annual Renewal: \$200

3. Full Membership

For experienced breeders who meet GALA's highest standards of knowledge, ethics, and practice.

For established breeders who have demonstrated experience and a strong commitment to responsible breeding.

Eligibility (must meet one or more):

- 3.1. Promoted from Basic and Associate Membership, or
- 3.2. Registered six or more litters with another recognized club under mentorship, or
- 3.3. Has five or more years of breeding experience with Labradoodles or Australian Labradoodles, or
- 3.4. May submit a request to the Board for consideration of equivalent experience in dog breeding.

Privileges:

- 3.5. Full access to the Dog Registry.
- 3.6. Voting rights.
- 3.7. Eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

First Year: \$300 Annual Renewal: \$200

4. Honorary Membership

For retired breeders who continue to share their wisdom and support the next generation.

Privileges and Conditions:

- 4.1. No voting rights.
- 4.2. Limited access to the Dog Registry (view only).
- 4.3. May not register litters or add new dogs.
- 4.4. Encouraged to mentor new members instead of paying the annual membership fee.
- 4.5. May serve on committees.
- 4.6. May serve on the Board of Directors.

First Year: \$150 Annual Renewal: \$100

II. Membership Application & Renewal Process

Joining GALA means joining a global community of breeders who value health, integrity, and collaboration.

Whether you're new to breeding or an experienced program, the steps below outline how to apply, advance, and renew your membership.

1. Application Process

How to become a GALA Member.

1.1. Review the Requirements:

- Read the GALA Code of Ethics, Rules, and Types of Membership to understand your responsibilities.

1.2. Complete the Application Form:

- Submit the online GALA Membership Application with all required information and supporting documents.

1.3. Select Your Membership Level:

- Choose Basic, Associate, Full, or Honorary based on your experience.
- If you're unsure which level is right for you, GALA can help you identify the correct starting point.

1.4. Provide Mentor Information (if applicable):

- Basic and Associate Members must list their approved mentor and include the mentor's name on the application.

1.5. Board Review:

- The GALA Board reviews applications.
- The Board may contact you if more information is needed.

1.6. Submit Payment:

- If approved, you will receive an invoice for the applicable membership fee listed on the GALA Membership page.
- Membership will not be activated until payment is received.

1.7. Approval Notification:

- Approved members will receive a welcome message by email with registry login instructions and access to the GALA Member Portal.

2. Advancement Between Levels

Moving forward in your breeder journey.

2.1. Mentor Sign-Off Required:

- Mentors must confirm readiness before promoting from Basic to Associate, or from Associate to Full Membership.

2.2. Submit Request to advance to the next membership level:

- The mentor must email the Board to confirm that you are ready to advance.

2.3. Board Review and Approval:

- The Board will review your progress and confirm eligibility for the next level.

2.4. New Membership Status:

- Upon approval, you will receive a confirmation letter and updated Membership privileges reflecting your new status.

3. Renewal Process

Keep your membership active each year.

3.1. Annual Renewal:

- All memberships must be renewed annually on the month of joining.
- Renewal reminders are sent via email annually.

3.2. Update Information:

- Members must verify or update their contact information, breeding dogs, and health testing records in the GALA Registry before renewal.
- The member's website will be checked for compliance.
- All litters over four months old must be registered with GALA and fees paid.

3.3. Membership Fees:

- Renewal fees must be paid in full by the renewal deadline to remain active. Sixty days past the renewal date, the member will be removed from the GALA website and Dog Registry.
 - Late renewals may incur a \$30 reactivation fee.
- ### 3.4. Inactive Memberships:
- Members who do not renew will become Inactive and must remove all GALA badges and references from their websites and social media.
 - Members may activate their membership up to three months before the next renewal date if fees are paid and the member passes the compliance check. The next renewal is in their regular renewal.

3.5. Reinstatement:

- Inactive members may reapply for membership by meeting all current GALA requirements and submitting updated documentation.

4. Mentorship Requirements

Supporting the next generation of ethical breeders.

4.1. Mentors must:

- Be a Full Member, meeting all GALA requirements, or an approved non-GALA member.
- Have a minimum of five years of breeding experience or equivalent knowledge.
- Guide the new breeder through health testing, record-keeping, ethical breeding, and GALA's educational materials.

4.2. Mentees must:

- Communicate regularly with their mentor.
- Follow all GALA breeding and record requirements.
- Complete required educational readings and record documentation.

4.3. Mentorship Completion:

- When both mentor and mentee agree that readiness has been achieved, the mentor submits a signed recommendation for promotion.

. Need Help?

If you're unsure where to start or need help with your application:

✉ Email:

🌐 Visit: www.globallabradoodles.com

Requirements for Associate and Full Members

To maintain GALA membership, all Associate and Full Members must meet the following standards.

These requirements ensure that every breeder represents the Australian Labradoodle with integrity, transparency, and respect for the breed's health and welfare.

I. Active Breeding Program Website

Your website is an essential reflection of your program and should clearly identify you as a Labradoodle or Australian Labradoodle breeder.

Website Requirements

1.1. Display your breeding program name and make it clear that you breed Labradoodles/Australian Labradoodles.

1.2. Each GALA-registered dog listed must include:

- A current photo

- The dog's full registered name
- Health testing results for Hips, Elbows, Eyes, EIC, and PRA
- GALA Registration Number

1.3. Include accurate contact information for your breeding program.

1.4. Any dog shown that is not yet registered with GALA must state the reason, such as 'testing not completed.'

1.5. Display the current GALA badge (personalized logo), with date legible, and clearly linked to the official GALA website.

II. Membership Application Requirements

All new members must complete the GALA New Member Application.

If you have not been invited or do not have a sponsor, your application will be reviewed and voted on by the Board based on your credentials.

Application Checklist

2.1. Upload your two-year health guarantee while submitting the form.

2.2. Submit your Proposed Breeding Program Name, which will appear on the GALA website and in the Pedigree Registry.

2.3. Provide a unique Breeder Prefix, which forms the first part of each dog's registered name.

2.4. Confirm that you have read and agree to follow all GALA Core Documents:

- GALA Bylaws
- Member Commitments
- Rules
- Breed Standard
- Health Testing Requirements

Breeding Program Name Guidelines

To prevent duplication, your breeding program name must be unique. Before submitting:

- Check the GALA Breeder Listing and conduct an internet search.
- Verify that the name is available as a website URL and on social media.
- Check for similar names in local business registries.

Breeder Prefix Guidelines

Your Breeder Prefix appears at the beginning of each registered dog's name.

- Usually, a shortened version of your breeding program name.

- Must be unique and have no more than 20 characters, including spaces.
- The letter “s” or “’s” will be removed unless it is part of your official program name. Exceptions can be made by request.
- If your first choice is unavailable, GALA will work with you to select another.
- A dog’s full registered name (prefix + dog’s individual name) cannot exceed 63 characters, including spaces.

Important Note

GALA members may not serve on the Board of Directors of any other breeding club or organization similar to GALA in structure, goals, purpose, and/or resources.